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## LHS Royalty

Loogootee High School Prom Royalty was crowned last Saturday night at Jack Butcher Arena. In the photo above, on the left, are King Kirk Bratton and Queen Hope Fisher. In the photo on the right are Prom Princess Melaina Tippet and Prom Prince Niklas Mauer.

## Middle Way House announces 2019 essay contest winners

Middle Way House Martin County Outreach office hosted a Teen Dating Violence Awareness essay contest. Students grades 9 through 12 were invited to submit essays for Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. The goal of this annual contest is to encourage critical thinking and engage local youth in conversations about dating violence.

Loogootee High School students Kaden Wolf, Brittany Potts and Kylie VanHoy were awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places respectively. The students each received Visa gift cards in the amounts of \$100, \$75, and \$50. Middle Way House would especially like to recognize the following community businesses and organizations for supporting this contest through their generous donations: Blake's Carwash; Jones Oil Marathon; Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design; Old National Bank; and St. Vincent De Paul

According to a 2013 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey, among high

school students who dated, 21 percent of females and 10 percent of males reported having experienced physical and/ or sexual dating violence. Middle Way House believes the only way to prevent dating violence is to help children and youth better understand healthy relationships at an early age. Middle Way House offers our Building Healthy Relationships Prevention Program to many schools throughout the counties we serve. This program is a week long program that is offered and taught each semester to 7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades.

About Middle Way House: Middle Way House is a nonprofit agency serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking across six counties (including Martin). Services provided locally include crisis casework, legal advocacy, community outreach, and prevention education. For more information, community members Middle Way can contact a local at



-Photo provided

Shown above are the Middle Way House essay contest winners. From left to right are Heidi Weaver, Middle Way House, Lisa Muench, Middle Way House, Kylie VanHoy 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, Brtianny Potts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, Kaden Wolf, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, and Megan Lottes, Youth First School Social Worker.

## Health Department, WIC move to new location



The Hoosier Uplands office in Martin County that houses the Martin County Health Department, Martin County WIC Department, and Energy Assistance has moved to a different location. The address to the new location is 127 Water Street, Shoals, IN 47581.

The Martin County Health Department performs various functions within the county, including maintaining and retrieving vital health information, reviewing and approving septic system installations, immunizations for adults and children, etc.

The Martin County WIC Department provides the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program that provides nutrition and health education, breastfeeding support, referrals to health and social services, and a debit card to buy healthy foods free of charge to Indiana (See 'NEW LOCATION' on page 2)



**CITY OF LOOGOOTE  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
CANDIDATE PREVIEW**

**starts on page 10**

**Primary Election Day is**

**Tuesday, May 7**

**from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**for voters in Perry 1, 2, 3 & 4**



# Survey of entrepreneurs in Southern Indiana now open

Local businesses and entrepreneurs are asked to fill out a short online survey about the need for services and facilities that can help the local economy grow.

This is part of the next phase of the Southwest Indiana Technology and Collaboration Hub Network or "SWITCH" Network Feasibility Study being conducted by Radius Indiana and the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC).

SWITCH is intended to help establish a network of entrepreneurial centers in this region and allow the sharing of resources throughout the network. Once completed, this study will bring together the public and private sectors by building an economic development roadmap to strengthen the regional economy, support private capital investment and create jobs throughout the region.

The groups have contracted with a team of consultants who are carrying out the SWITCH study, an analysis of families who qualify.

The Energy Assistance program serves low-income households subject to an energy burden and responds promptly to eligible households with a heating emergency. The program is income based and can provide an energy assistance benefit that can offset the high cost of energy for households at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

The Martin County Hoosier Uplands office hosted an Open House event on April 26 at the new location. Mayor of Loogootee Noel Harty led a ribbon cutting for the new building. Door prizes were given out to attendees and refreshments were served. Other local service organizations attended and provided information about their programs as well.

our area's need for co-working spaces, maker spaces, incubators, and programming to support entrepreneurs and small businesses.

As part of the study, they are distributing a survey that can be used by the business and general population to help us better measure the regional need and appetite for a variety of programs and facilities that promote, serve, and strengthen an entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Please take the time to complete this survey so that Radius and SIDC can gain more information about what each county - and the region overall - con-

sider to be our greatest needs: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWITCHEntrepreneurDemand](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SWITCHEntrepreneurDemand)

The study is a partnership of 11 different local economic development organizations (Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Pike and Washington), three regional planning commissions (SIDC, River Hills and IN 15), two regional economic development organizations (Radius Indiana and the Southwest Indiana Development Council), as well as the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

## Falling tree causes fatal accident in Shoals

On Friday, April 26, at approximately 4:50 p.m., Dustin S. Taylor, 37, of Shoals, was driving eastbound on U.S. Highway 150, approximately two miles east of Shoals, when a tree fell from the west side of the highway over both lanes. Taylor's 2011 GMC Sierra pickup was impacted by the tree. Multiple members of the Martin County Sheriff's Office, the Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Coroner Mark Franklin were called to the scene.

## CONTEST

(Continued from page one) 812-295-2993. If you are worried about yourself or another person's relationship safety, please contact our toll-free 24/7 Crisis Line at (812) 336-0846.

## NEW LOCATION

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# CLASSIFIED ADS

## HELP WANTED

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#### Director of Solid Waste District

The Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors of Martin County are currently seeking a full-time District Director with solid waste or other management experience. The Director is responsible for all aspects of the operation of the District including managing the Recycling Center and all of the employees, special waste disposal and education for Martin County.

The Director reports directly to the County Solid Waste Board. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience. Excellent Driving record required.

Only resumes received by mail to the address listed below will be accepted. Include level of education, job history, and dates in your resume. No phone calls or walk ins please.

**The last date to accept resumes is May 3, 2019**

Mail Resume to:  
**Martin County Director Search**  
**c/o Martin County Solid Waste District,**  
**PO Box 343, Loogootee, IN 47553**

## YARD SALES

LOGOOTEETOWNWIDE YARD SALES! 26+ sales. May 3-4. Map at IGA & [www.gsalr.com](http://www.gsalr.com).

**NICE YARD SALE:** Friday and Saturday in Dover Hill @ Wagler residence. Watch for signs. Cheap prices! Lots of nice toddler toys, nice baby boy clothing, nice quality toddler boys' and girls' clothes and shoes, baby bedding, name brands teen girls clothing, nice women's shoes and clothes. Men's clothing, towels, outside items, household items. Too much to mention. Friday, May 3 from 8-6 and Saturday, May 4 from 8-2. From Shoals, take Hwy 450 towards Dover Hill. Turn Left on Dover Hill Road. Sale is at 4th house on left. From the Loogootee area, turn left before 4-H grounds on Dover Hill Loogootee Road, go 4 miles (approx.) - sale is at Wagler's residence on right side of road. Watch for signs.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### Martin County Humane Society

# ANNUAL AUCTION

## Saturday, May 4

Item viewing from 5-6 p.m. Auction starts at 6 p.m.  
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# GARAGE AND BAKE SALE



**Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church**  
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**Friday, May 3 • 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and**  
**Saturday, May 4 • 8 a.m.-noon**

Directions: 8 miles south of Loogootee down Hwy. 231 South, turn on Old School Road. Follow yard sale signs to the church. From Haysville: take Hwy. 231 North 4 1/2 miles turning onto Beard Road and then following the signs.

Restrooms are available. • All proceeds go to the church.

Among other items to sell are:  
 A dinette table with 3 chairs, books, lots of clothes in infant, children, women and men's sizes; household and kitchen items, electric range, chest of drawers, wooden medicine cabinet, computer desk, lamps, 2 sets of dishes, child's bicycle and lots of miscellaneous.



# Obituaries

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## DUSTIN TAYLOR

Dustin Shane Taylor passed away Friday, April 26, 2019 near Shoals. A resident of Shoals, he was 37.

He was born October 10, 1981 in Bedford. He married Kecia Boyd on February 14, 2009 in Little Nashville.

He was a 2001 graduate of Shoals High School, received an associate degree at Lincoln Tech Community College and was an ASE Certified Mechanic. He was a self-employed machanic and handyman, an avid outdoorsman (which is how his son "Hunter" received his name), loved fishing, cars, mushroom hunting and his family. He was a great storyteller and father.

He is survived by his wife, Kecia; three sons, Aiden, Hunter and Ethan Taylor of Shoals; mother and stepfather, Rhonda and Kenny Elliott of Shoals; two sisters, Melissa (Dan) Schroeder of French Lick and Kendra (Ark) Wright of Shoals; grandparents, Ruth and David Holman of Shoals; mother in-law, Karen Boyd of Loogootee; father in-law, Wesley Boyd of Shoals; two brothers in-law, Robert (Brittany) Boyd of Reelsville, Joshua (Elizabeth) Condra of Washington; one sister in-law, Heather (Matt) Spencer of Irvine, California; many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and one niece.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Paul and Maxine Hopkins.

Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, May 1 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Stan

Day officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be appreciated.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

## KENNETH BRETT

Kenneth L. Brett passed away Friday, April 26, 2019 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehab. A resident of Shoals, he was 71.



He was born August 24, 1947 in Washington to Robert and Blanche (Hovis) Brett. He married Carolyn Jackson on December 17, 1976 in Shoals.

He was a 1965 graduate of Shoals High School, worked for CSX Railroad from the Mitchell Headquarters, attended Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church, was a member of the Shoals American Legion and was a Veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He loved fishing on Brett family farm ponds, farming, raising beef with family and loved coon hunting.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Joshua Brett of Shoals and Brian (Sabine) Parson of Lobbach, Germany; one daughter, Amy (Larry) Carpenter of Celestine; ten grandchildren, nine

great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richard Brett of Shoals and Roger Brett of Shoals; and one sister, Lois Brett of Shoals.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Robert Wayne and a sister, Wilma Allen.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, May 2 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Bro. Marvin Lagle officiating. Burial will be in the Hickory Ridge Cemetery with Military Rites presented by the Shoals American Legion.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 1 at the Queen-Lee Chapel.

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

## MARY SHERFICK

Mary Sherfick passed away at 8:21 a.m. April 25, 2019 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 95.

She was born September 17, 1923 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Harry Joseph and Nancy Bridget (Mattingly) Bowling.

Mary was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She loved

gardening, flowers and family gatherings. She was an excellent seamstress.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Eugene Sherfick, who passed away March 3, 2004; grandson, Philip Stringfellow; siblings, Lester Bowling, Jack Bowling, James Bowling and Dorothy Hortie.

She is survived by her children, Jacqueline (Richard Beasley) Sherfick of Loogootee, Karen (Dale) McKibben of Bloomington and Mike (Rebecca) Sherfick of Loogootee; grandchildren, Julie, Kurt, Joseph and Alex; great-grandchildren, Thomas, Maggie, Halle Rose, Chris and Emery; siblings, William Bowling and Don (Patty) Bowling of Loogootee.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Saturday, April 27 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for masses.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

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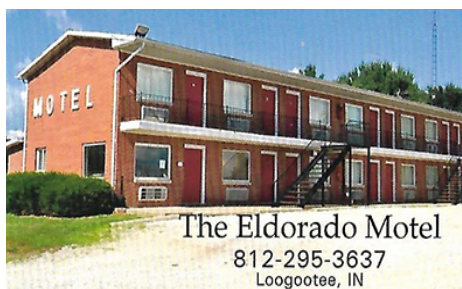
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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, APRIL 22

4:35 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

9:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:46 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

2:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking on US 231. Corporal Reed responded.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 23

6:28 a.m. - Received a report of a car-dog accident on US 231. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

12:40 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the Department of Corrections.

1:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

1:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

2:30 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

5:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper

Memorial Hospital.

1:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:33 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennessee responded.

1:35 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

2:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. ISP responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Corporal Reed, Haysville Fire, and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 25

7:55 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

8:03 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking West River Road. Martin County Highway responded.

9:23 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. ISP responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:54 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Wright responded.

12:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputy Wright, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:36 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing east of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of an

accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:52 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 26

1:58 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:53 a.m. - Deputy Gibson took one inmate to court.

10:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Williams Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to St Vincent's Hospital in Bedford.

12:29 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a car in the water near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

2:45 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted the department of child services with a home visit in Loogootee.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Wright, Deputy Gibson, Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

8:44 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Lents responded.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Donald F. Bowling and Patricia A. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cameron Wyatt Gladish and Mollie Kathryn Gladish**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 15,795 square feet. Also, a section containing 17,824 square feet.

**Larry D. Hembree and Stephanie E. Hembree**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark W. Butcher**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter, except four acres out of the southwest corner thereof, all in Section 9, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 56 acres, more or less.

**Donna E. Hill**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Carl Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A tract of land in

### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Deputy Lents responded.

10:51 a.m. - Loogootee Sergeant Floyd assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

10:58 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded and removed the debris.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon, Martin County Ambulance, and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:51 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:33 p.m. - Received a horse complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:25 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

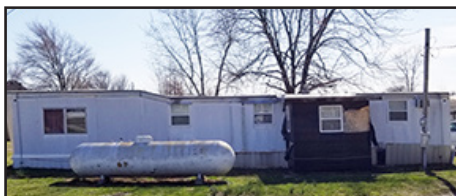
Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .23 acre, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.292 acres, more or less.

**Gregory L. Warren and Linda L. Warren**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory L. Warren**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 38 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Brenda K. Wood**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian K. Grindstaff, Darin L. Grindstaff, and Ginger L. Tolbert**, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.50 acre, more or less. This being Lot 17 in the unrecorded plat of Country Court III Subdivision.

## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

501 SW 3rd Street Loogootee, IN 47501



**THURSDAY, MAY 2 AT 6 P.M.**

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# COURT NEWS

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## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed

**March 27**

Samantha J. Snoko, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**March 28**

Cory S. Turner, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Travis E. Manues, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**April 1**

Casey J. Skelton, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony.

Rosliene N. Evans, trafficking with an inmate, a Level 5 Felony; dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

Equonya L. Ingram, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

Courtney P. Hawkins, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

Amy K. Qualkenbush, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

**April 2**

Jack V. Bearden, Jr., operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christian A. Berk, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kaitlyn A. Mills, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

**April 10**

Jacqueline R. Mattingly, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Dawn A. Allbright, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Steven S. Stroud, auto theft, a Level 5 Felony; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Level 6 Felonies; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction.

**April 11**

Cory S. Turner, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

**April 12**

Victoriah E. Hatter, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Zane A. Sanders, dealing in cocaine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of cocaine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; dealing in marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**April 15**

Geoffrey P. Howard, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kendra J. Leighty, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction.

Thomas R. Mullins, two counts of intimidation, Level 6 Felonies.

**April 16**

Rhiannon D. Wilson, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Trisel N. Davis, assisting a criminal, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Colton B. Webb, child solicitation, a Level 5 Felony; possession of child pornography, a Level 6 Felony; inappropriate communication with a child, a Class A Misdemeanor.

**April 17**

Michelle L. Pemberton, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**April 18**

Billy J. Craft, escape, a Level 4 Felony; battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety official, a Level 5 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony.

**April 22**

Israel O. Odiase, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Richard D. Gingerich, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

**March 14**

Travis S. Bauernfiend, convicted of domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony and habitual offender sentence enhancement. Sentenced on the first count to serve 730 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended. Defendant received 24 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 730 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 120 actual days previously served plus 120 Class A credit days.

Equonya Lanay Ingram, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 360 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 101 actual days previously served plus 101 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to 180 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the third count to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days.

Jessica L. McClure, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, amended from a Level 5 Felony and domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 540 days with 360 days suspended and credit for 58 actual days previously served plus 58 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 116 days with 0 suspended and credit for 58 actual days previously served plus 58 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Michael A. Sluder, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of metham-

phetamine, a Level 6 Felony, amended from a Level 5 Felony; and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended. Sentenced on remaining counts to serve 545 days with 249 days suspended and credit for 148 actual days previously served plus 148 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

Jordan N. Taylor, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 528 days suspended and credit for 101 actual days previously served plus 101 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

Joseph M. Williams, convicted of intimidation, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 851 days suspended and credit for 183 actual days previously served plus 61 Class B credit days. Defendant received 28 months of probation.

**March 21**

Kelly E. Winger, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 900 days with 760 days suspended and credit for 70 actual days previously served plus 70 Class A credit days. Defendant received 21 months of probation.

**April 16**

Kade J. Tretter, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 353 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

**March 14**

Travis S. Bauernfiend, criminal confinement, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Equonya Lanay Ingram, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jordan N. Taylor, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**March 16**

Kade J. Tretter, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**March 21**

Kelly E. Winger, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

**April 17**

Crane Credit Union vs. Scott Degolyer, civil collection.

**April 18**

Crane Credit Union vs. Joseph L. Butler, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Ryan Lane, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Wade S. Arvin, civil collection.

Shakara R. Graber vs. Brandon Graber, petition for dissolution of marriage.

DCG Services, Inc. vs. Department of Natural Resources, civil plenary.

**April 22**

Jennifer D. Sitzman vs. Jeremish

C. Sitzman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Teresa L. Allbright vs. Michael L. Allbright, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Lucretia M. Osborne vs. Dewey E. Osborne, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

**April 25**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Wade S. Arvin in the amount of \$13,055.08.

**April 26**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company and against the defendant Teresa Holt in the amount of \$3,723.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Shaun Lindsey in the amount of \$10,897.09.

**April 29**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Rhonda Parker in the amount of \$3,287.05.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

**April 25**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Wes Lengacher in the amount of \$443.78.

# ARRESTS

## MONDAY, APRIL 22

11:24 p.m. - James Raber, 26, of Odon, was arrested by Corporal Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Loogootee Sergeant Norris assisted with the arrest.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 23

6:20 p.m. - Colton Webb, 21, of Springville, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert on a Martin County warrant. His bond has been set at \$50,000 10%.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 26

12:33 a.m. - Benny Cain, 47, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth for operating while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Lents.

6:20 p.m. - Frank Winger, 58, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

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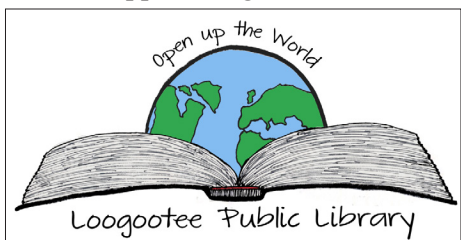


By Ann Ackerman



SIGNS YOU MIGHT BE MIDDLE-AGED

1. You can't sleep past 8 a.m.
2. You can't watch a movie past 9 p.m.
3. You have a plastic bag filled with other plastic bags.
4. You can't find your keys/phone/glasses.
5. You appreciate good wine, cheese,



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

On Monday, May 13 from 4-7 p.m., please stop by the library and welcome Children's Librarian Jennifer Zehr to our community. Miss Zehr is the granddaughter of Tom and Shirley Zehr, of Loogootee. Her father is Bill Zehr who graduated from Loogootee High School in 1977. Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have cake and refreshments available.

The May calendar is posted on the library Facebook page and is filled with fun activities for kids of all ages. Movin Monkeys on Mondays from 10:15-11 a.m., Story Times on Tuesdays and Family Game and Craft nights plus a Girls Who Code Club and much more.

On Saturday, May 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. John's Center, Friends of Loogootee Library will have a Heroes and Hot Dogs fundraiser. Heroes come in many forms, WW II Veterans Bob Prather and Bill Bowling will represent their generation and Chris Graber and Kristin Hall Muck will represent their branch of the military. Also attending will be Loogootee City Police Officer Jason Hennette and his dog, Roxy; Martin County Sheriff's Department, West Bogg's Park Ranger, and a special appearance by Paw Patrol's Chase. There will be several other local community heroes present to meet and greet. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and finger foods will be available for a donation. The community has donated gently used toys that will be available to purchase.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Willing to Die by Lisa Jackson, "The 18th Abduction" by James Patterson, and "Neon Prey" by John Sandford.

Fiction: "The Pursuits of Lord Kit Cavanaugh" by Stephanie Laurens and "The Godmothers" by Fern Michaels.

Inspirational Fiction: "Two Weeks" by Karen Kingsbury and "The Patient One" by Shelley Shepard Gray.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

and naps.

6. Your metabolism seems to be stuck in traffic.
7. Your kids use slang you don't understand.
8. You swap ailment stories with your friends.
9. Canceled plans are your favorite kind of plans.
10. You still get the Sunday paper delivered.
11. You print out your boarding pass when flying.
12. Tweezers are your best friend.
13. You actually go into the bank to make a deposit.
14. The music is too loud, and the TV isn't loud enough.
15. You walk around muttering about who left the lights on or who turned up the thermostat.

Son: Dad, there's a small get together at school tomorrow.

Father: Small get together? How small?

Son: Only you...me...the principal... bus driver.

### THOUGHTS

\*Since there is only one of me... does that make me endangered or limited edition?

\*We don't really rise and shine. We just caffeinate and hope for the best.

\*There are people out there training for marathons...and here I am, on the couch, trying to lasso the remote with my phone charger.

\*Technically grown up, yet still have to chant "Lefty Loosey, Righty Tightly" to figure stuff out.

\*Remember when we were young, how we couldn't wait to be grown up? Wow, were we stupid or what?

\*All I ask is for a chance to prove that winning the lottery won't make me a bad person.

\*Did you ever just forget to hide your expressions for a minute and then you're like, "Whoa, I did not mean to make that face out loud."

\*You can't always control who walks into your life...but you can control which window you throw them out of.

\*Some people just need a sympathetic pat on the head - with a hammer.

\*My heart says chocolate and wine, but my jeans say, "For the love of God, woman, eat salad."

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

\*I don't care how much you don't like me, last time I checked, the Road to Heaven wasn't through your yard.

### SERIOUS THOUGHTS

\* If you learn to use it right (adversity) it will buy you a ticket to a place you could not have gone any other way. -Coach Tony Bennett

\*Sometimes I'm not as OK as I pretend to be.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold a special meeting Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Merit Board meeting

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the jail.

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 22 at noon at the West Boggs Park Activity Center. Anyone interested in being a part of the Chamber is invited to attend.

### Food pantry hours

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

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### SOAR Tutoring

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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 5:30 p.m.

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## VOTE DOWNNEY FOR MAYOR

New Vision ~ New Direction



ROGER DOWNNEY is a candidate for Mayor of Loogootee and would be most appreciative of your vote in the upcoming May election. Roger currently serves as a Loogootee City Councilman, as well as being the President this year. Roger was a Director of Operations for various restaurants in a multi-state area and has a broad background in Management, including developing and executing budgets and project planning. His background and experience has enabled him to develop solid leadership and management skills. Roger knows what it means to be a Team Player and understands that even if everyone doesn't agree on the same thing, you still respect each other and work together as a team to do your best at getting the job done and done right. Roger never meets a stranger and is always available to lend a helping hand. Roger has reached out to and has served his community well and has a vision for the city.

Here are a few of his ideas:

- As a city the size of Loogootee with a tax base the size of Loogootee's, we must afford ourselves the opportunity to receive all grants available to us. To that end, Roger will coordinate with AIM (Accelerating Indiana Municipalities) and local business Midwest Engineers to make sure that we, as a community, are indeed applying for and giving ourselves the best probability of receiving all grants that are available to us. It is his firm belief that the city leadership needs to start giving back to the citizenry in the way of improved infrastructure, but not limited to, storm water drainage, streets, and water lines.
- Another item that needs addressed is the state of some of the properties in our city. There are ordinances already on the books to address these issues. The enforcement bodies simply need the leadership and support of the Mayor's office to enforce these ordinances.
- The city owns property that is currently not being utilized. There are many things that we could use these properties for. Roger loves hearing the ideas on how best to utilize those properties. One idea that he is especially drawn to is for the construction of a dog park.
- Roger will also work diligently with any interested parties that are willing to invest in the City of Loogootee to assist with our economic development. He feels these issues relate to quality of life whether it be improving our infrastructure or adding amenities or beautifying our city which makes day to day life better for the citizens of Loogootee but also makes it more appealing to outside investors.
- Roger will have the city's elected officials serve on the Board of Works rather than having the Board of Works be a position appointed by the Mayor.
- Roger is proud of his hometown and both he, and his wife Carolyn, epitomize what it means to "give back". Roger has spent numerous hours volunteering his time to many heartfelt causes. For the past three years alone, Roger has averaged over 330 hours per year, volunteering in many capacities, while at the same time, being fully employed as a Sales Representative. Additionally, his wife Carolyn owns and operates "The Candy Mill" in Loogootee.

The following reflect just a few of the many efforts Roger has given, and continues to give, in supporting and volunteering for various causes:

- Served for three years as a member on the Loogootee Summerfest Committee.
- Supported and volunteered for the Loogootee VFW Post #9395 in the Summerfest Brats and Burgers stand for four years. In addition, Roger calls Bingo once a month on Sundays. Bingo is the largest moneymaker for the VFW. Roger also hand cuts, seasons, and grills the steaks for "Steak Night". Roger has been the Auxiliary Secretary for the past three years. Roger truly enjoys supporting and volunteering for the VFW, which benefits local veterans and the Loogootee community.
- Supported and volunteered for the Meals-on-Wheels Program, preparing and delivering meals.
- Supported and volunteered at the Royal Family Kids Camp, a week-long camp for abused and neglected foster children.
- Supported and volunteered at the Night To Shine "Tim Tebow" event by being a "buddy" to a King or Queen the past two years. Has also helped in the kitchen by serving guests.
- Supported and volunteered for the American Cancer Society (ACS) for numerous years in the local Relay for Life events. Has held numerous positions on ACS committees for events. He has supported and volunteered at the American Cancer Society Clean Sweep. Roger meets with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, as well as State Legislators on a regular basis, either at the State Capitol or in their respective Districts. Roger also attends an annual meeting in Washington, DC and advocates for increased funding for cancer research as well as for any bill that would help improve a cancer patient's treatment and lifestyle. Roger fights on behalf of YOU and THOSE YOU LOVE, to make cancer issues a priority at Local, State, and National levels of Government.
- Supported and volunteered at the "100 Men Who Cook" Fundraiser, sponsored by Old National Bank and which gives back to local communities.
- Supported and volunteered at local nursing homes by playing the role of "Santa Claus", including passing out presents to the residents, during the Christmas holiday. Roger has also helped with Bingo for the residents of the nursing home.
- Supported and volunteered as a cook for the Loogootee Library fundraisers.
- Supported and volunteered at the "Matthew 5:16 Day".
- Supported and volunteered at the First Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal.
- Supported and volunteered as a cook at West Boggs Park the past three years, for the Mother's Day Breakfast. Roger has also played Santa Claus during Christmas.
- Supported and volunteered during the Carter's Legacy 5K that is held each year at West Boggs Park.
- Supported and volunteered, alongside his wife Carolyn, once a week (for the past four years) at the Martin County Humane Society. Animal Shelter. Carolyn takes care of the cats and Roger takes care of the dogs by cleaning out cages, feeding, watering, walking, and of course, playing with the cats and dogs.
- Roger and his wife Carolyn are members and good stewards of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Roger cooks, prepares, and serves meals to the kids during Pioneer Club (each Wednesday, once a month). Roger plays and prays with the kids during activities time in the gymnasium. Both Roger and Carolyn serve in various capacities during Worship and attend Pastor-led Bible Study each week.

Roger is forward thinking and has the drive and determination to keep Loogootee moving forward and serving its constituents.

Your vote will sincerely be appreciated on May 7th!

-Paid for by Downey for Mayor Committee



# 2019 Seniors



## SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL

# LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL

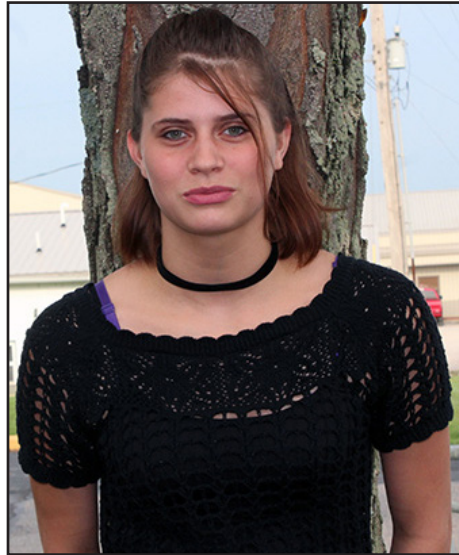


## 2019 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**ANGELA HAMPTON**

Angel Hampton, daughter of Jon and Melissa Hampton, was born on July 24, 2000. During school, Angel was active in Beta. Her favorite high school memory was just being able to spend her senior year laughing and having a great time with friends. After graduation, Angel plans to work and start family.



**CHEYENNE PERRY**

Cheyenne Perry, daughter of Victoria Shopper and Christopher Davis, was born on July 1, 2000. During high school, Cheyenne was active in the high school choir. Her favorite memory was having the best mom ever. After graduation, Cheyenne plans on getting a job and starting a family.



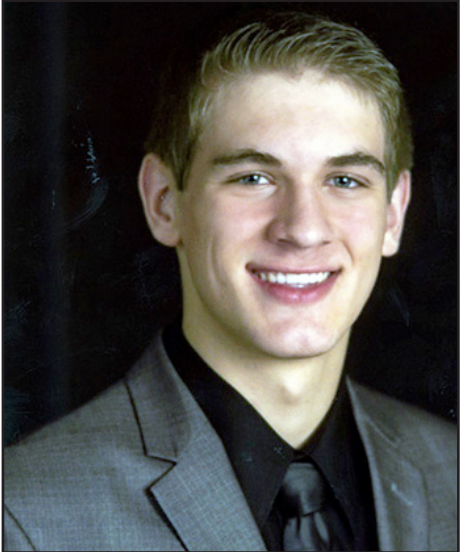
**ALANIS SUTTON**

Alanis Marie Sutton is the daughter of Glen and Tanglea Gleason. After graduation, Alanis plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Alanis participated in job shadow(9,10), and Intern (11,12).



**AYDEN AIMAN**

Ayden Kristopher Aiman is the son of Autumn Aiman and Andrew Aiman. After graduation, Ayden plans to attend IUPUI to study elementary education. While in high school, Ayden participated in Beta Club (10-11), Cadet Teaching (11-12), Recycling Club (9-10), Job Shadow (10-11), Spanish Club (9-11), and Yearbook (10).



**KLAYTON TICHENOR**

Klayton Tichenor, son of Terry and Vicki Tichenor, was born on December 31, 2000. During high school, Klayton was active in several activities. He was active in Beta Club, basketball, Academic Bowl, Spelling Bowl, IMPACCT, SADD Club, Spanish Club, Student Council, and was his class' President. Klayton's favorite memory is spending time with his friends in and out of school, especially with the basketball team. After graduation, Klayton plans to attend Indiana University, majoring in business, as well as getting married and starting a family.



**NICHOLAS MACKINNON**

Nicholas Mackinnon, son of Julie Montgomery & Stephen Mackinnon, was born on August 23, 2000. While in high school he was involved in soccer, track, academic team, Beta club, Spanish club. His favorite memory of high school is going to Chicago Art Institute with Mrs. Sherfick's Art class. Following graduation, Nicholas plans to attend IU Kelley School of Business.



**COURTNEY BURCH**

Courtney Grace Burch is the daughter of April and Jason Burch. After Graduation, Courtney plans to attend VU to study English and Psychology. While in high school Courtney participated in Band(9-12), Musical(9-12), Yearbook(9-11), Chorus(9-12), Job Shadow(10), and Show Choir(12).



**CHASE HEMBREE**

Chase Hunter Hembree is the son of April Seitz and Woody Hembree. After graduation, Chase plans to attend Vincennes University to study Mechanical Engineering. While in high school, Chase participated in Intern (12), Intramural BB (11-12), Spanish Club (10-11), Baseball (9-12).



**JOHN SUKUP**

John Sukup, son of Tom and Veronika Sukup, was born on April 19, 2001. While in high school he was involved in Beta, Spanish club, soccer, and basketball. His favorite memory of high school was beating Loogootee for the first time in 20 years. After graduation, John plans on attending college and becoming a pilot.



**MARY DIXON**

Mary Dixon, daughter of Anita Jones and John Dixon, was born on June 11, 2001. While in high school, she was involved in volleyball for 3 years, softball 2 years, Spanish club 3 years, and IMPACCT club 3 years. Her favorite memory of high school was making it to semifinal in volleyball sectional. After graduation, Mary plans to attend VUJC and become an OB delivery nurse.



**CADE CHEZEM**

Matthew Cade Chezem is the son of Kent and Dara Chezem. After graduation, Cade plans to attend Butler University to study Biochemistry. While in high school, Cade participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (10-12), Beta Club (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), French Club (9-12), Job Shadow (9-12), Student Council (9-12), Loogootee Health & Wellness Committee (10-12), Martin County Youth Advisory Council (10-12), Basketball (9-12), and Track (9,10). Cade was also the Treasurer of SADD (10,11) and the President of Martin County Youth Advisory Council (10-12).



**CALLI WININGER**

Calli J. Winger is the daughter of Randy and Vicki Winger. She plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study business. Calli was in FCA (10-12), Lionettes (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), FACS (9-11), Job Shadow (9-12), Student Council (9-12), Martin County Youth Town Council (10-12). She also played Softball (9-12) and Volleyball (9-12).





**Caveat Emptor.** (Let the buyer beware.) Nowhere is that more relevant than in the garden center. It is important to know what you are buying, and many garden centers are not very forthcoming with the proper information, especially the garden centers of big chain stores.

This is not a case of intentional deception, but generally is the result of ignorance. In most cases, the workers in the garden centers of such stores are not horticulturalists. They have received some training from the company, but that training falls far short of being able to offer expert advice. The plants are also usually placed according to marketing plans that come down from company headquarters, where making sales is the prime objective.

One of my garden plans for this season is to increase the collection of azaleas and rhododendrons along the path to the cave here at Sandhill Gardens. Recently, as I visited a popular retail store, I saw several varieties of azaleas at a low price in a display in the parking lot. I decided to buy two plants and picked out two different colors. When I got home and prepared to plant them, I noticed that one of the plants was labeled as hardy to zone 6. The other said it was hardy in zones 7 to 9.

The latest U.S. Department of Agriculture zone maps place most of southern Indiana in zone 6. This is a change from the maps used for many years, when we were in zone 5. Indeed, we have had some winters when temperatures never fell below zero degrees, but I have found that we still occasionally get that extreme cold. Therefore, I still think of zone 5 hardiness for my garden selections. I find that zone 6 plants survive in protected locations and large rocks will absorb enough heat to provide additional protection. I have even grown a few plants for a couple of years that were hardy to zone 7 by growing them on the south side of the house, close to the concrete foundation and providing extra protection by covering them with leaves as winter sets in.

I will go ahead and plant the zone 6 azalea in a place with some protection. The other one, I plan to keep in a pot that can be brought inside during the winter. I think I will start training it for a bonsai specimen. Azaleas are often used for bonsai. Since, they were cheap, I do not feel too bad about this purchase. However, the same store had larger azaleas with much higher prices and I fear many of my readers will be taken in by the display and purchase them, as I did, without checking

the hardiness rating.

There are other plants that have varieties that are hardy here and other varieties that are not. The same store had some potted cyclamens that say they are hardy to 20 degrees. Most winters, we have at least a few days when temperatures fall below that mark. Another plant that often is displayed in the perennial section is red fountain grass. I know several people who have purchased this beautiful grass, thinking they would have it forever. However, that particular grass is only hardy to about zone 8, so it is not likely to survive an Indiana winter.

My point is that we need to check the plant labels before we buy. I do not believe that the people who work in the local stores mean to deceive us. They are just displaying the plants as a company plan dictate. Many of those garden center workers simply do not know which plants will actually survive our Indiana winters. Several of the plants that are displayed as annuals are actually tender perennials. Impatiens, geraniums and several other popular bedding plants are actually perennial in frost-free climates. I would hope that the retailers would post signs alerting potential buyers of plants that need warmer climates. Buyers should know that these plants must either be treated as annuals and discarded after one season or that they will need to be brought inside for the winter. In the meantime, I urge you to read the plant tags.

## AG defends DNR's right to hold controlled deer hunts at state parks

In a legal victory for Attorney General Curtis Hill and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Indiana Court of Appeals last Tuesday affirmed DNR's authority to hold controlled deer hunts at state parks.

DNR has held controlled deer hunts at parks and other public lands for years to manage overpopulated deer herds, which become susceptible to disease and starvation.

Overpopulated deer herds also may affect other species by upsetting a region's ecological balance.

Emergency rule-making provisions enable DNR to act quickly in specific circumstances to address such fluctuating factors.

In 2017, a public interest organization called the Center for Wildlife Ethics Inc. went to court to challenge DNR's authority to hold such hunts. Among other things, the organization claimed in its lawsuit that DNR violated state law by temporarily closing

## State parks celebrate Visit Indiana week with events, prizes

Every day is a great day to go to Indiana state park properties, but there will be a special incentive to travel to them during Visit Indiana week, which is May 5-11. The event is put on by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development and encourages people to get out to see what the Hoosier state has to offer.

State parks will participate in Visit Indiana week by offering promotions and posting stories about different properties on social media. From tasty treats to reminders of Indiana's past to beautiful scenery, there will be a reason to take part in this week-long event every day.

—State Parks Sunday, May 5— Enjoy free admission to state parks, state forest recreation areas, and Interlake off-road riding area. Check out the "What's New" list for each state park at [stateparks.IN.gov/9447.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/9447.htm) to see projects that park staff have been working on over the winter for your use and enjoyment.

—Get Moving Monday, May 6— Visit one of seven properties offering a two-for-one two-hour kayak or canoe rental all week (Chain O'Lakes, Potato Creek, Ouabache, Summit Lake, Whitewater Memorial, Shakamak, Lincoln, Versailles state parks). Get your coupon at [visitindiana.com/blog/index.php/2019/04/10/get-moving-monday/](http://visitindiana.com/blog/index.php/2019/04/10/get-moving-monday/).

—Tasty Tuesday, May 7— Visit one of the seven state park inn restaurants for 10 percent off your Tuesday meal. Get a coupon for the inn you want to visit at [visitindiana.com/blog/index.php/2019/04/10/tasty-tuesday/](http://visitindiana.com/blog/index.php/2019/04/10/tasty-tuesday/). Also, watch for a fun video on the state parks Facebook page that features the popular weekend omelet bar at Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park.

—Wayback Wednesday, May 8— Visit

a state park, find a historic building or structure, and post a photo of it on the State Parks Facebook page to be entered in a drawing for a 2019 annual pass to use this recreation season. The Facebook page will also offer a video about the historic features of McCormick's Creek, Indiana's first state park.

—Thirsty Thursday, May 9— Visit an Indiana State Park waterfall, take a photo or selfie, and post it on the State Parks Facebook page to be entered in a drawing for a 2019 annual pass to use this recreation season. Be sure to stay on the trails or behind railings for your photos.

—Family Fun Friday, May 10— Learn how to check out an Adventure Backpack at Mounds State Park by watching the State Parks Facebook page. Get started on the 11 activities listed in the Indiana Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights that every Hoosier child should experience. See the list at [childrenplay-outdoors.dnr.IN.gov](http://childrenplay-outdoors.dnr.IN.gov).

—Sweet Saturday, May 11— Get a free slice of sugar cream pie with any meal purchase at any Indiana State Park Inn. Get your coupon, which is valid for Saturday, May 11 only, at [visitindiana.com/blog/index.php/2019/04/10/sweet-saturday/](http://visitindiana.com/blog/index.php/2019/04/10/sweet-saturday/).

Remember the inn and camping discounts that continue through much of May. Stay two consecutive nights and get 25 percent off through May 24 when you make reservations at [indianainns.com](http://indianainns.com) by using the Spring Savings rate, and get 25 percent off camping Sunday-Wednesday through May 22 when you make reservations at [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov) by using promo code SPRING19.

## Outdoor Indiana features orchids

Outdoor Indiana magazine's May/June issue features a cover article on orchids. Orchids can be found throughout the Hoosier state if you know what characteristics to look for. The issue also contains features on glacial lakes and parts of DNR properties designed to be accessible for people with disabilities. In 2018, Outdoor Indiana was honored by the Association for Conservation Information (ACI) as the third-best state-sponsored conservation/outdoor recreation magazine in the country. Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 38 percent savings off cover) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42 percent savings off cover). Subscribe at [innsgifts.com](http://innsgifts.com) or by calling 317-233-3046. To read article excerpts, go to [OutdoorIndiana.org](http://OutdoorIndiana.org).

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## Lady Lions stymie Lady Spartans

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

Loogootee's bats may have started out slow, but the battery of Sydney Davis and Tyanna Graber came out red hot as the two combined to strike out seven of the first eight, and thirteen on the night, Lady Spartans they faced Monday night in Blue Chip Conference action, which saw the Lady Lions win 13-0 in the regulation seven innings.

Adie Nolley started off the top of the second by blasting a pitch on a 2-1 count way over the right center field fence at WIN/Energy Field. Cali Wininger, who was 4 for 5 on the

## Lady Rox Softball defeat Washington

The Shoals Jug Rox Varsity Softball Team defeated Washington away on Monday night, April 29, 12-3.

Coach Aimee Farhar said after the game, "This was one of our best played games this season! We were aggressive at the plate, confident in our pitching and fielding, and very supportive of our teammates. We weren't playing for ourselves this game. We were playing for our school, our community, our family."

Maggie Shaw had three RBIs, two hits and one run. Cassidy Witt and Kay Sutton each had two RBIs and two hits. Sutton had two runs and Witt had one. Others scoring were Haley Fisher, game pitcher, with four, Ruth Wright with two, and Sage Harker, and Ava Smith with one run each.

Back in action  
Wednesday May 1 at home vs. North Knox  
Thursday May 2 at Springs Valley  
Friday May 3 at South Knox

night, singled and came home on the Isabelle Waggner single a little later in the inning. Loogootee put another run on the board in the third when Makenzie VanHoy laced a two out single to left field, and came around to score on the on singles by Wininger and Jaelyn Walker.

The Lady Lions put up four runs in the fourth, with a one out double from Asia Crim getting things started for Loogootee. Singles by Davis, Graber, Nolley, VanHoy, Wininger, and a sac fly by Walker scored the runs. Tyanna Graber accounted for the Lions lone run in the sixth inning as she launched the first pitch of the inning over the fence for her sixth home run on the year. Five more runs in the seventh would round out the scoring for Loogootee.

South Knox's Hughes took the loss, striking out two Loogootee batters while walking five and hitting one batter. Hughes and Elliott each had a single for the Lady Spartans.

## LMS Softball takes on Vincennes Rivet

The Loogootee Middle School Softball Teams went up against Vincennes Rivet at home on Monday, April 29. The "A" team won 2-1 while the "B" team lost 6-10. The "A" team won with a walk-off single in the bottom of the 5th by Allie Henninger, scoring Kyleigh Courter.

Lindsey Nolan led in hits with three followed by Allie Henninger, Caitlin Carrico, Kortni Rumble, and Abbi Nonte had two each. Jocelyn Bruner, Ashlee Arvin, and Brooklyn Summers had one hit each.

The girls will play Vincennes Clark this Thursday at home and take on Northeast Dubois at home on Friday, May 3.



Students, staff of the month -Photo provided

The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff of the Month were recently chosen for April. In the front row, from left to right, are Kayden Heldman, Broc Kerns, Leeland Bays, Judah Davis, Grant Tompkins, and Angelina Willis. In the back row, from left to right, are Jade Lawson, Jocelynn Sims, Mrs. Terri Smith, Lilly Lottes, Cami Blanton, Josie Mathies, and Hiram Tedrow.

## Loogootee High School Tennis results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Tennis Team was defeated by Vincennes Rivet Tuesday, April 30, 2-3. The junior varsity matches were a draw.

- Varsity results
- #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Bella Atkinson 6-1, 6-1
  - #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Lilly Wagoner 6-4, 6-1
  - #3 Singles Madison Halter (VR) defeated Hope Fischer 6-0, 6-0
- Junior varsity results
- #1 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Lauren Carie 6-2
  - #2 Singles Lauren Carie (VR) defeated Olivia Dant 7-5

- #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Brooke Haug 6-3, 6-3
  - #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Haylie Marks 7-5, 6-0
  - #3 Singles Leah Wilmes (FP) defeated Hope Fischer 6-1, 6-4
  - #1 Doubles Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Molly Lusk/Kaylee Uebelhor 6-4, 6-4
  - #2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Payton Gilger/Emma Grundhoefer 6-4, 7-5
- Junior varsity results
- #1 Singles Annalise Powell (L) def. Amy Wahl (FP) 6-1
  - #2 Singles Amy Wahl (FP) def. Grace Foddrill (L) 4-3
  - #1 Doubles Ava Hamilton/ Grace Wendholt (FP) def. Katie Callison/Sina Poulsen (L) 4-1
  - #2 Doubles Ava Hamilton/Grace Wendholt (FP) def. Madison McAtee/Mikenna Jones (L) 4-2

The teams travelled to Forest Park on Monday, April 29. The varsity Lady Lions won 4-1 while the junior varsity girls were defeated 1-3.

Varsity results



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at West Boggs Park

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- June 17-June 21
- June 24-June 28
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# City Primary Election 2019

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MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

## Mayoral candidates answer questions about city issues

ROGER DOWNEY

and

NOEL D. HARTY

*Martin County Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)*

**Roger Downey:** I have been married to Carolyn Parsons-Downey for over 38 years. We have three children and 8 grandchildren. My parents were Bill Downey Jr. and Barbara "Jo" Taber Downey. My wife and I both graduated from LHS in 1979. After working as assistant manager the last two years of high school at the Lakeview restaurant, I studied Hotel and Restaurant Management for one year at Vincennes University. I then worked 20 years for BR Associates holding various positions from Director of Operations to District Manager to Manager. Some things I was responsible for were profit & loss accountability, all personnel matters, opening new restaurants, budgeting and overall operations. I have continued my career in the foodservice industry with sales representative positions with US Foods and have currently been with Wabash Foodservice for over six years. Outside of the foodservice industry I spent six years working for the USPS in various positions. My wife and I owned and operated the skating rink in Jasper for 7 years.

**Noel Harty:** 1997 graduate of Shoals High School, 1997 North Lawrence Career Center Business and Office Occupations completion, 1997 graduate of Missouri Auctioneers School, 1998 Real Estate Certification Program completion, 1999 ServSafe Food Safety Program completion, 2002-03 attended Vincennes University Jasper Campus Business Management, attended IUPUI Mayor's Institute – Silver Level completion. My parents are the late Georgy Harty and Kenny and Dee Sanders of Shoals. My wife, Amber, and I have two children, 15-year-old Madalyn McBride and 13-year-old Eli McBride.

*Martin County Journal: Do you see the mayor's job as a part-time job or full-time job, and do you plan to have any other jobs outside of being mayor?*

**Roger Downey:** I feel the Mayor's position is a full-time job as you are always on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. And I will always be available via phone calls, text, Facebook, or email. And there are many responsibilities the mayor has that needs to be accomplished from City Hall. To that end I will be at the office at City Hall for periods of time daily to handle those matters and to speak with residents that enjoy a more personal relationship. I will also continue to work for Wabash Foodservice, but fortunately the inherent flexibility afforded me in this position will allow me to perform my Mayoral duties when needs be. You may contact me at 812-639-8106 / rsdbench@hotmail.com / Facebook Roger Downey

**Noel Harty:** In the seven-plus I have been privileged to serve as Loogootee's Mayor, I have done so on a full-time basis. The mayor position is not a strictly 9-5 Monday-Friday job. The mayor must be available and reachable after 5 p.m. daily and throughout the weekend, which I am. In the evenings and weekends, I attended related board meetings (Loogootee School Board, Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Solid Waste, Loogootee Park Board, etc.) or community functions



ROGER DOWNEY

such as benefits, auctions, funerals, various school sports events, plays or other school functions, meetings with local business owners, and planning meetings for our city events, including Summerfest, Fall Festival, Thanksgiving Dinner, and Christmas Parade, etc. My door is always open during regular business hours and for those residents who work during those hours, I appreciate being approached with concerns or ideas at various events during the evenings or weekends or by email or a phone call. I also work two part-time jobs (real estate and driving a school bus) and am very fortunate that I can arrange my schedule in advance to accommodate all three jobs. I am proud to be mayor of Loogootee and wherever I go outside our city (either in an official capacity or even on vacation), I go with conscious thought that I am representing and promoting the City of Loogootee.

*Martin County Journal: What is it about the City of Loogootee that makes you want to be mayor?*

**Roger Downey:** My family moved back to Loogootee when I was in the 4th grade. My parents divorced a few years later, leaving my mother to raise my three siblings and I. Thankfully I had some great mentors in Loogootee, after starting to work at an early age. My first job was with the Youth Center in Loogootee. Joe and Lynn Gee and Carolyn Blackwell were very instrumental in teaching me honesty, excellent work ethic, being responsible, punctual and dependable and to have respect for others. I also want to mention some teachers at LHS that were very patient, understanding, had belief in me and showed me kindness during high school. Those teachers were Ann Ackerman, Steve Pochlein and Randy Mills. I also value the lessons learned during my time as assistant manager of the Lakeview restaurant when West Boggs first opened up under the leadership of manager Turk Carrico. These life experiences during my formative years helped to mold me into the husband, parent, grandparent and civil servant I am today. I aspire to pay that forward by mentoring the young people of Loogootee thru the office of Mayor. So, it is the people of Loogootee that make me want to be Mayor. Those people who taught me and the generations to come.

**Noel Harty:** Martin County has always been my home. I spent the first half of my life living in Shoals and the second half living in Loogootee. I have also been able to travel to all 50 states and to Europe three times. Every time I arrive home, I have always said the same thing: It is always nice to have the opportunity to visit other places but



NOEL HARTY

there truly is no place like Home. Loogootee is a special place filled with special people. Everyone who lives here wants to see our community succeed, though some may have different views on how that success may be created. We all want Loogootee to continue to be a safe, clean, and vibrant place for everyone to enjoy for years to come. Why do I want to be the Mayor of Loogootee? The people who live here!

*Martin County Journal: How do you feel businesses are doing in Loogootee? Is there anything you could do, as mayor, to help with economic development for existing business and attracting new businesses in the city?*

**Roger Downey:** Like anywhere, there are businesses that are thriving and businesses that are struggling. One issue that I repeatedly hear that of a diminishing workforce. I feel that we need to improve the workforce availability for all local businesses. I will form a committee of local business owners and community leaders, and the Chamber of Commerce to meet quarterly to discuss ways to help local businesses fill their staffing needs, increase customer counts and profits. Tim Kinder who represents the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is also a valuable resource to bring economic development to Loogootee. As Mayor I will work closely with Tim and the committee to benefit the local economy. My years of experience in leadership in the customer service industry has prepared me to help the community in this area. We can also utilize the Zoning ordinance to entice larger businesses with larger workforces to our community.

**Noel Harty:** In general, I believe our community businesses are doing well. We are fortunate to have many good places to dine, grocery stores and pharmacies, gas stations, access to local repair specialists and construction, and specialty shops, etc. I do think small retail businesses – not just here but everywhere – have an especially hard time competing with franchise stores for various reasons; and now with Amazon and the internet, it's even harder for small retail businesses to make a profit and stay in business. As mayor and also on a personal level, I strongly promote buying locally whenever possible to give back to our community. Likewise, when the city needs to purchase items or contract for a specific job, we always look to make that purchase or award the contract to a local business first if we possibly can. Over the last several years, I have served on the Executive Committee for the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth and as President of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce. During my time in working with both of these organizations, we

have made great strides in identifying our community strengths such as our friendly residents, schools, parks and natural resources, and employers such as Loughmiller Machine, Midwestern Engineers, Crane and Gypsum, etc. Identifying our strengths has allowed us to begin marketing our community both to those looking for a place to live, start a small business, or both.

*Martin County Journal: Stormwater issues have been a huge problem for the city for a long time. What do you plan to do to fix this? And do you have a timeframe?*

**Roger Downey:** As a City the size of Loogootee with a tax base the size of Loogootee's, we must afford ourselves the opportunity to receive all grants available to us. To that end I will coordinate with AIM (Accelerating Indiana Municipalities) and local business Midwestern Engineers to make sure that we, as a community, are indeed applying for and giving ourselves the best probability of receiving all grants that are available to us. We have been working with Midwestern Engineers on a detailed plan as to where to begin this process. I will continue to work closely with this homegrown resource as well as the good people at AIM. In regard to a time frame... immediately. The process of applying for every available grant will begin immediately. Actual infrastructure improvements will begin as soon as the application process yields results. Because it is my firm belief that the City leadership needs to start giving back to the citizenry in the way of improved infrastructure including, but not limited to, storm water drainage. The city does have limited funds available to address these issues without grants, but I feel we should explore all grant opportunities before committing our resources. Due to the fact that sometimes matching funds are needed when applying for grants.

**Noel Harty:** The storm water issues the city continues to face are definitely not a new situation. The fix is an ongoing process. First, we formed a storm water utility three years ago. As part of this formation, the city implemented a \$6 storm water fee, which was necessary for us to gain more essential points to help us succeed when applying for a storm water grant. Applying and receiving a grant is a very competitive process. To be successful, we need to stand out above the many other applicants. The storm fee has given us an important edge toward this goal. Unfortunately, most grants specifically for storm water utilities require an income survey of the residents to determine the average income falls below a certain threshold. I say "unfortunately" as when the survey was completed in Loogootee, the average income of our residents prevented us from qualifying for most storm water grants. We have had to look to other resources for financial assistance. One possible resource we have found is through Community Crossings, which does not require an income survey. We have been preparing to apply for a grant through Community Crossings in July. If successful, I would recommend the city use part of the funds obtained by the user fee to complete smaller projects while using the funds through Community Crossings for the larger project.

*Martin County Journal: What plans/ideas do you have for the City*



# MAYOR

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of Loogootee to improve the quality of life for its residents?

**Roger Downey:** Most importantly, it's my belief we should focus on the decaying infrastructure, including but not limited to the condition of some of our streets, some water lines that need to be replaced and the storm water system. I know that there are some homes and neighborhoods whose yards flood entirely too often. Another thing that needs to be addressed is the state of some of the properties in our city. Some are dilapidated, abandoned, overgrown or covered in trash. There are ordinances already on the books to address these issues. The enforcement bodies simply need the leadership and the support of the Mayor's office to enforce these ordinances. Additionally, the city owns property that is currently not being utilized. There are many things that we could use this property for. I love hearing the ideas on how to best utilize those properties. One idea that I especially drawn to is for the construction of a dog park. I would like to have an exploratory committee look into the feasibility of constructing a dog park on land that is already owned by the city. Also, we will work diligently with any interested parties that are willing to invest in the City of Loogootee to assist with our economic development. I feel like these issues relate to quality of life whether it be improving our infrastructure or adding amenities or beautifying our city which not only makes day to day life better for the citizens of Loogootee but also makes it more appealing to outside investment.

**Noel Harty:** I have found that throughout my time as mayor as I attended ongoing trainings and workshops, "quality of life" is one of the main reasons influencing people to decide where they want to live. I personally think when looking towards the future of our community, a trail project would be beneficial to our current residents as well as being an attractive plus to those who may be considering moving to Loogootee. In fact, over the past year, a group of residents and local professionals have met to discuss this very subject. Without any doubt, I believe a trail would be well used; but as with most any project, it will not be a low-cost venture. Fortunately, there are a lot of funding mechanisms recently created by the Governor's office, among others, to encourage such community projects. I think if those already working on this specific project and new faces come to the table, we could do it in phases. Currently, the city is working on its facilities (such as the public pool and park) and making improvements for the enjoyment of all for the years to come.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing the city right now?

**Roger Downey:** Infrastructure. The most pressing issue currently is our infrastructure. We also need to continue to pay down the almost \$4 million we owe for the West Boggs Sewer purchase, sewage works ban of 2015, EDIT bond for the pool, and refunding the revenue bond from 2012.

**Noel Harty:** I believe the most pressing issue we face right now is the storm water infrastructure problem. As I said above, we have been working on storm water issues and the implementation of the storm water fee has put us in a good position to obtain the critical funding assistance. A large storm water repair project would cost at least one million dollars. The cost to correct all of our

storm water issues is estimated roughly at between four and five million. Obviously, we cannot afford to bear either expense without funding assistance. We are focused on obtaining funding through the Community Crossings grant and we will continue to explore other options in case we need them.

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

**Roger Downey:** I would also like to have the cities elected officials serve on the Board of Works rather than having the Board of Works be an appointed position as appointed by the Mayor. The citizens of Loogootee may have witnessed my wife and I being blessed to be able to give back to our community. We feel truly fortunate to be able to volunteer our time to various organizations. I appreciate the outpouring of support for a New Vision and a New Direction. And I personally appreciate all the kind words. Vote Downey for Mayor.

**Noel Harty:** We are all in this together! We all love our community and want to continue to make it a place where our children and their children will want to reside! Over the past several administrations, great things have happened in our city; but everything does take time because of the cost involved with various projects. My staff and I am committed to continuing our mission of serving our community better each new day. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve these past seven-plus years. It has been a great honor and a privilege!

## One Loogootee City Council At Large candidate responds to questions

RONALD "RON" GILBERT  
AND  
JAMES RICHARD TAYLOR (Chose not to respond)

**Martin County Journal:** Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

**Ron Gilbert:** Family information: wife: Laura Jean Gilbert, daughters: Elizabeth White, Stephanie Stoll, and Katherine Gilbert. Five grandchildren. Educational background: Oolitic Elementary and High School in Oolitic, IN, graduated in 1970; Indiana University Bloomington Campus 1970-1974 Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education; Indiana University Bloomington Campus 1974-1976 Master's Degree in Elementary Education with an Endorsement in High Ability (Gifted and Talented) Education; Ball State University Muncie Campus 1994-1997 Endorsement in Chinese Education to teach basic Chinese to elementary students. Previous political offices held: City Council 4 years, Water and Sewer Council for 8 years in Loogootee

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

**Martin County Journal:** What is it about the City of Loogootee that makes you want to be a council member?

**Ron Gilbert:** I have lived in Loogootee since 1981 when we made Loogootee our home. I taught in the Loogootee School System for 37 years before retiring in 2011. There are some things I would like to see happen in Loogootee when money becomes available.

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

**Martin County Journal:** Are you happy with the way the city's finances are being spent? If so, explain. If not, what would you like to see done differently?

# Loogootee City Council District 2 candidates

TIM "BIGGIN" LAWRENCE  
AND  
RUTH SMITH

**Martin County Journal:** Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

**Tim Lawrence:** I am Tim Lawrence, 55 years old. I have spent 25 years in labor union, been in the restaurant business for seven years. I have five kids and a fiancée. I am a member of the Masonic Lodge, the VFW and the Birdseye Christian Church. I love to fish and be outdoors.

**Ruth Smith:** I am the current council member for district 2. I have two sons, Jason (Tina) Smith and Aaron (Brenda) Smith. I have been blessed with 7 grandchildren. I call them my Rainbows because they are every size shape and hair color. My education is basic. I graduated from high school. A short trip to college but never finished. I served on the Martin County Community Corrections Board for many years and was President for 2 years. I resigned from that board to dedicate more of my time to being in City Council. I always was very active in helping build our new pool. Along with the late Charlotte Meyer, I was on the Martin County Election Board and President there for 2 years as well. I left that board to run for council. I currently service in the appeals board on zoning for the City as well as on the quality control board that monitors the City. And finally, the girl Friday at the Martin County Courthouse filling in wherever need. I'm a member of St John Catholic

Church.

**Martin County Journal:** What is it about the City of Loogootee that makes you want to be a council member?

**Tim Lawrence:** Loogootee has a lot of things that can be done for it and the people. I think it's a great place to be and raise a family – something I want to be a part of.

**Ruth Smith:** I ran for Council because I felt I could make a difference. I'm hoping to continue to do so.

**Martin County Journal:** Are you happy with the way the city's finances are being spent? If so, explain. If not, what would you like to see done differently?

**Tim Lawrence:** I think we need to work on our debt – the numbers are growing.

**Ruth Smith:** On spending that is always a challenge. Our budget gets tighter every year. To improve you have to spend so you learn to be flexible and very creative. We are not flush in money but with the help of grants etc. we have been able to achieve some of our goals. And will continue to in the future.

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel businesses are doing in Loogootee? Is there anything you could do, as a council member, to help with economic development for existing business and attracting new businesses to the city?

**Tim Lawrence:** Most businesses are doing okay. We can always do better. I think we need to get more people in our city. Hopefully, we get streets and stormwater fixed – it will help pretty up things and make us more attractive.

**Ruth Smith:** Like every small town our local businesses have issues. It's so hard to compete with the large box or one stop shopping stores. We need to do more to promote our locals and encourage our citizens to shop local.

**Martin County Journal:** Stormwater issues have been a huge problem for the city for a long time. Being the fiscal body of the city, what do you think can be done to help resolve the issues?

**Tim Lawrence:** We need to work on grants to get the help we need to get going on them. There is a lot to do.

**Ruth Smith:** Stormwater is a major, major issue. It is a million-dollar project and then some. We can't do it on our own. WE HAVE to have help through grants. Other cities are having the same problem so grant money is tight. We are hopeful that this grant cycle we will receive money. We won't be able to do the project all at once, but we can get started soon.

**Martin County Journal:** What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing the city right now?

**Tim Lawrence:** Our infrastructure needs a lot of work and updates.

**Ruth Smith:** I believe the most pressing issue right now is the Stormwater. We have to get it repaired. Securing the cash to begin is the only way to proceed. We are getting there.

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

**Tim Lawrence:** I'll do my best for the people of our city. I served two and a half years on the city council previously. Thank you.

**Ruth Smith:** It's important that all of us work together to continue to make our City a great place to live. Working together good things happen. We are well on our way and our future is bright. I love where I live and I can't see me living anywhere else in the world.



RON GILBERT

**Ron Gilbert:** I feel that most of the time the finances are being spent wisely except for a few occasions where a cheaper way of spending money was not used.

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

**Martin County Journal:** How do you feel businesses are doing in Loogootee? Is there anything you could do, as a council member, to help with economic development for existing business and attracting new businesses to the city?

**Ron Gilbert:** I think most businesses in Loogootee are doing well. I would do what I could to help attract new businesses, but voters need to remember that there are more than one person voting on any new ideas.

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

**Martin County Journal:** Stormwater issues have been a huge problem for the city for a long time. Being the fiscal body of the city, what do you think can be done to help resolve the issues?

**Ron Gilbert:** The city has had storm (See 'AT LARGE' on page 12)



# One Loogootee City Council District 4 candidate responds to voters

**DONALD RICK NORRIS** (chose not to respond)

AND

**COLLIN J. PADGETT**

*Martin County Journal: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)*

**Donald Rick Norris:** Chose not to respond

**Collin J. Padgett:** My name is Collin Joseph Padgett, and I was born on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 1987 to Terry Padgett and Kathy Norris Mathias, both of whom are from Loogootee. I spent the first 20 years of my life growing up in Petersburg, IN, where I graduated from Pike Central High School in 2006. I began working at the age of 15 when I took a corn detassling summer job with Mike Hopkins in Loogootee and the surrounding areas. Over the next 3 years I had several regular and summer jobs, including roofing, metal fabrication, Dairy Queen (Petersburg), auto detailing, and more. In October 2008, I started working for Midwest Satellite in Washington. I then made the decision to move back to my hometown of Loogootee in 2009, to be closer to my family. In 2011, Midwest Satellite moved me to Loogootee where I operated an office for the next 7+ years until the corporate decision was made to close the location in August 2018 due to the struggling economy. Since that time, I have currently been employed as a life & health insurance agent with Kirk & Associates right here in Loogootee and I love it. I am also a co-owner of Bradley's Bar & Grill, which we opened in 2014. I manage all the financial and legal responsibilities for the business, including but not limited to accounting, payroll, federal/state/local tax filings & payments, licensing, etc. It's been a great experience, as I have gained much business knowledge and learned a lot about how small businesses and the economy work.

*Martin County Journal: What is it about the City of Loogootee that makes you want to be a council member?*

**Donald Rick Norris:** Chose not to respond.

**Collin J. Padgett:** Even though I have only lived back in Loogootee for 10 years, it has always felt like my real home. After having served as a City Council member for the last 7 months, I have gained so much insight on how the local government and infrastructure operate. It has fascinated me, and I feel it is my responsibility to continue to learn more each day so that I can provide the most well-suited decisions for the city and its residents.

*Martin County Journal: Are you happy with the way the city's finances are being spent? If so, explain. If not, what would you like to see done differently?*

**Donald Rick Norris:** Chose not to respond.

**Collin J. Padgett:** The city's current financial situation is stable, but there is much room for improvement. We need to utilize more in-depth consideration for every decision moving forward, rather than just quickly raising a hand for a 'yes' or 'no' vote so that we can move on to the next issue and repeat the process. I have begun questioning many of the city's financial accounts in order to learn more about our annual expenses and budget. I have gained a lot of knowledge from that research, and I plan to continue learning more to get our city on the proper financial path.

*Martin County Journal: How do you feel businesses are doing in Loogootee? Is there anything you could do, as a council member, to help with economic development for existing*



**COLLIN PADGETT**

*business and attracting new businesses to the city?*

**Donald Rick Norris:** Chose not to respond

**Collin J. Padgett:** As a local business owner, I can attest to the struggles of running a small business, especially those of us in the food/restaurant industry. I believe the struggles come more from a national economic issue, rather than just a Loogootee problem. I would like to find a way to work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, to educate and implement more social media networking, advertising and interaction with our local businesses. We are living in a digital world, and the only way to succeed is to acknowledge it and adapt. I spend a lot of time using social media for Bradley's Bar & Grill, and it really has made some major differences to our business. I am personally willing to talk to and help any local business owner learn more about the benefits of social media.

*Martin County Journal: Stormwater issues have been a huge problem for the city for a long time. Being the fiscal body of the city, what do you think can be done to help resolve the issues?*

**Donald Rick Norris:** Chose not to respond.

**Collin J. Padgett:** This is one of the biggest issues facing the City of Loogootee. We do not have nearly enough funds to complete the repairs and improvements that are needed. We need to make some spending cuts and focus on growing the budget for the stormwater drain funds. While that would help, it's still only a drop in the bucket. We need to apply for and utilize any and all grants that are available through our federal and state government. This is another area where social media and networking can be a great resource for obtaining information about grants and/or other assistance that we currently might not even be aware of.

*Martin County Journal: What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing the city right now?*

**Donald Rick Norris:** Chose not to respond.

**Collin J. Padgett:** Unnecessary spending and infrastructure. During the next four years, I would like to see our budget transitioned into better prioritized spending. I feel like many tax dollars are being spent on some of the city's less important issues. I would like to start utilizing our funds on more immediate needs first, such as the numerous potholes in our streets, and some soon-to-be needed upgrades to our public water supply system. I simply want to question each individual issue that the city runs into and spend a little time and actual research to evaluate which of those issues take the highest priority needs from our budget.

*Martin County Journal: Is there anything else you would like to get*

*across to the voters?*

**Donald Rick Norris:** Chose not to respond.

**Collin J. Padgett:** The citizens of Loogootee are currently paying me to make the best decisions for our city. That is a massive responsibility, and I don't take it lightly. During the next four years, I plan to go above and beyond the standard duties and expecta-

tions that our taxpayers hold us to. It's easy to simply attend a meeting once a month, go through the motions, and just blindly approve every financial request that is presented to us. Timely research and due diligence are a must before making any decision that will affect our thousands of residents, and that is exactly what I plan to do for another four years.

## City of Loogootee Primary

The 2019 City of Loogootee Primary Election will be held May 7, 2019. This election only includes registered voters in Perry 1, 2, 3, and 4. Voter registration is now closed. Visit [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) to see who is on your ballot and other election information.

Absentee voting in the clerk's office will end Monday, May 6 at noon. You can vote between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They also will be open for voting on Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon.

For any questions regarding the election, please call the county clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

The following have filed and will appear on the May 7, 2019 Primary Democrat Ballot:

Mayor City of Loogootee  
 Roger S. Downey, Democrat  
 Noel D. Harty, Democrat  
 Loogootee City Clerk/Treasurer  
 Carol (Jones) Harder, Democrat  
 Loogootee City Council At-Large  
 Ronald (Ron) Gilbert, Democrat  
 James Richard Taylor, Democrat  
 Loogootee City Council District 1  
 Teresa M. Nolley, Democrat  
 Loogootee City Council District 2  
 Tim (Biggin) Lawrence, Democrat  
 Ruth Smith, Democrat  
 Loogootee City Council District 3  
 Carroll Rayhill, Democrat  
 Loogootee City Council District 4  
 Donald Rick Norris, Democrat  
 Collin J. Padgett, Democrat

Since the purpose of the Primary Election is for each party to select a candidate for the General Election on

November 5, 2019, there will not be a republican ballot printed for the Primary because there are no republican candidates.

## AT LARGE

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water issues for some time now and money needs to be found to help with this issue as well as some other issues. More grant monies need to be looked into to help pay for these issues.

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

*Martin County Journal: What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing the city right now?*


**Ron Gilbert:** During my four-year term I would like to see more grant money applied for whenever it is made possible by the state or at the national level. Some of our sidewalks are in poor shape and need to be replaced as well as drainage pipes. I would like to find money for this to happen.

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

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

**Ron Gilbert:** I have worked in the city of Loogootee since 1981 and feel I can talk to the people of Loogootee in a friendly and polite manner to try to get things done. Remember though, I only have one out of five votes on each situation. I will vote the way the people ask me to.

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



**“Our City Matters to YOU and It Matters to Me!”**

I am very mindful that although we have achieved many of our goals in the almost eight years I have been in office, this election is about our future and opportunities to continue to make this City we all love a better place to live for us, for our children, and eventually for their children.

We have already begun our most challenging project yet -- repairing our crumbling storm water infrastructure; and we are preparing to apply for a grant in July to help fund this very expensive project.

I wish we could just afford to pave all our streets at one time or do all repairs and maintenance our City needs at once; but the reality is our City operates on a very small tax base and we don't have millions of dollars in the bank to spend as needed or wanted. We depend on grants to support improvement and even maintenance projects. The process of grant writing is very competitive. Many cities and towns are competing for the same money. We feel fortunate to have been successful in the past and we will always take advantage of all grant opportunities for our City.

I will continue to support our local businesses and work to entice even more businesses to come to our community, including a much-needed assisted living facility and more senior housing; maintain and pave our streets; maintain our water utility infrastructure; maintain and beautify our municipal pool, park and common grounds; beautify our downtown area; bring high speed broadband to our rural areas; work with law enforcement on the war against drugs and protection of our children at our schools; work on special projects, such as a walking trail; involve our youth in planning for our future, and more.

I appreciate all of the support and input I have received during the past eight years and I will continue to listen to you and make every effort possible to help in situations when you need my help.

It's no secret how much I love Loogootee and am so proud to live here and represent you. My staff works hard every day to serve our City and your needs, and we will always strive to find ways to do our jobs better.

Elections are not decided by the number of signs in yards, or social media "likes" or even the best wishes or intentions. Elections are decided by those who show up to vote for their candidates of choice. All candidates have worked hard for your vote and we are hoping for the best voter turn-out ever!

I ask once again for your vote of confidence in me as your Mayor for a third term and I promise you as I promised you before, I will serve our City, and you, to the best of my ability and I will work hard for Loogootee's best interest and our future.

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