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County receives only \$189,238 in grant funds for road paving

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It was discussed Tuesday night, April 19, at the Martin County Commissioners' meeting that the county was awarded only \$189,238.50 in Community Crossings grant fund, \$1 million was requested. Commissioner Paul George said the only two roads approved are both gravel. They are Sawmill Road and 200 South. Highway Superintendent Scott Seals said the money will only pave less than one mile total for both roads. It was noted by Commissioner George that the county will reapply in July for the rest of

the Community Crossings funds. Each entity can receive up to \$1 million per year.

Superintendent Seals said he is aware there are a lot of potholes, and they are waiting on the weather so they can get them filled.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy asked for signatures on letters of support for two grants that support her department. Murphy also reported she currently has 26 clients and will be adding a new one this week. They also have 15 eligible clients who will be interviewed in the near future.

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Shoals School Board approves staff changes, new classes

The Shoals School Board met April 10. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jerry Braun, Jenell Hoffman, and Annette Taylor. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Kacey Jones, Shannon Wagoner, Kindra Hovis, Josh Mullis, Megan Hawkins, and Tammy Cooper. Patron in attendance was Lorna Troutman.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Debbie Wyman's retirement effective at the end of the school year.

-Whitney Andis as Title 1 aide for the 2021-22 school year

-Rebecca Rollins, Megan Hawkins, and Leeza Adams to provide remediation for IREAD-3 students May 31-June 3.

-Megan Hawkins, Mimi Hawkins, Christina Johnson, Misty McKibben, Jonathan Sullivan, and Melanie Hawkins (substitute) to be the summer camp teaching staff.

-Megan Hawkins as Engineer/Science teacher.

-Logan Allen to come once a week for lunch to have fellowship time with the Christian Club.

-Cammie Sanders as summer school teacher.

-Sandra Hovis, Cathay Hovis, Roger Stallings, Paula Stallings, Dennis Elliot (substitute), Josh Neideffer (substitute), and Anita Letterman for the summer crew.

-Tammy Cooper as cafeteria manager/food service director effective July 1, 2022

-MaryBeth Brett as substitute teacher and ECA bus driver.

-Kaley Roush, Maggie Shaw, Autumn Terry as volunteer softball coaches

-Amber Fields and Nick Gerkin as volunteer track coaches

-Eric Rasico as junior varsity boys' track coach

-John Fraley and Adam Showalter as volunteer baseball coaches

-Jill Holt to serve as interim varsity vol-

leyball coach until the position is filled.

-Alyssa Fithian as volunteer varsity volleyball coach.

-Athletic department's recommendation to pay for two volunteer coaches per team.

-High school principal's request to give five team members a stipend from the RECN grant for serving on the staff leadership team for early college during the 2021-22 school year.

-High school principal's request to give teachers a stipend (paid from the RECN grant) to attend the summer PD on June 6 in the high school library.

The board gave approval to the high school principal to post to hire a high school administrative assistant/ECA treasurer.

The elementary principal recommended Summer Camp dates be June 6-24. The board approved.

The board approved the following classes for the 2022-23 school year:

-4802 Introduction to Engineering Design

-7171 Nutrition (NLPS) Next Level Program of Study (formerly CTE classes)

-7166 Healthcare Specialist: CNA program

-7123 Construction Trades: General Carpentry (NLPS)

-7183 Principles of Computing (NLPS)

-4524 Accounting Fundamentals (Name change, formerly Intro to Accounting)

-5914 Marketing Fundamentals (NLPS)

-Government to be offered as dual credit

-Advanced PE Officiating 101 (students will be able to receive an officiating license after taking this course)

The athletic department recommended that sport physicals be April 26 from 1-5 pm with Daviess Community Hospital. The board approved.

The board approved the following athletic department requests:

-High school girls' and boys' basketball attend MEB Camp June 13-15 at the school.

-Girls' basketball attend Blue River Valley Shootout on June 29-30.

-Varsity boys' and girls' basketball participate in Bloomington Summer League.

-Whitney Carrol to continue providing pitching lessons as needed in the AUX gym.

The board approved Reva Troutman's request to set up a nacho stand at the Martin County Fair to raise money for Beta (See 'SHOALS SCHOOL' on page 2)



LHS Prom royalty candidates -Photos by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee's Prom is this Saturday, April 23. Doors will open at 6 and Grand March will start at 7 p.m. in Jack Butcher Arena. No early admittance will be allowed. This year's theme is "Le Jardin de L'Amour." Students will travel to WestGate for Prom from 8-11 p.m., then parents will then be providing Post Prom with a carnival theme from 11 p.m.-2 a.m., also at WestGate. Shown above are the king and queen candidates. In the front row, from left to right, are Tessa Bradley, Kylie VanHoy, Annalise Powell, Chantel Greene, and Tierlan Norris. In the back row are Brady Taylor, Rory Tippery, Wade Graber, Luke Nonte and Jon Whitworth. Shown below are the prince and princess candidates. In the front row, from left to right, are Lucas Brittain, Jacob Tedrow and Isaac Eagle. In the back row are Kieragen Napier, Zoey Brassine, Kyleigh Courter, Ashley Nail and Caroline Walker. Not present for the photo were Parker Arvin and Peyton Bledsoe.



Shoals Council discusses beautification

The Shoals Town Council met April 11. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright (virtually), Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale, Town Attorney Dave Lett, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert, Town of Shoals Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman, Beautification Board Vice-President Tania

Brown, Beautification Board Secretary Cristy Jenkins, Brian Fleck, with HWC Engineering, and Annie Hynes, with Air Evac Lifeteam.

Amber Hoffman, Beautification Board President, let the council know that she would have a group of the student volunteers with her on the "Jug Rox Make a (See 'TOWN COUNCIL' on page 2)



Jug Rox Make a Difference

Around 80 students from Shoals Schools volunteered during "Jug Rox Make a Difference Day" last week. Students and town staff members cleaned up, painted, and beautified the town. Shown above is the outline of a mural that will be painted by students this coming Thursday on Main Street by the courthouse. On the photo on the left, students took care of the landscaping around the Martin County Museum sign off Highway 50 leading into Shoals.



Bobbie Abel resigns as Martin County Auditor

Bobbie Abel resigned her position as auditor at the Martin County Commissioners' meeting on Tuesday night. She will give a final date of employment when she has it. She has accepted another position. Abel said she has enjoyed the time she served as auditor.

TOWN COUNCIL

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Difference Day” helping clean out flower beds around town. Hoffman stated she wanted to seek support from the council on some projects that the board would like to pursue. The main project would be the boat ramp area. This would include re-vamping the area and installing an entire new public access ramp correctly. Hoffman stated she had met with DNR last year and they said she would have to work with one of DNR’s approved engineers for design and permitting. She said this could lead to potential costs to the town outside of any potential grants and DNR funding. Hoffman requested support from the town and stated she would come back with costs should there be any once they are known. Council Member Albright stated he supported the beautification board and their efforts and at this time and that the town does not have any money specifically earmarked for this project but supports receiving the information and needs. Council Members Hoffman and Ragsdale both agreed and voiced their support of the project and information concerning it.

Council Member Albright stated that the current contract in place for the Springhill Cemetery has had a change. He said the operator’s name of the business has changed and due to a provision in the contract approval was needed. A motion was made by Councilman Ragsdale to transfer the operator’s name of the contract from William Heckard to John Sukup with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Albright stated that in previous years the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth has collected investments from local entities and business as support. Last year, with COVID, they did not send them out but restarted this year. He said historically the town paid \$1,000 and he would like to see the same this year. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve the \$1,000 investment to Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth with Councilman Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor.

Town Attorney Dave Lett presented a farm lease agreement between the Town of Shoals and Michael Hopkins for the land next to the ballpark. This agreement is to farm the land since there is no development at this time. The agreement is for \$150 per acre for a total of three acres. The money would be put directly into the ballpark donation fund for the park board to use. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to accept the agreement with Councilman Hoffman making the second with all in favor.

Brian Fleck, with HWC Engineering, presented Memorandum of Agreement 2022-095-S which is the yearly engineering agreement for the town in the amount not to exceed \$59,000. It was noted this contract will go towards the next round of funding for the community crossings grant program 2022-2 and the project the town is planning is more extensive than just paving as in the past. The area planned to be addressed is North Main Street and includes extensive storm drainage work. This would include design, permitting and more extensive work than what has historically been done. It would also include a PAMP (Pavement Asset Management Plan) update to make the town eligible for funding again in 2023. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the agreement with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Annie Hynes, with Air Evac Lifeteam, presented the council with information pamphlets for Air Evac ambulance services. Hynes stated she has been working with other branches of local government in the area concerning a census plan which is a membership policy for their employees. President Albright thanked Hynes for coming and presenting and stated that the council would take it under advisement

and would let her know.

Town Marshal Todd Eckert came before the council to discuss property clean-ups. Eckert said they have sent several letters to the same properties, and he felt it was time to address the next step to move forward. Several properties were discussed. It was decided that a property located on High Street should be addressed at the next level. The council authorized Attorney Lett and Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge to investigate the next steps that could be taken concerning the property with a motion from Councilman Ragsdale and a second by Councilman Hoffman.

Rutledge stated she wanted to make the council aware of House Enrolled Act 1002 which addresses an appeal on the URT (utility receipts tax). She said more information was to come but the deadline for the appeal was July 1, 2022.

The clerk-treasurer presented an invoice from Johnny Signs in the amount of \$3,300 for the new “Shoals” light up sign that will be placed at the ballpark. She said the sign has not been able to be installed yet due to all the rain as a bucket truck has to go onto the field and she didn’t want to risk any damage to the newly renovated field. Rutledge stated she would like to go ahead and pay for the sign and then the installation would be billed once it is completed. She noted the project is being funded by a grant from the community foundation. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to pay the invoice from the grant funds with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge stated the East Shoals tornado siren being installed by the Shoals Community School had been completed. She said the project was also funded by a grant from the community foundation and came in \$400 under expected and the foundation approved for the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department to use the leftover funds. Rutledge stated the fire department used those funds for the transfer of the radio system from one of the old fire trucks to the new truck. Rutledge also reported the West Shoals tornado siren installation had been completed. She said the project was funded by a grant from the community foundation. This makes a total of four early warnings sirens now placed in Shoals.

Rutledge reported that the Community Crossings grant funds had been received March 31 and the pre-con meeting with E&B Paving was tomorrow morning at the Town Hall at 9 a.m. Next Rutledge stated the wayfinding signs plan had been approved by INDOT and she is waiting for the legal agreement from INDOT to proceed. The wayfinding signs are being purchased with funds received from a grant.

Rutledge also stated the E-Read meters from Utility Supply Company had been received. She said the invoice amount is more than the ARPA funds the town has received to date but requested to make a \$20,000 payment towards the invoice. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to pay \$20,000 from the ARPA funds account to Utility Supply Company with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Council Member Albright stated he is working on a plan that includes the meters being installed by August 1.

Rutledge reported the Shoals Summer League Opening Day would be at the ballpark April 23 with the first pitch being at 10 a.m.

The clerk-treasurer asked Attorney Lett if there was any update on the alleyway between Lynwood Street and Chestnut Street as discussed at the last meeting. Lett stated it was still being looked into. Marshal Eckert stated he had spoken with those in the area to please use slow speed when using the alley and from what he has seen it has helped.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, May 9 at 5:59 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall.

COMMISSIONERS

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The commissioners approved the following bids received for remodeling the recorder and assessor’s offices.

-Richard Cornett to install cages in the assessor’s office for \$350 and the recorder’s office for \$2,000.

-ABK Flooring to install carpeting in both offices for \$15,541.15

-A&K Painting Plus of Jasper to remove wallpaper and do painting in each office for \$2,900

Auditor Bobbie Abel said the courthouse improvements fund contains \$25,000 and the repairs fund also contains \$25,000 to cover the remodeling.

Commissioner Roush asked if they could remodel the bathrooms downstairs next. He said he was in the men’s room recently and said, “it’s embarrassing”.

Commissioner Aaron Summers was not present for the meeting.

Resident Joe Lannan spoke to the commissioners about being proactive regarding the Mid-States Corridor and the need to set up a task force to stay on top of what is being proposed. He expressed the need to get the most benefit for Martin County by lobbying for where the corridor will go and how it will affect

REMINDER Mid-States Corridor meetings next week

INDOT will have two public hearings to field comments from residents regarding the Mid-States Corridor Alternative P route that will go through Martin County. The first will take place Tuesday, April 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. EST at WestGate 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.

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the county. He said saying the road is not wanted isn’t going to help “move the needle”. He said they need to be ready to get what they can out of the plans.

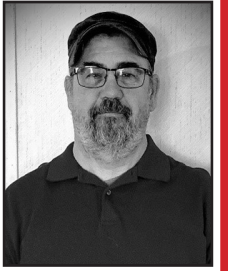
“I don’t like the idea of it,” said Commissioner George speaking about the new corridor.

The commissioners agreed that it would be a good idea to get a task force together. Attorney Dave Lett added that residents should attend the corridor meeting on April 26 at 5:30 p.m. at WestGate to hear more about what is being proposed.

~VOTE~ JIM HAMBY FOR MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Greetings Martin County,

With two short weeks to go, I continue campaigning – there simply is no substitute for going door-to-door to speak with, and listen to, voters’ concerns. I have had an amazing opportunity to hear from some of Martin County’s finest citizens, and I am so humbled by how resilient and hardworking we are as a county. I have also listened to a few concerns regarding taxes being raised twice in the past five years and the growth of the county government.



Our county is extremely blessed to have over one million dollars in reserves. We are appreciative that the Sheriff’s Office has continued to house out-of-county inmates to assist in keeping our county revenues up. However, relying on those funds as a method of sustainability for Martin County is not financially responsible. I will work diligently and advocate for financial stability as we advance into the future through saving for unforeseeable emergencies and continuing to vote against unnecessary tax increases for our hardworking citizens.

County government and the valuable employees that serve our citizens are needed, but the size and growth of a particular department should reflect the citizens’ demand for services of that department. Due to our small tax base, we must prioritize the government to carry out and focus on essential functions, such as improving roads. By doing this, we are establishing financial responsibility and accountability for our citizens to ensure a lower tax burden is imposed upon them.

My passion to serve began at the age of eighteen when I chose to defend and protect my country and the Constitution by enlisting in the United States Army, and later serving in Alaska, and South Korea. It is this sense of duty that has fostered my desire to seek election to the county council—to serve in the best interests of the community and uphold the rights of our citizens. As such, if elected, I will NOT take advantage of the fringe benefit of county health insurance. I will also encourage the improvement of the county council’s decorum during meetings because its actions reflect upon us all.

I seek your vote for the county council with experience in budgets and fiscal oversight. As the current chief of the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department, I oversee a vital budget for the town of Shoals and over 1.2 million dollars of service equipment. I recognize the importance of proper budget applications and the necessity for careful decision-making through both budget formation and expenditure processes.

In closing, if elected, I will vote for common-sense-driven government and against big government. I will advocate for, and vote, in the best interest of the hardworking, taxpaying citizens of Martin County. I am grateful for the outpouring of support I have received in the past few weeks, and I would appreciate your vote on May 3rd so that I can represent and serve you on the Martin County Council.

Sincerely your Candidate for County Council,
Jim Hamby

-Paid for by Jim Hamby for County Council

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Wednesday, April 20, 2022

WALTER BATMAN

Walter Lee Batman passed away Thursday, April 14, 2022, at Poplar Care Strategies in Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, he was 85.

He was born June 7, 1936, in Bedford; son of Roy and Dorothy (Fields) Batman. He married Anita Cavigliola-Hanners on March 22, 2001, and she survives.

Walter graduated from Shawswick High School and was a retired truck driver. He loved to go dancing every Friday and Saturday night.

Surviving Walter is his wife, Anita; children, Karen (Ralph) Hewitt, Rebecca Batman and Preston Batman; grandchildren, Melissa Hewitt and Miranda Corbin; stepchildren, Jamie Hanners, Edna Moore and James (Susan) Hanners; 14 step grandchildren; several great grandchildren; sister, Mary Ann Batman; and several nieces and nephews.

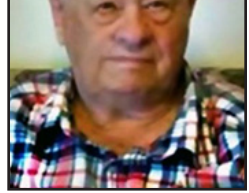
Preceding him in death were his parents, Roy and Dorothy; son, Walter Lee; and six siblings, Marlin, Helen, Charles, Raymond, Elsie and Harold.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 19, at the Ferguson-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Bedford. Burial followed in Crawford Cemetery.

Contributions in memory of Walter may be made to Crawford Cemetery. Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.FergusonLee.com.

JAMES LEWIS

James W. Lewis entered into eternal rest on April 13, 2022 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare in Jasper. A resident of French Lick, he was 90.



He was born in Martin County on December 6, 1931; son of George and Susy (Quinn) Lewis.

JAMES LEWIS Jim married Shirley A. Terry on January 9, 1952, and she survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gerald and Adgar Lewis; and two sisters, Pauline Hobson and Faye Hall.

Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a member of Springs Valley Christian Church. He retired from Crane NSWC where he was a Pyrotechnics Specialist.

Jim enjoyed gardening, mowing, hunting, watching westerns, reading and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Lewis of French Lick; three sons, Michael Lewis of Florida, Terry Lewis (Mary) of French Lick and Steven L. Lewis (Sherri Howell) of French Lick; one sister, Judy Woolsey (Richard) of French Lick; three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and 14 step-grandchildren.

A funeral ceremony was conducted by Bro. Jack Wilson on Monday, April 18 at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home with burial following at Emmons Ridge Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Emmons Ridge Cemetery, c/o Kathy Kalb, 2494 Hillham Road, French Lick, IN 47432.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Service in French Lick, Indiana 47432. Condolences may be made at www.brosmer-kemplefuneral-home.com.

DONNA TERRY

Donna Maxine Terry entered into eternal rest on April 11, 2022, at her home. A resident of Shoals, he was 71.

She was born in Paoli on June 9, 1950;



daughter of Alva Lee and Grace Louise (Haga) Bennett.

Maxine married Billy Lee Terry on July 5, 1968, and he preceded her in death on March 18, 2022.

DONNA TERRY Maxine had worked at Kimball Piano, Simmons and Fast Eddie's as a manager. She enjoyed traveling with Billy in their RV and spending time with her family.

Maxine is survived by one son, Christopher Lee Terry of French Lick; one daughter, Christina Ann Terry of Jasper; four sisters, Helen Terry of French Lick, Carol Kern of Jasper, Nancy Beaty of Bedford, and Cora Mae Beaty of French Lick; two half-sisters, Lolita Stroud of Akron and Mona Hammoms of French Lick; two step-sisters, Judy Copeland of Campbellsburg and Teresa Kirkpatrick of Ardmore, Oklahoma; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, one son, Anthony Terry; and a half-brother, Maurice Keith Bennett.

Cremation was chosen and a graveside service will be held at a later date at Bonds Chapel Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home, French Lick, Indiana. 47432. Condolences may be made at www.brosmer-kemplefuneral-home.com.

KENNETH CRANE

Kenneth Dwight Crane, formerly of Loogootee, passed away April 13, 2022, at his home. A resident of Columbus, Ohio, he was 27.



He was born June 26, 1994, in Bloomington; son of Dwight Crane and Christina Fegan.

KENNETH CRANE Kenneth graduated from Loogootee High School in 2013. He was an Assistant General Manager for Nada Restaurant in Columbus, Ohio, where he was employed for nearly six years. He adored his dog, Orion, who was his world.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Byron Crane.

Kenneth is survived by his parents, Dwight Crane and Christina Fegan, both of Loogootee; siblings, Webb (Katelynn) Crane of Bedford, Wyatt Crane of Loogootee and Emily Crane of Ferdinand; maternal grandparents, Joseph and Francyne Fegan of Loogootee; and paternal grandmother, Norma Lee Crane of Loogootee.

Graveside services will be conducted on Friday, April 22 at noon at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Friday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.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.

ROBERT JONES

Robert D. "Crowbar" Jones passed April 17, 2022, at the Memorial Hospital and Health Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 81.

He was born December 29, 1940, in Dubois County; son of John and Ruby (Hagen) Jones.

He graduated Springs Valley High School Class of 1959, retired from the B&O / CSX Railroad and was a member of Nicholson Valley Church. He was



ROBERT JONES

He is survived by three daughters, Melissa (Kerry) Whipking, Melody (Heith) Thewes and Misty Carr; two sons, Tim (Debbie) Jones and Bobby (Tamara) Jones; grandchildren, Kennedi (Hunter) Salmon, Cheyenne (Tj) Whipking, Angus Whipking, Skylar (Kim) Whipking, Bran-

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and the softball coach's request to have a mattress fundraiser to raise money for junior high equipment and high school player packages.

A report from Elementary Principal Shannon Wagoner was read. She started off saying how big of a success kindergarten round up was. She wanted to remind everyone that preschool round up is coming up on April 22. The students have been enjoying field trips. She wanted to give a shout out to the elementary volleyball team (4th and 5th grade) for winning all their games except for one and the Math Bowl team for placing 3rd at their competition. ROI Ready School visited The ROCK where the students proudly displayed their abilities in the lab. She said that Author Henry Cole had a virtual meeting with the students and showed them how he illustrated the books. Book Blast has been a huge success. The students have raised over \$17,400. A special thank you to Jennifer Guinn for organizing the Book Blast, along with help from Megan Hawkins. Mr. Ben Kent and his shop class are community partners with third grade students and teachers. Today, they learned about earthworms. The students have been planting the garden and learning about pigs and how a farm works. ILEARN testing for grades 3-5 starts on April 18 and ends May 13, 2022.

A report from Middle School Principal Josh Mullis was read. They honored their March students of the month and March teacher of the month recently. March students of the month were 6th grader: Kyra Shaw, 7th Grader: Jaylen Butler, and 8th Grader: Isaiah Roush. March teacher of the month was Scott Fishback. They enjoyed lunch together from RJs. They appreciate the RJs partnership to help provide this meal. On Friday, April 1, they had the first Spring Fling Middle School Dance. It was a huge success with approximately 97 students attending the dance. Royalty were Queen Kendyll Moffitt and King Rator Hoffman. On Monday, April 11, they had a dodgeball tournament with five student teams and one staff team. A team of high school students won the tournament and were rewarded with breakfast yesterday. Several students came and cheered their classmates on and there is a lot of talk that they will have a bigger turnout next time. The school recently honored and rewarded 47 middle school students for making the Honor Roll. The week prior to Spring Break they had Positive Choices Week with a couple of moving convocations. The students were really able to connect with their message. Mr. Mullis would like to thank Tim Sanders as he completed his coverage of Mrs. Harder's maternity leave. They really appreciate Tim helping them out all year and becoming part of the middle school family. ILEARN will begin next week. They have a few students who are on COVID learning from home and they will come in and complete their

don Whipking, Sydney (Avery) Thewes, Hunter Thewes, Ronnie (Haley) Thewes, Nicky Jones, Makenzie Hensley and Kaegan Hensley. Also surviving are sisters, Barbara (Emil) Bauer, Carolyn (Allen) Zehr and Loretta (Harold) Tinkle; and brothers, Melvin (Donna) Jones and Gary (Karen) Jones.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Robbie Halbert.

Funeral services are at noon Thursday, April 21 at the Nicholson Valley Church in Dubois with Pastor Albert Madden officiating. Burial will be in the Crystal Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

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

testing with Mrs. Baker. ISSMA Band Contest for the middle and high school bands will take place on Saturday, April 23. They have some middle school students who are eligible for competitions in National Beta which will be June 26-30 in Nashville, Tennessee. Students and sponsors have the option of completing this in-person or virtually.

A report from High School Principal Kindra Hovis was read. She wanted to give a huge thank you to Martin County Community Corrections for the grant to make the Week of Positive Choices happen. She said she wants to continue to do this every year. The freshman orientation was also a success. They had 29 incoming freshmen attend the meeting. They also had two early college cohort students speak to the group and explain what pathway they are in and how as freshmen, they have had the opportunity to take dual credit classes for little to no cost. In the first three weeks of Shoals Grounds being open, they have brought in \$1,500. The class has given two tours for other schools and given them advice on student-run businesses. They were also invited to attend a regional student-run business networking event in Bloomington on April 26. SAT testing is almost complete- Next up is ILEARN Biology and NWEA. Jug Rox Make a Difference Day was a huge success. She stated there were 60+ students out in the community today working. She wanted to give a thanks to the community members for donating supplies and money towards today's event. They have partnered with Paoli for a CDL course. She wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming events: ISSMA Band Contest is April 23rd at Castle High School, Prom is May 7- Post Prom will be held at Paoli Rock-N-Bowl, and the Senior trip to Orlando is May 12-15.

Dr. Roush reported that starting next year, the school will be changing the way they conduct e-learning and offer more synchronous learning to follow the new state law. Shoals, Mitchell, and Orleans will be creating a COSMOS advisory board over the summer, and it will have representation from all three school districts to help recommend new innovative ideas for the three schools to partner. The school will be offering a lot of summer professional development to staff. The school has installed the new tornado siren purchased by the Martin County Community Foundation. They had a great kindergarten round up this year and will soon have preschool round up. They have had multiple school tours over the past few weeks from potential new families and other area schools. The first week of May is teacher appreciation week and they are excited to celebrate teachers. Finally, Dr. Roush thanked Debbie Wyman and Tim Sanders for working for the school corporation.

A thank you card from the Girl Scouts was read by Board Secretary Jerry Braun.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 11

4:33 a.m. - Captain Reed assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

6:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Orange County Ambulance responded.

8:36 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down northwest of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:04 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Wilson responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft east of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

2:12 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells was notified.

2:12 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person west of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

3:41 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells was notified.

6:01 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells was notified.

9:15 p.m. - Received a medical alert alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Captain Reed and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:57 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

7:22 a.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Major Keller responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means was notified.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person west of Shoals. Major Keller was notified.

9:23 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

1:38 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

1:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells was notified.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

3:05 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for a 911 address.

4:39 p.m. - Received a report of litter along roadways north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

6:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Conservation Officer Mann and Deputy Long responded.

7:56 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

8:29 p.m. - Received a request concerning weight limits on county roads. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

1:23 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:47 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received notification of the fire alarm at Shoals Community School being tested.

12:41 p.m. - Received a medical alert alarm in Shoals.

1:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:05 p.m. - Received notification that the tornado siren was unnecessarily on in West Shoals. VEI alarm company was notified.

3:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth responded.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

5:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:27 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Civil Defense responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received a report of water and debris on roadway north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Hawkins responded and INDOT was notified.

6:46 p.m. - Received a report of water on roadway east of Loogootee. INDOT was notified.

6:49 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Deputy Flanagan, and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells, Deputy Flanagan, and Haysville Fire Department responded.

9:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:49 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Hawkins and Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Chief Greene responded.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police, Corporal Wells, Captain Reed and Deputy Hawkins were notified.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

12:19 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Chief Greene, Deputy Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:03 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard northwest of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

5:28 a.m. - Received a report of power outage south of Loogootee. REMC was notified.

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a county

road washed out due to rainstorm. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

6:08 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:17 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of debris on the roadway northwest of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

7:26 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Deputy Long responded.

8:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Major Keller responded.

10:56 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

11:28 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

12:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:32 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:12 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

5:19 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:06 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:36 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person southeast of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

3:55 a.m. - Received a deer complaint north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

7:13 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

7:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:29 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County Law Enforcement Officers were notified.

12:06 a.m. - Received a report of a kayaker stuck in the river. Shoals Fire Department and Major Keller responded.

12:29 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:17 p.m. - Received a cat complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:48 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

4:21 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

4:45 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist east of Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

5:58 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins was notified.

6:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:33 p.m. - Received a dog complaint west of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism southwest of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

8:39 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

8:43 p.m. - Received a deer complaint southeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

12:22 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:19 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southeast of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

11:47 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Long was notified.

12:47 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

1:12 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Animal Control Officer Hughett were notified.

1:53 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:05 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:19 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Flanagan responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

12:09 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:10 a.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Deputy Long responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:07 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

April 7

Howard N. Phillips, convicted of residential entry, a Level 6 Felony and domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 400 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 200 actual days previously served plus 200 Class A credit days. Also convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 200 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 100 actual days previously served plus 100 Class A credit days. Also convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4,380 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 131 actual days previously served plus 44 Class B credit days.

Logan C. Kelsey, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level

6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 708 days suspended and credit for 11 actual days previously served plus 11 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 7

Howard N. Phillips, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 8

Leon D. King, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Phyllis Mullins in the amount of \$4,317.81.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Kathren Kluemper in the amount of \$3,035.54.

April 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Caitlin Holt in the amount of \$1,338.68.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Leanna Felton in the amount of \$9,101.43.

April 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Stephanie Myers in the amount of \$5,021.89.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 12

Bruce W. Smith vs. City of Loogootee, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

April 8

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance a/s/o Tonya Mathies vs. Deandra Kelso and C.R. England, Inc., complaint, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

David Craft II of Loogootee and Mary C. Petry of Loogootee.

Real estate transfers

Karen L. Jones and Barbara J. Ash and Keith A. Ellis, of Martin County, Indiana to Howard Knepp, Brandon Knepp and Kevin Knepp, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20.244 acres, more or less.

Cynthia Van Bibber f/k/a Cynthia M. Downey, of Martin County, Indiana to The Estate of Anthony W. Downey, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in the Town of Shoals, containing 0.943 acres, more or less.

Norma S. Bailey, of Martin County, Indiana to Jarret Michael Parkes and Aron Kelly, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.69 acres, more or less.

Joseph Ernest Lease, of Daviess County, Indiana to Jammie L. Quick, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 8, 9, 10 and 11 in Block Number 5 in the Town of Burns City, Indiana.

Austin D. Hembree, of Martin County, Indiana to Austin D. Hembree and Kaitlyn B. Wagoner, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 11 and 12 in Block "H" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 11

8:48 a.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on West Washington Street.

12:53 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of a domestic dispute.

2:55 p.m. - School Resource Officer Rayhill completed a welfare check.

6:18 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a broken-down semi on US 231 South.

9:17 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a medical alert and completed a welfare check on Cedar Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

6:45 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on Haw Creek Road.

9:55 p.m. - Officer Erwin assisted with located a runaway juvenile.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

3:28 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a property damage accident at Wood Street and JFK Avenue.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

8:02 a.m. - Officer Erwin assisted a subject in retrieving personal items.

5:14 p.m. - Received a report of a parked vehicle blocking a driveway.

5:22 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle travelling at an excessive speed.

6:57 p.m. - A complainant reported a

City of Loogootee receives safety grant

The Indiana Public Employers' Plan, Inc. (IPEP) is excited to announce the City of Loogootee as a recipient of its 2022 safety grant award. IPEP is proud to partner with Mayor Noel Harty, along with Rex Strawn of Strawn Insurance Agency, to maximize opportunities to promote a safe work environment and assist with stretching their risk management resources.

The grant funds will be used to purchase safety equipment or safety training programs that will reduce or limit workers' compensation exposure.

IPEP was created in 1989 as a risk-sharing pool for public entities, as a response to the need for public employers to find affordable workers' compensation coverage. IPEP has grown to provide workers' compensation claims administration for more than 700 public entities including cities, towns, counties and schools.

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8:09 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a property damage accident in the Dairy Queen parking lot.

9:36 p.m. - Officer Seymour spoke with a complainant regarding unauthorized control of a vehicle.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

8:48 a.m. - Chief Means assisted a subject accidentally locked in a business.

2:54 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding trespassing at a local business.

6:39 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

8:33 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16

10:59 a.m. - Officer Erwin spoke with a complainant regarding a possible credit card fraud.

5:03 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant.

8:08 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a damaged sign on Bloomfield Road.

8:44 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Haysville Fire Department at a brush fire on US 231 South.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

1:32 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a property damage accident in Chuckles parking lot.

5:30 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a domestic dispute on South Oak Street.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

1:05 p.m. - William Nugent, 70, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with driving while suspended. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14

12:03 a.m. - Sherry Robbins, 56, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins on an Orange County warrant. She is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

2:57 a.m. - Steve St. Cois, 22, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, possession of a false government issued ID, and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond.

Bridal Promotion

APRIL 4 - 30

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PUBLIC AUCTION

Furniture, Antiques, Store Fixtures & More

Thursday Eve, April 28, 5:00pm

The auction will be held ON-SITE at 13915 US 231, Loogootee, IN (Near West Boggs Park)

ITEMS INCLUDE: John Deere Lawn Cart, Eagle Air Compressor, Large Water Pump, Red Bull Cooler, Saddle, Lifetime Ball Goal, Weedeater, Hedge Trimmer, Grass Seeder, Coleman Air Compressor, Windows, PVC Fittings, Truck Seats, Emergency Lights, Lights, 3 Breaker Boxes, Sinks, Doors, Tool Box, Foosball Table, Air Hockey Table, Washer & Dryer, Gas Hot Water Heater, Milk Shake Machine, Popcorn Popper, Chicken Feeder, Step Stool, Bikes, Filing Cabinets, Records, Dominoes, Stairs, Mop Bucket, Kenmore Sewing, Sweepers, Vintage 40 Steam Cleaner, Vac, Christmas Tree, Cross Stitch, Picture Frames, Coke Bottles, Glassware, & MUCH MORE!

FURNITURE: Lockers, Round Table, Desk, Book Shelf, Theater Seats, Display, Landry Cart, Record Cabinet, Tables, Bassinet, 60s Table & Chairs, Chairs, Shelf, Sales Counter, Display Cabinets, Large Cabinet, Office Chairs, Bed, Vanity, Chest of Drawers, Showcase, & MUCH MORE!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



ORDERING A PIZZA IN 2022
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GOOGLE: No sir, it's Google Pizza.
CALLER: I must have dialed a wrong number, sorry.
GOOGLE: No sir, Google bought Pizza Place last month.
CALLER: OK. I would like to order a pizza.
GOOGLE: Do you want your usual, sir?
CALLER: My usual? You know me?
GOOGLE: According to our caller ID data sheet, the last 12 times you called you ordered an extra-large pizza with three cheeses, sausage, pepperoni, mushrooms and meatballs on a thick crust.
CALLER: Super! That's what I'll have.
GOOGLE: May I suggest that this time you order a pizza with ricotta, arugula, sun-dried tomatoes and olives on a whole wheat gluten-free thin crust?
CALLER: What? I don't want a vegetarian pizza!
GOOGLE: Your cholesterol is not good, sir.
CALLER: How the heck do you know that?
GOOGLE: Well, we cross-referenced your home phone number with your medical records. We have the result of your blood tests for the last 7 years.
CALLER: Okay, but I do not want your rotten vegetarian pizza! I already take medication for my cholesterol.
GOOGLE: Excuse me sir, but you have not taken your medication regularly. According to our database, you purchased only a box of 30 cholesterol tablets once at Lloyds Pharmacy, four months ago.
CALLER: I bought more from another pharmacy.
GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your

credit card statement.
CALLER: I paid in cash.
GOOGLE: But you did not withdraw enough cash according to your bank statement.
CALLER: I have other sources of cash.
GOOGLE: That doesn't show on your latest tax returns, unless you bought them using an undeclared income source, which is against the law!
CALLER: WHAT THE HECK?
GOOGLE: I'm sorry sir, we use such information only with the sole intention of helping you.
CALLER: Enough already! I'm sick of Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and all the others. I'm going to an island without the internet, TV, where there is no phone service and no one to watch me or spy on me.
GOOGLE: I understand sir, but you need to renew your passport first. It expired six weeks ago...
 Welcome to the future...

 My goal for every athlete I've ever coached is that they'll know that I loved them, and my hope is that when they get older, they'll realize that those of us who demanded their best, were also the ones who cared about them the most. -Matt Lisle

Make someone smile today!

Shoals road closure

The four-way intersection at Second and Main streets in Shoals will be closed to thru traffic on Friday, April 22 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Please use extra caution when traveling this area on these days. Students from Shoals High School will be painting a mural at this intersection on both days.

Loogootee School Board meeting
 The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, April 21 at 5 p.m. in the high school's media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Coalition meeting
 The Coalition Against the Mid-States Corridor will hold a town hall meeting Thursday, April 21 at the Mitchell Emerson School Gym from 6:30-8 p.m. They will update details about the Route P announcement, the importance of attending the two public hearings on the 26th and 28th and discuss the importance of submitting written comments. The public is invited.

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 echrist-

mas@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.

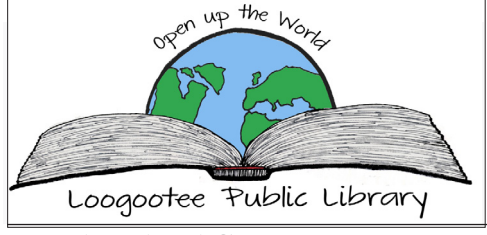
Local recovery meetings
 Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

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 second Wednesday of each month at noon at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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



BY DARLA WAGLER
 Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

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 Mid-states Corridor proposal information is available at the library. You are invited to submit comments about the proposed route via the comments sheet. They will return to collect comment sheets at the end of May. There will be public hearings on Tuesday, April 26 at Westgate Academy (Crane) 13598 East Westgate Drive, Odon and Thursday, April 28 at Jasper Arts Center, 951 College Avenue, Jasper. The meetings will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. with a presentation at 6 p.m.

Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program (NEP) will offer a beginning air fryer cooking program on Thursday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by Tuesday, May 17.

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.

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COMMUNITY & EVENTS



As we approach the May 10 frost-free date, it is time to start planning your vegetable garden. Of course, some cool-season crops may already be growing, but soon it will be time to plant those warm-season crops

This year's All-American Selections in the edibles category are dominated by peppers and tomatoes. That is no surprise, since tomatoes and peppers are the vegetables, most gardeners choose to grow, and therefore, the people who develop new varieties concentrate on the popular plants. Dozens of varieties are submitted each year for All-America consideration. They are then grown in trial gardens across the country. Trial gardens may be at universities, botanical gardens and expert gardeners. Each new variety is grown along with control plants of proven varieties to which they will be compared. Only the very best are awarded the All-America Selection label, and once an AAS winner, always an AAS winner. Some plants may test better in certain regions and may be awarded a regional selection.

There are three peppers on this year's winner list. Buffy is a thick-walled hot pepper. The peppers begin dark green and ripen to red. It demonstrates heavy fruit-set and ripens quickly. Buffy is available from Totally Tomatoes. Dragonfly is a sweet pepper. The fruits are large and thick-walled. They turn from green to purple and finally to bright red. You may buy Dragonfly peppers from Harris Seed. The final pepper is a Thai-type hot pepper called Quickfire. It is an early producer on compact, sturdy plants, making it an excellent choice for container gardens. Quickfire is not yet available for the general public but be sure to watch for it in next year's seed catalogues.

There are also three tomatoes on the list. Pink Delicious is judged as worthy of the association with the popular Red Delicious tomato. It shows earlier ripening, higher yield and less cracking. The website says Pink Delicious will be available soon. Purple Zebra is a deep red cherry tomato with green stripes. It has a sweet, acidic taste and is highly disease resistant. It is available from Territorial Seed and A.P. Whaley Seed. Sunset Torch is another striped cherry tomato. It is yellow with red stripes. It is also an early variety and is available from A.P. Whaley and Osbourne Seed.

Bauer lettuce is an oak-leaf lettuce that tries its best to be a head lettuce. The leaves grow in a tight rosette, making the plant look like a lettuce bouquet. It

has shown great promise for container gardens and even excelled in one tester's aeroponic system. It grows quickly and may be used as microgreens just a couple of weeks after planting. It really shines as a full-sized lettuce, retaining sweet lettuce flavor even when it turns hot. Bauer is available from Johnny's Seed and Territorial Seed.

A white cylindrical eggplant also made the cut. Icicle plants have fewer spines than other eggplants, making it easier to pick. The fruits also have fewer seeds. Unfortunately, Icicle is not yet available to the public.

Century Star is a watermelon that looks much like the heirloom Moon and Stars melon. It is seedless and the red flesh is very sweet. It is available from Johnny's Seed.

For the first time ever, a shallot has been awarded All-American Selection status. Echalion Crème Brulee is said to have a sweet, slightly citrusy flavor. They are tender and combine well with other vegetables and with meats. They have a coppery-pink outer shell and a rosy, purple interior, so they will provide visual interest to dishes. They are also judged to grow easily from seed. You may buy seed from Harris Seed, Johnny's Seed or Park Seed.

It is fun to try some new varieties or even try a vegetable you have never grown before, but I always seem to go back to the tried-and-true varieties I have grown for many years. I am looking forward to that first ripe tomato.

ANIMAL SHELTER *Pet of the Week*



HEATHER is a one-year-old female shepherd mix. She is very sweet but very puppy like - high energy. She will need a home with plenty of room to run off her energy. She is good with other dogs but wants to chase cats. She is spayed, up to date on shots, and micro-chipped. Adoption fee is \$100. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

Spring Mill hosts Village Tasting Experience

Sample the offerings of central and southern Indiana distilleries during Spring Mill State Park's first Village Tasting Experience on June 11 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. in the park's Pioneer Village.

The event will help raise money to purchase a still and improve displays for the park's own 1824 village distillery.

The event cost is \$30 for those staying at Spring Mill Inn or the park's campground and \$40 for everyone else. That cost includes a sample from all distilleries in attendance. All other purchases from those businesses must be made in cash.

Participants must be 21 or older and show identification upon arrival. A shuttle service will be provided to and from

the campground and inn. Those not staying at Spring Mill Inn or the park campground must have a designated driver with them. Free soft drinks and appetizers will be available for the designated driver. The event will go on rain or shine.

Advance registration is required by June 8 and can be made by calling 812-849-3534 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. The event is limited to the first 300 people to register. Payment must be made when registering. There are no refunds.

Park admission during the event is \$7 per vehicle for in-state residents and \$9 per vehicle for out-of-state residents.

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

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The City of Loogootee is currently accepting quotes on its Life Insurance coverage for the organizations' 18 full-time employees. The current coverage for each staff member is in the amount of \$20,000. All quotes should include pricing options for staff members to be able to retain coverage after employment with the City of Loogootee has terminated. Deadline to submit quotes will be May 9th at 4:00 p.m. The common council will then review the quotes received at the May 9th meeting following the Board of Works Meeting which is held at 5:30 p.m. in the common council room of city hall. Anyone submitting a quote is welcome and encouraged to attend the meeting!

Noel D. Hartly
Mayor of the City of Loogootee

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Position Details:

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- Starting Date: August 2022
- Length of Employment: November 2022, dates unconfirmed

Position Requirements:

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- *Experience is preferred but not mandatory

Contact Information:

Shannon Wagoner, Shoals Elementary Principal
812.247.2085, ext. 704
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- Valid Indiana Driver's License
- Willingness to submit to background check and employment drug screen
- Ability to work evenings and weekends and on-call (as needed)
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office programs and Google platforms
- Previous experience is a plus, but not required

Pay: Up to \$15.30 per hour

Weekly Hours: depending on Case Load - up to 28 hours per week with current average being 10-15 per week

TO APPLY: Email Danielle Murphy (MCCC Director) at dmurphy@martincounty.in.gov with statement of interest in the position.

Loogootee Boys' Tennis beat Wood Memorial, BNL, NE Dubois and win LHS Invitational

The Loogootee High School Varsity Boys' Tennis Team swept Wood Memorial 5-0 Tuesday, April 19. There were no junior varsity matches.

The boys next match is Thursday, April 21 at 4:30 p.m. at Washington Catholic.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Briley Rowe 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Morgan Ice 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Izzy Rowe 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Kiersten Bottoms/Bree Rowe 6-1, 6-3

#2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Grace Strickland/Faith Smithhart 6-1, 7-5

The boys defeated Bedford North Lawrence on Monday, April 18 with a score of 4-1. The junior varsity was defeated 2-5.

"The wind and cold temps were brutal, but our team was ready to play today. Our singles players played well today and got us off to a good start. We played well at #1 doubles to beat a very good team," said Coach Mike Tippery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Rachel Kidd 6-0, 6-2

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Becca Epping 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Italy Lewis 6-2, 6-1

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Bella Stigall/Mallory Pride 6-1, 4-6, 6-2

#2 Doubles Kenley Craig/Izzy Alldredge (BNL) defeated Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (3)

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Naudia Anderson (BNL) defeated Grace Foddrill 6-3

#2 Singles Meryl Kline (BNL) defeated Michela Orlando 6-2

#3 Singles Sara Prado (BNL) defeated Zoey Brassine 6-4

#1 Doubles Ana Toy/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Ashlyn Wever/Jessie Faubion 6-3

#2 Doubles Carla Perez/Vittoria Zoia (L) defeated Reagan Corey/Emma Salzman 6-2

#3 Doubles Lauren Salzman/Meryl Kline (BNL) defeated Isabelle Gingerich/Mikenna Jones 6-2

#4 Doubles Ashlyn Wever/Jessie Faubion (BNL) defeated Alex Claveria/Linsey England 6-2

The varsity won the LHS Invitational on Saturday defeating Scottsburg in the first game 4-1 and Bloomfield in the final match 4-1.

Coach Tippery said, "This was a good day of tennis for us. Katie, Caitlin, and Grace played well from start to finish in both of their matches. Annalise had a huge comeback in the Scottsburg match to get the victory. We played well but have to clean some things up to get better."

Loogootee-Bloomfield results

#1 Singles Gracie Lowry (B) defeated Kieragen Napier 7-5, 3-6, 1-0 (3)

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Lucy Allen 6-1, 6-0

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Emma Vaught 6-0, 6-4

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Kinley Moody/Adalyn Wiseman 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Ansley Ross/Ashlyn Stahl 6-1, 6-2

Loogootee-Scottsburg results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Grace Routt 6-1, 6-2

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Claire Routt 4-6, 6-4, 1-0 (1)

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Bianca Dianconu 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Brinley Soloe/Olivia Fugate 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Melea Luttrell/Kira Shelhamer (S) defeated Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley 7-6 (3), 3-6, 1-0 (12)

Second match results

Scottsburg 3, Bloomfield 2

1 Singles Gracie Lowry (B) defeated Grace Routt 2-6, 7-5, 1-0 (5)

#2 Singles Claire Routt (S) defeated Lucy Allen 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles Emma Vaught (B) defeated Bianca Dianconu 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (6)

#1 Doubles Brinley Soloe/Olivia Fugate (S) defeated Kinley Moody/Adalyn Wiseman 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 (8)

#2 Doubles Melea Luttrell/Kira Shelhamer (S) defeated Ansley Ross/Ashlyn Stahl 6-0, 6-0

Medalists

#1 Singles Gracie Lowry - Bloomfield

#2 Singles Annalise Powell - Loogootee

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich - Loogootee

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico - Loogootee

#2 Doubles Melea Luttrell/Kira Shelhamer - Scottsburg

Last Thursday, the Lions took on Washington. The varsity was defeated 1-4 however the varsity got the win 5-4.

"I was pleased with the way Katie and Caitlin played at #1 doubles. They played at a high level. We played well at times at all three singles spots. Overall, Washington played better than us and deserved the victory," said Coach Tippery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Lacy Hancock (W) defeated Kieragen Napier 6-3, 6-2

#2 Singles Alaina Thorne (W) defeated Annalise Powell 6-2, 6-1

#3 Singles Kenli Barber (W) defeated Grace Gingerich 6-1, 6-4

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Sydney Melton/Kencia Levasseur 6-1, 6-3

#2 Doubles Annabelle Blake/Kenna Garland (W) defeated Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley 6-0, 6-2

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Cassie Dillon (W) defeated Grace Foddrill 7-6 (2)

#2 Singles Linsey England (L) defeated Stalina Fenelon 6-0

#1 Doubles Ana Toy/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Ally Goss/Channey Clarke 6-0

#2 Doubles Lisset Santos/Ryley Traylor (W) defeated Carla Perez/Abbey Fischer 6-2

#3 Doubles Aly Mazingo/Tylie Walton (W) defeated Maddie Fischer/Izabelle Gingerich 6-3

#4 Doubles Vittoria Zoia/Michela Orlando (L) defeated Gwen/Goodwin/Abbie Brown 6-4

#5 Doubles Linsey England/Mikenna Jones (L) defeated Sofia Rodriguez/Tessa Thombleson 6-3

#6 Doubles Miley Burton/Gabi Mejia (W) defeated Zoey Brassine/Alex Claveria 6-2

#7 Doubles Carla Perez/Izabelle Gingerich (L) defeated Anna Fox/Shania Mosley 6-1

Last Tuesday, April 12, the varsity Lions defeated Northeast Dubois 5-0. There were no junior varsity matches played.

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Elizabeth Schepers 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Sydney Roach 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Jessa Braunecker 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Leah Klawitter/Mya Ziegler 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Ibett Moreno/Isabel Sermersheim 6-0, 6-0

2022 Seniors



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



ELEORA NEELEY

Eleora Twilight Neeley is the daughter of Eva and Rock Neeley. Her siblings are Sistoria Neeley, Reeve Dorsey, Edmundson Neeley, Zafira Neeley, and Abreena Neeley. In high school, Eleora participated in art club, DND club, and film club. Her favorite high school memory is "One time, Bailee Jones ate an entire spoonful of cyan pepper, she cried and slammed her fists on the table, everyone there was crying from laughter with her, got it all on video too". After graduation, Eleora plans to move to Bloomington, take a gap year and enter the art field.



CARTER ROUSH

Carter Daniel Lee Roush, born November 25, 2003, is the son of January and the late Danny Roush. He has one brother named Dalton Roush. In high school Carter participated in baseball, basketball, Beta Club, and Pep Club. His favorite high school memory is "Playing baseball my freshman year with my brother." Carter's plans for after graduation are currently undecided.

LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class presents . . .



Small Businesses, BIG Stories

BY BROOKLYN SUMMERS, LINDSAY NOLAN & MALLORIE SUTTON
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.

Studio 231, Chassidy Collins
"My business is a small salon/spa that offers a lot of different services from waxing to hair coloring to massages. I got to where I am today with lots of hard work and late nights. My mom was and still is a business owner so it kind of ran in the family. I thought it was going to be very flexible for my family. My favorite part is getting to work for myself and making my own schedule. I enjoy having the flexibility and being able to get done what is necessary for my business.

What really helped my business take off was having supportive parents who helped me get the business going and having an extremely motivated staff with a lot of drive. Since my mom has a very successful business that I have been around almost my entire life, it influenced me greatly. With both of my parents being business owners, being an



entrepreneur was in my genes.
My age has been my biggest obstacle with owning a business because people tend to not take me seriously. I advertise my business through social media platforms and word of mouth by my clients. I'm busiest around Christmas because clients like to get their hair done for the holidays. I'm also busy around Prom time. I would like to see myself grow as a person and for my business in the next five years. Hopefully, I will still be pursuing my dream as a business owner."

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AG invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov

Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to head on over to IndianaUnclaimed.gov and see what surprises you might find.

“My office is committed to returning unclaimed property to Hoosiers,” Attorney General Rokita said.

While all states administer unclaimed

property programs, Indiana is the only one where the attorney general oversees this function.

Last year, Attorney General Rokita’s Unclaimed Property Division returned \$48 million to Hoosiers, and you could be next.

Some property owners in the Unclaimed Property Division’s database include such holiday-appropriate first or last names of Bunny, Basket, Candy, Easter, Spring, and Bonnet. Whatever your name, you might stumble upon a golden egg.

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- closed estates

Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division conducts an outreach effort to locate the rightful owners or heirs.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25

years in which to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Just this year we’ve already returned over \$15 million to Hoosiers, with over \$700 million just waiting to be claimed — and you could be next.

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You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmail@atg.in.gov.



HAMBY FOR MARTIN COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

Greetings Martin County, I continue listening to citizens’ concerns, while on the campaign trail in these recent weeks. It has been a great experience going door-to-door and I am so grateful for the overwhelming support I continue to receive.

To address some of those concerns, I want to commit to the public that I will do my very best to appropriate your hard-earned tax dollars wisely and with absolute transparency.

I have many more doors yet to knock on, but if I have missed you, feel free to reach out to me. I look forward to May 2nd, and I would appreciate your support to earn the privilege of representing you on the Martin Council.

Most respectfully,
Jim Hamby
(812) 709-1086

It’s up to us, the primaries are next month

I fear that many of our representatives neglect to remember their fiduciary responsibilities to the community. We citizens must demand accountability and vote for the best person for the position regardless of party. Straight party tickets need to stop, we as the employer need to take an active role in deciding which INDIVIDUALS would best represent us.

It seems to me that many of our county council representatives have forgotten that the financial decisions they make are for the citizens. In reality it is OUR money NOT theirs.

Last year during budget time various citizens of Martin County came together and filed a petition against the budget that was being pushed through the county council. A remonstrance (fancy word for forceful protest) was delivered to the county council in the form of a petition signed by citizens of Martin County. There was a hearing and yet no actions were taken to address those concerns. This is in direct violation of their responsibility to represent us. I’m very concerned about the future of Martin County. I can’t help but wonder, would some of the new individuals running this year revitalize the county and bring transparency and accountability where it is currently lacking?

We have a deputy surveyor in the surveyor’s office, from my limited interactions with that department; the deputy seems to be the one who does the majority of the work. The few times I have seen the surveyor show up for meetings, he presents as unprofessional and not in line with what one would expect from an elected official. At one time, the county got by with a single part-time surveyor and now we pay for a full-time surveyor and a deputy surveyor. Is this remotely necessary? Said elected official also has a known issue with performance and legalities, is any of this being addressed by those in charge? I find this to be a clear failure to the citizens that no one seems to want to talk about. I realize this individual has an aunt and uncle on the council, perhaps all three needs to be held accountable and the nepotism addressed.

The auditor’s office is an entirely different mountain of cluster which needs much explanation. It is my understanding that there is already more staffing in that office than in recent administrations past, yet our population has decreased. Many on the county council continue to extend the contract of the outsourced financial advisor (FSG). It was my understanding that FSG was being hired for a short time in order to find where the county could cut costs. The advisor recently discovered “dormant accounts” with funds that need to be pulled to the general fund. “Council President Albright noted that those funds would not have been found if it were not for FSG.” A quick Google search tells me that the responsibilities of the auditor are to “audit the records and accounts of the various county departments”. Why does it take paying an outside person to come in and look at the county

and tell us what’s in our own house? By definition, maintaining the accounts is the auditor’s responsibility, therefore why did the “dormant accounts” need to be “found”? I remember hearing that one of those dormant accounts has been dormant since 2015! If the elected official in that office has been there since 2016 why have all of the accounts not been looked at in the last 6-7 years? I wonder what would be found if the state came down and did an exhaustive audit of the county? How were these accounts hidden so that only the FSG was able to find them? Why don’t we have those special powers? In the last county council meeting, we once again saw the rubber stamping of the auditor’s wishes and she’s being granted yet another employee plus the services of the financial advisor (up to \$30,000 per year). Wasn’t the auditor hired to find where the county could save money, not audit accounts? I’m not the smartest person but I can tell you where we can save money. STOP hiring more people, and start holding those being paid for a job accountable. Furthermore, they want to put the HR department under the auditor. From my last letter you may remember my concern with unprofessional behavior from our elected official. Can you fathom putting the county’s HR responsibilities under such an umbrella?

I’ve always liked the philosophy of don’t bring me a problem without a solution.

Here’s my 3-phase solution:

First, everyone needs to be held accountable or they need to go. Cut the fat and stop throwing our tax dollars at everything that moves. Start putting out a solid agenda a week in advance to the public and county council, so that both have time to research the topics and make informed and smart decisions. Have transparency and accountability across the board in all areas.

Second, STOP hiring non-essential employees. For every position that gets hired, that’s somewhere around \$18,000 in benefits plus salary. We the people need to DEMAND that our money be spent responsibly.

Third, it’s time for new blood on the county council. Listen to those who are running, check the facts, and make an informed decision based on their goals, priorities, and ambitions. If you consider re-electing a candidate be sure you know who they are and what they truly stand for. It’s time We The People take back what is ours and demand accountability.

I can’t stress this enough, look at your representatives and the job they are doing. A member of the council stated in the Shoals paper that “each of those decisions were made with the best of intentions and I have always tried to keep in mind the best of interest of the citizens of this county”. However, at the council meeting on 12/6/2021, Mr. Buck Stiles wanted to argue with the sheriff during a public meeting about an unrelated personal issue. When the sheriff stated, “It’s personal to you”, Mr.

Stiles retorted “That’s right it’s damn personal to me”. When a councilman states publicly that they have personal issues with someone whom they approve resources for, how does that not constitute a conflict of interest? All future votes concerning that person and the councilman should require the councilman to abstain from voting. Does this sound like Mr. Stiles is keeping your interest in mind or does it sound like he’s more interested in his personal issues? In his same article, Mr. Stiles went on to say when they went to hire the financial advisor it was a unanimous decision, yet he neglects to mention that was for the first year. This year there were two votes AGAINST continuing with the financial advisor. This is yet another example of lack of transparency and lack of accountability. There are so many more examples that could be mentioned but before I need to find a book publisher, let’s move on.

Ms. Sherri Bowling is another example of what needs addressed on the council. During the council meeting on November 3, 2021, Ms. Bowling stated that she felt she and the sheriff were being “vindictive” to each other. That is a HUGE RED FLAG! Anytime an elected official (especially one who is in a position of approving resources or supervision to someone) is feeling “vindictive” toward that person, (her words which she stated freely in a public meeting) that elected official should immediately no longer have the ability to manipulate any business regarding the one they have admitted being vindictive toward. All future business concerning the sheriff and his department should require that Ms. Bowling abstain from voting.

By their own conduct and admission, we now have two members of the county council who should abstain from voting on anything remotely related to the sheriff’s department due to personal conflicts of interest as well as any business concerning their nephew’s office.

There are many more issues than just the above, but with elections coming up, the above is where change needs to happen.

In full transparency, I do not know many of the county council persons personally. Until attending the meetings, I could not have told you who Mr. Stiles nor Ms. Bowling was. I do not know the sheriff personally nor any of the other county elected official department heads. All of what I have written is from what I see go on and what has been reported from the public meetings. So why am I now speaking out? I’m tired and ashamed of our county being the joke of SW Indiana, and because right now is the perfect time to get the truth out to the public and affect positive change. It’s time for new representatives who will bring credibility, transparency, accountability, pride, respect, and professionalism to our county council. It’s up to us, the primaries are next month. CAG
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