

## Wheel tax again topic of meeting discussion

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The discussion of wheel tax came up again at the Martin County Commissioners' meeting last night, Tuesday, April 28. Resident Randall Baker asked questions of the commissioners regarding how they plan to pursue the additional money needed to fix the county roads and what the county council's role is in the decision.

Commissioner Paul George explained that the commissioners are in charge of maintaining county roads and the county council is in charge of funding that maintenance. He said that the three commissioners have recommended that a wheel tax be implemented but now it is up to the council to approve it and set the amounts. He told Baker that if passed, it would bring in an additional \$286,000 a year that can only be used for roads. The city and towns will also receive a disbursement.

Baker said he just feels the commissioners should present to the council how desperate they are for the additional funds. He also asked if there were priority roads to be started first if the funding was approved. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said that high-travelled roads and roads that are falling apart and are in danger of going back to gravel will be the first priority.

Padgett said that his department has already begun to turn asphalt roads that have been in a state of disrepair back to gravel. He said unfortunately, without funding, they have no choice. If the council does not pass the wheel tax, Commissioner George said that he will be ordering the highway department

to put roads back to gravel. He said the pavement on some roads is currently in such bad shape that it would be easier to drive on gravel.

"We're so far behind now, even if we got the money, some of them are still going to go back because they are going to be so far down the road," said Padgett.

Commissioner Dan Gregory said that the county could also benefit if the state would give a few more cents on the gas tax.

Baker said that the road he travels each day is as bad as he's ever seen it and he's tired of hitting pot holes. "I'm just asking if you will make an effort in being in their ear and say that the time we need to do that is well passed," said Baker.

Commissioner George urged citizens to attend the county council meeting on Monday night, May 4 at 6 p.m. to speak on behalf of the wheel tax. Commissioner Gregory said that this is the third time he has asked the council for the wheel tax, since he's been commissioner. He said he isn't sure he is any closer to getting approval this time around. Commissioner George said that eight years ago they asked for the wheel tax and it was denied. "We thought eight years ago we could be proactive instead of reactive at that point but it's eight years later," he said.

Commissioner Gregory added that many residents are immediately against the wheel tax simply because it's a tax and they don't

listen to what benefits they would get from it. Gregory said they will go to the council again and try and that's all they can do.

A resident in the audience also asked Highway Superintendent Padgett if he had been in contact with National Gypsum to see if they would be willing to help repair the roads they frequent with their trucks. Padgett said that Gypsum is not liable since they are within the required load limit for the roads.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported that there are 53 inmates currently in the jail. He also told the commissioners that he will be presenting an ordinance soon to start a reserve deputy program.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins presented a proclamation from the state declaring May 3-9 as Correctional Employees Week. She said they will be putting together a small celebration for employees and will notify the commissioners so they can attend.

She added that she is advertising to hire a new road crew supervisor to replace Jared Sheetz who will be leaving soon.

Collins told commissioners that the road crew cleared out Green Cemetery again, on Abel Hill Road. She said there is a big tree that has fallen among the headstones. She said she called the Lost River Township Trustee but since the cemetery is county-owned, the trustee is not responsible of it. She said several stones in the cemetery are

strewn about and if possible, she would like to collaborate with the sheriff's department to get a few inmates to help get the stones put back where they belong. She said she is unsure of the rules and regulations involved with re-placing headstones but she feels it is something that should be done for the sake of those buried in the cemetery. "I think we are obligated to do that, if possible," she said.

County Attorney Dave Lett said the problem with moving the stones now is that family members may visit the cemetery and find their loved one's stone in a different spot.

Commissioner Dan Gregory said there has to be a census or survey of the cemetery somewhere showing where each plot is located. Collins said that she believes the genealogical society has done some work on that.

Commissioner Paul George asked Collins if she could check with the historical society to see if they have some information on the plots in that cemetery.

The commissioners approved a driver for the veteran van that was tabled from the last meeting until more information could be found out about the woman, who is new to the area.

Highway Superintendent Padgett told commissioners that his department will go back to working four 10-hour days again since the days have gotten longer.

He also spoke to them regarding dust control. He said he has been in contact with Great Lakes Chloride who provides a product that Daviess County uses and it is very effective for dust control on the gravel roads. It costs around \$3,000 for a half mile of road and will last for several months.

County Attorney Lett said that a request for proposals for ambulance service for the county has been advertised. The current contract runs out on June 30. "We'll see who's interested," he said.

*"We thought eight years ago we could be proactive instead of reactive at that point but it's eight years later."*

*-Commissioner Paul George on frequent attempts to get a wheel tax passed*



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Shown above are the newest tutors for the Martin County SOAR program. From left to right are Bud Erler, Becky Gallagher, and Patty Paul.

### SOAR welcomes newest volunteer tutors

SOAR tutors provide free one-on-one tutoring to adult learners who want to improve their skills in reading, writing, math, English, work/life skills, and HSE (formerly GED prep). During recent training, Bud Erler, Becky Gallagher, and Patty Paul learned the characteristics of adult learners, discussed strategies for teaching various aspects of literacy, and practiced using tutoring materials. They are looking forward to tutoring their first students.

Anyone wanting to improve skills can call the SOAR office at 812-709-1618. SOAR is located in the community learning center, and the tutoring takes place one-on-one in discreet public locations throughout Martin County. All materials and tutoring are provided free of charge. Call 812-709-1618 or email martincountysoar@hotmail.com to learn more.

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### Spring Fling to be held Saturday

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter will sponsor Spring Fling on the Lawn Craft and Vendor Show this Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tranquil Inn and Spa located at 424 High Street in Shoals. The event is being organized by Teresa Lundy and Kendall Hollis.

More than 30 vendors will be set up on the Tranquil Inn lawn, including Beads 2 Bows, Tupperware, Thirty-One, Spring Water Soaps, Wood-N-Treasures, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Damsel In Defense, Jamberry Nails, Cooper Hill Candles, Mary Kay, Holt's Hobby Creations, Do Terra Oils, Yunique, Longaberger baskets, Scentsy, Silpada, Second Chance Wood, Simply Said, Wreaths by Amy, Nerium, Advocate, It Works, plus many others.

Volunteers from the animal shelter will be selling hamburgers and hot dogs and Shawn King will provide live music for the entertainment. There will also be drawings and giveaways. There is no cost to attend the event and everyone is invited.



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Dr. Ryan Sherer (left) presents the 2015 LCM Outstanding Physician Award to Dr. Stephen DeWitt (right).

### Memorial Hospital announces 2015 LCM Outstanding Physician Award Recipient

Stephen DeWitt, D.O. has been named the 2015 Little Company of Mary Outstanding Physician Award recipient at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. This award is named in honor of the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, the sponsors of Memorial Hospital. The LCM Award is given annually to a physician on Memorial Hospital's active medical staff who has been nominated through a hospital- and community-wide nomination process with the winner being chosen by a selection committee from a group of six finalists. The award is based on outstanding performance reflecting Memorial Hospital's mission statement and the core values of Respect for Human Dignity, Compassionate Caring,

Stewardship, Quality and Justice. The top six nominees for this year's award included Dr. DeWitt, Dr. Mary Burgeson, Dr. Cindy Casey, Dr. Frank Hopkins, Dr. Joseph Munning, and Dr. Sohail Qadir. Dr. DeWitt earned his doctor of osteopathy degree from the College of Osteopathic Medicine at Oklahoma State University in Tulsa, Oklahoma and completed his emergency medicine residency at Northwestern University Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine in Downers Grove, Illinois. He is board certified in emergency medicine. Dr. DeWitt has been on Memorial Hospital's medical staff for 22 years and was recently named the medical director of Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department.



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### Pop tab collection

As of today, Mrs. Sarah Mullen and Loogootee Elementary have collected approximately 972,919 pop tabs. The tabs will be donated to Riley Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald House. They have only 27,081 tabs left to reach their goal of one million! The class will continue to collect tabs until they reach the million but no amount will be turned away however. Anyone wishing to donate can contact Mrs. Mullen at the elementary or drop off at the office.

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## ROBERT HENSON

Robert E. Henson passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 88.

He was born on February 12, 1927 in Poland, Indiana; son of the late Orville Graham and Nina Pearl (Randall) Henson.

He served in the United States Army and was a World War II Veteran where he spent time in Germany. After the service he was a city bus driver in Lafayette. He then was employed by ALCOA. He later worked for various apartment complexes as an apartment and property manager in Indianapolis and Kokomo.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Alma M. (Robbins) Henson; daughters, Charlotte Gasker of Tucson, Arizona; Donna Munro of Hartland, Michigan; Elayne Henson of Westfield, and Beverly Terrell of Shoals; and sister, Thelma Oehler of Brazil.

He was preceded in the death by his parents, Orville Graham and Nina Pearl (Randall) Henson; and brothers, Franklin, Chester, Curtis and Kenneth Henson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 1 at Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, May 1 at Loogootee United Methodist Church.

Brooksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be made online at [www.brooksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.brooksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## BILL COX

William (Bill) R. Cox went to be with the Lord on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 71.



He was born March 16, 1944 in Washington; son of the late Ernest (Doc) and Marguerite (Traylor) Cox.

He graduated from Washington High School. He served in the United States Air Force. After his time in the service he went to work for McCord Corporation in Washington. He then worked and retired from NSWC Crane where he was the lead over the Electronic Cable and Wiring Harness Shop. Bill was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by his son, William Anthony Cox; parents, Doc and Marguerite Cox; and brothers, Jerry and Doug Cox.

He is survived by his wife, Martina (Williams) Cox of Loogootee; children, Robbie Drew, Marguerite Cox, Jarrod Cox and Patrick Cox; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; brother, Steve Cox; sisters, Patty Pettigrew, Connie Swafford and Darlene Riker.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated this morning, Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker and concelebrant Rev. Leo Kiesel. Burial followed in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Joseph Cemetery Fund, EWTN, Martin County Right to Life or Helping Hearts Hospice.

Brooksmith-Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online at [brooksmithblakefuneralhomes.com](http://brooksmithblakefuneralhomes.com).

## SCOTT DYE

William Scott Dye passed away at 1:32 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2015 at Select Specialty Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 59.

He was born October 7, 1955 in Washington; son of Patsy (Hitchcock) Dye and the late Henry W. Dye.

He was a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church where he served as a church trustee and was a member of the Methodist Men. For 38 years he worked at Red Door Industries of Martin County and



served on the Daviess-Martin County Board of Directors for Four Rivers Resource Services. His work at the Red Door included working at the Shoals Fire Department, JayC Food Store in Shoals, Loogootee and Washington; and volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

He was an honorary firefighter for the Shoals Fire Department for 20 years. He was a manager for Little League Baseball and All Star Tourney Teams for many years and the Shoals Junior High Basketball this past year.

He rarely met a stranger. He loved attending sporting events and was a supporter of the Shoals Jug Rox, Barr Reeve Vikings and Loogootee Lions. He enjoyed watching and listening to the IU Hoosiers, Indiana Colts and the Indiana Pacers.

Survivors include his mother, Patsy Dye of Shoals; one brother, David (Lu Ann) Dye of Shoals; and two sisters, Karen Dye of Shoals and Susan Dye of Evansville.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry W. Dye.

A funeral service will be held today, Wednesday, April 29 at 2 p.m. at the Shoals United Methodist Church, with viewing from noon until the hour of service. Pastors Joseph Seger and Delbert Stoll will officiate the service. Burial will be made in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shoals United Methodist Church or Shoals Volunteer Fire Department. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## JOSEPH MATTINGLY

Joseph Robert "Bob" Mattingly passed away April 21, 2015 at Golden Living Center in Petersburg. A resident of Washington, he was 81.



He was born May 21, 1933 in Loogootee; son of Flora (Greenwell) and Thomas Ervin Mattingly.

He attended St. John High School in Loogootee. He was a Korean War Army Veteran. He retired from DIA in Jasper. He belonged to Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church and a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed IU Basketball and St. Louis Cardinal Baseball.

He is survived by his wife, Clara Mae (Collignon) Mattingly, whom he married October 6, 1960; son, Scott (Annette) Mattingly of Washington; one grandchild, Matthew Mattingly of Washington; step grandchildren, Zach Williams of Bloomington and Jonathon Williams of Vincennes.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, James Francis, George, Larry, Tom, and Louis; and sisters, Elizabeth Goble, Louise Neideffer, and LaVerne Williams.

A mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, April 23 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church with burial following at St. John Cemetery with military rites provided by the Washington American Legion and VFW.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 and American Diabetes Association, 4400 Washington Avenue, Suite B, Evansville, IN 47714.

## LARRY PENDLEY

Larry E. Pendley passed at 4 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at his home. A resident of West Baden, he was 75.

He was born July 15, 1939 in Martin County; son of George and Juanita (Nelson) Pendley. He married Carolyn June Zinkan on January 27, 1958 and she preceded him in

death on September 9, 2005. He then married Peggy Tinkle on September 23, 2006 and she survives. He has always loved the outdoors as he has always worked in the logging business owning Pendley's Sawmill. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He dearly loved his wife, kids, grandkids and family. However, singing Gospel Music was his life. He was a member of the Natchez Church.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Pendley of West Baden; sons, Larry Matthew "Matt" Pendley of West Baden and George Vincent "Vince" Pendley of Lexington, Kentucky; stepsons, Elmer C. Gilbert of Ladoga, Ronald L. Gilbert of Paoli, and Jeffrey S. Gilbert of West Baden; daughters, Kimberly Ann McCracken of West Baden, Rebecca Lynn "Becky" Quinn of Shoals, and Judith May Chastain of Salem, 15 grandchildren,



22 great grandchildren; brothers, Wayne Pendley of Shoals and Tom Pendley of French Lick; and sisters, Jane Archer of Shoals and Robin Purkhiser of West Baden. He is preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, two sons, Anthony and George Pendley; two brothers, Frank and Howard Pendley; and one brother in infancy, Ronnie.

Services were held Saturday, April 25 at T.L. Pinnick Mortuary in French Lick with Rev. John Moffatt officiating. Burial followed in the Highland Chapel Cemetery in West Baden.

## CAPITAL COMMENTS: Assessment Inequities and the Property Tax Caps

BY LARRY DEBOER  
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Dagney Faulk and Mike Hicks at Ball State's Center for Business and Economic Research have written another excellent study of Indiana property taxes. This one's about assessment quality. It compares thousands of homes to see if their assessed values match their sales prices, as they should in our "market value in use" system. Search for the center, click Current Studies and you'll find it.

The study uses some standard measures of assessment quality. The sales ratio divides the assessed value by the sales price. Since the assessment should match the sales price, the sales ratio ought to be near one. Assessment experts like anything between 0.9 and 1.1. Indiana's average sales ratio in 2012 was 1.065, so that's pretty good.

The coefficient of dispersion (COD) measures variation around the sales ratio, to see if each property's ratio is close to one. A COD less than 15 is good. Indiana's statewide number is 16.5. Close, but not quite there.

The study's headline, though, is about assessments of higher- and lower-valued homes. Higher-valued homes tend to be under-assessed and lower-valued homes tend to be over-assessed. Owners of expensive homes are getting a tax break and owners of cheaper homes are paying too much.

Another study reached the same conclusion. Indiana University alumnus Olha Krupa published a paper in Public Finance Review last year, also looking at Indiana assessment practices. She found the same over/under inequity. Two studies, same result. We may have a problem here.

Fixing the problem would improve equity, but what about revenue? Based on Ball State's sales ratios and data on homesteads by assessed value, it looks like fixing the over/under problem would reduce total homestead assessed values by 2-3 percent. The loss from cutting assessments on low-valued homes would outweigh the gain from raising assessments on high-valued homes.

Now here's a chance to play with that Rubik's Cube of Indiana local government, the constitutional property tax caps. Lower total assessed value means higher tax rates, because it takes higher rates to raise the same

revenue. Higher tax rates mean that more taxpayers hit their tax caps. Fixing the over/under problem could reduce local government revenue.

But there's more - the Rubik's Cube never disappoints. Take two houses, a cheaper one with a selling price of \$100,000 and a more expensive home priced at \$250,000. Suppose the assessments are off by \$10,000 each, with the cheaper home over-assessed at \$110,000 and the expensive one under-assessed at \$240,000. The sales ratio of the cheaper home is 1.1. It's over-assessed by 10% percent. The sales ratio of the expensive home is 0.96, under-assessed by 4 percent. Those ratios are pretty close to Faulk and Hicks' actual results.

Let's put these homes in a rural district with a tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 assessed value, a typical rate where there's no city or town. After the standard, supplemental and mortgage deductions, the over-assessment adds \$98 to the cheaper home's tax bill, and the under-assessment subtracts \$98 from the expensive home's bill. Fixing the over/under problem would not change total assessed value, since we'd add \$10,000 to one and subtract it from the other. The tax rate wouldn't change, and tax bill changes would cancel out.

Now put the homes in a city district with a typical rate of \$2.50. The cheaper home pays \$163 more at the higher tax rate, due to the \$10,000 over-assessment. But the under-assessed expensive home's bill is just \$100 less. Fixing the over/under problem leaves total assessed value unchanged, but local governments see a net revenue loss, gaining \$100 but losing \$163. Why?

Because with a rate of \$2.50 the high-valued home is at its tax cap. Raising its assessment from \$240,000 to \$250,000 increases the 1 percent cap amount from \$2,400 to \$2,500. The homeowner pays the extra \$100. The cheaper home is below its tax cap. Fixing the \$10,000 over-assessment reduces taxable assessed value by \$6,500, after the 35 percent supplemental deduction. At the \$2.50 tax rate, that's \$163 less.

Before the tax caps, fixing this assessment inequity might not have affected local revenues. That's still true where tax rates are low. With the caps and higher tax rates, though, it looks like the fix could reduce revenue.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

12:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:16 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on SR 645. The state highway department responded.

8:32 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Dant responded.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and the state highway department responded and removed the tree.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders, Martin County Ambulance, and Sheriff Roush responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Sgt Keller responded.

10:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee on US 231. Sgt Keller and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:22 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in in Shoals. Sgt Keller responded.

11:56 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in east of Loogootee. Sgt Keller worked the case.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

12:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:50 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee 1st Responders, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:04 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Dant and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush and Deputy Dant took two inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of an injured animal south of Shoals. Sgt Keller responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in

Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:46 p.m. - Received a report of speeding vehicles in Shoals. Sgt Keller and Deputy Harmon responded.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

9:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to IU Health.

9:30 a.m. - Deputy Dant took two inmates to court.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of an overturned semi south of Loogootee. Indiana State Police worked the accident.

12:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

11:23 p.m. - Received a report of someone walking on US 231 south of Loogootee. Sgt Keller transported the subject to Loogootee.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

6:49 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene worked the case.

6:57 a.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:50 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a stranded motorist west of Shoals.

11:40 a.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene performed a welfare check on an individual near Shoals.

12:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a home invasion in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned car north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Major Burkhardt responded.

3:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:04 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:13 p.m. - Received a report of a semi on fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Haysville Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Corporal Baker, and Deputy Harmon responded.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24

4:59 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi south of Loogootee. Deputy Harmon was advised.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of a motorist needing help east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident just east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver, Trooper Lents, Deputy Dant and Sheriff Roush responded.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance did not transport.

2:18 p.m. - Caller reported a downed power line in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported two inmates to court.

3:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush transported two inmates to court.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver on US 50. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

5:09 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a stranded motorist on US 50 near Shoals.

8:27 p.m. - Deputy Harmon assisted a motorist on US 231, south of Loogootee.

9:07 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department answered the call.

9:58 p.m. - Received a report of a dead deer on SR 150. Deputy Harmon removed the animal.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 25

12:39 a.m. - Received a noise complaint on SR 550. Deputy Harmon took the call.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a missing child in the woods south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt, ICO Mann, Trooper Lents, and Lost River Fire Department responded. The child was located.

3:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sheriff Roush took the call.

9:44 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

9:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

3:45 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:18 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Shoals. Deputy Dant responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a report of a

stranded vehicle near Loogootee. Sgt. Keller and ICO Mann responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department took the call.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals 1st Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## JAIL BOOKINGS

### MONDAY, APRIL 20

3:00 p.m. - Blake Burch, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21

6:04 p.m. - Tammy Stancombe, 43, of Bloomington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver for burglary, battery, and criminal trespass. She is being held on a \$25,000 or 10 percent bond.

11:48 p.m. - Dana Cox, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sgt. Keller on a Knox County warrant and is being held without bond.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

4:42 p.m. - Arthur Terry, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and Chief Deputy Greene and charged with resisting arrest.

4:42 p.m. - Juan Terry, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and Chief Deputy Greene and charged with resisting arrest.

4:46 p.m. - Charlotte Browder, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with visiting a common nuisance.

8:42 p.m. - Nickolas Clingerman, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 23

8:13 p.m. - John Kendall, 49, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and Deputy Harmon and charged with public intoxication and criminal trespass. He is being held without bond.

8:13 p.m. - David Kendall, 27, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and Deputy Harmon and charged with operating while intoxicated and battery. He is being held without bond.

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## Martin County real estate transfers

**Stewart Blake and Charles Lyon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark Taylor and Dawn Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.589 acres, more or less.

**Mark Taylor and Dawn Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas R. VanHoy and Leslie VanHoy**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.589 acres, more or less.

**Ronald W. Acuff and Margaret S. Acuff**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Ronald W. Acuff and Margaret S. Acuff**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, all that part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter lying east and south of Lost River, in Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 30 acres, more or less.

**Ronald W. Acuff and Margaret S. Acuff**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Curtis Lee Acuff and Seth Wayne Acuff**, all that part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter lying east and south of Lost River, in Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 30 acres, more or less.

**John Johnson and Janice M. Johnson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jessica A. Lampert**, of Martin County, Indiana, 3.51 acres in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West. Also, .50 acre and -.10 acre in the same section.

**Mark R. Melvin and Susan Miller**, of Tippecanoe County, Indiana to **Willard J. Wagler and Naomi Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the fractional northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying south of White River in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.5 acres, more or less.

**Paul D. Hewitt and Evelyn A. Hewitt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Paul E. Hewitt**, of Switzerland County; **Brian L. Hewitt**, of Vigo County, Indiana; **Sonja L. Davis**, of Monroe County, Indiana; and **Clark A. Hewitt**, of Harris County, Texas, property in Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 3 West.

**Stephen J. O'Brien, II**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas Pace Jenkins**, of Martin County, Indiana, 78 feet off the north side of Lot Number 12 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Melissa Harder**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ross S. Johnson**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of Lot 87 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town of Loogootee, Indiana.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, APRIL 20

12:20 a.m. - First responders were requested on Boston Street for a medical call.  
3:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Captain Hennette located the vehicle and spoke with the driver.

4:05 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 21

12:54 a.m. - Caller reported an elderly female walking. Female was transported back to her residence.

8:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the state police with a vehicle accident in front of Dairy Master.

9:04 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident on US 231.

1:00 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

8:27 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

11:55 a.m. - Caller reported vandalism to his vehicle.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

5:52 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23

12:20 p.m. - Male came on station to report harassment.

1:05 p.m. - Caller reported a dog com-

plaint.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported debris in the road in front of Ruler.

1:20 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

2:04 p.m. - Caller reported a male in her residence. Chief Rayhill responded and later spoke with the male.

5:05 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.

5:31 p.m. - Martin County Humane Society assisted with a dog complaint.

7:16 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a vehicle fire on US 231.

7:42 p.m. - Officer Nolan assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a call on Friends Creek Road.

8:41 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

9:35 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

2:18 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted with a power line down on Park Street.

7:45 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted Trooper Sexton on a traffic stop.

9:58 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted on a traffic stop.

8:07 p.m. - Caller reported a street sign down.

9:07 a.m. - Caller reported a possible domestic dispute on Park Street. Officers were unable to locate.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Unknown time - Caller reported a possible break-in on Mt. Calvary Road.

9:43 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a residential alarm.

9:59 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a medical call.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 26

7:40 p.m. - Caller reported livestock in the road on Poplar Street.

8:00 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

# Martin County Court News

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

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

### April 14

Gordon Davis, III, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 357 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served and 4 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Jesse Burton, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class D Felony and operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator. Sentenced to serve two concurrent sentences of 3 years at the Indiana Department of Corrections with zero days suspended and credit for 290 actual days previously served and 290 good time credit days.

### April 15

Jason Baylis, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction and driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 263 days suspended and credit for 51 actual days previously served and 51 good time credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

James Epperson, convicted of theft, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 237 days suspended and credit for 64 actual days previously served and 64 good time credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

### April 16

Sean Hunt, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days at the Martin County Security Center with 213 days suspended and credit for 76 actual days previously served and 76 good time credit days. Defendant received 7 months of probation.

Jennifer Norman, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days in the Martin County Security Center with 349 days suspended and credit for 98 actual days previously served and 98 good time credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Richard Walton, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 98 days in the Martin County Security Center with zero days suspended and credit for 49 actual days previously served and 49 good time credit days.

Russell Erwin, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with zero days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served and 30 good time credit days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### April 14

Jeffrey Tinkle, theft, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Gordon Davis, III, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### April 15

Jason Baylis, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### April 16

Jennifer Norman, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Sean Hunt, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Richard Walton, driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed.

Russell Erwin, auto theft, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

### April 15

Fidelity National Title Ins. Co. vs. Larry

G. Belcher and Jamie A. Belcher, civil collection.

### April 17

Christina L. Fiscus-Robbins vs. Donnie D. Robbins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### April 20

Soaring Capital, LLC vs. Joseph Spears, civil collection.

Liberty Mutual Insurance vs. Tracy French, civil collection.

### April 21

Paula S. Brookshire vs. Jeffrey T. Brookshire, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### April 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Kathleen Croddy in the amount of \$1,098.14.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### April 15

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Daniel Doane, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Regina S. Floyd, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Deborah Haviland, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Karen Greer, complaint.

### April 16

White River Co-Op vs. Dillon Foxx, complaint.

White River Co-Op vs. Tony Cundiff, complaint.

Marie Truelove vs. Eric Carrico, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### April 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Lori A. McKinley in the amount of \$679.97.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant David C. Johnson in the amount of \$1,131.48.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Corey L. Wilson in the amount of \$2,149.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Justin B. Santiago in the amount of \$1,938.60.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Austin B. Lentz in the amount of \$1,040.61.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Harold M. Brown in the amount of \$5,993.01.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Levi C. Brown in the amount of \$1,656.52.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendants Gregory and Megan G. Carter in the amount of \$2,537.85.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Jason L. Dyer in the amount of \$1,394.75.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Austin Edwards in the amount of \$1,451.23.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Mark A. Floyd in the amount of \$852.50.

### April 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Joshua D. Edwards in the amount of \$495.11.

### April 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Edward O. Parker, Jr., in the amount of \$5,948.53.

### April 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Clark Abel and against the defendant Dave Kennedy in the amount of \$1,264.

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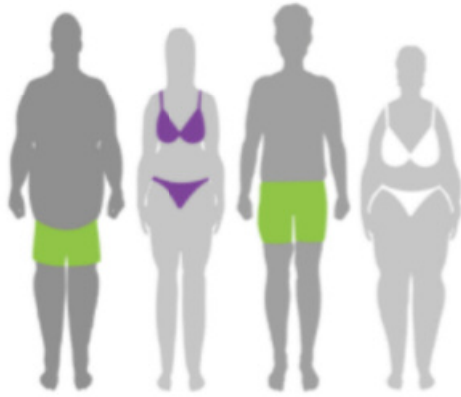
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-Christine D.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

The next two weeks may be the busiest gardening period of the year. As we pass the May 10 frost-free mark, tender plants will be put out at a hurried pace. Until then, there is a lot of work to be done in getting the garden ready for the big season.

Last week, I lamented that the big-leaved hydrangeas had suffered winter die-back, and that there would be no flowers on the old-fashioned plants again this year. It looks like some other marginal plants also suffered from the weather we had in February and March.

Roses have suffered from the bitter cold. I have been trimming back the dead canes from roses, and there are a lot of them. Die-back has been so severe that rose blooms may be delayed. If you have hybrid tea roses or other grafted roses, you may find that the graft has died out and the new growth may be from the rootstock. Do not be surprised if such roses "change colors" this year. Actually, it is just the emergence of the rose used as the root for the grafted plant. Even though we have had a cool spring, it should be safe to assume that roses have leafed out if they are going to do so. Therefore, it is time to cut out all of the dead. In many cases, that will be so severe this year that I would leave shaping of the plants until after the first flush of blooms.

Here at Sandhill Gardens, my smoke tree also seems to have suffered severe die-back. I will wait another week or so to see if there is any sign of growth, but it appears that the tree has died back to about the five-foot level. I will have to do some major pruning, and we will just have to see if the

plant is worth trying to salvage.

Mimosa trees are another genus that often suffers from top die-back in severe winters. It may be a little early for making a determination about the extent of die-back, but it is likely to be bad. Mimosas usually regenerate from the roots, but it will take a few years of less-severe winters to get back to tree height.

In the south, crape myrtles are often large trees. Here in the Midwest, they are usually grown as multi-stemmed shrubs because they often die back in the winter. Over the past several years, some crape myrtles here have grown to tree size because of mild winters. However, the past two winters have been more severe, and it is likely that crape myrtles will have suffered. Like mimosas, crape myrtles usually will grow back from the roots, but that will mean the blooms will be a little late.

Marginal perennials may also be absent from your garden. In recent years, many people, including the experts, have placed our area in zone 6 and garden centers have been selling zone 6 plants as perennials. The last two winters are a reminder that we actually are in the zone 5 hardiness zone, and must be willing to suffer the consequences if we insist on planting zone 6 plants. Still, there are some micro-climates in every garden, so careful siting may still enable one to enjoy those marginal plants.

Do not fret too much about the plants you may have lost to the weather. Look upon those spots as a chance to try something new, perhaps one of those natives we talked about recently. Gardening presents new challenges each year.

## Bowhunter Education Class at Patoka Lake

A Bowhunter Education Course is slated for Saturday May 30 at the Patoka Lake Nature Center. Class will run from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. E.D.T. All instruction will be by certified Indiana volunteer hunter education instructors.

The course will cover ecological considerations, preparation for the hunt, shot placement, effective and safe hunting, field experience, tree stand safety, blood trail tracking and much more. Experienced bowhunters and those wanting to learn more are encouraged to register for this advanced hunter education course.

Lunch is being provided by the Dubois County Sportsmen's Club and will be available to all participants. There is a 30 student

limit for the class and pre-registration is required. A \$15/student fee will cover the cost of books and class materials. This fee is due at time of registration.

Register by calling Stephen at 317-403-0581 or by emailing bowhuntereducation@gmail.com.

The entrance fee of \$5 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$7 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.



## Brilliant birds

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrall.com

The brilliant, iridescent colors of hummingbird plumage are caused by the refraction of incident light by the structures of certain feathers. A hummingbird's wings beat between 50 and 200 flaps per second depending on the direction of flight and air conditions and an average hummingbird's heart rate is more than 1,200 beats per minute.

## DNR releases '14 deer harvest report – 120,073

Indiana hunters harvested 120,073 deer in the 2014 season, according to data released Tuesday by the Department of Natural Resources.

Although it was a decrease from the previous two years, the outcome is by design and reflects DNR efforts to reduce the deer population.

"Several years ago, we modified our management strategy to focus deer herd reduction in a strategically targeted manner to more adequately balance ecological, recreational and economic needs of Indiana citizens," said Mitch Marcus, chief wildlife biologist for the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "We are no longer managing for a stable to increasing deer herd, so the declines in harvest are expected."

The 2014 total was a 4.4 percent drop from 2013 and an 11.9 percent drop from the all-time record harvest of 136,248 deer in 2012.

To view the full report, go to [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/) and locate "2014 Deer Report" in the Hunting & Trapping panel.

The 2014 season was composed of three statewide segments – archery (October 1 to January 4, 2015), firearms (November 15-30), and muzzleloader (December 7-21). A late antlerless season was available from December 6 to January 4, 2015 in 63 counties. Additionally, licensed youth age 17 or younger were eligible to participate in a two-day season in late September, and designated urban zones allowed archery or crossbow hunting from September 15

through January 31, 2015.

As is typical, the firearms season was the most productive, accounting for 67,989 deer or 57 percent of the total. The archery season accounted for 34,600 deer (29 percent), followed by muzzleloader (10,825; 9 percent), late antlerless (4,171; 3 percent), and youth (2,488; 2 percent). The archery season total included the urban zone harvest.

Harrison County was the top producer for the second straight season with (3,054). It was the only county to top 3,000.

The top counties in 2014 after Harrison were Washington (2,794), Switzerland (2,721), Franklin (2,620), Noble (2,615), Steuben (2,536), Dearborn (2,534), Parke (2,379), Kosciusko (2,333), and Jefferson (2,258).

Harvest exceeded 1,000 deer in 58 counties and 2,000 deer in 16 counties.

Benton had the fewest deer reported with 88, followed by Tipton with 121.

Despite the overall decline, four counties set unofficial records in 2014 – Decatur (832), Fayette (1,052), Floyd (821), and Hancock (339).

Hunters had three options to report their harvest – traditional in-person check stations, online, or by phone. For the first time since the online CheckIN Game program began in 2012, more deer were reported online or by phone (66,309) than at physical check stations (54,034).

Hunters have harvested approximately 3.38 million deer since the modern era of regulated deer hunting seasons began in 1951.

## Spring Mill to host heirloom plant, seed exchange

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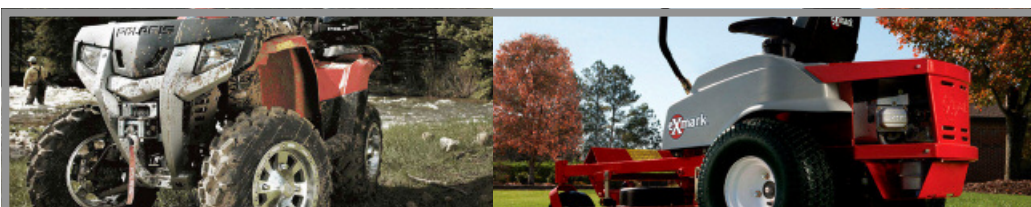
The heirloom plant and seed exchange runs from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Pioneer Village Garden. An heirloom plant is a plant variety that has been cultivated for at least 50 years and is open pollinated. When planted, seeds from heirloom cultivars produce the original plant.

If you have a large garden and lots of plants to trade, call ahead and the park will set up a table for you.

For those with no plants to trade, the village gardener will have plants from the formal garden for sale at the Pioneer Village Mercantile.

For more information, call (812) 849-3534 or email [springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov)

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I saw the following quite a while ago and since a reader asked me to put this in this article, here goes. It's for all you potato lovers:

A Girl Potato and Boy Potato had eyes for each other, and finally they got married, and had a little sweet Potato, which they called 'Yam'.

Of course, they wanted the best for Yam. When it was time, they told her about the facts of life. They warned her about going out and getting half-baked, so she wouldn't get accidentally mashed, and get a bad name for herself like 'Hot Potato', and end up with a bunch of tater tots.

Yam said not to worry, no spud would get her into the sack and make a rotten potato out of her! But on the other hand she wouldn't stay home and become a Couch Potato either. She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her shoe-string cousins.

When she went off to Europe, Mr. And Mrs. Potato told Yam to watch out for the hard-boiled guys from Ireland and the greasy guys from France called the French fries. And when she went out West, to watch out for the Indians so she wouldn't get scalloped.

Yam said she would stay on the straight and narrow and wouldn't associate with those high class Yukon Golds, or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all the trucks that say, 'Frito Lay'.

Mr. And Mrs. Potato sent Yam to Idaho P.U. (that's Potato University) so that when she graduated she'd really be in the Chips.

But in spite of all they did for her, one day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Tom Brokaw.

Tom Brokaw! Mr. And Mrs. Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't possibly marry Tom Brokaw because he's just.....

Are you ready for this?  
Are you sure? OK!  
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An elderly couple, Pauline and Frank, were recently attending a church service at their retirement village. The couple had just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

About half way through the service, Pauline took a pencil and paper out of her purse, wrote a note, and handed it to Frank.

The note said: "I just let a silent fart, what should I do?"

Frank scribbled back: "Put a new battery in your hearing aid."

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Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

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Did you ever notice: When you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together it spells 'Theirs'?

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The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

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### Talk to a lawyer clinic

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Talk to a lawyer clinic is jointly sponsored by Evansville Bar Foundation, Indiana Bar Foundation and Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana. The paralegals and attorneys who participate are all volunteers.

## Calendar of Events

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include discussion on moisture management and the former Elementary East building; first readings of the 2015-16 student handbook, graduation policy and transfer policy; and under personnel, an extended medical leave request and summer maintenance. The meeting is open to the public.

### National Day of Prayer

There will be a National Day of Prayer service on the square in Loogootee Thursday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to attend.

### Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

### Cub Scout meetings

Cub scout meetings are held at Loogootee United Methodist Church on the first, third, and fourth Monday of each month from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Bryan Adams at 812-854-7837.

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### Solid waste board

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### Humane society meetings

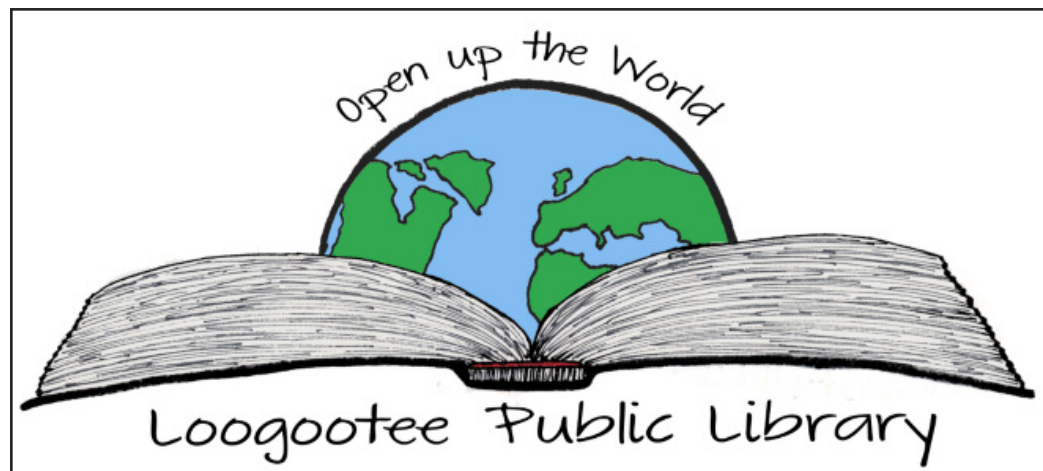
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

### Soil and Water meetings

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



### BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library members are still diligently working on the history of the library for the book they plan to publish. Gordon Grindstaff has been a huge asset to the project with his knowledge and experience as an author. Melissa Ritchie has designed the book cover.

The book will outline the history of the library and include the original board members. Francis Folks will be discussed and what a "gift" she gave to the community when she willed her house to be the next location for the Loogootee Public Library. There will be pictures of the three locations as well as key people that played a role in attaining the current building. The projected completion date of the book will be October 2015.

The May 2015 activity calendar is posted on the library Facebook page and you can find a link on the library website at [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us).

New Books:  
"Your Next Breath" by Iris Johansen.  
Inspirational Fiction: "Fury" by Steven James and "Taken" by Dee Henderson.

### Animal Shelter featured pet



Bobby is a male, long-haired, brown and black tiger stripe cat, around a year old. He started out very skittish but is warming up to volunteers and is enjoying the attention. He is neutered and up to date on his shots. Adoption fee for all cats is \$20 for a limited time! If interested in adopting Bobby or one of the shelter's many other dogs or cats, stop by the animal shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt.

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## HIV cases grow as response continues in Indiana

State, federal and local officials continue to battle an epidemic of HIV in southeastern Indiana. State health officials announced Friday a total of 142 individuals have tested positive for HIV (136 confirmed and 6 preliminary). Scott and Jackson counties both have reported at least five cases, which is the state's minimum threshold for identifying counties that have positive cases. Contacts of the cases in Jackson County have been followed up on and are considered low-risk. No additional cases of HIV have been related to those reported in Jackson County.

"New cases of HIV are still being identified every day, but the number of people seeking services, medical treatment and substance abuse treatment is also growing," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "We likely haven't reached the peak of this outbreak, but we hope to soon through the continued comprehensive response made possible by the joint efforts of so many people and organizations."

State, local and federal officials are responding to the outbreak through several measures, including a One-Stop Shop for services at the Austin Community Outreach Center, a weekly HIV testing and treatment clinic, a needle exchange program operating by the Scott County Health Department and an HIV public awareness campaign called You Are Not Alone.

On April 20, Governor Pence signed Ex-

ecutive Order 15-06, extending by 30 days the public health emergency declaration in Scott County and permitting the continued operation of the needle exchange program in that county.

"Indiana public health officials reacted promptly to a severe, rapidly spreading outbreak of HIV among injection drug users, a population in which HIV had been substantially reduced across the nation. They are implementing a range of scientifically sound interventions to help people with HIV and HCV get diagnosed and linked to medical care and prevention services; this will help prevent the continued spread of infection in Indiana, and ensure people live longer, healthier lives," said Jonathan Mermin, M.D., Director of CDC's Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD and TB Prevention.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emergency response team including disease intervention specialists and epidemiologists has been in Scott County since March, at the invitation of the Indiana State Department of Health. Together, federal, state and county health officials are working to identify transmission networks and better target outreach efforts. CDC is also assisting state and local officials with their efforts to provide risk reduction education. Finally, CDC is providing consultation on prevention services that may be implemented in the response – this includes substance use treatment, HIV treatment for those who are infected, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for those who are HIV-negative, and syringe service programs.

Multiple organizations and agencies have contributed staff, technical expertise and services to the outbreak response, including CDC, AmeriCorps, IU Health Network, MATEC, other state health departments, local health departments and other Indiana state agencies.

### Community Outreach Center

The Community Outreach Center is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. Grace Covenant Church is providing free shuttle service to and from Austin by calling (317) 617-2223.

The One-Stop Shop at the Austin Community Outreach Center provides free HIV testing, vaccinations against tetanus, hepatitis A and B, and information about HIV and hepatitis prevention, treatment and resources. Substance abuse referrals are available and individuals can also get assistance in enrolling in Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP 2.0) insurance. The Department of Workforce Development is also on-hand to provide local job referrals and training. The One-Stop Shop Info Line is (317) 605-1480.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health at [www.StateHealth.in.gov](http://www.StateHealth.in.gov). Follow the Indiana State Department of Health on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/isdh1](http://www.facebook.com/isdh1). Use the hashtag #INstopHIV to follow the outbreak response on Twitter.

Hoosiers who do not have health care coverage or access to a doctor are encouraged to check availability for the new Healthy Indiana Plan—HIP 2.0—by visiting [www.HIP.IN.gov](http://www.HIP.IN.gov) or calling 1-877-GET-HIP-9.



## NSWC Crane celebrates anniversary of cutting-edge lab

This month, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) hosted a ribbon cutting to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Global Deterrence and Defense Department's cutting-edge SPECTRA lab. Scientist Matt Kay and Electrical Engineer Matthew Gadlage, who grew up in Dubois County and work at the new lab, described the satisfaction of hard work and making a difference on national and local levels.

Dr. Gadlage, who received his doctorate from Vanderbilt University, was the first graduate of NSWC Crane's PhD Fellowship Program, which helps employees complete doctoral studies in technical knowledge, advanced theories and techniques. Kay is currently enrolled in the same program, completing his degree through Purdue University. "In southern Indiana, we're typically seen as an agricultural, rural community but Crane's motto is 'Harnessing the Power of Technology for the Warfighter,'" Kay said. "Our division works with microelectronics— it's like a micro Silicon Valley."

The new lab's arsenal of equipment includes Advanced Scanning Optical Microscope (ASOM) technology used to ensure the integrity of microelectronics, which is essential for optimal functionality and reliability in weapons systems. "Let's say you buy a cell phone or a laptop. The electronics in it have to last maybe two or three years, but when you put electronics in a military or space system, it could have to last 40 or 50 years in extreme environments," Gadlage noted. "We want to take the latest and greatest commercial technology that you find in cell phones or laptops and see if we can use those in defense systems."

Kay added that before a satellite is put into space, experts must ensure the system's parts will function correctly every time. "Microelectronic devices that are smaller than postage stamps have billions of transistors on them. In an ideal world, we want to make sure that every single transistor is reliable," he said, also pointing out that the most important focus of their work is ensuring the security of the men and women fighting for their nation. "I like that I'm helping our country while working on the latest technology and interacting with scientists and engineers across the country," stressed Gadlage. Kay agreed, noting that local youths don't need to relocate to the east or west coasts in order to have satisfy-

ing careers working with cutting-edge technologies. "There's a huge opportunity here! Crane is always looking for young, intelligent individuals who are interested in science and technology and want to make a real impact on their communities and their country," he said. "One of the things I really enjoy about Crane is the potential— if you're willing to work hard and you want to make a difference, the sky is the limit at Crane."

Located on the third largest naval installation in the world, NSWC Crane's \$1.5B business base supports the Navy by leveraging its technical capabilities to support the warfighter in this rapidly changing combat environment. Employees provide comprehensive support for complex military systems spanning design, development, deployment and sustainment. Find out more about the warfare center and its employment opportunities at [www.navsea.navy.mil/nswc/crane/default.aspx](http://www.navsea.navy.mil/nswc/crane/default.aspx) and [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov).

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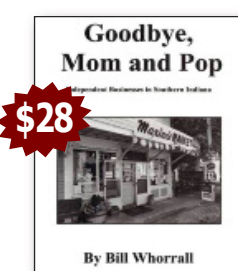
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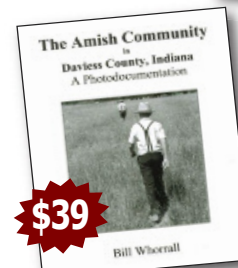


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# Duke Energy customers target of bill paying scam

Duke Energy customers are the current target of a bill paying scam in which criminals pose as Duke Energy representatives in attempt to dupe unsuspecting customers into making payments.

The scam has surfaced in several different counties across the state.

Here's how the scam works:

A Duke Energy customer receives an unsolicited phone call from someone claiming to be with the utility provider. The call may even look like its coming from Duke offices because criminals are able to spoof Caller ID.

The caller will inform the customer that he or she is late on bill payments and that his or her service will be shut off if an immediate payment is not received. The caller might instruct the customer to purchase a pre-paid debit card and recite the card's number over the phone. The card's balance can then be instantly drained by the criminal, leaving the customer out his or her money.

If you have been targeted by this scam, what should you do?

If you receive a call like this, hang up immediately. Duke Energy will never ask you to make a payment over the phone using a prepaid debit card to avoid having your service shut off.

Also, Duke Energy always gives customers who have delinquent accounts an

advance disconnect notification with their regular monthly billing – never just a single notification one hour before disconnection.

Duke Energy customers who suspect or experience fraud should call Duke Energy in Indiana at 1-800-521-2232. Do not call back the number provided to you by the scammer or the number that appeared on Caller ID.

Targets of this scam should also report it to the Indiana Attorney General's Office by visiting [www.IndianaConsumer.com](http://www.IndianaConsumer.com) and filing a consumer complaint or calling 800-382-5516.

Know the red flags

The Duke Energy scam is just one variation of a common utility scam which can affect customers of all utility companies. Everyone should know the red flags and follow the below tips to avoid becoming a victim:

Never agree to give payment to someone over the phone using a prepaid debit card.

Do not respond to someone who is using fear tactics to convince you to take immediate action.

Be wary of Caller ID spoofing.

If you receive an unsolicited call, hang up and place the call yourself after looking up the entity's legitimate phone number.

For more tips and helpful information, visit the Attorney General's consumer protection website: [www.IndianaConsumer.com](http://www.IndianaConsumer.com).

## Purdue Military Family Research Institute receives \$3.5M grant from Lilly Endowment

A two-year, \$3.5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. will help support the Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) at Purdue University as it continues its work to improve the lives of members of the military, veterans and their families.

Christine M. Ladisch, dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences at Purdue University, announced the grant during a gala held Saturday, April 25 in Indianapolis. The event marked two milestones: the 15th anniversary of MFRI and the 20th anniversary for its parent organization, Purdue's Center for Families. Both programs are part of the university's Department of Human Development and Family Studies.

MFRI works to expand opportunities for military members, veterans and their families by providing research to help mental health providers, public policymakers, employers and leaders in higher education better understand the issues affecting the military community. This includes helping civilian leaders see the value of bringing military and veteran families into community leadership roles.

"Lilly Endowment's generosity comes at a time when this institute's work is critical to the landscape surrounding military members, veterans and their families," said Ladisch. "MFRI is a nationally respected thought leader that provides education and guidance to congressional leaders, White House officials and other policymakers. It is known as a collaborative organization that is skilled at bringing together high-level agencies in pursuit of a common goal. We are grateful that Lilly Endowment has chosen to continue its support of this organization."

The Endowment has supported MFRI since 2007 with grants that now total \$27 million.

More than 2 million military service members have been deployed since September 11, 2001, and according to the U.S. Census, 19.6 million veterans live in the United States.

"Millions of military families are transitioning to civilian life as the nation's armed forces draw down the number of troops in active duty. These families are tremendous resources for our communities," said Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, director of both the MFRI and the Center for Families. "Since the drawdown began three years ago, more than 62,000 soldiers have left the

U.S. Army alone. These leaders and their families deserve to receive respect, opportunities and services – as well as support where needed. Fortunately, many communities are eager to help."

Many of MFRI's signature programs are designed to provide communities with the education that they need to meet military and veteran families' needs. These include:

- \* Star Behavioral Health Providers, a training, referral and dissemination program that trains civilian mental health-care providers in military culture and clinical practices, while connecting service members and their families to trained mental health providers. Launched in Indiana, the program is now active in seven states, including California and New York.

- \* "How to Help Military and Veteran Families," a series of publications that offer valuable information to various audiences to help them assist and support members of the military, veterans and their families. The series is the result of a joint effort between the U.S. departments of Defense and Agriculture, in collaboration with the MFRI and the National Military Family Association.

- \* Education and employment initiatives that have awarded more than \$2.4 million in grants to Indiana higher education institutions and student veterans' organizations; provided outreach to support programs that help veterans succeed on campuses; worked to change policies that limit academic credit for military training; and collaborated with employers and veteran job seekers to close gaps between them.

- \* Research studies, including "Family Journeys" and "Children and Multiple Deployments," which examine the effects of military service on families.

- \* Grants of up to \$2,500 to community organizations to build partnerships with military units that will strengthen support for military families.

MFRI leaders have testified before Congress as subject matter experts, and MacDermid Wadsworth previously served on the Defense Health Board's Psychological Health External Advisory Committee and the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Returning Veterans.

"Purdue is proud of MFRI's accomplishments during its first 15 years," Ladisch said. "We are excited to see what the next 15 years will bring."



BY SCOTT HUTCHESON  
Asst. Program Leader for Community Development, Purdue Extension

### Shingle-Ready Communities

If economic development is a familiar term to you, when you hear it you probably think of headlines announcing some new company coming to town, perhaps in the business park at the edge of town, and bringing much-needed jobs to your community.

Although these industrial attraction projects do indeed occur now and then, most of the economic growth in communities, both big and small, occurs when companies that already exist grow, adding jobs to accommodate new business, and when new small enterprises get launched.

These economic development successes, however, don't usually get the same splashy announcements as do new companies moving in. When a small firm with 10 employees experiences a growth in sales and hires two new people, or when an enterprising person quits a 9-to-5 job to start a new venture, it usually occurs under the radar.

Most of the economic development tools used in our communities are designed to attract new business. One of those tools is something called a shovel-ready program. Most of these programs involve parcels of land ready for construction so that permits and other paperwork can be expedited when someone becomes interested in building a new facility there.

The tools and programs to encourage and support entrepreneurship and business growth are fewer and further between. Perhaps it is time for communities to consider a shingle-ready program, designed to support the formation of new enterprises and the growth of existing businesses.

Chris Gibbons is the former economic development director of Littleton, Colorado, and the founder of Economic Gardening, a program to help grow existing businesses. Gibbons contends that both new businesses and those poised to grow need three things: information, infrastructure and networks.

Communities interested in becoming shingle-ready might want to pay attention to Gibbons' advice. When he says that these companies need information, he's pointing out that these smaller firms usually don't have the in-house capacity to do things such as sophisticated market analysis to help their decision-making process.

When Gibbons talks about infrastructure, he's not referring to just roads and sewers, but also a different kind of infrastructure

such as access to high-speed Internet service and expertise from attorneys, accountants and others with specialized expertise.

Entrepreneurs also need networks that connect them to other entrepreneurs. One of the reasons places like Silicon Valley have been successful is because of something called knowledge spillover that occurs when a lot of entrepreneurs bump into each other. They learn from one another's successes and failures and form supportive informal networks.

Here's an example of how a community could have a shingle-ready program that encourages and supports the formation of new entrepreneurial ventures. We'll call this community Midville.

Recognizing that access to information is an important part of a shingle-ready community, the Midville Chamber of Commerce connects with the regional Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to arrange to have one of their business counselors at the local library a half day each week. They spread the word extensively through social media that the SBDC representative is available to provide market analysis for prospective entrepreneurs.

Midville wants to turn downtown coffee shops and public spaces into hotspots of activity. They make wireless broadband available free in the downtown area, recognizing that a young person working on a laptop and sipping latte might be the town's next businessperson.

A local women's sorority in Midville begins thinking of itself as an entrepreneurship support network in addition to a service club. They bring in guest speakers to talk about launching a business and opportunities for women-owned enterprises.

Information, infrastructure, networks.

If Midville were to do these things they would be well on their way to becoming a shingle-ready community. Of course, there is much more they could do, but these things would be a start.

Most civic leaders think a great deal about economic development, and nearly every community has some sort of strategy and a set of tools to encourage industrial attraction. But they would be well served to spend as much time and effort on strategies and programs to make them shingle-ready as well as shovel-ready.

Scott Hutcheson works with local and regional communities across the U.S. and abroad, helping civic leaders implement strategies to grow their local economies and ensure quality of life for residents.



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## Loogootee's Bailey Davis one hits 'Birds

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Softball Head Coach

Finally home for only the second time this season, the softball Lions wasted no time in taking control of the game over the Eastern Greene Thunderbirds by jumping on them with three runs in the first and eventually winning via the 10 run rule, at 10-0, in the sixth inning. Junior Bailey Davis took to the circle for the first time on the year and cruised to a one hit, seven strike out win. Playing with a great defense behind her, Davis threw only 57 pitches and missed a no hitter by a few inches as the flair off of the bat of the Thunderbird left fielder, Shimkus, dropped just inside the right field foul line.

But the Lions fared far better at the plate, even though the freshman pitcher for Eastern Greene, Jena Thomas, at times flummoxed the Lion batters. But the bottom of the first set the tone for the Lions this day, when Julianne Bell lifted a ball into left center that fell untouched and found Bell standing on second when time was called. After a Breigh LaMar line out to third and a steal of third by Bell, Bailey Davis singled to left to score Bell. Following a four pitch walk to Mayson Riley (Mikayla Wolf came on to courtesy run), Lauren Bowling singled to

score Davis and Waylee Wagoner followed that up by singling home Wolf.

The Lions next hung a run on the scoreboard in the 4th inning with a leadoff single from Chassidy Bridges, Freshman Shalyn Bruner came in to run for Bridges. Julianne Bell tripled to deep left center field to drive home Bruner. Then in the fifth inning, Mayson Riley singled to open the frame and was forced out at second on the fielder's choice off the bat of Bowling. Waylee Wagoner drew a walk and with runners on first and second, junior Rielley Graber doubled to deep left center scoring both Bowling and Wagoner.

The sixth inning saw the Lions score four runs, with no Loogootee outs, to put the game in the win column. Bell singled to center. Breigh LaMar singled up the middle, which brought Bailey Davis, the Lions number three hitter, to the plate. Davis drove the first pitch to left center for a double and drove in Bell and moved LaMar to third. The Loogootee catcher, Mayson Riley, was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Mikayla Wolf again came on to courtesy run. Breigh LaMar scored on a passed ball to make the score 8-0 with senior Lauren Bowling coming to the plate. Lauren saw the 2-1 pitch very well and singled home both Davis and

Wolf for the game winner.

Coach Clark said, "It was good to see Bailey in the circle tonight. We needed to give Chas a rest heading into the conference game at Wood Friday night. We talked before the game that no matter who is in the

circle, we have to perform in the field and at the plate and the kids, all of them, played great! Very proud of the captains and the leadership they are providing, and the team is really stepping up and playing great fast-pitch softball."

## Lady Lions Tennis defeated by BR

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis Team travelled to Barr-Reeve last night, Tuesday, April 28. The varsity Lions were edged out by the Lady Vikings 2-3 and the junior varsity were also defeated, 2-4.

"This was a good match to watch. The players on both sides played at a high level. I was proud of the way Emily and Katie played. They both had some rough stretches in their matches but overcame them to get wins," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

The varsity moves to 5-5 on the season and 3-2 in conference play.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Melody Rohrer 6-4, 1-6, 6-3

#2 Singles Bethanie Knepp (BR) defeated Erin Nelson 6-1, 6-1

#3 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Annie Graber 1-6, 6-4, 6-4

#1 Doubles Olivia Carroll/Leah Bullock

(BR) defeated Ashley Lindauer/Eden Jenkins 7-6 (3), 6-4

#2 Doubles Jayna Wagler/Bailey Graber (BR) defeated Emma Walters/Tara Pennington 6-4, 6-3

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Bailey Gabhart (BR) defeated Shayna Stuffle 6-1

#2 Singles Faith Alford (BR) defeated Jody Seals 7-5

#3 Singles Paige Neukam (BR) defeated Deedra Fields 6-0

#1 Doubles Breanna Holloway/Megan Mathies (L) defeated Breanna Yoder/Natalie Schultheis 6-3

#2 Doubles Krislyn Knepp/Anna O'Connor (BR) defeated Kendall Riley/Ashley Jones 6-4

#3 Doubles Kayetlyn Carter/Cora Hedrick (L) defeated Emma Steiner/Olena Grindhaug 6-4

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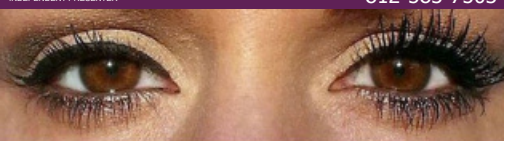
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**DOUG PRICE**

Douglas Rowan Price is the son of Doug M. Price and Joann Price. While in high school, he has been in Lion Pride, Pep Club and played intramural basketball all four years. He did job shadowing his freshman year, was on the yearbook staff his sophomore year, as in Spanish Club in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; in SADD in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades; and was a cadet teacher his junior and senior years. He played baseball all four years. Doug plans to join the Navy after graduation.



**PRYCE HEDRICK**

Pryce W. Hedrick is the son of Rodney and Melissa Hedrick. While in high school, he has been in Pep Club all four years and was in FACS Club and student council his freshman and sophomore years. He played tennis in 9th and 10th grades. Pryce plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study general education.



**ARIEL JONES**

Ariel Lynn Jones is the daughter of Michael and Tonya Jones. While in high school, she has been in chorus and madrigals all four years. She was in the musical and FACS Club in 9th and 10th grades, in SADD in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades; in America Club, Recycling Club and was a cadet teacher her junior and senior years and has been a member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes her senior year. She ran track all four years, was the manager of the girls' basketball team her freshman year and ran cross country in 9th and 10th grades. Ariel plans to attend Taylor University after graduation.



**ASHLEY JONES**

Ashley Ann Jones is the daughter of Lisa and Eric Jones. While in high school, she has been in Beta Club all four years, in SADD her freshman year, in the musical in 9th and 10th grades, in madrigals in 9th, 10th and 11th grades; in Peers her sophomore and junior years, in French Club in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades; and did job shadowing her senior year. She was also on the science academic team in 11th and 12th grades. She played tennis all four years of high school. Ashley plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study nursing and emergency medical services.



**MARISSA KOONTZ**

Marissa Breann Koontz is the daughter of Billy and Melissa Koontz. While in high school, she was in French Club all four years, in SADD her freshman year, in FACS Club in 9th and 10th grades, on the yearbook staff her junior year, and was a cadet teacher in 11th and 12th grades. She served as French Club Secretary in 9th, 10th and 11th grades and played softball her sophomore year. Marissa plans to attend VU after graduation and become a veterinarian technician.



**TAYLOR WALKER**

Taylor H. Walker is the son of Kristi Walker and the late Tim Walker. While in high school, he played intramural basketball and was in Pep Club all four years. He was in America Club and served as a cadet teacher in 11th and 12th grades and was on the yearbook staff his senior year. He ran track in 10th grade and played baseball his junior and senior years. Taylor plans to attend Vincennes University after graduation and study sports management.

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Softball Head Coach

Trains and injuries created adversity that Team 20 had to overcome to win their first conference game of the season, 4 to 3, in 8 innings, at Wood Memorial last Friday night. First, a train hindered the team from leaving town in a timely manner, and then injuries during pregame warmup and in action during the game created those tough times to overcome. Overcome them they did, courtesy of the long home run off of the bat of Loogootee's second baseman, Lauren Bowling, in the top of the 8th inning.

Loogootee drew first blood, unfortunately, it was their own teammates when Mayson Riley was injured during pregame warmup. That caused a scramble as the Lions moved the lineup around to cover the injury to their starting catcher. With Mayson on the way to be checked out at the hospital, Loogootee set out to handle their second adversity of the day.

Wood Memorial scored first in the bottom of the second inning when they had three singles in a row, mixed in with a fielder's choice and a throwing error, that allowed the run to score. Loogootee's Julianne Bell tripled to deep right center and scored on the overthrow of third to score the Lions lone run in the third. In the bottom of the

third, Loogootee first baseman, Paige Walton, drawn off the bag by a wide throw collided with the Wood Memorial runner causing an injury to Walton's left wrist. This was the third bit of adversity on the night.

With Walton on the way to be checked out at the hospital, the Lions came together and decided it was time to bring the bats to life. Bailey Davis singled to right center, singles by Lauren Bowling, Waylee Wagoner and Chassidy Bridges, wrapped around a fielder's choice off the bat of Brittany Woody, scored Davis and Wagoner to put the Lion lead at 3 to 1. In the half of Wood Memorial's fourth inning, a lead-off walk followed by two singles scored a run to bring the score to 3 to 2 still in the favor of the Lions. After a 3-2-3 double play, a fielding error by the Loogootee pitcher, allowed the tying run to score.

Although both teams would threaten in score in each inning thereafter, but it was Lauren Bowling who took the no ball, one strike offering from the Wood pitcher Settle, and drove it out of the park for the game winning run.

The Lions are now 6-3 on the year and had Saturday's game at North Central rained out. The softball Lions have a three-game home stand with games on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday as Forest Park, NE Dubois and Springs Valley come to town.

## Lions lose 3-4 against Forest Park

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Softball Head Coach

With two starters on the disabled list, the Lions came out flat, and stayed flat as they could not put anything together at bat, or in the field, in a 4-3 loss to the Rangers of Forest Park. While this was not a typical Forest Park team, they committed an error and failed to execute at the plate a few times, they were more than enough for Loogootee on this day.

Loogootee did touch the dish first, as Julianne Bell reached via a base on balls and promptly moved to third on the sacrifice bunt by Breigh LaMar. The Bailey Davis ground ball to short stop was all the speedy Bell needed to scoot home. Then in the third inning, the Lions Bell again scored as she reached second on the dropped fly ball by the Ranger center fielder. Bell moved to third when a pickoff attempt got away from the Rangers second baseman and scored on the sacrifice fly from Bailey Davis.

The fifth inning was all Forest Park as they plated four runs. Ranger pitcher Bayer lifted a ball that landed between Loogootee's short stop and left fielder for a single. Lange, the designated player for the Rangers, then drove the no ball two-strike pitch from Bridges up the middle for another base hit. Giesler then put down a bunt to move the runners up 60 feet but found herself safe at first as no Lion fielder moved to cover the bag. The Ranger's ninth place batter, Hopf, hit a roller back to the circle that went off the cleat of the Loogootee pitcher for a run and once again the Ranger's had the bases loaded and still no outs. Roos then lifted a pop up to short right field that dropped in front of the Loogootee fielder and 2 more Rangers scored to take the lead at 3-2. Loogootee did manage to get Hopf trying to get to third for the first out of the inning but Roos did make it to second on the play. Nordhoff was then hit by a pitch to put Rangers at first and second with one out and Begle singled to right center scoring Roos. Voges and Morgan both popped out to end the inning. But not before the damage was done and Forest Park held a 4-2 lead.

Forest Park did threaten again in the sixth as with one out both Lange and Giesler singled, but Lange was thrown out at third trying to steal, and Hopf grounded out to Davis to end the threat. The sixth saw the Lions score a run when LaMar doubled to right center and scored on the single to left by Davis as the Ranger left fielder dove for the ball and did not come up with it and the ball scooted away from her, thus allowing LaMar to score.

The seventh saw the Rangers go down 1-2-3, to give Loogootee their chance to tie or win the game. After Bridges and Kaiser both grounded out, sophomore Sydney Blankenbaker showed that there was a little life left in the Lions by singling to right center. But to no avail as Bell grounded out to the pitcher to end the game.

## LHS Softball Coach re-elected to board

Loogootee High School softball coach Greg Clark was recently re-elected to the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Executive Board. While serving on the Executive Board, Greg is also the Softball Liaison for the ICGSA to the IIAAA and the IHSAA.

"I'm honored to serve the on the board as a representative for District 5 and to get to serve the softball coaches for the entire State of Indiana as the liaison, and I thank the coaches in District 5 for re-electing me."

Greg Clark also serves as the North Region Chair for All Region selections for the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, and in that capacity he also helps to select the National High School All Americans.

Clark, the softball coach at Loogootee High School, has been the head coach there since the 2003-2004 season and has coached at Loogootee in some capacity for 27 years including grade school basketball and as an assistant with the baseball program.

## LHS Tennis sweeps Cards

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Tennis Team faced off against Washington Catholic last Thursday, April 23. The came out with a win, 5-0.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "This was the first complete match from all five positions we have had the entire year. WC is a little down this year but the team came out aggressive and continued throughout the match. This is the type of effort and results we will need to be successful as we enter the second half of the season."

- Results
- #1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Brooklyn Allen 6-0, 6-0
  - #2 Singles Erin Nelson (L) defeated Caroline Burch 6-0, 6-0
  - #3 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Claire Jarrett 6-1, 6-0
  - #1 Doubles Ashley Lindauer/Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Ana Martin Del Rio/Uma Patel 6-1, 6-0
  - #2 Doubles Emma Walters/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Grace Bassler/Emma Schuler 6-0, 6-1

## Three vie for Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer seat

### LOGOOTEER CLERK-TREASURER

**GIANNA M. ARMSTRONG (D)**  
**RONALD "RON" GILBERT (D) and**  
**NANCY (MCATEE) JONES (D)**

*(There is currently no Republican opponent in the Clerk-Treasurer race for the fall election)*

*Martin County Journal: Tell me about yourself (education, family, job, experience, etc.)*

**Gianna Armstrong:** My name is Gianna (Gee) Armstrong. I am 49 years old. I am the daughter of Lynn Gee and the late Joe Gee of Loogootee. I am a member and cantor at St. John Catholic Church. I am married to Wayne Armstrong from Washington, and we have 15-year-old twins, Brandon and Taiya Armstrong. I graduated from Loogootee High School in 1983 and have two associate's degrees, one in law enforcement and one in corrections from VU, and a medical transcription certificate from VUJC. I was a dispatcher for the Martin County Sheriff's Department and retired from there after more than 20 years of service. I was the 9-1-1 coordinator when we implemented the system in our county. I also took on various additional duties when the matron was out of the county. Since retiring, I have become a surveillance agent at the French Lick Resort. This job entails surveillance of the French Lick Resort, West Baden Resort, and Casino, to protect the finances of the company, as well as to ensure the safety of patrons, employees, and property. I have also substitute taught at school for several years.

**Ronald Gilbert:** I am a retired educator and bus driver. I have a Bachelor of Science in Education from Indiana University-Bloomington and Master of Science in Education from Indiana University-Bloomington, also, Gifted and Talented (High Ability) Endorsement from Indiana University and Chinese Language Endorsement from Ball State University

**Nancy Jones:** I am in my second term as clerk-treasurer for the City of Loogootee. I

### Primary candidates 2015

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NOEL D. HARTY (D)

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NANCY (MCATEE) JONES (D)

GIANNA M. ARMSTRONG (D)

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#### AT-LARGE

FRED A. DUPPS (D)

ROGER DOWNEY (D)

MARTY TARRH (R)



**GIANNA ARMSTRONG**

have an AS degree in General Studies from Vincennes University. I am the daughter of the late Bob and Helen McAtee. I am married to Michael G. Jones and we have two children, Molly, who is married to Ryan Johnson; and Luke, a student at Indiana University.

*Martin County Journal: What qualifications do you have to be clerk-treasurer?*

**Gianna Armstrong:** While it is true that I have never held the position of clerk-treasurer, I have never had a problem taking on new jobs and challenges. I can learn the job and have the drive to do it to the best of my ability. I have always been able to budget money and I am very meticulous, almost to a fault. The state provides the training that I will have no problem using to serve my town.

**Ronald Gilbert:** With the education I have mentioned above, I feel that I am the most qualified of the three candidates for the office of clerk-treasurer. With all the math background, I will be able to keep the financial books correct and up-to-date.

**Nancy Jones:** With over seven years of experience as clerk-treasurer, I have acquired a high level of knowledge and understanding regarding the functions and operations of local government, and developed extensive administrative skills, especially in the areas of public finance and budgeting.

*Martin County Journal: Why do you want to serve in the office of clerk-treasurer?*

**Gianna Armstrong:** I can remember wanting a city office since the end of my high school years. I have had an interest in politics since my father's first sheriff race. This seems to be the most logical time in my life to open a new chapter, take on a new challenge, and get back to serving my hometown where I belong.

**Ronald Gilbert:** I feel as a city, we have grown in the past three years economically and my being a member of the city council has helped that grow. By voting for me on May 5, I will to the best of my ability continue in a new part of the city (clerk-treasurer) to financially work to keep Loogootee fiscally sound. I will work with the other employees to make Loogootee the best city in Indiana.

**Nancy Jones:** It gives me the opportunity to work in my community as a public servant and utilize my professional skills and abilities in service to a greater good.



**RON GILBERT**

*Martin County Journal: How important do you think it is for the clerk-treasurer to have a good working relationship with the mayor and the city council?*

**Gianna Armstrong:** It's very important to have a good relationship with the mayor and city council. It takes everyone working together to make our town a place to be proud of, whether it's the pool, flowers, rebuilding the downtown area, or bringing in jobs and housing. One person or department cannot do it by themselves. It takes teamwork. Much like a family, things will go more smoothly and more will be accomplished if everyone works together.

**Ronald Gilbert:** The clerk-treasurer has to have a working relationship with the mayor and the city council to make the town grow and stay fiscally sound without overspending. Being on the city council, I have proven that I can work with all the other members as well as the mayor.

**Nancy Jones:** Each elected official has its role and responsibilities as established by state law. However, it is imperative that all elected officials and city employees work together to provide the city services in the most effective and efficient ways possible.

*Martin County Journal: Are you willing to work with the public if they have questions or request access to city financial records, ordinances, and/or audio or minutes of council meetings and do you feel this is an important part of the job?*

**Gianna Armstrong:** I'm sure when I attend the training session they will tell me what items are available to the public. I feel all records should be made available to the



**NANCY JONES**

public. If I should be elected it is the public that will put me there and the public I will be working for. I will not forget that. I will always be available to the public and listen to everyone. I have always been in public service. I will show the utmost respect for every citizen, service provider, and department in town.

**Ronald Gilbert:** As clerk-treasurer, I would be more than happy to work with the public on any requests that are made about the financial records and ordinances, as well as minutes because all the records should be open to the public.

**Nancy Jones:** This is an essential part of the job of the clerk-treasurer. All citizens have a right to access public records and it is the role of the C-T to provide reasonable access to these records as prescribed in state law.

*Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?*

**Gianna Armstrong:** I just want everyone to keep in mind on Election Day that voting is a privilege that not everyone has. This is your right! Don't give it up!

**Ronald Gilbert:** I would love to have the opportunity to make Loogootee the best city in Indiana. As a voted position, I feel the clerk-treasurer's office should be a friendly environment with openness. I would like to thank you in advance for your votes. Your votes are greatly appreciated.

**Nancy Jones:** It is an honor and a privilege to serve this community as the clerk-treasurer for the City of Loogootee. I hope to be your Democratic candidate for clerk-treasurer in the fall election.

**Carter Scott Downey says to VOTE for Papa Downey for Loogootee City Council At-Large!!**

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- Got feedback from area cities and towns on snow and ice removal and put a test program in place to use some salt versus all sand.
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- Working to see what needs to be done to improve the storm water drainage issues

-Paid for by Fred Dupps for City Council

# Democrats Downey and Dupps face off in Primary

**LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE SEAT  
ROGER DOWNEY (D) and  
FRED A. DUPPS (D)**

*(Winner of the Primary will go up against Republican Marty Tarrh this fall)*

**Martin County Journal:** Tell me about yourself (education, family, job, experience, etc.)

**Roger Downey:** Roger S. Downey, 53, sales associate for Wabash Foodservice, graduated from LHS in 1979, two years at Vincennes University, numerous Dale Carnegie courses. This is my first run for a political office. Married to Carolyn Parsons-Downey. I have three children, daughter, Christa Rudat, and her husband, Zach; son, Nick Downey; and daughter, Blythe Jeffers, and her husband, Joby. I have been blessed with four wonderful grandchildren. I am currently the Lay Leader at the Hindostan United Methodist Church. I have been very active in missions within the church.

**Fred Dupps:** I live at 240 Country Court with my wife, Bev. I am a graduate of Oakland City College. My business background as supply chain manager and subcontract administrator gives me the experience of making suggestions and decisions for the city. Even though the city is not a business, many of the principles of business apply. In addition, being on the council the last three years has given me experience that my opponent does not have.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you feel you can do for the city as a council member or in other words, why should the voters choose you?

**Roger Downey:** I have 20 years of management experience as the Director Of Operations for BR Associates. I was directly responsible for running the day-to-day operations of over ten restaurants in Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois. My family also owned and operated the skating rink in Jasper for seven years. My experience with budgeting, marketing, hiring and retention, cleanliness, quality of goods has prepared me for this position. I will be ready to listen to anyone concerning their thoughts and concerns about the City of Loogootee. I have been attending the council meetings for about eight months to learn and prepare for this election. I will be open and honest with you knowing that I will vote on my convictions. I can be contacted at any time



**ROGER DOWNEY**

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**Fred Dupps:** My 33 years of working in procurement for JOFCO and Kimball International, and 10 years of working as a subcontract administrator for SAIC give me a strong business background that I apply with city decisions. In addition, the last three years of being on the council has given me experience that my opponent does not have.

**Martin County Journal:** Would you be in favor of increasing water and/or sewer rates?

**Roger Downey:** After talking with the mayor and Bo Wilson it seems that we have some very old equipment that will need to be repaired in the very near future. If elected I will have to believe that this will be a big priority for the city to improve upon. I know that the city is looking to take over the Boggs Sewer District currently. I will investigate all options available to keep the city running properly with always considering the taxpayers before any decision being made.

**Fred Dupps:** No. The water and sewer rates do not need to be increased. The current rates are providing sufficient income to sustain the system and make the bond payments.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you think the city has done in regard to economic development over the past four years?

**Roger Downey:** (No response to this question.)



**FRED DUPPS**

**Fred Dupps:** It has been slower than I like. I continue to work with and push the executive director of the Martin County Alliance to find a tenant for the Bowling Mfg. facility. The feedback is that the contract is close to being finalized. I have also funneled some business contacts to the Alliance Director from Dubois County manufacturers who have been looking to expand.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think should be the city council's number one focus and why?

**Roger Downey:** I plan on bringing fiscal responsibility to the city council. We need to properly forecast, budget, and prepare for the future of Loogootee. I have met with the mayor and almost all of the department heads asking them their needs. The consensus is that the city will need to improve upon the financial health to be able to be ready for any future problems that may occur. I know the council is looking at naming some areas of the city as a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) districts. This could allow the city to attract new business along with employment opportunities in the future. I will need to continue to learn more about TIF districts to analyze both the pros and cons that it may bring to the city.

**Fred Dupps:** There are several. If I had to pick one, I believe that our storm water drainage issues need to be addressed. Our storm sewers are aging and breaking down which causes flooding and pooling of rainwater.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexation?

**Roger Downey:** If we can do so with both the city and the homeowners being better off than before the annexation, I am all for it. I will study the long-term goal of the city concerning annexation and make my decision appropriately.

**Fred Dupps:** I believe that any talk of annexation needs to be thoroughly thought out and communication with any potential area needs to be openly discussed. There must be a win/win situation for the city and the area before it is approved.

**Martin County Journal:** Are you related to anyone employed by the City of Loogootee?

**gootee? If so, would you abstain from votes that affect their salary or benefits?**

**Roger Downey:** I am not related to anyone employed by the city of Loogootee.

**Fred Dupps:** I am not related to anyone employed by the City of Loogootee.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?

**Roger Downey:** I appreciate all the support from my family and friends during this election. I also have spoken with many city residents that are looking for a change. They also have let me know they are looking for someone that will listen to any concern they have. I ask that you go vote on May 5th to have me elected to be your voice on the city council. Thanks in advance for your support and vote on the Democratic at-large seat.

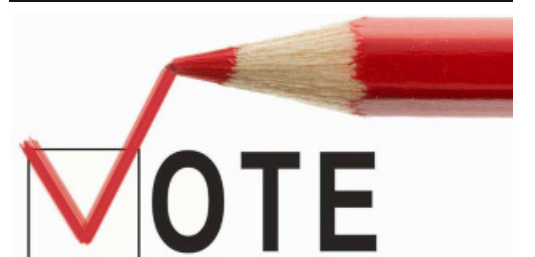
**Fred Dupps:** I will continue to be open to each citizen of Loogootee that calls me concerning issues, and address each and every one of them. I will continue to work with the council to address issues such as rough railroad crossings, storm water drainage issues, and more use of salt on snowy, icy roads to help make our winter streets safer. I truly enjoy being on the city council which allows me to work with the other council members and citizens to help enhance and promote our city.

**LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4**

**TIM "BIGGIN" LAWRENCE (D) and BETTYE NORRIS (D)**

Neither candidate, Lawrence or Norris, chose to respond to the Martin County Journal and public's questions.

*(There is currently no Republican on the ballot for the General Election this fall)*



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# Three Democrat candidates go after city council district one seat

## LOGOOTEETEE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

**TERESA M. NOLLEY (D)  
ROY E. PANNELL (D) and  
JAMES RICHARD TAYLOR (D)**

*(There is currently no Republican on the ballot for the district one seat)*

**Martin County Journal:** Tell me about yourself (education, family, job, experience, etc.)

**Teresa Nolley:** Teresa Nolley, single, retired from Loogootee Community School Corp.-37 years, custodial maintenance department.

**Roy Pannell:** I have lived with his wife, Nancy, for 47 years at 311 Crane St. in Loogootee. We raised four children: Michael R. Pannell who is currently employed at NSWC Crane and lives in Montgomery, with his wife, Michelle Pannell; Nanette M. Hembree, resides in Loogootee with husband, Aaron Hembree, and son, Tanner Akles, and is currently serving as a domestic engineer and a caregiver in an assisted living situation; Angela L. Dillon, is currently living in Odon with sons, Frankie and Isaac Dillon, and employed at Dr. Green, D.D.S.'s office in Lyons, as a dental assistant; and Cori L. Lukomski, resides in Loogootee with husband, Tim Lukomski, and is a former special education teacher who is currently is a learning coach for her daughter, Lilian Rose Lukomski, who is enrolled at Connections Academy, an online, public school. We currently enjoy six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. I am retired from NSWC Crane where I served for over 30 years including 3 1/2 years in the U.S. Air Force. I am also retired from The American Federation of Government Employees where I served for 11 years as National Vice President of the 6th District (KY, IN, OH). My most recent retirement is from the State of Indiana as a Safety Consultant for the Bureau of Safety Training & Education, Indiana Department of Labor, where I served for 11 years receiving frequent commendations for excellence in service. I am now owner of USafe, a Safety Consulting and Safety Training business. I graduated from Loogootee High School in 1962.

**Richard Taylor:** Chose not to respond.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you feel you can do for the city as a council member or in other words, why should the voters choose you?

**Teresa Nolley:** I feel I can bring a new perspective to tackling the city's issues. I feel the attitude of the council should help in setting the tone for growth and prosperity.

**Roy Pannell:** I think one of the main things is I am not related to anyone working for the city. I have no interest in anything other than the folks I represent. I have served the city of Loogootee and Martin County for years including years working for the humane society with no compensation.

**Richard Taylor:** Chose not to respond.

**Martin County Journal:** Would you be in favor of increasing water and/or sewer rates?

**Teresa Nolley:** I remember when the city improved the sewage system. No one was happy, but we needed it. Upgrading and maintaining our infrastructure is our responsibility to the next generation.

**Roy Pannell:** 3. No, but if those services were in jeopardy I would then favor increasing only after other things were cut. I propose they look at city council health insurance if I get elected. No city can afford health insurance. We also don't need two police dogs. The county should go into collaboration with the county whenever possible. The way they are financing the city right now with the pool and everything will demand an increase in rates. But I would not vote for a rate increase while the council was receiving salary and benefits.

**Richard Taylor:** Chose not to respond.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you think the city has done in regard to economic development over the past four years?

**Teresa Nolley:** How do we judge economic development? The unemployment rate for the county moves up and down but still is in the lower half in the state. Crane has announced the additions of jobs, but will they go to city residents? The city has moved part-time positions to full-time. Are our local business adding employees? I feel there is more we can do to improve our city's position in attracting business and it starts with the attitude of the council and our citizens.

**Roy Pannell:** The only thing I know they brought in is Bowling Manufacturing that will raise no revenue for Loogootee. It will be government subsidized jobs through a handicap program. Crane would pay the other half. They will end up paying low level workers. That would not be done if I was in the council. It would be for Martin County Red Door not Knox County. Economic development is something Loogootee needs but little has been done except support the county economic development director. It has helped Crane not Loogootee. I am also against TIF districts. It might bring jobs but the city will not receive city water and sewer money along with tax to bring in business. I wouldn't encourage TIF districts unless sure it would work.

**Richard Taylor:** Chose not to respond.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you think should be the city council's number one focus and why?

**Teresa Nolley:** I feel our focus should be to show improvements in all areas at a slow and steady pace. Ignoring some areas to fix others is not the way to improve.

**Roy Pannell:** The budget first should go toward the services of the city naturally - water, police protection, fire and then take into consideration other things. I don't think the city council should receive any pay or benefits. I don't think the taxpayers should pay the health insurance of elected officials. I am tired of not being able to fix a fountain when it breaks. We need a preventive maintenance program for city water and sewage, and the pool - a separate fund for maintenance. I would also roll back and re-organize back to the way they were before they made one city superintendent. Wilson has the technical knowledge and no one else does and no one else is trained. They should at least have two in case Wilson left for whatever reason. I think that's critical to undo that. I think that is a poor structure and a non-elected person should not have that much control.

**Richard Taylor:** Chose not to respond.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel about annexation?

**Teresa Nolley:** With annexation comes more responsibility. It must be approached with caution and thorough planning.

**Roy Pannell:** I am not in favor of annexation unless that's the only resource but if someone is getting all the services from the city they should be paying a service fee for those services. To me, annexation is a negative thing.

**Richard Taylor:** Chose not to respond.

**Martin County Journal:** Are you related to anyone employed by the City of Loogootee? If so, would you abstain from votes that affect their salary or benefits?

**Teresa Nolley:** We are a small community but I am not related to any city employees.

**Roy Pannell:** I am not related to anyone and I would definitely abstain if I were related to anyone or if it benefited any of my relatives.

**Richard Taylor:** Chose not to respond.

**Martin County Journal:** Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?

**Teresa Nolley:** I would appreciate everyone's votes in the election, but believe it is

more important that everyone exercises their right to vote.

**Roy Pannell:** I don't think there should be career politicians on the council. We need other opinions and we don't need one party controlling everything. That's a problem in my opinion. I think there needs to be term limits. I think it's embarrassing that the city did not budget for the General Election. That should have been done. I also believe the city should provide some funding to the humane society. I tried for years to get this done. It's a service provided and we are obligated to help support it. I will stand up for the people of Loogootee and would appreciate your vote on Tuesday.

**Richard Taylor:** Chose not to respond.

## Photo ID required to vote in Indiana

You have the right to vote in an Indiana election, if:

-You are both a U.S. citizen and a resident of Indiana; and

-You will be at least 18 years of age at the next General Election, November 3, 2015; and

-You are not currently in prison after being convicted of a crime; and

-You have lived in the precinct where you vote for at least 30 days prior to the election unless you qualify to vote using one of the "Fail Safe" procedures; and

-You are registered to vote

A voter must provide government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot, except when voting absentee-by-mail or traveling board or when a polling place is located at a state-

licensed care facility in which the voter resides. The ID must fit the following criteria:

-Your ID must display your photo.

-Your name on the ID must conform with your voter registration record.

-Your ID must contain an expiration date and either still be current or have expired sometimes after the date of the last General or Municipal Election (November 4, 2014). Certain military and veteran IDs with no expiration date or an "indefinite" expiration date are acceptable.

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Roy Pannell  
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**For A Better  
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**Together We Can!**

-Paid for by Roy Pannell for Loogootee City Council

Roy E. Pannell requests that you join with him as he seeks to contribute a fresh perspective to the Loogootee City Council. One that will consider the needs and concerns of all the citizens of the city and he hopes to focus his influence on re-allocating city funds to projects that benefit the majority of citizens instead of singularly promoting the interests of those individuals in control of the budget. Roy wishes to serve Loogootee in the District 1 council position, and he asks for your support on May 6, 2015.

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Roy feels with his history of service and leadership, he will be a positive addition to the City Council.

Roy will be running on the Democratic ballot for Council. Despite his affiliation with this party he will listen to all citizens regardless of their political affiliation. With your help, Roy hopes to bring about the changes necessary to lead Loogootee into a bright and safe future.