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## Recycling center in trouble again

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The Martin County Solid Waste Board was again faced with funding shortfall issues at their meeting last Wednesday, April 17.

Board Member Brian Ader reported they need to make a decision on the property in Shoals, whether the county wants to purchase it or not. He said the recycling center is in "dire straits" and is \$40,000 behind right now on bills. He said the company that picks up the trash dumpsters is threatening to cut them off for nonpayment. After last month's meeting, the board had McAtee Appraisal modify the appraisal on the building in Shoals to include the entire lot, not just the building. The previous appraisal was \$92,500 with just the building and grass lot beside it. The new adjusted appraisal is \$100,000 which includes the building, grass lot, parking lot, and small garage on the property.

Board Member Paul George, who also serves as county commissioner, said they are interested in purchasing the Shoals property for the county, but he wanted to know how the county would be paid back for the insurance premiums they have been paying for the recycling center employees. Ader said the recycling center, once they receive the money for the sale of the Shoals property, can then write a check to the county to cover the insurance costs. Currently, the recycling center owes the county \$15,200 for those insurance premiums and Director Janell Freeman said the county would probably have to keep paying for a few more months for a total of around \$23,000.

Board Member Ader said something has to be done soon to get money into the recycling center account otherwise they are going to have to dissolve the solid waste board and let the county take over the recycling center and figure it all out. He said that's not what he wants to see happen, but something has to happen soon to get the bills paid.

Board Member Cody Roush said his

## Martin County's unemployment rate at 3.4 percent for March

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Martin County's unemployment rate edged down in March to 3.4 percent, down from 3.5 percent the month before. The county had the 13<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with eight other counties.

In March, the county had 5,153 residents in the workforce and 173 of them were without work. In February, there were 5,206 residents able to work and 181 of them were unemployed. In March of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 3.2 percent with 5,193 residents able to work and 166 of them were without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate went unchanged from February to March, standing at 3.1 percent. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Dubois County.

In March, the county had 16,772 residents in the workforce and 514 of them

only stipulation is that recycling services are still provided in Shoals. Board Member Jim Hamby agreed saying he doesn't want Shoals residents upset because they think they are losing the service. Ader replied that the county will just have to set up a lease agreement with the recycling center to still allow them to collect items in the small garage on the property.

Ader said the recycling center will receive their lump sum from the asset fee mid-year, but they have to figure out how to get funds into the accounts now. He noted that there are a few employees who haven't been paid in the last two weeks because the accounts are in the negative.

The commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting the following Monday to discuss purchasing the property and see if they can get money to the recycling center as soon as possible.

In other business, Board Member Ader said they received two quotes to replace the transmission in the semi-truck that hauls cardboard. The two quotes were for \$4,675.89 and \$7,937.21. He noted that this doesn't include the cost to install the transmission. Ader said they need to get the semi running as soon as possible because they are currently paying an independent semi driver \$300 per trip which is costing the center a fortune. Board Member George and Board Member Roush discussed using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to help get the transmission. Roush said that money doesn't need county council approval and can be given to the recycling center quickly. Auditor Michelle Norris, who was present at the meeting, said the county council only approved a small portion of ARPA funds for release and she believes there is \$20,000 appropriated right now. Board Member Ader said they need to find out how much it's going to cost to install the transmission so they can include that cost as well.

Board Member Ader also explained to the board that the quote given by Duke Energy to replace and repair lights in the recycling center building expires on

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were without jobs. In February, there were 16,860 residents able to work and 520 of them were unemployed. In March of 2023, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 2.5 percent with 16,635 residents in the workforce and 424 of them without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate decreased slightly for March to 3.1 percent, down from 3.3 percent the month before. The county had the second lowest unemployment in the state for March, tied with Daviess County.

In March, the county had 21,441 residents in the workforce and 675 of them were unemployed. In February, there were 21,536 residents able to work and 720 of them were without jobs. In March of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 2.8 percent with 21,545 residents in the workforce and 594 of them without work.

Greene County's jobless rate also decreased just slightly, moving from 5.1

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## Commissioners approve buying Shoals recycling building

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The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting Monday morning, April 22 to discuss purchasing the Shoals recycling center building. The appraisal on the building is \$100,000. The recycling center has agreed to pay back the money the county has spent paying for recycling center employees' health insurance premiums. Through June, that amount will be around \$23,000. The commissioners agreed to pay the \$100,000 for the Shoals property and then the recycling center will write a check for the money owed for insurance. Attorney Dave Lett said doing it this way will provide a trackable record for the state board of accounts. The money for the purchase of the building will come from a Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency federal grant the county received, which was for \$100,000.

Mary Smith, who was in the audience, asked how the recycling center is going to be able to pay their bills, even with this money, since they haven't been able to in the past. Commissioner Paul George said the prices of recyclables have gone up substantially and the center is making more money now. He said this is in no way a windfall but there are hopes they can get the past due bills caught up with the money.

## Treasurer not comfortable moving money to out-of-county bank

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Board of Finance held a contentious meeting Tuesday, April 16. Last month, the redevelopment commission had requested Treasurer Rhonda Sanders take \$750,000 from one of their funds and move it to Springs Valley Bank in Jasper. The purpose of moving the money was because Springs Valley has a much higher interest rate than what is being offered at German American, where the money is currently held. When asked at last Tuesday's meeting whether the money had been moved, Sanders said she is new to the position and isn't comfortable doing that. Also, the county currently has a policy in place preventing doing business outside Martin County. Commissioner Cody Roush, who serves on the board of finance, said the policy needs to be changed in order to get the most investment. Sanders said she didn't want to do that at this time.

Roush replied that he doesn't understand why it is a big deal. He said it sounds to him like the treasurer is hiding behind this policy so the county can't have options. "Why wouldn't you want to have other options?" he asked. He said even if Springs Valley says they can do a higher interest rate, Sanders will just say they can't do anything because the policy wasn't changed.

Board Member Aaron Summers said Sanders is very new to the job of treasurer. Roush replied that Sanders applied for that job though. Sanders said she is still learning every day.

Attorney Dave Lett said the treasurer

Smith asked the commissioners what the plan is for the recycling building in Shoals. Commissioner George said they are planning to move some departments around, such as the prosecutor, surveyor and community corrections. Commissioner Cody Roush said the county is paying \$25,000 a year in rent for various offices. It was noted that the building currently housing community corrections in Loogootee has been sold so they will have to move out once their lease is up next year. It was also noted that the building currently housing the prosecutor's offices, that is rented by the county, is also not in very good shape.

Commissioner George said the redevelopment commission is considering purchasing the Patient First building on Main Street in Shoals as well to serve as a county building. Smith replied that the Patient First building is in poor shape and said there are patient records in the building along with drug paraphernalia and black mold. Commissioner George said they are looking into applying for grants to help with the renovation of the building after it is purchased.

The commissioners also approved loaning ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to the recycling center to help pay for a new transmission for their semi-truck that hauls cardboard and to

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has the sole authority when it comes to investing the county's money.

Representatives of German American were present at the meeting and said the county is seeing 2.65 percent interest in their operating budget. She said the county has invested in CDs as well.

Roush replied that they are looking into TrustINDiana which is a government investment pool and has a variable rate. He said they want to do more than just invest in CDs and with this program through Springs Valley, they monitor the interest rates and adjust investments to get the highest yield.

Board Member George asked if German American has a plan like this. The representative from German American said they do keep track of interest rates and if the board would look at past statements, they will see that German American provided varying increases in those rates.

Roush said the bottom line is the redevelopment commission asked the treasurer to move the money and she refuses to do it. He said he doesn't understand how it should be this way. "It doesn't sound feasible to me," he said.

Attorney Lett recommended the treasurer meet with German American and Springs Valley Bank and have them provide proposals for investing. He said then she can make her determination and bring that information back to the board of finance.

Sanders agreed to contact Springs Valley Bank but said she wouldn't be able to do that until after May 10.

Board Member George said the pro-

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April 30. He said the quote had a savings of 40 percent for a total cost of \$1,994.09 and he would hate to lose that savings. George and Roush said they could use ARPA funds for this as well.

Ader also told the board that an old compactor truck that has been sitting at the recycling center inoperable may just need a new computer. The truck has some electrical issues. He said they need to see if they can get it running.

The board discussed the cost associated with the recycling center taking in glass. Director Freeman said they have only been collecting glass for four months, however they are only making around \$300 per load. She said they originally started collecting glass for Strategic Material in Indianapolis, but it has turned into more of a hassle than a money maker. Freeman said there is a lot of labor involved with the handling of the glass and keeping it organized and they were told they could separate clear and colored glass to make a little more money. She said this would come with more labor but would bring in an additional \$100 per load. Board Member Roush said they just need to stop picking up glass if it's not making any money. Freeman said they are going to upset people if they stop. She said they have been picking up a large volume of glass from the VFW and American Legions in Loogootee and Shoals. Roush said again that they need to stop picking it up if they are not making money and made a motion to end glass pick up. Not one seconded the motion.

The board then discussed charging businesses in Martin County for glass pick up. Freeman said they can get glass very quickly so the loads can generate income quickly. The board agreed that charging Martin County businesses \$20 per pick up would be the best idea. "The days of free are about over," said Board Member George. He added that they don't want to end glass recycling if possible because the solid waste district's purpose is to recycle. Freeman said she has reached out to Strategic Material multiple times to find out if they would be willing to pay for the glass they are getting but she hasn't had any success.

The board discussed putting the solid waste district back on the tax levy instead of charging \$24 a year for each parcel that contains a home. Attorney Dave Lett said the process needs to start now in order for it to be completed by June. Board Member Mike Engleman asked what impact being on the tax levy would have on property owners. Auditor Norris said that is hard to determine because the solid waste board would have to decide on a tax rate. She said the last time the solid waste was on the tax levy, the rate was .03 per \$100 of assessed property value which would now generate \$160,000 a year. She said the highest it went was .04 per \$100 of assessed property value which would generate \$213,000 a year based on today's total assessed value. It was noted that the property tax levy impacts farmland substantially more than the asset fee. Board Member Ader noted the asset fee would have to go up to as much as \$60 per parcel to give the recycling center enough money to operate. He said the tax rate set would have to generate at least \$200,000. The solid waste board would recommend a rate however the county council would have to give approval. A public hearing would also have to be held.

Board Member Ader said the bottom line is they have to be able to stay afloat which means they need to go back on the tax levy.

Jenny Dearwester, who was in the audience, asked how receiving \$100,000 from the sale of the Shoals building was going to help. She said the recycling cen-

ter currently has \$40,000 in bills currently owed, will have to pay the county back for the ARPA funds and owes \$23,000 in insurance.

Director Freeman said she has never had a fresh start since being the recycling center director because there have been past due bills since she took the position. Dearwester replied that she doesn't believe the \$100,000 from the Shoals property is going to give her the fresh start she needs.

It was noted that there is still an outstanding balance for a loan through German American that is supposed to be paid back when the asset fee money comes in around June. That loan balance is \$65,000.

"There's no money to be made here," said Board Member Roush. "It's just tanking, tanking, tanking, and we've been dumping money into this place like no other." He said the center needs to operate within its means.

"How are you going to do it?" asked Dearwester.

Board Member Ader said the center has not been run properly in the past, before Freeman arrived. He said there are discrepancies in the books, and it needs to be looked at. He said they do have controls in place now to be more diligent on how money is being spent.

Dearwester asked why the recycling center can't just go back to being a recycling center. She said they can take recyclables from Martin County residents and stop doing all the extra out of county work. She said the current asset fee can be used to just provide basic recycling services to county residents.

Ader said he agrees they should stop taking things like trash and construction debris if it's costing them money. He said they have to find ways to save money if they are not making anything. Attorney Lett said taking in trash was originally started to help clean up the county. Several members of the board agreed that the county does look better since the recycling center started. Bookkeeper June Eckerle also noted the amount of trash that has been picked up in the county by community corrections and how that also helps the county look better.

Dearwester said again that she thinks the recycling center just needs to be a recycling center. Board Member Roush said they need to stop doing free work and charge more if that's what they need to do. He said they need to downsize to get the budget where it needs to be.

Freeman said they are currently getting \$150 per ton of cardboard and \$165 per ton of paper. Roush replied that they need to just concentrate on those things then and helping Martin County residents. He said they need to stop doing all the other work going to other counties. He said it's ridiculous that there are employees not receiving a paycheck. "That's absolutely horrible practice. I can't approve of that," he said.

"Everybody can jump down my throat if they want about how things are going. I'm not the one that got it into this mess, I'm the one trying to get it out," said Director Freeman.

Roush replied that Freeman should not get defensive because the board believes she is doing a good job. "It's not toward you," he said.

Board Member Engleman asked if the tax rate is set and the recycling center does get to the point it is breaking even, could the board revisit the rate and potentially reduce it. Attorney Lett said it could be changed, with public hearings and council approval.

The board approved moving forward with going back on the tax levy. Board Member Engleman voted against it. It was explained that the approval was just to start the process and not set the rate yet. They requested Auditor Norris come

up with estimates prior to discussing setting the rate.

The board also approved hiring Jim Higgins to do a full audit on the recycling center's books for at least the last four years. Board Member Ader said there was some foolish spending in years past and he wants the books checked for misuse.

Board Member Roush requested a breakdown of each service provided by the recycling center and how much is being spent to provide that service. He said if the center keeps blowing through money and nothing gets changed, they are never going to be able to operate within

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replace and repair lights inside the building through a Duke Energy program. Auditor Michelle Norris said only \$10,500 of ARPA money is available to be spent since that's all the county council agreed to allocate. She said she's not sure if that is enough to cover the transmission and installation costs. Commissioner George said the recycling center may have to come up with money out of their budget to cover the rest. The stipulation with giving the money is that it will be paid back to the ARPA fund.

Attorney Lett said the solid waste board had discussed having the county auditor take over the bookkeeping for solid waste. Auditor Norris said she is against doing this based on the current state of the solid waste's accounts plus the extra costs associated with adding bookkeeping software. She said she didn't want the county to be liable for the debts. Attorney Lett said the county wouldn't be liable for the debts. Norris replied that the county would be responsible for telling vendors they are not getting paid, and she isn't comfortable with that. Attorney Lett said he believes it is obvious something needs to be done to help the recycling center with their bookkeeping. Commissioner George said he is strongly against the auditor taking over the bookkeeping duties. Commissioner Roush said he un-

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posals need to compare "apples to apples" because they are not interested in CDs. He said they want the ability to access the money when they want unlike when it is invested in a CD.

Board Member Roush said a bank needs to be in the county seat and the department heads at the courthouse are currently driving back and forth to Loogootee to make deposits. He said he feels that German American has dropped the ball in investing Martin County's money, especially since the interest rates have been so high.

Board Member Summers said it would be nice to get a bank in Shoals again. Sanders replied that it is only seven miles to Loogootee from Shoals. She said she believes it is illegal to tell a bank that if they put a branch in Shoals, the county would give them money. "Is it a bribe?" she asked. Attorney Lett replied that it wasn't a bribe. "We definitely don't want to throw around words like that," said Board Member George.

Sanders said she doesn't think \$750,000 is enough to entice a bank and she thought the redevelopment commission was going to spend that money anyway. Board Member Roush replied that they may spend some of it, but they want to get the highest interest rate now so that money can go back into the redevelopment commission. It was noted that the \$750,000 is money not used for operating expenses for the redevelopment commission and is savings. He said the county has missed out on \$40,000 a year in interest by not reinvesting the money.

Board Member George told Sanders

their means. The board asked Director Freeman if she could get the numbers together breaking down glass, plastic, cardboard, clothing, utilities, payroll, etc. to see where they are losing money. Freeman said she could do that.

"We've got to learn to operate this place efficiently and within our budget," said Roush adding that they don't want to have to shut down the Loogootee or Shoals centers.

The board will hold a special meeting this Thursday, April 25 at 8:30 a.m. to go over the numbers Freeman will come up with.

derstands where George is coming from but said it is clear things have not been done properly with the bookkeeping at the recycling center based on past decisions. The board decided not to pursue the issue further.

The commissioners discussed paying for the audit the solid waste board wants to do on the records dating back at least four years. Attorney Lett plans to reach out to CPA Jim Higgins to find out what the cost will be. The commissioners agreed they would like to go back further than four years, depending on the cost. Attorney Lett said he would contact Higgins to get more information.

The commissioners discussed the fact that Human Resources Director Amy Rincker and Veteran Service Officer Wes Rincker have both submitted their resignation. The commissioners discussed whether Amy Rincker would consider working part-time as a consultant until they could find someone else. They said it was going to be difficult to find someone qualified within Rincker's two-week notice. Lett said they can talk to her about it to see if she is interested.

Mary Smith, from the audience, said most counties have a full-time veteran service officer because it's an important job taking care of veterans. She said Martin County has never paid the position well for all the work that is involved.

that if Springs Valley is the best option she understands they will have to change the policy. Sanders said she understood.

In other business Treasurer Sanders said a president and secretary of the board of finance needs to be appointed because it wasn't done at their last meeting. The board approved Paul George to serve as president. Board Member Summers then nominated Roush to serve as secretary. Roush refused. "If she's going to make all the decisions and not work with anybody, I want no part of it," said Roush. Roush then nominated Summers. Summers was approved.

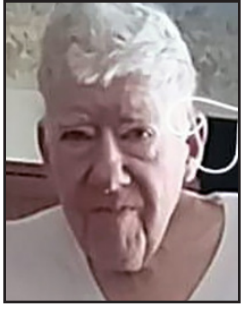
Treasurer Sanders reported there are outstanding checks that are more than two years old and need to be voided or sent to Indiana Unclaimed. She said they are carrying these checks on the cashbook. The board approved voiding the checks and sending them to Indiana Unclaimed. Board Member Roush noted there are employees who have outstanding checks. Board Member George asked that employees be contacted, if possible, and for the treasurer to verify with the businesses associated with uncashed checks to make sure there are no outstanding balances.

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# OBITUARIES

## LARRY HOTZ

Larry Eugene "Tune-Up" Hotz, 79, of Loogootee, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2024. A resident of Loogootee, he was 79.



He was born January 26, 1945, in Loogootee; son of Fred and Nellie (Phillips) Hotz.

Larry graduated from Loogootee

High School, retired from the Army National Guard after over 20 years of service, and was in the Civil Defense. He also retired from Acme Metal in Jasper.

He married Betty Tommy on March 7, 1964, and she preceded him in death on

June 16, 2011. He married Edna Roberts, and she survives.

Larry enjoyed working on anything and having a garden.

Surviving are his children, Linda (Paul) Lentz, Brenda (Dave) Lythgoe, and Karen (Randy) Chrisman; and grandchildren, Daniel Hotz, Tyler (Amanda) Lythgoe, Kendra (Chris) Lythgoe, and Daniel, Brittany, Joey Chrisman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Betty Tommy.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church on Thursday, April 25.

Graveside rites will be conducted following the visitation at the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church Cemetery on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Queen-Lee

Chapel of George Funeral Care to assist with funeral expenses. Envelopes will be available at the church on Thursday as well as this link <https://www.queenlee.com/make-a-payment>.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care.

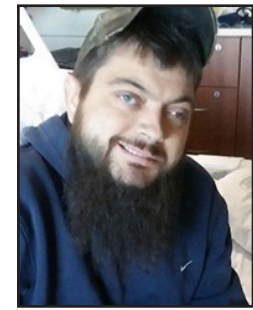
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Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Donna Hedrick.

## MICHAEL DECKER

Dwayne Michael Decker passed away Monday, April 22, 2024, at his home. A resident of Odon, he was 37.



He was born June 15, 1986, in Champaign, Illinois; son of Alan and Peggy Melisa "Lisa" Neeley.

Michael enjoyed working on cars and collecting knives. Friends and family would regularly hear him rem-

inisce about his days as a roof bolter in the coal mines.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lisa Neeley.

Michael is survived by his fiancée, Jessica McClure of Odon; children, Sophie, Landon, Michaelon, Elijah, Miner Decker and Olivia Lucas; father, Alan Neeley of Loogootee; siblings, Dustin (Erin) Decker of Loogootee, Travis Decker of Champaign, Illinois; and Bobby Craven of Paoli; grandmother, Sharon Morin; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 25 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 25 from 4 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Blake Funeral Home.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dwayne Michael Decker.

## DONNA HEDRICK

Donna Hedrick passed away at 9 a.m. Thursday, April 18, 2024, at her home. A resident of Montgomery, she was 80.



She was born January 23, 1944, in Washington; daughter of the late Eric and Sarah (Alford) Webber.

Donna married Dan Hedrick on September 7, 1963, and he survives.

Donna was a member of St. Peter Catholic Church and the church choir. She enjoyed ceramics, quilting, dancing, and singing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eric and Sarah Webber and sister, Carolyn Kerns.

Donna is survived by her husband, Dan Hedrick of Montgomery; children, Brent (Rhonda) Hedrick of Indianapolis, Sarah (Raymond) Smith of Brownsburg, Rodney (Melissa) Hedrick of Loogootee, and Aaron Hedrick of Greenwood; 13 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and siblings, Sharon Grannan, Jack Webber, and Janet McGee.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, April 22 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Heart to Heart Hos-

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percent in February to 5 percent in March. The county had the sixth highest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with LaPorte and Sullivan counties.

In March, the county had 13,271 residents in the workforce with 663 of them without work. In February, there were 13,415 residents able to work and 681 of them were unemployed. In March of 2023, Greene County's unemployment rate was 4.3 percent with 13,572 residents in the workforce and 586 of them without work.

The top ten spots in the state with the lowest jobless rate for March were Gibson County at 3 percent, Dubois and Daviess counties at 3.1 percent, Posey, Hamilton, Clinton and Boone counties at 3.2 percent; and Union, Tipton, Steuben, Perry, and Hendricks counties at 3.3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for March were Lake County at 6 percent, Fayette and Howard counties at 5.5 percent, Starke County at 5.4 percent, Vermillion County at 5.3 percent, Greene, LaPorte and Sullivan counties at 5 percent; and Delaware and Fulton counties at 4.9 percent.

The unemployment rate of the State of Indiana in March stands at 3.5 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for March stands at 3.8 percent.

In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate stands at 62.6 percent for March, while the national rate is 62.7 percent. This rate is the percentage of Hoosiers 16 and older that are either working or actively looking for work. Those not in the labor force include, primarily, students, retirees and other non-working populations, such as individuals unable to work due to a disability or illness, or

adults responsible for their family's child-care needs.

Indiana's total labor force stands at 3,380,807 - a decrease of 8,595 from the previous month.

"March 2024 was yet another record month for Indiana employment with more Hoosiers employed in the private sector than ever before," said DWD Commissioner Richard Paulk. "We saw an increase in demand for workers within six industry sectors including Private Education and Health Services and Professional and Business Services. These sectors added over two thousand jobs to Indiana. Combining these numbers with exciting announcements of new opportunities, including the SK Hynix announcement, shows the strength of the Indiana economy."

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 3,300 jobs over the last month, resulting in a gain of 34,500 jobs from this time last year. Indiana's March private employment stands at 2,845,500.

Industries that experienced job increases in March included:

Private Educational and Health Services (+1,200);

Professional and Business Services (+1,100);

Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+800);

Construction (+400);

Leisure and Hospitality (+300); and

Financial Activities (+100).

As of April 16, 2024, there were 105,593 open job postings throughout the state. As of the week ending March 30, 2024, Indiana had 23,998 continued unemployment insurance claims filed.

Individuals looking for work, training or career information are encouraged to visit [in.gov/dwd/job-seekers](http://in.gov/dwd/job-seekers).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

12:22 a.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard north of Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

1:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Doane responded. No transport was needed.

2:34 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

6:51 a.m. - Received a 911 call from Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

7:54 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check southwest of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:37 a.m. - Received multiple calls reporting a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:25 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

9:55 a.m. - Sergeant Wells transported one inmate to court.

10:12 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance west of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

12:04 p.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm northeast of Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

12:25 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. No transport was needed.

1:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible break in in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3 and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. No one was transported.

5:29 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

6:16 p.m. - Received a report of trash being dumped southeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

7:11 p.m. - Received a call from Life-line advising of a medical alarm push in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:53 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. No one was transported.

7:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call request-

ing an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

11:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting a loud, explosion like noise in Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

7:41 a.m. - Received a call reporting a road closure in Shoals.

9:45 a.m. - Sergeant Wells transported four inmates to court.

10:03 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Daviess County was also notified.

10:12 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:35 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported four inmates to court.

1:21 p.m. - Chief Deputy Keller and Corporal Hawkins transported five inmates to court.

1:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting harassment in Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver west of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

5:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

7:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Major Reed responded. Daviess County was also notified.

7:31 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

8:38 p.m. - Received a call from Smithville Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Major Reed responded.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

6:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

9:19 a.m. - Received a call advising Poplar Care Strategies were testing fire alarms today.

11:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a suspicious male north of Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

11:42 a.m. - Received a call reporting fraud in Hendricks County. Advised caller to call their local police department.

2:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a forest fire southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson, and Forestry Service Officer Woodberry responded. No one was transported. REMC was also notified.

3:27 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

5:41 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Dubois County address. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

6:31 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

11:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Major Reed and Deputy Baumgart responded. No transport was needed.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

4:20 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer south of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

6:16 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls from an address in Loogootee with no one on the line. Major Reed and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

8:12 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle repossession in Loogootee.

8:26 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported two inmates to court.

9:58 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported four inmates to court.

11:33 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

11:38 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

12:31 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

3:13 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a trespasser in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

11:07 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:13 p.m. - Received a report of same tree down. Advised units are enroute.

11:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting that a tree had fallen on a car east of Shoals. There were no injuries. Deputy Erwin, Deputy Shields, and Deputy Baumgart responded.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

12:03 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

3:35 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:57 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Stivers responded.

8:47 a.m. - Received a report of a pole down in Shoals. Duke Energy was notified.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

3:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person east of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:49 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Loo-

gootee with no one on the line. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Deputy Branham responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting property damage in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible trespassing southwest of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

8:46 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Erwin, Deputy Shields, and Deputy Baumgart responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a noise complaint from a Daviess County address. Notified Daviess County.

10:49 p.m. - Received a noise complaint from a Daviess County address. Advised caller to contact Daviess County.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:13 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Captain Harmon responded.

12:07 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

2:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham and Deputy Shields responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver traveling west on US 50. Deputy Branham and Deputy Shields responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible threat north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Deputy Shields, and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

7:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

1:21 a.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

1:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 50, traveling west. Sergeant Wells responded.

2:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Stivers responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a possible fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3 and Sergeant Wells responded. No transport was needed.

7:04 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a call advising Loogootee Water will be flushing hydrants this week.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED April 15

Isabella E. Goodpaster, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; two counts of possession of marijuana, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class A Infraction, dismissed; open alcoholic beverage container during operation of motor vehicle, a Class C Infraction, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Mary M. Cole, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Karry Eugene Prysock, theft, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed April 10

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. David Wilson, civil collection.

### April 16

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Frank Fields, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Gabrielle Johnson, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS April 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Brian Bridgewater in the amount of \$12,272.43.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED April 16

Bradley Survance vs. Duke Energy, Indiana, civil penalty, dismissed.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES April 11

John Owen of Shoals and Joni Blaker of Shoals.

### April 12

Johnathan Wells of Loogootee and Kenadi Rumble of Loogootee.

# Loogootee Police Department activity log

## MONDAY, APRIL 15

8:01 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at the Martin County Credit Union.

12:30 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

2:20 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

7:53 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Strange Avenue.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16

10:18 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Vine Street.

2:32 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Behind The Wire Ministries.

7:42 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at O'Reilly's Auto

Parts.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

11:34 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call near West Boggs Park.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18

4:20 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on St. Joseph Road.

6:16 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on North Line Street.

10:53 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on US Highway 231.

1:34 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Main Street.

9:05 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the Loogootee Elementary School.

10:10 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Oak Street.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19

4:49 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Locust Street.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

2:05 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

6:23 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Arvin Lane.

6:31 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call near High Street.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

10:20 a.m. - Officer Stivers responded to a call on Lincoln Avenue.

12:05 p.m. - Officer Stivers responded to a call on First Street.

2:12 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Stivers responded to a medical call on Church Street.

# ARRESTS

## MONDAY, APRIL 15

2:55 p.m. - Anthony Clements, 39, of Crane, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and charged with failure to complete furlough at Lighthouse Recovery Center. He is being held without bond.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16

3:40 p.m. - Audrey Mattingly, 36, of Noblesville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

12:43 p.m. - Rafael Dominguez, 27, of Miami Florida, was arrested by Captain Gibson and charged with resisting law enforcement with a vehicle. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

2:04 p.m. - Joshua Holtsclaw, 33, of Solsberry, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18

3:26 p.m. - Charles Hellums, 50, of

Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Stivers and charged with burglary and theft. He is being held on \$45,000 10% bond. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner assisted with the arrest.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 20

1:31 a.m. - Christopher Monroe, 44, of Austin, Indiana, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a schedule V controlled substance. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

2:22 a.m. - John Jewell, 34, of Shoals,

was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

12:23 p.m. - Jonathon Spurgeon, 23, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Doane and charged with possession of marijuana. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

1:54 p.m. - Mary Petry, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

# Martin County real estate transfers

Teresa M. Nolley, of Martin County, Indiana to Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 160 in the original plat of the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 159 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Community School Corporation to Loogootee School Building Corporation, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.488 acres, more or less.

Charles W. Emmons, Aramita Baurfiend and Carla Kern, of Martin County, Indiana to Charles W. Emmons, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter; and a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 3 acres, more or less.

Mary J. Young, of Martin County, Indiana to Michelle Goldsberry, of Orange County, Indiana, Lot Number 24 in Section II of Sawmill Ridge.

Robert L. Buchta, Wilma B. Buchta and Beth E. Buchta, of Martin County, Indiana to the State of Indiana, a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.200 acres, more or less.

Phillip Emmons, of Martin County, Indiana to Robert Leon Emmons and Jilda Sue Tow and Clayton Tow and Keylee Tow, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, containing 8 1/2 acres, more or less.

Keith L. Emmons, of Martin County, Indiana to Robert Leon Emmons and Jilda Sue Tow and Clayton Tow and Keylee Tow, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 1 1/3 acres, more or less.



# Corner Cafe

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A man brings his Chihuahua to the vet. They're immediately taken to a room. Soon, a Labrador walks in sniffs the Chihuahua, and leaves.

Then a cat comes in, stares at the dog, and leaves.

Finally, the doctor comes in, prescribes some medicine, and hands the man a \$250 bill.

"This must be a mistake," the man says. "I've only been here 20 minutes!"

"No mistake," the doctor says. "It's \$100 for the Lab test, \$100 for the cat scan, and \$50 for the medicine." (editor's comment: Scott's rates are more reasonable!)

### RIDDLES

1. Why don't cats tell a lot of stories?
2. Why did the belt go to jail?
3. Two walkie talkies got married.
4. What causes dry skin?
5. What do you call sad coffee?

A woman went to visit a friend and was amazed to find her playing chess with her kitten.

After watching the game for a while, she said, "I can hardly believe my eyes! That's the smartest kitten I've ever seen!"

Her friend turned to her and said, "He's not so smart — I've beaten him three games out of five!"

\*Some of you are unaware of just how amazing you really are. The way you make people laugh, lift others up, or spread some extra love. You do this even

though you are struggling too, and I think it makes you such a beautiful human being.

### ANSWERS

1. They only have one tail. 2. It held up a pair of pants. 3. The reception was amazing. 4. A towel. 5. Depresso.

### TEN THINGS TO LET GO OF

1. Other people's approval. You don't need it! Focus on making yourself proud!
2. Your comfort zone. All the good stuff is on the outside in the "Growth Zone."
3. Old stories about yourself. You're the author of your own story. Start telling a new one.
4. Dwelling on the Past/Future. Both are illusions. The magic lies in the present moment.
5. The need for control. Focus on what you can control and let go of the rest.
6. The need for certainty. Venture into the unknown — that's where you'll find yourself.
7. Being "productive" all the time. You're a human being not a human doing.
8. Feeling 100% "Ready." If you wait until you're ready, you'll be waiting forever.
9. Perfection (It doesn't exist). That imperfect post, email, or episode can change someone's day.
10. Judgment of self and others. We all deserve compassion. Let's stop separating and isolating ourselves.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee City-Wide Yard Sales

Loogootee City-Wide Yard Sales, May 10 and 11. If you would like to be put on the list, contact Tracy Brown-Salsman 812-709-5772.

### Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, April 26 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required, first come first serve.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St,

Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### LUMC Food Pantry

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

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SWCD office located at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. (April-October) and at 6:30 p.m. (November-March). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 812-295-3149 for assistance.



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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

April 24, 2024

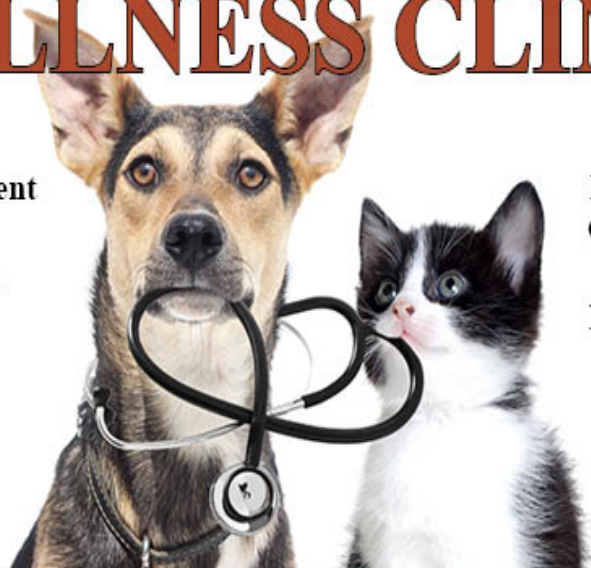
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Spring planting time is well underway, but it is important to wait until the soil is ready for your plants. Several factors affect the planting time for different plants.

Temperature is a major factor in deciding when to plant. While trees, shrubs and perennials hardy to this zone will tolerate cool soils, tender plants, including vegetable starts and annual flowers, need for the soil to be warmer to thrive. Planted when the soil is too cool, the plants will, at best, sit there and not develop until the soil warms. On the other hand, some plants will develop problems, including root rot. The same is true of seeds. Some need warmth for germination and planted too soon may result in rotting seeds. It is best to wait until the soil is warm enough for healthy growth.

Moisture is also needed for plant development and seed germination, but April showers often bring too much moisture. It is best to stay out of the garden when the soil is too wet. Make a ball of soil and drop it from about five feet off the ground. If the ball falls apart, it is dry enough to work the soil. If the ball remains intact, the soil is too wet. Walking on the wet soil will cause compaction that may plague you for a long time.

Soils are not equal. Clay soils tend to hold moisture longer but are also more subject to compaction. Sandy soil will have good drainage but may not hold enough moisture to promote good plant growth. It takes organic matter to improve the tilth of the soil. The easiest way to add organic matter is with compost. You may purchase compost or make your own. As I noted in the planting instructions last week, the best way to add compost is to put it on top of the soil surface and let the earthworms and insects in the soil incorporate it into the

soil.

In the past, it was recommended to till compost into the soil, but tilling may be counterproductive. The soil contains many living organisms, and tilling may kill those organisms. Soil scientists have learned that certain fungi form a symbiotic relationship with the roots of plants. These are known as mycorrhizae. I will not pretend to know how mycorrhizae work, but they enable plant roots to take up minerals, and in turn, the fungi are nourished by products produced by the plants. Both organisms benefit from this arrangement.

This is one of the reasons that many farmers have converted to no-till operations, using a drill planter to plant seed with minimal disturbance to the surrounding soil. This practice has the bonus effect of reducing erosion of the soil. The easiest way to incorporate this practice in your vegetable patch or flower garden is to garden in raised beds. Not only are you able to control the soil used in the beds, but you may plant with minimal disturbance.

Friday, April 26 is Arbor Day in Indiana. It is a good time to plant a tree. If you do not have room in your landscape for a new tree, consider donating a tree to be planted in a park or other public space, or donating a tree to an area where wildfires have destroyed the forests. Planting a tree demonstrated your hope for the future.

I want to thank everyone who came and purchased plants last Saturday at the Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners' plant sale in Orleans. It was a very successful sale, and I was able to meet readers from Orange, Crawford, Martin and Lawrence counties. Enjoy your new plants.

## USDA partners with FarmRaise to offer educational tools and resources for agricultural producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently unveiled a new, online Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) Decision Tool and farm loan resources available to agricultural producers and cooperators who help producers access USDA disaster assistance, farm loans and other federal farm programs. The new LIP tool and the farm loan informational video resources were developed in partnership with FarmRaise and USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA). These tools are now available at [www.farmraise.com/usda-fsa](http://www.farmraise.com/usda-fsa).

"By providing collaborative outreach and technical assistance to the agricultural community, the Farm Service Agency's partnerships with organizations like FarmRaise, Inc. increase awareness of and broader participation in our extensive suite of farm and farm loan programs," said FSA State Executive Director Julia A. Wickard. "Offering innovative tools and resources with help from our cooperators breaks down program delivery barriers ensuring equitable access to our programs for millions of rural, urban and small-scale to mid-sized producers."

Current FarmRaise Tools and Resources

FarmRaise, Inc. has created an online, educational hub -- called Farm Service Agency 101 -- comprised of videos, and resources that enable cooperators and the agricultural producers they serve to learn about and access major FSA programs.

The newly launched LIP Decision Tool assists livestock producers who suffered losses from eligible adverse weather events and other causes of loss as well as cooperators who are helping disaster-impacted livestock producers navigate available federal disaster assistance programs. The optional decision tool gives producers guidance on what is needed to gather and submit required loss documentation, reducing the amount of time needed to complete applications and enabling FSA county office staff to deliver much-needed assistance faster. Using this tool, however, is not an application for benefits or a determination of eligibility.

Through use of the LIP tool, livestock producers can provide supporting documentation, inventory numbers, and loss numbers to FSA county offices. Doing so, in advance of the initial county office visit, will help FSA staff serve customers more effectively and efficiently. Producers will also need to complete an application for LIP assistance and, upon request, may be asked to provide additional supporting documentation.

LIP offers payments to livestock producers for livestock deaths in excess of normal mortality caused by qualifying adverse weather events. LIP also covers losses due to eligible diseases and attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the federal government or protected by federal law. This includes attacks by wolves and predatory birds.

In addition to the new LIP Decision Tool, the FarmRaise educational hub offers several, easily navigated farm loan programs how-to videos designed to introduce producers to FSA's many farm loan programs options and guide them through the application process.

More FSA program resources and tools will soon be added to the FarmRaise educational hub. Cooperators and agricultural producers are encouraged to visit the FarmRaise educational hub

often to access all available resources.

About the Partnership

USDA cooperators are organizations on the frontlines of access and often are the first point of contact connecting farmers to USDA programs. The partnership between FarmRaise, Inc. and FSA, through a cooperative agreement, aims to improve producer participation and customer experience in USDA programs through education and technical assistance to young, beginning, and small-scale to mid-sized producers, producers with disabilities, and veterans.

"We're thrilled to partner with our colleagues in the U.S. Department of Agriculture to drive financial access through digital education," said Jayce Hafner, the CEO of FarmRaise. "Growing up on an Angus beef cattle farm in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, my family experienced the positive impact of USDA programs on both our soil health and our balance sheet. This effort will take a team of teams, and we're eager to collaborate with cooperators to build impactful tools that will most benefit their unique missions and diverse farmer communities in the decades to come. FarmRaise aims to propel our nation's agricultural community into a transformative era of unprecedented growth, resilience and success."

By developing a digital educational hub that delivers free, user-friendly, producer and cooperator-tested resources USDA and FarmRaise, Inc. will help FSA expedite program delivery to agricultural producers. The hub offers how-to videos and visual aids that educate producers about FSA programs and prepares them for submitting applications for program participation.

More Information

For more information about FSA farm and farm loan programs, visit [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov) or contact your local USDA Service Center - [farmers.gov/service-center-locator](http://farmers.gov/service-center-locator). To learn more about FarmRaise, visit [farmraise.com](http://farmraise.com).

## National Volunteer Week celebration with the DNR

Every year more than 12,000 volunteers across the state contribute countless hours on Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) properties.

During National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, the DNR will thank and recognize those volunteers for caring for Indiana's natural and cultural resources and salute their accomplishments on agency social media accounts. To follow DNR official social media accounts, see [on.IN.gov/dnrsocial](http://on.IN.gov/dnrsocial).

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, explore [on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer](http://on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer) or contact your local DNR property to learn more.

Visit [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov) and the volunteer link listed earlier for listings of programs and events for April 21-27.

For more information or to get answers to questions about volunteering for DNR, email [DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov).

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# Martin County 4-H Youth perform at contest held in conjunction with mental health fair

The Martin County 4-H Youth Performing Arts Contest and the Martin County Children's Mental Health Fair was held on Thursday, April 18 at The Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. More than 20 vendors and around 100 attendees enjoyed the youth performances presented by 21 4-H members. The Hidden in Plain Sight trailer was incorporated and available all evening for adults to tour and learn about some devastating trends in child drug and alcohol abuse.

The Jolly Jug Rox Club, led by Mimi Hawkins, Audra Deckard, and Rhonda Sanders presented "Are You Smarter Than A 4-H'er," a seven-minute skit featuring Club Members Riley Andis, Aydan Haulk, William Hert, Hunter Hilderbrand, Eyan Hovis, Elizabeth Jones, Phoebe Jones, Ray Money, Lucas Neideffer, Acelynn Rice, Casper Rice, Anniston Taylor, Lane Taylor, Luke Troutman, Wes Troutman, Alysse Wadsworth, Nathaniel White, and Sabastian White.

A Curtain Musical Act was presented by 4-Her Eva Ringwald titled "Beauty and the Beast Instrumental."

A Curtain Non-Musical Act was presented by 4-Her's Elizabeth Jones and Phoebe Jones titled "Bedtime Chaos."

All three Martin County acts are qualified to advance to Area 3 Contest.

The Area 3 Contest will be held Friday, May 3 at Jasper Middle School Auditorium 3600 N Portersville Rd. Jasper, Indiana and is open to the public beginning at 6:15 p.m. CT/7:15 p.m. EST. Judges at this contest will select two acts and one alternate to perform at Purdue University 4-H Round Up in June.

Organizers of the event thank Edward Jones / Brent Courter and RTC Communications for their financial support of the event. The Martin County Children's Mental Health Fair was brought to Mar-

tin County by The Family Health Center with support from FSSA Division of Mental Health & Addiction, Purdue Extension and Martin County 4-H.

About Performing Arts: 4-H Performing Arts Event is an entertaining event designed to allow 4-H members to exhibit their talent in a fun way. Categories include musical, non-musical, and group acts. Examples of a 4-H Performing Arts acts include singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, and performing a funny skit. A limited number of performances at an area event are invited to perform at 4-H Round-Up.



Eva Ringwald performed a curtain musical act "Beauty and the Beast Instrumental", at the contest. She is shown above with Miss Martin County 2023 Cheaney Archer.



-Photos provided

Pictured are members of the group act "Are You Smarter than a 4-H'er" skit. Eyan Hovis, William Hert, Aydan Haulk, Lane Taylor, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Money, Riley Andis, Acelynn Rice, Hunter Hilderbrand, Nathaniel White, Bentlee Witt, Wes Troutman, Lucas Neideffer, Miss Martin County 2023 Cheaney Archer, Anniston Taylor, Casper Rice, Phoebe Jones, Luke Troutman, Sabastian White, and Alysse Wadsworth.



Shown above are Elizabeth Jones, Miss Martin County 2023 Cheaney Archer, and Phoebe Jones. The Jones girls presented a curtain non-musical act, "Bedtime Chaos" at the event.

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# Home economics open class for this year's 4-H Fair

BY KAREN MANN  
4-H Open Class Organizer

It's that time of the year to start thinking about this year's Open Class at the Martin County 4-H Fair, which this year will run from Thursday, July 11 through Tuesday, July 16. All open class exhibits will be checked in on Monday, July 8 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

The only change this year, as far as the entries, is that we've added additional entries under the canning section; those being juice, sauce and miscellaneous.

The departments in the open class are baking, canning, gardening, flowers, fine arts, handicraft, needlework, quilts and photography. I will go into further details about each department in future articles.

The general rules are each exhibitor may only enter one article per section. An entry fee of 50 cents will be charged for

each section in each department in which an entry is made. If there is only one exhibit in a section and it is not worthy of a first-place award, it can be awarded second, third or none. First place will be awarded a blue ribbon and \$1, second place red ribbon and 75 cents and third place white and 50 cents will be awarded in each section. The premium from these ribbons is sponsored by Martin County Farm Bureau, Inc.

From the blue ribbons in each section a grand champion will be awarded with a gift certificate. An overall award for outstanding exhibitor will be awarded to the person with the most exhibits, in case of a tie, the exhibitor with the most grand champions will be awarded top exhibitor will receive a gift certificate.

Any previous exhibit cannot be exhibited again. This open class is open to any person of any age and any county. The exhibit must be the work of the exhibitor.

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Here's our question of the day; what does it take to wake you when it's time to get up in the morning? Alarm clocks? Your phone? Sunlight pouring in the window? Personally, I don't need any outside influences because I have this built-in alarm clock in my spinal column. A dull ache, a familiar friend and one that has been with me as long as I can remember, wakes me every morning as it makes its way through my lower back. I always roll over, looking for a comfortable position where the ache will go away, but it never helps. This quick daily pass through my own personal purgatory is the downside to living long enough to become a senior citizen as well as the punishment for ignoring the nuns at St. John's who warned me to 'sit up straight'.

Regardless, this morning, the ache in my back told me it's time to wake up just about the time that the rising sunlight made its way through my eyelids, telling me to open my bleary eyes and get ready to face the day. I sat up slowly, pausing to let my heartbeat catch up with the rest of me, took a deep breath and prepared to steel myself for the stinging sensation that was coming as I tried to stand up straight. A few minutes later, I'm on my feet and the throbbing has subsided after a bit of stretching and a lot of groaning. The calm is short-lived however as the relief takes a backseat to another of my daily visitors, a thought which dominates my brain; refusing to allow even the tiniest contemplation of my backache. Coffee, my mind kept telling me to find coffee.

Ten minutes later, I'm sitting upright in my desk chair, sipping on the first of my two morning cups of coffee and as I felt the caffeine -along with the Tylenol- creep through my veins, I pondered once again what might help an aching back. Maybe I need one of those Sleep Number beds but as a person who can never decide what to have for lunch, I doubt I'd ever be able to settle on what my number should be.

But wait a minute. What am I doing here? This wasn't supposed to be a tale of bad backs. (1) However, you may have already noticed that I tend to let my thoughts wander instead of remaining focused on the subject at hand. My original idea when I sat down today was to tell you about something I've noticed about coffee. Now, here I am halfway through this drivel with no good way to change the subject. Where's a suitable seamless segue when you need one? It's awkward but I still have space to fill so I'm just going to change direction and apologize to the journalism purists later.

When Susie and I sat down some years ago to put together a retirement budget, I never figured we'd be adding coffee as a line item. (2) Prices today have caused us to be very vigilant in our quest for inexpensive coffee and this resulted in my noticing the wide variety of container sizes for coffee; sizes that make no sense to me.

Back in the day when I was a sack boy at Bud and Frank's Red and White grocery in Loogootee, (3) I seem to remember that coffee came in two container sizes: 1 and 3 pounds. That worked just fine for a good part of my life but now, neither of those sizes can be found on the shelves. Folgers's Medium Roast can be found in 25.9, 33.7, 40.3 or 43.5 ounces while their French roast comes in at 22.6 ounces. Their House Blend is 1 pound, 11.8 ounces but their breakfast blend is 1 pound, 13.2 ounces. Maxwell House is no better with their medium roast containing .30.6 or 42.5-ounce containers. It's all too much for an elderly man such as myself who is shopping for coffee. I doubt that even taking my slide rule along on a trip to the grocery would help much.

Regardless, one thing that both companies used to do was brag on the label that the contents will make up to a certain range of six-ounce cups (180 to 210, for example). I didn't find that on any containers during my recent extensive research. Apparently, they don't do that anymore. I wondered why and a quick internet search found the answer. A story in the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel revealed that a class action lawsuit was filed when the coffee container failed to yield the number of cups in the range stated on the label.

I tried to sort out all this container size business and make sense of it all, but it soon had my head spinning and I gave up. A friend of mine offered his take on this, telling me that the marketing folks want to make it difficult as possible for us to compare products. Just another variation on the old shell game; I suppose. Nonetheless, it must be working. I'm still drinking coffee.

G2 notes:

1: You may not have noticed but old people like to talk about their various health problems.

2: We flirted with the idea of joining the crowd who were drinking trendy coffees, Starbucks and the like, but it never caught on with us. Being old, I have memories of a cup of coffee being 25 cents, so a two-dollar cup was out of the question.

3: The store wasn't painted red and white. That was the brand name of a group of independent grocers. And while I'm on the subject of grocery stores. I hated that sack boy title. I tried my best to get Alberta, the owner's wife, to quit loudly announcing that 'we need a sack boy up front.' I wasn't a boy, for god's sake. I was 16 years old.

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# ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

## 'Keep the history of the Mid-States Corridor in mind'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Does anyone remember the I-67 project? It was Hank Menke's proposal for an interstate highway from US-231 south of Huntingburg to I-69 at Washington. It was a 38-mile new terrain highway. He floated his idea back in December of 2011. What was Mr. Menke's reason for this new highway? In his words, it was for improved movement of freight. What does Mr. Menke's company, OFS, do? They move freight.

The I-67 Coalition has evolved into the Mid-States Corridor RDA. I have referred to a cabal of businessmen who have and are still pushing this new terrain highway. Since 2011 they have tried to justify this wasteful, unwanted and unneeded project by appealing to our sensibilities. They have tried to tell us that to stop the "brain drain" in our communities we must have an interstate highway. According to the cabal, this new highway will attract new businesses and that will keep our "brains", young people, from moving away.

The cabal has also said US-231, through Martin County, is "dangerous" and in "disrepair". We are also told that US-231 is "heavily traveled" by trucks, that it should be avoided; therefore, we need a new super highway.

They tell us that if we build a new highway, with by-passes around Huntingburg, Jasper and Loogootee, it will attract new industry and business; and, we will have an economic boom.

The interesting, and frightening facts are they have been, and continue to be, wrong. They have chosen routes that are not the most direct/shortest, they have not explained how they will stop the brain drain nor have they explained how by-passing cities and towns will create economic activity.

This cabal, supported by our duly elected representatives, wants the Mid-States Corridor solely for their own gain. They, and our elected representatives, are not working for the betterment of the community. I say this because the cabal is, and always been, made up, of businessmen who will be greatly enriched by the mere construction of the Mid-States Corridor. They are people like Hank Menke, Mark Schroder, Ken Mulzer, Jr., Mike Braun, Mark Messmer and Shane

Lindauer. I found all these names in articles about the history of the Mid-States Corridor in the local newspapers.

Keep the history of the Mid-States Corridor in mind as you go about your daily activities. Think about how the Corridor can and will affect these activities. It will become apparent that the Mid-States Corridor will add travel time and inconvenience to the most mundane of things in our daily lives. As always, we can stop the Mid-States Corridor and we will.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

## 'Mustering Elm Park news'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

A new season has started for the Park. We have a lot going on this year. The sign entering the Park has been painted and looks good. In addition, the Martin County Tourism Group donated two signs which have been installed showing the entry to the Park. We are very grateful to them. We are working on getting some new playground equipment. A new teeter-totter and sandbox have been installed, thanks to Joe Stuby. Bob Huck has been working on some electrical issues and we appreciate it.

We are planning a Fun Day at the Park for June 8. Area kids are invited for games, music, face painting, prizes, as well as doing some work planting flowers, picking up walnuts, etc. All kids are invited. Those interested, please contact Katina at 812-219-0588.

That same day we will be having a Flea Market and Craft Show. The cost will be \$10 per table. There is a registration form which must be submitted by May 29. Payment must be made at that time. Participants must provide their own tables/chairs. Please contact Sarah for information at 812-320-6039.

Our Annual Car Show with the Route 50 Cruisers will be July 20. This is a week earlier than usual.

The Park may be rented for parties, weddings, reunions, etc. To reserve the Park, contact Rowena at 812-388-6649. We have several dates reserved.

If you are a member, please pay your dues. Donations are also welcome. Please contact Sarah at 812-320-6039.

Rowena Tripp  
Mustering Elm Park Board Member

# Loogootee Girls' Tennis results

The Loogootee Girls Tennis Teams stand a 6-4 on the season have a big week of matches. Head Coach Jacob Strange said, "It was a great week of tennis where we faced nearly every scenario in the book. The girls have proven to be a mentally tough team which will benefit us as the season progresses."

This past Saturday, the girls defeated North Daviess (4-1) but lost to Washington (1-4). The double header at the Rick Graves Tennis Complex was the result of multiple rainouts earlier in the season. The junior varsity fell to Washington, 0-3.

Varsity results  
Loogootee 4, North Daviess 1  
Singles:

#1 Charlotte Truchon-Bartès (L) d. Amaya McBride 6-1, 6-3

#2 Macy Alderson (ND) d. Addy Lengacher 6-3, 6-1

#3 Macy Knepp (L) d. Bella Laughlin 6-0, 6-1

Doubles:

#1 Marley McAtee/Cora Consley (L) d. Gracelyn Byrer/Emma Taylor 6-2, 6-4

#2 Ashlynn Gilbert/Kamila Wilson (L) d. Jayden Morris/Madelynn Britton 6-1, 6-2

No JV versus North Daviess.  
Washington 4, Loogootee 1

Singles

#1 Lacy Hancock (W) d. Charlotte Truchon-Bartès 6-1, 6-2

#2 Kenna Garland (W) d. Addy Lengacher 6-1, 6-2

#3 Macy Knepp (L) d. Sophia Jill 6-0, 6-3

Doubles

#1 Lisset Santos/Riley Taylor (W) d. Marley McAtee/Cora Consley 6-2, 6-0

#2 Ella Williams/Brooklyn Whitehead (W) d. Ashlynn Gilbert/Kamila Wilson 6-2, 6-1

Junior varsity results

#1 Doubles: Maliyah Thorne/Breah Eskew (W) d. Brooklyn Knepp/Izabelle Gingerich 8-0

#2 Doubles: Nora McMurray/Brecklin Ivers d. Britta Browder/Madelynn Hilligoss 8-1

#3 Doubles: Shay Lunsford/Chloe Cornelius (W) d. Marina Gonzalez/Taryn Stemen 8-3

The varsity Lady Lions defeated the Northeast Dubois Jeeps last Friday, April 19. The junior varsity picked up a 2-0 win as well.

Varsity results  
Singles

1: Charlotte Truchon-Bartès (L) d. Macey Harrison 6-0, 6-0

2: Addy Lengacher (L) d. Mya Ziegler 6-1, 6-1

3: Macy Knepp (L) d. Bella Cummins 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1: Marley McAtee/Cora Consley (L) d. Cassidy Riecker/Riley Babrick 6-2, 7-5

2: Ashlynn Gilbert/Kamila Wilson (L) d. Kinley Case/Emmy Kellams 6-0, 6-0

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles: Brooklyn Knepp (L) d. Myla Harrison 6-0

#2 Singles: Margherita Rossi (L) d. Myla Harrison 6-2

Last Thursday, the varsity girls defeated Washington Catholic 4-1. The Lions swept all singles matches and won at #2 doubles. The junior varsity also got the victory, 2-1.

Varsity results

#1S: Charlotte Truchon-Bartès (L) d. Karan Kanapia 6-0, 6-0

#2S: Addy Lengacher (L) d. Mariana Becerra 6-0, 6-0

#3S: Macy Knepp (L) d. Emily Brown 6-0, 6-0

#1D: Addie Talbert/Arilyn Thombleson d. Marley McAtee/Cora Consley 6-2, 6-2

#2D: Ashlynn Gilbert/Kamila Wilson d. Audrey Thombleson/Khim Layos 7-5, 6-2

Junior varsity results

#1S Brooklyn Knepp (L) d. Rebekah Diane's 8-1

#1D Emma Carnovas/Izabelle Gingerich (L) d. Madison McCracken/Gabby De La Res 6-1

#2D Madison McCracken/Gabby De La Res (WC) d. Maddie Hilligoss/Taryn Stemen 8-3

The Lady Lion Tennis team traveled to Wood Memorial last Wednesday evening for a Blue Chip Conference match. The match was a nail-biter down to the last point. Ultimately, Wood Memorial pulled out the close victory, 3-2. The junior varsity Lady Lions also fell, 0-4.

Varsity results.

#1 Singles Charlotte Truchon-Bartès (L) d. Briley Rowe 6-4, 6-2

#2 Singles Addy Lengacher (L) d. Grace Strickland 6-3, 6-3

#3 Singles Ayva Powers (W) d. Marley McAtee 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles Abby Gates/Elle Schlottman (W) d. Brooklyn Knepp/Macy Knepp 0-6, 6-0, 6-4

#2 Doubles Alex VanMatre/Mallory Bailey (W) d. Ashlynn Gilbert/Kamila Wilson 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Kenlee Wiseman (W) d. Cora Consley 7-6 (9)

#1 Doubles Grace Shoultz/Ava Martin (W) d. Cora Consley/Britta Browder 7-5

#2 Doubles Kinley Stoffel/Haleigh Perry (W) d. Izzy Gingerich/Kensie Leisure 6-5

#3 Doubles Adalynn Luebke/Remmi Fryxell (W) d. Marina Gonzalez/Emma Carnovas 6-0

Last Tuesday, April 16, the Loogootee Lady Lions teams fell to the Bedford North Lawrence Stars, 4-1. The lone win came from #1 singles player Charlotte Truchon-Bartès, who improved to 4-1 on the season. The #2 doubles duo of Ashlynn Gilbert and Cora Consley lost a hard fought three-set match. The junior varsity lost 1-2.

Varsity results

#1 Singles: Charlotte Truchon-Bartès (L) d. Becca Epping 6-2, 6-2

#2 Singles: Ava McKinney (B) d. Addy Lengacher 6-2, 6-2

#3 Singles: Nadia Anderson (B) d. Marley McAtee 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles: Kenley Craig/Izzy Alldredge (B) d. Macy Knepp/Brooklyn Knepp 6-1, 6-1

#2 Doubles: Emma Conover/Jessie Faubion (B) d. Ashlynn Gilbert/Cora Consley 4-6, 7-5, 4-6

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles: Meryl Kline (B) d. Marina Gonzalez 8-0

#2 Singles: Margherita Rossi (L) d. Abby Childers 5-7 (ret)

#3 Singles: Ella Peck/Lauren Salzman (B) d. Britta Browder/Kensie Leisure 8-0

**Martin County Child Support Division aspires to exceed the \$99,000 reimbursement from last year to our county in 2024**

The Child Support Division has worked extremely hard over the last several years by meeting and even exceeding County and Statewide goals. In the year 2023 this Department received \$99,051.63 for the County General Fund which exceeded their goal by over \$25,000. This team has been working daily by collaborating with all parties to ensure the betterment of the children of our community. The child support Administrator (Trish McKibben) and Caseworker (Kimberly Bauer) attend necessary trainings each year to educate themselves not only on Child Support services but also to better understand State and Federal reimbursement guidelines in order to bring in more funds to the County.



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