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## County council approves wage increases, some ARPA funds

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The Martin County Council met Monday night, May 6. This was Council Member Sherri Bowling's first meeting. Bowling was chosen by the Republican Party to replace Andrew Beaver who resigned.

Judge Isha Wright-Ryan requested the council approve the probation department hiring a part-time administrative assistant to help with caseload and pre-trial probation. Judge Wright-Ryan said they need someone immediately to help resolve the issues they are having with caseload. She said adding another probation officer is the ultimate goal but having a part-time administrative position would help for now. Wright-Ryan said they have \$5,175 in the supplemental adult probation user fee fund they would be willing to use toward the position. This would leave around \$1,500 that is needed from the county.

Council Member Jordan Dant said he has talked to other counties and caseloads are up throughout the state. He said the county will be cashing in mature CDs in July and September, which is more than \$50,000 and that money could help as a short-term solution.

Council Member Adam Greene asked if they could hire someone for a six-month trial period. He said they can discuss the position at budget hearings and see what needs to be done for next year. Judge Wright-Ryan said she understands the budget is an issue and she understands the position may be temporary.

The council approved the new position at 28 hours a week.

Judge Wright-Ryan also talked to the council about changing one of her court reporter's titles and increasing the salary. Wright-Ryan said she has had a lot of turn over with court reporters this year, however she has one employee who has been there 13 years. She would like to change that position to supervisor and increase the salary range. Currently,

## Forest Service supports Indiana counties through Secure Rural Schools Program

The USDA Forest Service has determined its 2023 annual payments to counties in which National Forest System Lands occur. In Indiana, the Hoosier National Forest administers land in nine counties, including Monroe, Brown, Jackson, Lawrence, Orange, Martin, Dubois, Crawford and Perry, all of which will receive funding through the agency's Secure Rural Schools Program (SRS).

Martin County schools will receive \$8,944.29 for the 9,692 acres of the Hoosier National Forest.

The program was reauthorized for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The affected Indiana counties will receive a total of \$234,729.73, while nationally, \$232 million will be paid to 745 eligible counties in 41 states and Puerto Rico to support public schools, roads and other municipal services.

"The Secure Rural Schools program is just one of the ways the Forest Ser-

vice supports communities nationwide," said Forest Service Chief Randy Moore. "This funding aids schools and roads, reimburses counties for national forest emergency services, and assists in creating community wildfire protection plans – all critical programs designed to enhance the quality of life in these communities."

In addition to Secure Rural Schools payments, the Forest Service is using the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act funding to improve forest conditions, support local economies and create jobs by investing in forest restoration projects, road and trail maintenance, recreation opportunities and wood innovation development.

Over the past 10 years, the Forest Service has distributed \$2.4 billion through the Secure Rural Schools program. For payment information by county for this program, visit [www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/secure-rural-schools/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/secure-rural-schools/) (See 'SCHOOLS' on page 3)

The council spent some time discussing whether to approve the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds, as requested by the commissioners. The allocations included \$77,661.09 for supplies which Auditor Norris explained is for ambulance expenses including equipment, a medicine safe, and ambulance cameras; \$8,810.70 in miscellaneous expenses, most to go toward a loan to the recycling center to repair their semi-truck and pay for lighting upgrades in the building; and \$60,000 for capital expenses that Auditor Norris said would possibly go to renovations to the recycling center building the county bought across the street from the courthouse.

Council Member Dant said he didn't (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

the court reporter position maxes out at \$19.66 per hour, which is where this employee stands. She would like to see the range be from \$19.66 to \$22 per hour. The council discussed the fact that they increased the salary range for that position last year. Wright-Ryan said they did, however this employee has taken on more duties and puts in a lot of extra time to keep the courtroom running.

The council approved the salary range increase. Council Member Monty Gregory said he would like to see a job description written up for the position. He said this prevents any question in the future. "There's a lot of hens in that henhouse down there," he said.

Auditor Michelle Norris explained that the commissioners have requested the human resources position hourly rate also be increased. The current HR director had submitted her resignation but after the commissioners talked to her, she has agreed to stay on part-time, mostly remotely. The commissioners have asked to change the salary range for the position from \$18 to \$23 per hour. The position currently maxes out at \$19.66 per hour. The HR director would not have any benefits from being part-time, which would help pay for the increased hourly rate. The council approved.

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## Warner, Summers, Albright, Montgomery, Woody win in Primary

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Just 27 percent of the Martin County voting population showed up to vote in this year's Primary Election. Of the 7,736 registered voters, only 2,116 cast ballots, 1,595 on Primary Election Day yesterday and 521 prior to Election Day.

There were only three contested races locally in Martin County, all three on the Republic ballot. For the Commissioner District 1 race, newcomer Retha Warner defeated incumbent Cody Roush 847-641. Kevin Boyd was also on the ballot however he had rescinded his candidacy a few weeks before the election, but it was too late to have his name removed. He received 272 votes.

In the Commissioner District 3 race, incumbent Aaron "Moose" Summers held onto his seat with 800 votes. John Daniel received 462 votes and Dana Tom Strange received 448.

In the Martin County Council At-Large race, three seats were open. Warren Albright (1,151 votes), Gerald Montgomery (1,097 votes) and Jim Woody (1,048 votes) took those spots. Matthew Copeland received 589 votes and Stephen "Tex" Shout received 425.

All candidates will automatically be elected to their seats if no Democratic candidates are added to the ballot for November.

In the contested seats for Republican Precinct Committeemen, Aaron "Moose"



RETHA WARNER



AARON SUMMERS



WARREN ALBRIGHT



GERALD MONTGOMERY

Summers defeated Monty Gregory for Perry 6, 96-63. In South Center, Nathan Hoffman defeated Adam Greene, 37-32. In the East Memphis precinct committeeman race, Kevin Boyd defeated Cody



JIM WOODY  
(See 'ELECTION' on page 2)



## History being restored

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Town of Shoals recently purchased the former Nu-Tap building on Main Street, to save the historic building which was in danger of collapse. The project was named the 232 Main St. Project, for the address of the building. The town hired Joel Oliver, of Linton, to work on the stabilization of the 177-year-old, three-story building. That process has been on-going for the last several weeks. Funding for the project, so far, has included \$100,000 from the Town of Shoals EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) fund, \$50,000 from a Radius Indiana grant, and \$50,000 from the Martin County Redevelopment Commission. The town has been applying for other grants to help with the project. The plan is to open the building for retail on the bottom and residential units on the top. The building has housed a tavern and pool hall, a restaurant, and a hotel. It has been vacant for 15 years. The estimated cost to rehab the building is \$500,000. The project began in collaboration with the Town of Shoals, the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth and the Martin County Redevelopment Commission.

# COUNCIL

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like not knowing exactly where the \$60,000 is going. Council Member Greene noted the commissioners are in charge of spending ARPA funds. Dant replied that this is true, but the council has to approve it to be spent first. He said it's like writing a blank check for \$60,000 without asking for accountability first. Auditor Norris said the commissioners didn't give her specifics, but she believes the money will be used to remodel the recycling center building across the street from the courthouse because they plan to put offices in. Council Member Gregory asked Dant if they wanted to table a decision on the \$60,000 until they could get more information.

Dant also wanted to know why the county keeps committing money to the recycling center. Auditor Norris said the recycling center will be paying back the money. It was noted that Duke Energy is covering most of the cost for the lighting upgrades as a part of a program they offer.

Dant said no business should be improving lighting in their building before paying off their bad debts. "I'm not making improvements at my house if I still have outstanding bad debt," he said. Council Member Albright said the recycling center should take advantage of Duke Energy's program because it is free money. He added that the recycling center is doing better financially. Dant said he hasn't seen proof of that. He said he

doesn't believe the center is doing well, however it's not the county council's job to oversee the recycling center. He said it's their job to spend the county's money responsibly.

In the end, the council approved all ARPA allocations except for the \$60,000. Dant said they would like clarification from the commissioners first. Auditor Norris noted these allocations are the last of the ARPA funds available.

The council approved spending \$100,000 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Fund grant for the county to purchase the Shoals recycling center building from solid waste.

The council approved spending \$29,000 for courthouse improvements. Auditor Norris noted that money was budgeted last year, however they needed the extra \$29,000 because courtroom renovations were added to the plan, along with the downstairs bathrooms.

The council approved Sherri Bowling to replace Andrew Beaver on the Good Samaritan Advisory Council.

At the end of the meeting Council Member Dant said he spoke with Surveyor Nathan Hoffman who told him he no longer needed to have a deputy surveyor. Dant said this will open up funds for next year to use for something else. Council Member Sherri Bowling asked if Hoffman would still need part-time help. Dant said that is a possibility.

The next county council meeting will be Monday, June 3 at 6 p.m.

	Perry 1	Perry 2	Perry 3	Perry 4	Perry 5	Perry 6	Perry 7	Crane	S. Halbert	N. Halbert	SE Halbert	W. Memphis	E. Memphis	Rutherford	S. Center	N. Center	Lost River	Mitchell	TOTALS
<b>President</b>																			
Donald J. Trump (R)	117	79	63	89	98	131	108	14	93	89	67	84	45	114	62	112	62	85	1512
Nikki R. Haley (R)	30	22	7	13	19	31	22	3	12	12	6	5	7	14	9	26	12	14	264
Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (D)	27	26	10	17	9	17	9	6	1	10	5	13	6	14	10	11	9	10	210
<b>Governor</b>																			
Mike Braun (R)	35	22	32	37	32	47	23	9	38	41	31	40	28	28	27	52	39	51	612
Brad Chambers (R)	16	14	3	10	14	23	8	1	9	11	6	5	3	13	12	16	5	10	179
Suzanne Crouch (R)	33	32	8	27	31	30	33	7	5	17	17	21	9	42	15	33	16	24	400
Eric Doden (R)	57	31	23	25	35	55	51	0	42	31	10	16	12	40	14	33	12	15	502
Curtis Hill (R)	2	1	2	1	3	3	4	0	6	2	7	0	0	3	1	0	1	3	36
Jamie Reitenour (R)	7	2	2	0	5	3	10	0	3	2	3	2	0	5	2	3	3	3	55
Jennifer G. McCormick (D)	31	28	9	18	10	19	14	6	2	11	5	16	9	14	14	9	13	11	239
<b>United States Senator</b>																			
Jim Banks (R)	103	63	54	75	88	117	98	13	67	71	46	56	33	91	44	87	52	69	1227
Marc Carmichael (D)	11	13	5	2	3	8	8	1	0	4	3	6	2	5	10	0	4	8	93
Valerie McCray (D)	23	15	7	15	7	12	5	5	2	7	3	12	7	10	3	10	7	4	154
<b>Congress District 8</b>																			
Jim (JustIN) Case (R)	4	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	1	2	3	2	0	2	26
Jeremy L. Heath (R)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	6
John N. Hostettler (R)	20	11	1	11	9	19	16	2	25	29	7	9	9	12	9	19	6	13	227
Dominick Jack Kavanaugh (R)	30	21	5	10	10	30	19	2	11	4	6	12	4	20	3	18	11	19	233
Mark Messmer (R)	57	36	36	54	47	65	41	9	41	38	35	31	23	53	37	69	44	34	750
Luke A. Misner (R)	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	4	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	4	20
Richard Moss (R)	29	20	19	17	38	34	32	1	17	17	16	24	10	23	10	29	7	19	362
Kristi Risk (R)	6	5	7	4	11	8	18	2	7	6	5	2	2	16	4	7	6	8	127
Erik Hurt (D)	16	14	6	7	4	8	5	0	2	5	3	10	3	6	7	3	4	8	111
Peter FH Priest II (D)	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	20
Edward Upton Sein (D)	7	2	5	4	3	4	3	2	0	3	0	7	4	3	5	2	2	0	56
Michael Talarzyk (D)	4	6	0	4	1	4	2	3	0	2	0	0	1	5	1	3	5	2	43
<b>State Representative District 63</b>																			
Shane M. Lindauer (R)	103	62	52	70	89	120	88	12	70	75	47	52	35	86	42	92	53	62	1210
Teresa Kendall (D)	31	25	11	19	9	19	11	5	2	10	4	17	8	15	13	9	11	10	229
<b>Martin County Recorder</b>																			
Sheri Crandall (R)	107	65	54	82	93	121	94	15	61	84	57	52	29	92	54	93	61	68	1282
<b>Martin Co. Commissioner District 1</b>																			
Kevin R. Boyd (R)	35	19	14	21	16	19	33	6	7	7	1	8	6	30	3	13	8	26	272
J. Cody Roush (R)	47	35	22	38	51	86	54	7	26	38	22	33	18	53	19	46	23	23	641
Retha Warner (R)	54	42	31	38	53	56	34	2	71	59	51	48	31	43	51	85	44	54	847
<b>Martin Co. Commissioner District 3</b>																			
John L. Daniel (R)	40	23	18	28	31	23	26	4	28	32	14	19	9	44	21	32	20	50	462
Dana Tom Strange (R)	47	37	20	34	39	63	34	9	7	13	18	13	10	44	13	22	11	14	448
Aaron "Moose" Summers (R)	55	34	30	33	48	75	56	2	68	54	39	51	31	36	35	79	40	34	800
<b>Martin County Council At-Large (three seats)</b>																			
Warren D. Albright (R)	78	61	43	67	73	102	72	9	65	77	52	61	33	78	41	98	51	70	1151
Matthew (Matt) Ray Copeland (R)	45	31	25	29	41	51	30	3	69	33	29	35	15	39	22	50	15	27	589
Gerald D. Montgomery (R)	78	58	45	54	66	95	78	8	77	71	49	51	36	79	39	93	49	71	1097
Stephen "Tex" Shout (R)	36	17	12	22	23	37	23	4	12	32	17	22	19	35	25	43	21	25	425
Jim Woody (R)	99	65	46	63	93	104	92	12	30	52	30	42	31	86	39	76	40	48	1048
<b>Martin County Surveyor</b>																			
Nathan Dale Hoffman (R)	103	64	52	80	100	124	91	15	61	85	62	58	30	97	58	104	66	79	1329
<b>Martin County Coroner</b>																			
Tony Abel (R)	110	64	55	81	99	125	99	16	64	83	58	65	31	95	52	103	62	77	1339
<b>Martin County Treasurer</b>																			
Rhonda Sanders (R)	107	70	53	79	97	123	94	15	69	84	60	55	34	95	55	102	60	77	1333
<b>Martin County Auditor</b>																			
Michelle Norris (D)	32	28	12	19	10	19	13	5	2	11	7	19	10	17	15	10	13	12	254
<b>Republican Precinct Committeemen</b>																			
Monty Gregory (R), Perry 6																			63
Aaron "Moose" Summers (R), Perry 6																			96
Adam Greene (R), South Center																			32
Nathan Dale Hoffman (R), South Center																			37
Kevin R. Boyd (R) East Memphis																			34
J. Cody Roush (R) East Memphis																			20
<b>Republican Convention Delegates (vote for 4)</b>																			
Warren D. Albright	53	40	30	44	56	69	41	6	93	68	48	49	30	43	40	82	46	60	898
Kevin R. Boyd	46	22	27	38	38	42	42	8	23	29	20	25	29	49	25	40	21	49	573
Mike Engleman	83	54	40	50	53	74	49	4	14	26	20	25	7	53	19	41	24	20	656
Adam Greene	97	69	45	64	86	116	83	7	29	45	34	42	25	93	39	66	19	40	999
Nathan Dale Hoffman	50	25	16	35	46	51	27	3	31	45	34	35	17	49	41	66	46	663	
Gerald D. Montgomery	43	38	30	23	37	53	37	7	69	53	37	34	22	51	25	66	44	60	758
J. Cody Roush	55	43	30	51	65	79	63	3	29	54	28	48	22	61	22	72	27	31	783
Aaron "Moose" Summers	66	35	34	44	50	74	51	5	56	50	27	46	23	44	28	71	33	44	781

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# ELECTION

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Roush 34-20.

In the Republican Convention Delegates race, Warren Albright, Adam Greene, Aaron "Moose" Summers and Cody Roush took the four open spots.

In state races, Martin County Republicans voted for Mike Braun for Indiana Governor with 612 votes, followed by Eric Doden with 502, Suzanne Crouch with 400, Brad Chambers with 179, Jamie Reitenour with 55 and Curtis Hill with 36. Jennifer McCormick is the sole Democratic candidate for Indiana Governor and she received 239 votes from Martin County.

In the Republican side of the US Presidential race, Donald Trump garnered 1,512 votes and Nikki Haley received 264. On the Democratic ticket, Joe Biden received 210 votes from Martin County.

In the US Congressional Race, on the Republican side, Martin County voters

chose Mark Messmer with 750 votes followed by Richard Moss with 362, Dominick Jack Kavanaugh with 233, John N. Hostettler with 227, Kristi Risk with 127, Justin (JustIN) Case with 26, Luke Misner with 20 and Jeremy Heath with 6. On the Democratic side, Erik Hurt received 111 votes, Edward Upton Sein received 56, Michael Talarzyk received 43 and Peter FH Priest II received 20.

On the Democratic ticket for United States Senator, Martin County voted for Valerie McCray with 154 votes. Marc Carmichael had 93 votes. Jim Banks ran unopposed on the Republican ticket for US Senator and received 1,227 votes from Martin County.

There were 1,839 Republican ballots cast in yesterday's Primary and 277 Democratic. Three ballots were turned in blank.

The General Election will be held on November 8, 2024.

# Lady Lions Tennis results

The Lady Lions Tennis Team (9-6) dropped a close match to the rival Barr-Reeve Vikings 2-3 on Monday evening, May 6, a match that originally began on April 23 before being halted by rain. Play resumed exactly where it was at the time of the rain postponement. The junior varsity Lions fell 6-0.

Varsity results

Singles

1. Charlotte Truchon-Bartès (L) d. Lanie Graber 7-5, 6-2

2. Brylee Fuhrman (BR) d. Addy Lengacher 6-1, 6-0

3. Macy Knepp (L) d. Brynlee Rollins 6-3, 6-1

Doubles

1. Claire Harrison/Alli Robinson (

# OBITUARIES

## ROBERT FORCE

Robert Edward Force passed away Friday, May 3, 2024, at Poplar Care Strategies, Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, he was 87.

He was born May 9, 1936, in Washington; son of John T and Margaret (McCarty) Force.

Bob graduated from Shoals High School with the class of 1954 and attended Indiana University-Purdue University



ROBERT FORCE River Lodge #332,

of Indianapolis.

He enjoyed traveling, working construction, and attending antique and tractor shows. Bob was a member of the Air Force Reserve, Shoals Lion's Club, White

Carpenter's Union.

Surviving are his loving companion of 36 years, Lois Brett; brother, Jim Force; sister-in-law, Marilyn Force; son, Michael Force; daughter, Karen Force; bonus daughter, Julie Montgomery; bonus grandchildren, Samantha (Justin) Mott, Nicholas MacKinnon, and Nova Montgomery; bonus great-grandchildren, Seagen and Zephy Mott; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Charles T. Force.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 6 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with David Smith officiating. Burial followed in Hickory Ridge Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shoals Lion's Club.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## BRADLEY WILLIAMS

Bradley Scott Williams passed away Sunday, May 5, 2024, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 55.

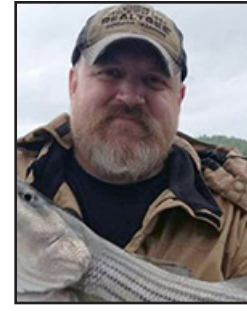
He was born November 22, 1969, in Washington; son of Bernie and Vicki (Parish) Williams.

He graduated from Loogootee High

## Memorial Hospital offers free event in Loogootee

Looking for ways to eat healthier that are also budget friendly? Memorial Hospital's Clinical Registered Dietitian, Kendra Allen, will present "Navigating the Grocery Store With Ease" on Thursday, May 16, from 6-7:15 p.m. at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building. This is a free event in partnership with Purdue Extension, and light snacks will be provided.

Allen received a Bachelor of Science Degree in dietetics at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. She is a registered and licensed dietitian in the state of Indiana and has worked in multiple career settings including long-term and acute care, as well as outpatient education. She currently works in the inpatient, acute care setting at Memorial Hospital and as an outpatient educator in Memorial Hospital's Diabetes and Nutrition Clinic. Allen is passionate about providing individualized nutritional care to her patients.



BRADLEY WILLIAMS

School.

Bradley was a self-employed entrepreneur, co-owning Bradley's Bar in Loogootee for many years.

He enjoyed playing fantasy sports games with his friends and spending time with his Trinity folk.. Brad has always been adventurous. He loved camping, fishing, traveling, his dog Dobby, and helping others.

His knowledge, wit, and loving, caring, personality will always be remembered by family and numerous friends.

Surviving are his uncle, Monty (Janet) Tow; aunt, Rhonda (Tow) Matthews; father, Bernie Williams; siblings, Lynelle, Robert, Susan, and Jeff; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Vicki Williams.

Cremation was chosen and a celebration of life will be held at 4 p.m. on June 15 at the Mustering Elm Park in Trinity Springs.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## SCHOOLS

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payments  
Each state's Secure Rural School payment amount is determined by various factors established in the law, including the number of counties that elect to share in a state's payment. Payments to states are distributed after the Forest Service collects revenue to accommodate those counties electing to continue participation in revenue sharing rather than the Secure Rural School payment.



"It was a noisy one all right; heard it coming long about the time he started up the hill." The old man who lived over the crest of the hill was later to tell the deputy. "But pretty soon after, it got quiet. I don't know what happened, but I do know he never got this far."

An hour or so earlier, even though the old man could hear the roar of that engine a half mile away, the noise could barely be heard by the young man hunkered down over the handlebars of the machine. The wind, although deafening, was invigorating as it struck his face and flattened his hair back against his head while the sleeves on his flannel shirt billowed out and flapped at his forearms in the breeze. The man smiled at the throaty, powerful response of the engine; his repairs were obviously working well.

What the old man didn't know as he sat in his porch swing waiting to see that motorcycle flash by, was that something happened between the man and the machine as it rounded the curve at the top of the hill; even yet today, almost 80 years later, no one knows what, but the cycle skidded down the highway on its side throwing the rider off and over the side of the embankment. The man took his last breath on the way to the hospital, some 15 miles from the accident scene.

A few miles away at his home, his thirty-four-year-old wife, eight and a half months pregnant, had taken advantage of the warm day and was treating her 6- and 4-year-old boys to a washtub bath in the backyard. The boys, along with the couple's thirteen-year-old daughter, were the light of the couple's life.

She heard a car door close and walked around the house to see who was there. The couple that played cards with them every Saturday night stood in the front yard, both of them crying. In what seemed like only a few minutes, the priest arrived, and the house filled up with friends and neighbors.

Three days, of which she remembered little, passed. There was a funeral and five days after that, a stillborn baby boy was delivered by the new widow. Now she had to bury another giant piece of her heart. Almost overwhelming the grief and sorrow that consumed her was a feeling of hopelessness. She felt like climbing into her bed and staying there but for the sake of her family, she had to go on.

She had three children depending on her and there was no money, nor did she have any idea how to get any. What was she to do? She had never worked outside the home. She had only an eighth-grade education and had never traveled much more than 25 miles from Martin County, Indiana. She had a brother and four sisters who could be depended on for moral support but they, like a lot of the people in the area, were doing good to provide for themselves. In this year of 1946, social welfare barely existed but it would never have entered her mind anyway.

There was nothing for her to do but be-

gin. She sold the family car because the sale provided a little money and because she didn't know how to drive it anyway. She took in laundry from people in the town. She and her daughter planted the garden and prepared to do even more home canning than they had in happier years.

When winter arrived, she sold the house and moved eight miles west to her hometown of Loogootee, Indiana to be nearer to both her and her husband's families. There was enough money from the sale to make a down payment on a house that provided a roof over their heads and little else. No running water and only a pot-bellied stove for heat but it was home, and it was close to her siblings.

The two school age kids were enrolled in the Catholic school. The woman fought a newly developed fear of something happening to her family. She worried incessantly. A fear of thunderstorms, along with other natural disasters, kept her awake nights but she persevered, finding work cooking in a local restaurant less than a mile from home. For the next half dozen years, she walked to and from work at six o'clock every morning six days out of the week. Rain or shine, hot or cold, she made that walk. On Sundays, her day off, she walked her family to church. A year after the accident, a monthly check for fourteen dollars and ninety-two cents arrived from Social Security to help provide for the children.

Eventually, she landed a job at the telephone company. It was a little farther to walk but the money was much better, and life got a little easier. Indoor plumbing and then central heating were introduced into the family's life.

Her life went on. She never remarried, never gave it a second thought. She paced the floor with worry when her children were out. She never learned to drive and was too scared to try. She never learned to conquer her fear of storms and spent many a night waking her family, burning the blessed palm leaves and leading her children in a prayer that some approaching storm wouldn't blow them all away.

But she never gave up, completing the task that fate had handed her. This timid, worry wart of a woman - her name was Rosemary - got her family raised and in later years, even managed to provide her mother-in-law with a place to live. She had a year of retirement before she died in her sleep at age sixty-four, possibly of that broken heart that had never completely mended.

Was she a hero? To her way of thinking, she wasn't. A lot of people she knew had endured, as bad or worse and it never occurred to her that she had accomplished something out of the ordinary. But she did. It is for people like her that we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend and even though I'm sorry to say, she never heard it from me when she was alive; today I'm proud to say that she was my mother.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

3:44 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee. Major Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:58 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

3:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a neighbor dispute north of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Shoals. Major Reed was advised.

11:27 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:41 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:51 a.m. - Received a report of a road closure in Shoals.

9:34 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on a utility trailer in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

9:49 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

11:13 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

11:36 a.m. - Received a call advising that both nursing homes in Loogootee would be testing fire alarms today.

12:02 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson, ISP Trooper Lents and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

12:35 p.m. - Received a call from Shoals School advising of a fire drill today.

12:54 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported two inmates to court.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

2:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

7:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

5:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:51 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:49 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

10:51 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call in

Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Captain Gibson responded.

12:42 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:19 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:43 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Captain Gibson and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

3:35 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

3:49 p.m. - Received a call from Lifeline advising of a medical alarm push south of Shoals. Owner called to advise it was an accidental push.

4:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Shields responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

6:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Deputy Shields, and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:52 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

7:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

11:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shields and Deputy Erwin responded.

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

2:30 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

6:23 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

10:54 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

11:42 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

1:00 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported two inmates to court.

1:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:41 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:49 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a possible brush fire east of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-motorcycle accident north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Deputy Shields and Loogootee Fire Department

responded. No one was transported.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. All deputies were notified.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

7:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an ATV-skateboard accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:47 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

2:42 a.m. - Received a call from Johnson Control reporting a commercial burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller, Deputy Baumgart and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:02 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Deputy Baumgart responded.

11:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department and Crane Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

12:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check south of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

2:23 p.m. - Received a request for officers and an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Chief Deputy Keller, Deputy Baumgart, Deputy Shields, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:51 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. LPD Sergeant Wagoner responded.

9:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

12:40 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Deputy Erwin responded.

8:02 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer north of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a bobcat north of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

11:03 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a possible dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper

Memorial Hospital.

3:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a motorcycle accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman, and Deputy Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:26 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:43 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Baumgart responded.

5:52 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

6:11 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

1:23 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Bedford.

1:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

11:08 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:49 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

1:36 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. ISP Trooper Lents, Captain Gibson and Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson, Deputy Baumgart and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same accident.

5:36 p.m. - Received a call from a person in Greene County. Advised caller to call 911. Greene County 911 took call.

5:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Baumgart responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:19 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock south of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, going into Dubois County. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

8:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a stray dog in Loogootee. Advised Major Reed.

10:19 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County advising of a reckless driver on US 50, traveling east. Major Reed responded.



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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 24

Joseph M. Pruitt, intimidation, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; harassment of hunters, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 29

Dessie M. Wilson, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

April 25

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Chad Crain, civil collection.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Jordan VanMeter, civil collection.

Credit Corp Solutions, Inc. vs. Abby Miller, civil collection.

April 29

Angelique Gerkin vs. James Hert, civil plenary.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Property Sure and against the defendants Madison Roush and Spencer Byers for eviction in the amount of \$670.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**George A. Foster and Betty R. Foster**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tania M. Brown**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.818 acres, more or less.

**Mark L. Bailey and Kelli Bailey**, of Greene County, Indiana to **Steven R. Jacobs**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.43 acre, more or less.

**Christopher D. Mattingly and Vicki L. Mattingly**, of Martin County, Indiana to **BJ's Stowaway Storage Units, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of Lots Number 75 and 76 in Keck's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Joseph Ryan and June Ryan** to **Vaught Rentals, LLC**, of Indiana, Lots Numbered 25, 26, and 27 in the original Town of Crane, Indiana.

**Wayne Mae Property Group, LLC**, of Indiana to **Braun Family Properties, LLC**, of Indiana, the east half of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 18, and all that part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18 that lies east and south of a road leading from Possum Hollow Road to Harrisonville, all in Township 4, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 70 acres, more or less.

**Gary S. Chandler and Spencer Stephen Chandler and Jacqueline S. Chandler** to **Unity Land, LLC**, of Wisconsin, the east half of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 18, and all that part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18 that lies east and south of a road leading from Possum Hollow Road to Harrisonville, all in Township 4, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 70 acres, more or less.

# ARRESTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

4:24 p.m. - Jeffrey Deckard, 32, of Bedford, was arrested by Captain Gibson on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8:20 p.m. - Daniel Clifton, 38, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated resulting in serious bodily injury and operating a vehicle intoxicated-refusal. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

5:04 a.m. - Zachary Pace, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Erwin on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

7:34 p.m. - Candice Stone, 31, of Cannelburg, was arrested by Deputy Shields and charged with driving while suspended prior. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

6:12 a.m. - Matthew Taylor, 30, of Montgomery, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

**Unity Land, LLC**, of Wisconsin to **Wayne Mae Property Group, LLC**, of Indiana, the east half of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 18, and all that part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18 that lies east and south of a road leading from Possum Hollow Road to Harrisonville, all in Township 4, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 70 acres, more or less.

**Michael D. Bledsoe**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brittain Properties, LLC**, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.24 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.25 acre, more or less. More commonly known as 405 and 407 Butcher Boulevard, Loogootee IN 47553.

**Terri L. Alcorn**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Logan N. Albright and Hannah R. Albright**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 3 West. Tract II: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19 and a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, both Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 3.4 acres, more or less. Tract IV: Part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.28 acres, more or less.

**Adrian L. Crim and Roberta K. Crim**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin R. Boyd and Riza Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of Lot Number 18 in Horsey's Addition to the Town of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

# Loogootee Police Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 29

10:47 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on JFK Avenue.

3:14 p.m. -Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on McBride's Bluff Road.

6:30 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Taco Bell.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

6:13 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Doe Run Avenue.

8:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call at Bowling Trailer Court.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:08 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at On The Fly.

11:53 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

3:03 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Pleasant View Lane.

3:43 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call near IGA.

6:16 p.m. -Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Southwest Third Street.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

3:55 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call at Tedrow Sawmill.

4:13 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at IGA.

4:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call on US Highway 231 North.

7:28 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department

and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call at Redwing Trailer Court.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

10:02 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Broadway Street.

11:44 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Stark Street in Crane Village.

2:23 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Hopper Lane.

6:51 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Loogootee United Methodist Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

12:04 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on US Highway 231 North.

1:24 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Vine Street.

3:26 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Church Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

No calls to report.

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By Ann Ackerman



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"How did you know?" she asked.

"Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," Max said. "I think it's printed on the bottom!"

### RIDDLES

1. How do birds learn how to fly?
2. How do you identify a dogwood tree?
3. What did one eye say to the other?
4. Why can't you trust stairs?
5. What kind of sandals do frogs prefer?
6. What kind of shoes do bananas wear?

### THINGS I NEED FOR TODAY

- \*Coffee
- \*Personal spaceship
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- \*5 more hours of sleeping
  - \*Notice congratulating me on winning lottery
  - \*More coffee
  - \*Negativity-repelling force field
  - \*Sparkling sense of humor
- Apparently, I'll be starting with coffee.  
Naneh Hoffman

### THOUGHTS

- \*Crossing things off my to-do list. I didn't do them. I just don't want them on my list anymore.
- \*Be decisive. Right or wrong, make a decision. The road is paved with squirrels who couldn't make a decision.
- \*When I get a headache, I take two aspirins and keep away from children, just like the bottle says.
- \*Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.
- \*Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway.
- \*I'm getting stronger with age. I can now lift \$100 worth of groceries with one hand.

### ANSWERS

1. They wing it.
2. By its bark.
3. Between us, something smells.
4. They're always up to something.
5. Open toad.
6. Slippers.

### LOGIC

- \*Some say life begins at 40, others say 50...Life begins when you decide to quit worrying about what everyone else thinks.
- \*Rivers never go in reverse, so try to live like a river. Forget your past and focus on your future. Always be positive.
- \*I came across a quote that said: "If you went back and fixed all the mistakes you've ever made, you would erase yourself" and that's all I've ever needed to hear.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Shoals Town Council meeting

The Shoals Town Council will meet in regular session on Monday, May 13 at 4 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall. The public is invited to attend.

### Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, May 17 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required, first come first serve.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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### LUMC Food Pantry

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

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By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

This week is the busiest gardening week of the year. Garden centers are gearing up for the crowds that are likely to be there on Saturday. For many garden centers, the Saturday before Mother's Day is the busiest day of the season. Flowers are the natural gift for Mother's Day. Moms are nurturers, and most appreciate a gift that they can appreciate all summer. Whether you go for hanging baskets, bedding plants or a tree or shrub, a living plant makes the perfect gift. A mother will care for that plant and be reminded of the love that came with the plant. If you are fortunate enough to have your mother on this earth, get to the nearest garden center and find your mother's favorite flower. I sure wish I could buy a big hanging basket full of peach-colored begonias for my mother.

Even without Mother's Day, this would be a busy week for gardeners. We should now be frost-free for several months, and that means the growing season can get underway. Whether you are setting flower transplants in landscape beds or putting out a vegetable patch, it is time to get plants in the ground.

Vegetable or flower, most of these plants have been grown inside and need to get used to the conditions of the garden. Set the plants outside for a day or two. Put them in an area where they will be shaded from the midday sun. Watch the forecast, and if the night-time temperatures fall below 50 degrees, provide some protection. After a couple of days, the plants will be hardened off to the outside conditions and are ready for transplanting.

When transplanting a simple posy of a large tree, I recommend using a root-stimulating fertilizer when planting. I prefer liquid fertilizer, such as Miracle Grow Quick Start. After setting the plant in place, water it in with the mixture, which will provide the nutrients needed to stimulate root growth. Better roots

mean the plant will adapt to the new location quickly and will begin to put on top growth within days. Getting plants off to a good start is the most important part of having a successful gardening season.

Mulching after planting is also a great way to improve the chances for the young plants. I recommend using organic mulch, which will break down over time and supply food for the plant. In the landscape, I suggest using shredded bark with a layer of cardboard beneath it. The cardboard will help to prevent weeds from growing through the mulch. The mulch will help keep the soil temperatures even and will also keep the moisture level constant. In the vegetable garden, one should use an organic mulch that will break down over the single season. Straw, shredded leaves and shredded paper are good options. If using shredded paper, I suggest wetting the paper before putting it in place. This will create a paper mache that will remain in place.

It is also time for me to move the houseplants outside for the summer. You may continue to keep the plants indoors, but many of the plants will appreciate the warmer summer temperatures and do not do well in air-conditioned homes. Even if the plants have been in a sunny window or under grow lights, adapting to full sun will take some time. As you take the plants out, put them in a shady location with some protection from the wind. I take the sub-tropical plants out first; they will tolerate some cool temperatures without being damaged. I will wait a couple more weeks to take out the most tender plants. Grouping plants according to their growth needs will make it easier to care for them. Cacti and succulents may be put together, while water-lovers do well around a fountain. My houseplants will thrive outside for a few months and will add to the beauty of the landscape.

## Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I've been enjoying the early green forage and getting livestock back on fresh pasture. The forage is a bit earlier than average and, at least in my neck of the woods, rainfall hasn't been lacking and is now a bit ahead of the norm. If the sun decides to start shining on a regular basis bringing a little heat, I expect the spring explosion of grass to happen soon!

Livestock producers certainly graze their livestock in a wide array of management schemes. Most are workable to a degree, but then often fall short on efficiency, production or environmentally. Some type of game plan is always ideal – even when we know that some of the rules of the game may change for us.

Just opening up the gate and having a short conversation with each ruminant as it passes through with instructions stating, "Please graze evenly; eat some broccoli with the ice-cream; start on one end and slowly work your way across the pasture to not soil forage for the next day; please don't graze the clover to the ground; and if possible, please disperse your urine and feces evenly behind you," just won't work!

Instead, all heads go down as soon as the gate opens, a few tails stand straight up signaling absolute delight and excitement, and the new season grazing season is initiated with no regard to the simply explained rules of order they were asked to follow.

The ruminant livestock only have one thing in mind as grazing is initiated for the season – consume the best forage possible in front of them as quickly as possible before the animal beside them gets it and get their fill so they can take a leisurely nap and ruminate for a while.

Most ruminants spend about eight hours a day grazing if ample forage is available and pretty much the rest of the day is spent just resting and ruminating. It sounds like quite a life and honestly, it is. If I spent a third of my time eating, I'd be fat and sassy and sprawled out somewhere too!

Back to the management – we can't leave it up to the cows. They know how to eat, but they are not the best managers of forage and frankly, sometimes I'm not either! It is important to have a game plan and stick to that game plan the best you can. Forages are not going to wait on anyone any more than the cows are going to listen to instructions. The grazing livestock are the forage management tools – not the managers. You need to utilize the grazing livestock to manage the forage.

One good method of managing growth is keeping the livestock moving onto new allocations on a very regular basis – moving to a new allocation every three days or ideally a lot less – like daily. That is actually more difficult for the human managers to understand than the livestock themselves. They appreciate a new fresh amount of forage every day. I'm sure there is at least one animal in the bunch that would tell you if they could "Fresh is always better – you have no idea who may have stepped there and did what!"

With these short moves, enough forage should be allocated to supply that time frame without the fear of overgrazing it. That can be challenging, especially when there are highly desired forages mixed with less desirable forages. Generally, the shorter the grazing period, the smaller the allocation, and the more competition from other grazing animals – the more evenly it is grazed and with less selectivity.

When they eat dominantly the desirable species and avoid the less desirable spe-

cies, the upper hand is often then given to the undesirables which slowly increases their presence. This is especially obvious with the early spring yellow flowered buttercup – horses will avoid it at all costs and pasture will quickly be taken over from it if not controlled.

Now, getting to the question of how much forage should be removed per grazing event. There are choices to be made and sometimes those rules of engagement have to be changed in the middle of the game.

I really like top grazing, at least at a minimum, the first time around. Usually this entails allowing the grazing livestock to remove about one-third of the forage, which is usually the top portion of the plant, thus the name. This method helps to keep the vegetation under control and buys you some time for the forages to recover before grazing again. I find that with this method, you are often back to where you started a little quicker and that is not really a bad thing as long as the plants have recovered and are ready to be grazed again.

In a grazing system, "fully recovered" refers to the state of a pasture or forage area when it has regrown sufficiently after being grazed by livestock. This means that the vegetation has reached a stage where it has regained its desired height and density, allowing grazing animals to return without causing long-term damage to the plants or the overall health of the pasture. The term indicates that the forage has replenished its nutrients and energy reserves, enabling it to support another grazing cycle effectively.

The next management option is to provide a similar allocation of forage but let the livestock graze the forages to an appropriate stop grazing height. Stop grazing heights are the shortest forages left, not the tallest, and quite often the average appropriate height left will be a fair amount more than the stop grazing height because nobody discussed this concept with the grazing livestock. The stop grazing height for most cool-season tall forages such as orchardgrass and tall fescue is about four inches. This amount is enough to maintain good soil cover and root support, but more importantly to maintain a decent solar panel for energy. When the forage is this height or higher, rotate to the next allotment. Keep doing this until the first paddock or allocation is ready to be grazed again. Stop where you are and go back to that first grazed area to help keep the forage under control. Skipped areas can be clipped, hayed, or stockpiled for later.

Some prefer to graze the allocation down closely before moving on. This method requires a lot longer recovery period for the forages and often also reduces overall productivity for the season.

Remember, it is not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep an eye on the forages and keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities  
"Purdue Forage Field Guide" is a great resource.

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# National unemployment at 3.9 percent for April

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 175,000 in April, and the unemployment rate changed little at 3.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in health care, in social assistance, and in transportation and warehousing.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

## Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate, at 3.9 percent, and the number of unemployed people, at 6.5 million, changed little in April. The unemployment rate has remained in a narrow range of 3.7 percent to 3.9 percent since August 2023.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for adult men (3.6 percent) increased in April. The rate for Blacks (5.6 percent) decreased, offsetting an increase in the prior month.

The jobless rates for adult women (3.5 percent), teenagers (11.7 percent), Whites (3.5 percent), Asians (2.8 percent), and Hispanics (4.8 percent) showed little change over the month.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 1.3 million, was essentially unchanged

in April. The long-term unemployed accounted for 19.6 percent of all unemployed people.

The labor force participation rate held at 62.7 percent in April, and the employment-population ratio was little changed at 60.2 percent. These measures have shown little change over the year.

The number of people employed part time for economic reasons, at 4.5 million, changed little in April. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part-time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In April, the number of people not in the labor force who currently want a job, at 5.6 million, was little changed. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who wanted a job, the number of people marginally attached to the labor force, at 1.6 million, was little changed in April. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that

no jobs were available for them, also changed little over the month at 362,000.

## Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 175,000 in April, lower than the average monthly gain of 242,000 over the prior 12 months. In April, job gains occurred in health care, in social assistance, and in transportation and warehousing.

Health care added 56,000 jobs in April, in line with the average monthly gain of 63,000 over the prior 12 months. In April, employment continued to increase in ambulatory health care services (+33,000), hospitals (+14,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+9,000).

Employment in social assistance increased by 31,000 in April, led by a gain in individual and family services (+23,000). Social assistance had added an average of 21,000 jobs per month over the prior 12 months.

In April, transportation and warehousing added 22,000 jobs, with gains in couriers and messengers (+8,000) and warehousing and storage (+8,000). Over the prior 12 months, employment in transportation and warehousing had shown little net change.

Employment in retail trade continued to trend up in April (+20,000). Over the prior 12 months, the industry had added an average of 7,000 jobs per month. In April, employment increased in general merchandise retailers (+10,000), building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers (+7,000), and health and personal care retailers (+5,000). Electronics and appliance retailers lost 3,000 jobs.

Construction employment changed little in April (+9,000), following an increase of 40,000 in March. Over the prior 12 months, construction had added an average of 22,000 jobs per month.

Employment in government changed little in April (+8,000). Over the prior 12 months, government had added an average of 55,000 jobs per month. In April, local government employment was unchanged, following an increase of 51,000 in March.

Employment was little changed over the month in other major industries, including mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; information; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services.

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 7 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$34.75. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.9 percent. In April, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees edged up by 6 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$29.83.

In April, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 34.3 hours. In manufacturing, the average workweek was unchanged at 40.0 hours, and overtime was also unchanged at 2.9 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for February was revised down by 34,000, from +270,000 to +236,000, and the change for March was revised up by 12,000, from +303,000 to +315,000. With these revisions, employment in February and March combined is 22,000 lower than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.)

## ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

### 'Can we afford \$1 billion for a 52-mile new terrain highway?'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Wednesday, May 1, 2024, was a red-letter day for the residents of southeast Indiana. It was the day INDOT announced that it was pulling the plug on the Link 101 Project. The reasons? Cost and community opposition.

The Link 101 Project was to be the beginning of a new terrain highway from the Ohio River to US 50. It was going through similar rural and farming areas as the Mid-States Corridor did from Owensboro to I-64. Perhaps the people east of us saw what the Mid-States Corridor did to southwest Indiana and didn't want a repeat in their neighborhoods.

This is good news for our push to stop the Mid-States Corridor. We have community opposition, perhaps now we can use the power of the purse. INDOT canceled the Link 101 Project due to an increase in projected cost from \$200 million to \$450 million. The Mid-States Corridor has an estimated cost of \$1 billion. Can we afford \$1 billion for a 52-mile new terrain highway? I don't think so.

Let this success embolden us to continue our opposition to the Mid-States Corridor and all those politicians and businesses that support spending \$1 billion for a self-serving boon-doggle.

Cody Roush has supported moving Martin County funds from the German American Bank to Springs Valley Bank. I support this as well, if this is the best bang for our taxpayer's bucks. It would be nice if we could keep our county funds in Martin County.

This is a good cause, let's not forget, we the people can beat city hall.

Jim Arvin  
Rutherford Township  
Martin County

### 'Animal ordinances and leash laws should be enforced'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

My name is Dawn Sadler and my husband, and I live on Cedar Street in Loogootee. The amount of stray dogs and cats that we are having to deal with is, in a way, unacceptable and truly unsafe

for our own animals. I know that the humane society is doing all that they can to help with the stray problem in our county, but this is something that needs to be addressed, as our dogs have been almost attacked multiple times while in our own yard. There are numerous black lab-looking dogs, other mix breed looking dogs, and I've lost count on the number of cats that have come onto our property while our dogs are outside, on their own leads.

There have been numerous calls, and I know our police force has more important matters to handle, but nothing is ever done. I know our county had the funds and budget for an animal control officer, and I know we no longer have one. With the amount of strays, just here on Cedar Street alone, I firmly believe that one is warranted.

I know that myself and a few of my neighbors, constantly keep in contact to let each other know when we spot a stray so that we can babysit our own animals while on our own property, just when they go outside to go to the bathroom since they are inside dogs...something we as responsible pet owners, shouldn't have to do. Just like we should not have to clean up feces of other animals out of our yards where our dogs can't even get to.

Animal ordinances and leash laws should be enforced to owners who cannot keep their own animals in their own yards. So, I pose the question...if a stray dog or a dog that is not properly kept on the property of their owner, attacks and hurts one of our dogs on our property... who is the one responsible for the vet bills? If my dogs are on our property properly and legally...am I supposed to be responsible for the irresponsibility of someone else?!

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# Memorial Hospital Foundation announces two Martin County scholarship recipients

Memorial Hospital Foundation recently announced the recipients of their 2023 scholarships:

The Memorial Hospital Foundation Martin County Scholarship was awarded to Lindsey Nolan, daughter of Steven and Amanda Nolan. Lindsey graduated in 2023 from Loogootee High School and is currently majoring in Exercise Science and Physical Therapy at the University of Evansville.

The Tom and Sue Strange & Amy and Patrick Todd Family Healthcare Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000 for up to four years/graduation was awarded to Adleen Nolley, daughter of Gina and Dennis Nolley. Adleen was a 2021 graduate of Loogootee High School and is currently majoring in Nursing at Wabash Valley College. This is the second year Adleen has received this annual scholarship.

# Non-traditional scholarships available through community foundation

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for three non-traditional scholarships.

There are many paths to higher education... Many students choose to postpone college; many move directly into the workforce, bypassing a university education altogether; others put their college careers on hold, choosing the more difficult task of raising a family. It is only later that they decide to pursue a higher education, either to improve their personal and professional opportunities, or to expand their general knowledge. The community foundation is grateful for the donors in the community who have established non-traditional scholarships for returning students. These scholarships give preference to helping a student begin or return to college or trade school, years after leaving high school. The scholarships and criteria are below.

St. Vincent DePaul Non-Traditional Scholarship (\$1,196)

This scholarship is for non-traditional

students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County.
- Must have graduated or left high school at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship.
- Must seek to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.
- Must demonstrate a need for assistance.

The Second Door Scholarship (\$1,031) is named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens..."

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County.
- Must have graduated or left high school at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship.
- Must demonstrate a financial need.
- The scholarship cannot be used for GED test fees.

-May also be for a class to further their knowledge, not necessarily enrolled for a degree or certification.

-The scholarship cannot exceed the cost of course and course materials.

-Applicant must provide evidence of program acceptance.

-Program must be administered by a qualified institution/organization, such as an Indiana college, university, vocational or trade school.

Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship (\$2,486)

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County.
- Must have graduated or left high school at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship.

-The applicant must have been accepted into a school for continuing education.

-The applicant recipient must be pursuing a career in the field of nursing.

-The applicant must be a member of a Christian faith church.

-Priority will be given to members of St. John Catholic Church in Martin County.

Apply online at [www.cfpartner.org/scholarships](http://www.cfpartner.org/scholarships) beginning Wednesday, May 1. Applications must be completed online by 3 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org) or call 812-295-1022.

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