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Pride decorations debate again tops council meeting

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The Pride Month display on the city square once again topped the discussion at the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday night, May 9.

This issue has been on-going since January of this year, after Tim and Tracy Salsman came to the council asking to put banners on the "triangle" of the city square through June saying "Love is Love" and "Celebrate diversity and inclusion". The issue was tabled each month and then two months ago, the council asked for a drawing of what the Salsmans wanted to do. They provided the drawing and the issue was tabled again. At last month's city council meeting, the council voted to allow only the city to decorate their own property.

Tim Salsman, on Monday night, again requested the council vote on whether or not the city will display Pride Month decorations on the city square during June for them. He said that the motion made by Council Member Rick Norris at last month's meeting, and approved by the council, stated that the city would decorate their own property. He said since that vote, two other people have placed decorations that were not approved by the council. He wanted the council to go on record and vote for what they have asked for, for several months.

Council Member Norris replied that he didn't believe that's what his motion stated. Mayor Noel Harty added that what they voted on allowed only municipal entities and government organizations to decorate their property.

Salsman said he has the meeting recorded and that the city decorating their own property is what the council approved; however, decorations have been placed by others since.

Mayor Harty said the Department of Child Services did ask him if they could put out decorations and he gave permission.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said this is why she asked for clarification at last month's meeting, before she voted, because she didn't think what was being voted on was clear. She said if they vote on the Salsmans' request, they will have to vote on every single decoration request on city property.

Mayor Harty said the city has a beautification board and it's that board's job to decorate the city. He said they decide what decorations are allowed.

Salsman replied that he attended their meeting, and his request was ignored.

Harty again said it's the beautification board's job to decide on decorations.

Salsman said he did ask that board but didn't receive an answer. The president of the beautification board, Trenton Scott, who was in the audience, agreed that they didn't give him an answer.

Council Member Nolley, clearly con-

Mid-States Town Hall
The Loogootee Public Library will host a Mid-States Corridor Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m. at the community building on the fairgrounds. Indiana State Representatives Shane Lindauer and Eric Bassler and Indiana Senator Mark Messmer will be present. The public is invited to attend.

fused, asked the mayor if he's now saying the beautification board are the ones who makes the decision about what decorations can be displayed, and not the city council.

Mayor Harty said yes, he is, because that is the beautification board's primary focus.

Tim Bradley, from the audience, said the city's property is government property and is open to free speech from the public, not just the city.

Mayor Harty said they can allow government agencies to decorate and since the beautification board is associated with the city, they can do the decorating.

He said the main issue with allowing Pride Month decorations is they will have to allow hate speech to be displayed, such as from white supremacists. Bradley replied that it all has to be allowed because that's what free speech means, as long as no one is threatened in what is displayed.

Stacey Bowling, from the audience, read a statement regarding the issue. Bowling said that he grew up in Loogootee and has watched the population remain stagnant for decades. He said in order for the city to grow and progress, there has to be willingness to be more accepting of different kinds of people. "Visionary companies are attracted to communities that exhibit a commitment to progress, and communities with a diverse pool of talented workers. Visionary companies are NOT attracted to cities where people equate celebrating diversity, inclusion, and love with celebrating white supremacy, cities where "love is love" and "celebrate diversity and inclusion" are controversial phrases. A diverse pool of talented workers also won't come to such cities." He went to show comparison of a recent Supreme Court case where justices unanimously agreed that the City of Boston violated the United States Constitution when it refused to let a local organization fly a Christian flag in front of city hall. Because it is a public space. He said Loogootee is setting itself up for similar lawsuits. He also said that his own Christian beliefs tell him to love his fellow man

Roush leaving as Shoals Superintendent

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Shoals School Superintendent Dr. Candace Roush has submitted her resignation effective July 1. Roush said she wants to give plenty of time to fill the position and train someone before she officially leaves. Candace's husband, Travis, who currently serves as sheriff of Martin County, has applied to law school and the couple are still deciding where he will go. "We know that God is leading us to proceed down this exciting path. We do not know the timeline yet, but I just love my school so much that I want to make sure that my board has time to pick someone, and I have time to train them properly," said Candace. Travis is in his final year of the eight years allowed, by state statute, to serve as sheriff.



even if he doesn't want to. "Nothing in my Christianity tells me I need to worry about other people celebrating their right to exist and be equal members of society," he said. "The world is watching," he added.

Council Member Nolley said it doesn't bother her at all that The Salsmans want to display Pride Month decorations, and it never has. She said she thought what they voted on last month was that no one would be allowed to decorate but now, based on what has been said in this meeting, she's getting the feeling that they (the city) are finding ways around what was voted on. "It's not what all or nothing means," she said.

Beautification Board President Trenton Scott told Salsman that they didn't mean to ignore him at their meeting. He said there was a lot to discuss at that meeting and they never circled back around to his request. He apologized.

Salsman replied that he is confused and asked if it's the city council's decision about decorations or the beautification board.

Tim Bradley asked who put up the nativity scene on the square. Nolley said the city employees put it up, but the nativity donated.

Salsman said he is willing to donate the Pride Month display as well.

A member of the audience said based on what Bowling read, and research she has done on the First Amendment and the Constitution, if the public square is a pub-

Commissioners discuss roads, funds

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The Martin County Commissioners met last Wednesday night, May 4.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals requested approval for an agreement with the Department of Natural Resources for logging on Bear Hill Road. The DNR wants permission to intermittently close the road for dropping a tree that may fall near the roadway or loading logs. The work will be done sometime in the next two years.

Seals asked that the detour roads from working being done on Highway 150 are very busy and asked that drivers be cautious. He also discussed issues with semis driving on county roads, due to the detour, causing issues. The commissioners spent quite a bit of time discussing how to prevent semis from travelling Coal Hollow Road, Sherfick School Road and Mill Road. Commissioner Paul George suggested putting up a sign at the intersection of Sherfick School and Mill Road that will not allow semi-trucks to turn in. Seals suggested putting signs at the highway so trucks didn't have to turn around once they realize they cannot get through.

Emergency Management Director Monty Wolf told the commissioners he attended an exercise last Friday with information regarding a crop-dusting crash and the effects of chemicals used during crop dusting. He said if kids get into the chemical, it acts as a nerve agent and it takes special antidotes to correct the damage. "It's pretty bad stuff," he said.

Wolf also talked to the commissioners about purchasing a used fire truck from the City of Jasper Fire Department. The cost is \$5,000. Commissioner George

lic place, then anyone can put out a display. She said she isn't sure how this can even be voted on by the city council.

Another member of the audience spoke in support of the decorations and about the abuse and harassment LGBTQ citizens have faced, including herself.

Beautification Board President Scott asked the mayor again who was in charge of deciding on decorations.

Mayor Harty said because they (the beautification board) are a city organization, they are in control of decorating and cited the challenges the beautification board has done with former LHS graduating classes. He asked the council if they agree with that.

Council Member Tim Lawrence said, "I ain't saying nothing. I have a question or two to ask a lawyer myself so I ain't saying nothing."

Council Member Nolley said she is fine with it.

Salsman then asked Scott if they could decorate in June for Pride Month.

Scott said he would like to talk to the beautification board about it first, if they are indeed in charge of deciding what decorations can be displayed. He said the Salsmans are welcome to place flags in the flower pots downtown now though, if they would like.

A member of the audience asked if there was a lawyer present at the meeting.

City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said she doesn't provide legal advice to any-

said he knows \$5,000 is probably a lot to take out of the civil defense budget. Commissioner Roush asked if they could use ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds. Auditor Abel said they can. The commissioners decided to go that route to help civil defense.

County Attorney Dave Lett presented an ordinance for public record requests for review. He also provided the ordinance for reestablishing the cumulative capital fund. It was advertised as required by law and they received no applications for remonstrance. The cumulative capital fund rate is not to exceed .0333 per \$100 of assessed valuation and while the commissioners approve the reestablishment of the fund, the county council actually sets the rate. The commissioners approved the reestablishment of the fund.

Attorney Lett presented a letter from the Orange County Commissioners requesting support for opposition to a restoration project planned in Buffalo Springs in the Hoosier National Forest. Commissioner Roush said he hasn't done much research on the project but it doesn't affect Martin County, so he plans to stay out of it.

The commissioners, along with Attorney Lett, decided to have executive session May 11 at 5 p.m. to interview candidates for the human resources position.

The next commissioners' meeting is Tuesday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m.

CORRECTION

In last week's article about the Primary Election results, it stated Paul George does not currently have a General Election challenger. That is incorrect. De-Andra Magdaleno is running as an Independent against George. The Journal apologizes for the error.

Loogootee Eye Center receives state grant for mural project

Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) announced more than \$242,000 in 34 counties for funding of 49 public art projects across Indiana. The Loogootee Eye Center, in downtown Loogootee, was one of those projects chosen. The Eye Center will receive \$5,000. According to owner Samantha Alvarez, she and Dr. Alvarez plan to have a mural painted on the Main Street side of the building that will be an eye chart.

Right now, they plan for it to say Loogootee, Indiana Est. 1853, a small city with a big heart, Dr. Michael Alvarez. She said they are still working on the exact spacing and lettering format with the size they have.

"It's amazing to see so many cities, towns, destination marketing organizations, private businesses and others apply for this public art grant and want to enhance their communities through art," Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch said. "These pieces can tell a community's unique story that engages with first-time visitors and builds pride with long-time residents."

Some other organizations in the area who received a non-matching grant of up to \$5,000 to fund a public art project in their community were A Touch of Heav-



en in Washington; Carnegie Heritage and Art Center in Linton; Heart of Jasper; Holiday World & Splashin' Safari in Santa Claus; and Santa Claus Museum & Village in Santa Claus.

Applicants had to provide a location, local or regional artist and estimated costs, including supplies and artist fees. Potential public art locations include but are not limited to exterior walls, water towers, alleyways, bridges, barns and more.

"Projects selected were based on location and visibility to Indiana residents and visitors," Elaine Bedel, IDDC's Secretary and CEO said. "The hope is to create photo opportunities while promoting Indiana."

All designs must receive final approval from IDDC. Artist projects should be completed by October 31, 2022.

Martin County General Election

The Martin County General Election will be held November 8, 2022. Party chairmen have until July 5, 2022, to file a selection of candidate to fill any offices that are currently unopposed on the ballot. If you are interested in running as an Independent you have until June 30, 2022, to submit petition and candidate forms.

The filing period to file for school board begins July 27, 2022, and ends August 26, 2022, at noon. If you are interested in becoming a candidate for any of these offices, please contact the clerk's office for more information at 812-247-3651.

The clerk's office would like to thank all the poll workers, highway garage and local restaurants for their help with another successful Primary Election.

The following local candidates, so far, will appear on the ballot:

Assessor - Carolyn Sue McGuire, Republican

Clerk - Julie Fithian, Republican

Commissioner District 2 - Paul R. George, Democrat; DeAndra Magdale-no, Independent

County Council District 1 - Jordan Dant, Republican

County Council District 2 - Jim Hamby, Republican

County Council District 3 - Monty Gregory, Republican; Richard Summers, Democrat

County Council District 4 - Andrew Beaver, Republican

Judge - Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Republican

Prosecutor - Aureola S. Vincz, Republican

Sheriff - Josh Greene, Republican

Crane Clerk/Treasurer - Linda Ann Willoughby, Republican

Crane Town Council - Ronald L. Barker, Republican; Henry J. Lauders, Republican; Charles H. Parcels Jr, Republican

Shoals Clerk/Treasurer - Sierra Rutledge, Democrat

Shoals Town Council - Roger Lee Abel

Jr, Republican; Cary D. Albright, Republican; Richard (Rick) Gibbs, Republican; Micky Hawkins Crew, Democrat; Walter Holt, Democrat; Cecil L. Ragsdale, Democrat

Center Township Trustee - Ann Marie Stewart, Republican

Center Township Board - Norma J. Baker, Republican; Dean Crandall, Republican; Matthew Sullivan, Republican

Halbert Township Trustee - Exzelia Montgomery, Republican

Halbert Township Board - Kimberly L. Albright, Republican; Stephanie (Stevie) Horton; Travis L. Montgomery, Republican

Lost River Township Trustee - Mildred C. Brown, Republican

Lost River Township Board - Alice Diane Butler, Republican; Keith Emmons, Republican; Bruce Fithian, Republican

Mitcheltree Township Trustee - Tammy Jo Gore, Democrat

Mitcheltree Township Board - Kay Belcher, Republican; Becky Sellers, Republican; Charity (Belcher) Tolbert, Republican

Perry Township Trustee - Jason Hennette, Democrat

Perry Township Board - Anthony J. (Tony) Dant, Democrat; Julie Green, Democrat; Brandi Hennette, Democrat

Rutherford Township Trustee - Terry J. Street, Republican

Rutherford Township Board - Danny F. Berry, Republican; Jeff Horney, Republican; Virgil Scott Street, Democrat

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one but the city.

The resident replied that when she was researching the First Amendment, it stated if a city is unsure what they can and cannot do, they need to consult with their city lawyer to provide that information. She said she had no idea until she read the First Amendment what all was allowed, and it is a lot. She referred to the First Amendment advocate who recently videoed the city offices and posted it on YouTube. The man goes around to various offices in the state to see if they will abide by his First Amendment rights. She said that this person videotaped paperwork and documents in the offices which actually is allowed per the First Amendment, since it was out for public view. She added that the city doesn't need to have sensitive materials laying around for the public to see. Mayor Harty said they have fixed that issue since the video came out.

The woman replied that someone from the state should have told the city that those people would be coming and they needed to lock up that information.

Salsman said that shouldn't be a First Amendment issue, it's a matter of security. The woman agreed saying social security numbers, bank accounts, etc. should not be out for the public to see.

Salsman said the mayor's secretary went on facebook and provided the name and address of the man who took the video. He said he is not sure how and where she got that information because the man refused to give his name, which he added is his right. He didn't know if the city police looked up the man's license plate and then provided that information to the mayor's secretary, which is a violation of the man's civil rights. Salsman asked if the mayor's secretary was reprimanded or fired for her behavior on the video or for posting the man's private information on facebook. The mayor replied that they won't discuss personnel in a public meeting.

Back to the Pride Month decorations, Salsman said the council was clearly not going to vote on it. Council Member Nolley replied that apparently a vote isn't needed since the beautification board is apparently now responsible for making the decision.

Salsman then read a statement he prepared about his disappointment in the city and the way he and his husband have been treated regarding this issue.

The mayor told the Salsmans that they are welcome to rent the shelter houses in the park or request that the city council approve blocking the street if they have an event planned, the same as anyone else.

Salsman said they plan to do that. He said they want to request a street closure for a Gay Pride celebration for next June 11.

In other business, between the board of public works and safety and the city council, City Superintendent Bo Wilson said the shift column broke in the department's 2002 Ford truck which caused a minor accident with the truck and a street sign. He said the estimate for repairs is \$3,200 and since the truck is 20 years old, he doesn't think it would be a good idea to put that much money into it.

Council Member Rick Norris asked if it was cosmetic damage to the truck. Wilson said it was however the truck is now a liability.

Norris said he thought Wilson was looking into buying a UTV to replace this truck.

Wilson said the plan was to buy a UTV and also keep this truck. He said they also have the golf cart they use however a UTV will help with off-road needs because they are very versatile. He told the council that he will get quotes for a new truck to present at the next meeting.

Mayor Harty told the council that a representative from IDEM paid him a visit recently and told him the city must cease

burning the yard debris on the city lot on North Oak Street. He said he asked the representative what other cities do with residents' yard debris and she didn't know.

Harty said he talked to Melton's Tree Service and Keller Tree Service to see how much it would cost to have the lot cleaned up. He said Melton's Tree Service cannot offer that service however Keller's said it would be \$20,000-\$30,000 which includes doing any work after major storm damage.

Council Member Norris asked what city fund this would come from. Mayor Harty replied that he will have to meet with the clerk-treasurer and work that out. He said they will revisit it next month.

Superintendent Wilson said Daviess County Rural Water has requested to negotiate the price the city proposed to sell them water. He suggested setting up a meeting with them to discuss.

The board of works approved Kyle Long to move from reserve officer with the city police to a part-time patrolman.

City Inspector Tim Hudson said he has received several complaints regarding grass being blown into the street from residents mowing their lawns. He said he is not sure how to handle those complaints. Mayor Harty said it is definitely a safety hazard. Superintendent Wilson said he believes there is an ordinance stating the police can issue fines. The mayor said they will look into it.

Hudson also requested approval to attend training for \$500. He also asked if he could purchase a desk and chair for his office. The mayor told him to get quotes on the desk and chair but didn't respond to the request for training.

Annie Hynes, with Air Evac, returned to see if the city would like to sign up employees to receive medical helicopter service as a benefit. The cost is \$65 per employee and covers their household members. At last month's meeting, Ed Kerns, the city's insurance agent, was going to check and see if that coverage was already in the employees' policy. Kerns said there is some coverage however with deductibles, the offer from Air Evac is a good deal.

Kerns recommended the city do the agreement with Air Evac.

Hynes said the city would have to decide if they wanted to offer the service to both part-time and full-time employees. Council Member Nolley said part-time employees don't receive any benefits so they would not be included. The mayor agreed. There are a total of 18 employees who receive benefits and would be eligible. The council voted to add the Air Evac service.

Hynes then said she would like to talk to the council about offering the service to the volunteer firefighters. She said there is a shortage of volunteers all over and this is a perk the city can give them and the city can pay for all of it or pay half of it. She said she will come back next month to see what the council has decided.

Ed Kerns, with Kern's Insurance and a representative from Globe Life presented quotes to the council for life insurance. Quotes were also received from The Insurance Shop and Chad Wade with State Farm however they were not in attendance. The city currently has their policy with Kern's Insurance and had requested quotes because employees wanted a policy that could be taken with them if they leave employment with the city.

After each proposal was given or read, no one would make a motion to choose a company. Council Member Nolley finally said, after a few minutes of silence, that if a motion wasn't made, they will just continue with their current provider. It was noted that the policy was up for renewal on July 1 so a decision had to be made.. No one ever made a motion to choose a company so the policy will continue with Kern's Insurance.

OBITUARIES

EVELYN SIPES

Evelyn F. Sipes passed away at her residence at 11:39 p.m. Sunday, May 8, 2022. A resident of Shoals, she was 90.

She was born April 24, 1932, in Lawrence County; daughter of Lovell and Eva (Lewis) Sanders. She married Cecil Sipes on December 31, 1948, and he preceded her in death November 8, 2009.

She was employed by Perfect Fit in Loogootee for several years and was of the Protestant Faith. Evelyn loved quilting, hunting and fishing with Cecil, working in the garden, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Lucas of Shoals and Alusha Sipes of Shoals; two sons, Harold L. (Debbie) Sipes and Rodney (Ann) Sipes, both of Shoals; five grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister, Christina Peterson; and a son-in-law, John Lucas.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 13 at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals with Denise Newland officiating.

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

BILLIE KAY TERWISKE

Billie Kay Terwiske passed away at 9:46 p.m. Friday, May 6, 2022, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper. A resident of Ireland, she was 69.

Kay was born May 30, 1952, in Washington; daughter of William and Emily (Lindley) Lee. She married Bruce Terwiske on March 22, 1986, at the United Methodist Church in Huntingburg.

Kay was a 1970 graduate of Shoals High School. She was crowned Miss Martin County on July 23, 1968.

She was a sales representative for Stens Corporation for over 20 years. She was also a sales consultant and director for Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. for over 40 years, where she had earned several awards within the organization and was a



BILLIE TERWISKE

pink car driver. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, CHRP, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and the Loogootee-Shoals Chapter of Tri Kappa.

She enjoyed gardening and flowers, travelling, and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are her husband, Bruce Terwiske of Ireland; one son, Bryant (Amy) Trambaugh of Loogootee; three grandchildren, Kayla (Chad) Wurst and Carson and Coen Trambaugh; one great granddaughter Wurst on the way; two sisters, Diana Key of Bedford and Shelley (Ron) Allbright of French Lick; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Billie Kay Terwiske will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 12 in St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

BILLIE BRASSINE

Billie Maureen Brassine passed away May 7, 2022, at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 67.

She was born November 27, 1954, in Paoli; daughter of Charles Russel and Rosa Faye (Hilbert) Breeden. She married Paul Douglas Brassine on June 23, 1973.

Billie attended Shoals High School, retired from McDonalds in Jasper, and attended Dover Hill Christian Union Church.

Survivors include her husband, Doug Brassine; sons, Michael Paul Brassine

and Nathan Douglas Brassine; two grandchildren, Zoey Rose Brassine, Katelynn Maureen Brassine and their mother, Lyn-dzee Hart; two siblings, Toni (Breedon) Jenkins and Terri Dawn Breedon; and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday, May 14 at Dover Hill Christian Union Church with Pastor Mike Schlaegel officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

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

BEULAH STAFFORD

Beulah G. Stafford, 97, of Odon, Indiana, went to Heaven peacefully, on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at her home. A resident of Odon, she was 97.

She was born in Fernald, Iowa on September 14, 1924; daughter of Edmon A. and Osa H. (Nelson) Marshall. She married Rex Stafford on September 9, 1951.

Beulah was a key punch operator for



BEULAH STAFFORD

IBM, she was a member of the Odon United Methodist Church, Order of Eastern Star Chapter #341 for 59 years, past Worthy Matron twice. She was also an assistant boy scout and girl scout leader and wanted to

see as many children as possible learn to swim.

Beulah loved life, the Lord, and her family. She would always say "Family First." She enjoyed fishing as many will remember seeing her at the farm pond on Old Hwy 58. She also enjoyed camping with friends and family, campfires, water skiing. She pulled many skiers on lake Greenwood and Rough River; Kentucky, were her favorites. Rex and Beulah were attached at the hip, although he was tall and she was short they were step by step in their hobbies including gun club, boat club, camping.

Family left to cherish the memory of Beulah include one son, Max E. (Darla Simmons) Stafford of Loogootee; one daughter, Esther Stafford of Shawnee, Kansas; three grandchildren, Sam (Shelly) Hall, Sarah (Michael) Browning and Evan Calhoun; five great-grandchildren, Elaine, Kyler, Caroline, Meredith and Emma.


Beulah was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Rex Stafford; one daughter, Carol Hall; three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services for Beulah were held Tuesday, May 10 at the Odon United Methodist Church in Odon with Pastor Debbie Payne officiating. Beulah was laid to rest in Ragslesville Cemetery.


Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Ragslesville Cemetery.

The Stafford family has entrusted all arrangements to Meng Family Funeral Home, in Odon, IN. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.andersonpoindexer.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 2

2:40 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:50 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:07 a.m. - Received notification of location of a stolen item. Deputy Hawkins was notified.

10:00 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department was notified.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of trespassers west of Shoals. Major Keller was notified.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:43 a.m. - Received a report of property damage east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:15 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check northwest of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:28 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:39 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth responded.

5:02 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:09 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins was notified.

5:12 p.m. - Received a request for a courtesy ride to Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins was notified.

6:12 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department was notified.

6:15 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:38 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. The property owner responded. Deputy Long and Captain Reed were notified.

9:50 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

6:53 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm north of Loogootee. The property owner was notified.

12:32 p.m. - Received test 911 call from Crane.

12:38 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Civil Defense responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:46 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received notification of a statewide silver alert. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

7:23 p.m. - Received notification of a statewide silver alert. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin, Loogootee Officer Sey-

mour, and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

12:31 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle at the road closure southeast of Shoals. Captain Reed was notified.

12:54 a.m. - Received notification of a statewide silver alert cancellation. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

5:44 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Chief Greene was notified.

9:18 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

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

1:01 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of harassment calls north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan was notified.

5:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:09 p.m. - Received a request for assistance retrieving articles east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:30 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:36 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:23 p.m. - Received notification of a repossession in Loogootee.

9:24 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

12:10 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

1:30 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious item in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

10:37 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:36 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:51 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:44 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

1:56 a.m. - Received a report of counterfeit bills in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

2:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:25 a.m. - Received a report of a

vehicle fire in Crane. Crane Fire Department, Loogootee Fire Department, Crane EMS, Deputy Hawkins and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received several cow complaints north of Loogootee. Chief Means responded.

9:44 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:17 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Long was notified.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of a theft east of Loogootee. Corporal Wells was notified.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Crane. Deputy Long responded.

9:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:29 p.m. - Received a silent panic alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Hawkins responded.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

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

9:16 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of possible runaway juvenile. Deputy Long was notified.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Lawrence County was notified.

12:49 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Long, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

1:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Flanagan, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The pa-

tient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Dubois County Ambulance responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a report of property damage north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:37 p.m. - Received a deer complaint south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Seymour were notified.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

9:46 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:25 a.m. - Received a report of an owl complaint. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Long responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:51 p.m. - Received notification a runaway juvenile had been located. Deputy Long was notified.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was taken to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:00 p.m. - Received a request for traffic control south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

ARREST

MONDAY, MAY 2

7:53 a.m. - Rory Browder, 57, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with battery resulting in moderate injury. He is being held without bond.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

April 27

Nicholas J. Guy, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person-prior within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2 years with 0 days suspended. Sentenced to 2 years with 0 days suspended on habitual offender status. Defendant shall serve 2 years on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Program, as long as defendant remains eligible.

Benjamin D. Sanders, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

April 28

Andrew J. Petry, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to 0 days.

April 29

Rory A. Browder, convicted of battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 112 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus

Martin County real estate transfers

Kevin M. Haviland to Shawn E. Emberton, Lot 142 in the original plat of the Town of Shoals, and all that part of fractional Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying northwest of above lot and East Bank of White River, containing 20 hundredths of an acre, more or less.

James Clevenger, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nathaniel Thomas Robinson and Courtney Marie Howell**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 130 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Harry M. Chase and Dodi L. Chase to Sultan's Holdings, LLC, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 123.19 acres, more or less.

Roy E. Self and Linda S. Self, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason T. Self and Brian E. Self**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.07 acres, more or less.

James C. Thompson and Arica D. Thompson to Lysha K. Sitzman, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.78 acres, more or less.

Roy J. Montgomery, of Martin County, Indiana to **Daryn B. Lengacher and Brandon R. Brock**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter

4 Class A credit days.

May 2

Regan Leigh Howell, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 4 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 27

Benjamin D. Sanders, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 2

Regan Leigh Howell, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 27

Capital One Bank vs. Michael Dousa, civil collection.

GSES, LLC vs. Brian M. Smith, Chad E. Chandler, Glenn C. Spaulding, et al, civil plenary.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Leoncio A. Perez of Loogootee and Morgan A. Bay of Loogootee.

of the northeast quarter and a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter all in Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Center Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.26 acres, more or less.

DNR hosts recruiting event on May 24 for District 7

DNR's Division of Law Enforcement will host a conservation officer recruiting event on Tuesday, May 24 for District 7, which includes Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties. It will be at the Evansville FOP Lodge, located at 801 Court Street in Evansville, at 6:30 p.m. CT.

The event will cover critical portions of the 2022 Indiana Conservation Officer hiring process, including duties of a conservation officer, preparation for the written exam, preparation for core values training, and physical agility testing requirements.

Participation at the recruiting event does not guarantee a position but should provide insight into what it takes to become a conservation officer.

To see if you qualify to be an Indiana Conservation Officer and to complete the pre-screen exam, see on.IN.gov/dnrlaw and click on Become a Conservation Officer.

For more information on the District 7 recruiting event contact ICO Joe Haywood at 812-890-6604.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 2

3:59 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of someone throwing rocks at an individual's dogs.

3:30 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an erratic driver on JFK Avenue.

4:44 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a vehicle off the roadway on US 231 South.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

12:50 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

4:06 p.m. - Officer Erwin completed a vehicle check.

4:22 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on SR 550.

8:36 p.m. - Officers Erwin and Seymour completed a welfare check on Cedar Street.

8:50 p.m. - Officers Seymour and Erwin responded to a report that a neighbor was shooting a bb gun toward their residence and their dog on North Oak Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

3:20 p.m. - Chief Means responded to assist a stranded motorist at a local business.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

9:10 a.m. - Chief Means completed a vehicle check.

1:32 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a missing person and vehicle vandalism.

4:45 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Southeast First Street.

5:33 p.m. - Chief Means completed a welfare check on Cedar Street.

5:37 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a vehicle check.

6:44 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a welfare check at Country Place Apartments.

7:33 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of speeding four-wheelers on North Line Street.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

1:56 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of possible counterfeit bills at a

local business.

2:25 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to assist Crane Fire Department with a semi-truck on fire on Furlong Street in Crane.

4:38 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on US 50 East, stopped in traffic and causing a traffic hazard.

10:53 p.m. - Officers Seymour and Shaw completed a security check at a local business.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

8:43 a.m. - Officer Erwin completed a vehicle check.

11:59 a.m. - Complainant called with a noise complaint from Southwest First Street.

12:53 p.m. - Officer Erwin and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a property damage accident on US 231 North.

1:22 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a suspicious person at a local church.

4:05 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a report of a youth throwing rocks at vehicles on Lincoln Avenue.

6:28 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Bloomfield Road.

7:12 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 North.

10:48 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 8

2:05 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a property damage accident on West Main Street.

2:24 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a burglar alarm at a local business.

3:50 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on St. Joseph Road.

6:53 p.m. - Officer Seymour spoke with a complainant regarding possible theft.

10:04 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP IS IN THE AIR

Join us for an afternoon of Praise & Worship, food and fellowship on the lawn of Redeeming Grace, Center for Women's Ministries

SATURDAY, MAY 14

2:00-6:00 p.m.

Redeeming Grace CWM

300 Williams Street, Loogootee

Featuring local musicians: Caleb Spencer, Taylor Kaiser, Thursday Church Band, Joel Weitkamp, and Lakefire Warship

Come Hungry! Food and drinks will be served.

Free will donations are appreciated and help Redeeming Grace CWM serve women of Martin, Daviess and surrounding counties.

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My heart is confident in you, O God; no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart! Wake up, lyre and harp! I will wake the dawn with my song. I will thank you, Lord, among all the people.

I will sing your praises among the nations. For your unfailing love is higher than the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the highest heavens.

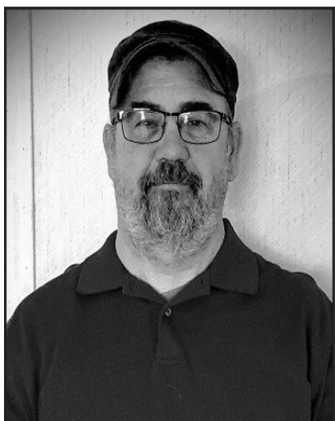
May your glory shine over all the earth. Now rescue your beloved people. Answer and save us by your power.

Psalm 108: 1-6 (NLT)



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-Jim Hamby

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

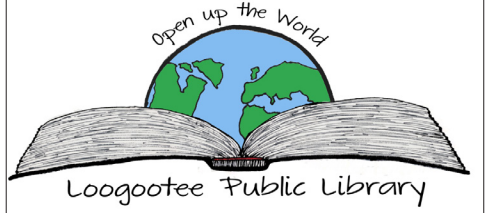
Commissioners' executive meeting
The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session this evening, Wednesday, May 11 at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about, and interview prospective employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5). The meeting is closed to the public.

Gospel concert
The Dixie Echoes will be in concert, in Washington on Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. This event is being hosted by the Greater Vision Church, one mile south of Washington, 2893 S St Rd 57. Tickets will not be required to attend although a 'love-offering' will be taken during the event. The White River Quartet will also be appearing the same evening. Concert inquiries may be directed to Doug Hawkins at 812-236-4351.

Caucus for auditor
The Martin County Democratic party will be holding a caucus on Tuesday May 24 at Biggin's Place in Loogootee at 6 p.m. to appoint a new auditor of Martin County, as current Auditor Bobbie Abel has resigned her position. Any individual that is interested in this position will need to submit a CEB 5 form to Chairman Roger Downey, no later than 72 hours before the Caucus. Please contact Chairman Downey at 812-639-8106 for the form or with any questions.

Free community meal
The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, May 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month's meal will be sloppy joes, hot dogs and sides. All members of the community are invited to attend. Please note the date change from their usual first Thursday, it will be the second Thursday this month only.

St. Vincent Food Pantry
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry,



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Since several groups plan to attend Town Hall meeting, the location has been moved to Martin County Community Building. A Mid-States Corridor Town Hall meeting be held on Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m. with Indiana Representatives Shane Lindauer and Eric Bassler and Indiana Senator Mark Messmer. This is a venue to let your voices be heard.

New Books:
Mystery: "Overboard" by Sara Paretsky.
Fiction: "The Summer Place" by Jennifer Weiner.
Inspirational Fiction: "The View from Coral Cove" by Amy Clipston.
Nonfiction: "Be Joyful" by Joyce Meyer.

DVDs: "The Girl Who Believes in Miracles", "Space Jam: A New Legacy", "Sing 2", "The Mitchells vs The Machines", and "Ron's Gone Wrong".

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

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

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

Mental Health Task Force
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings
Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

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

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

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

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



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

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman

THOUGHTS
*Of all the things I've lost, I miss my metabolism the most.
*Jellyfish are just wet ghosts.
*The Black Eyed Peas can sing us a tune, but the Chick Peas can only hummus one.
*I'm not adding this year to my age. I didn't use it.
*Don't be sad because sad backwards is das and das not good.
*It amazes me how much exercise and extra fries sound alike.
*If a cookie falls on the floor and you pick it up, that's a squat, right?
*I do all my own stunts, but never intentionally.
*You can be a night owl and an early bird if your sleep schedule is messed up enough.
*Not sure what's scarier at this point, taking my temp or weighing myself.
*When bees move into a new hive, do they have a house swarming party.
*If a plant is sad, do other plants photosynthesize with it?
*Nachos are just tacos that don't have their life together.
*Procaffeinating: the tendency to not do anything until you have coffee.

An old nun who was living in a convent next to a construction site noticed the coarse language of the workers and decided to spend some time with them to correct their ways.

She decided she would take her lunch; sit with the workers; and talk with them. She put her sandwich in a brown bag and walked over to the spot where the men were eating.
Sporting a big smile, she walked up to the group and asked: "And do you men know Jesus Christ?"
They shook their heads and looked at each other...very confused. One of the workers looked up into the steelworks and yelled out, "Anybody up there know Jesus Christ?"
One of the steelworkers yelled down, "Why?"
The worker yelled back, "Cause his wife's here with his lunch."

Cop: Do you know why I pulled you over?
Me: If you forgot, I'm not reminding you.
Cop: Step out of the vehicle.

Wife: You pick dinner.
Husband: Burgers
Wife: No
Husband: Tacos
Wife: No
Husband: Subs
Wife: No
Husband: Then what do you want?
Wife: It's up to you
WELCOME TO MARRIAGE

Make someone smile today!

Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

When you look at a city, it's like reading the hopes, aspirations and pride of everyone who built it. -Hugh Newell Jacobsen

I will share a few thoughts about the mural that was done on Main Street by the Shoals High School Art Department. I have traveled to different cities and towns and countries, and I see flags and stone monuments representing their town, city or country. I always see flags that have colors that represent their town they have put together to differentiate their town or city from the next. I also see store-bought monuments that are an artist conception (that resides hundreds if not thousands of miles away) given to a committee to show their vision of what they believe their town should represent. Not at Shoals!
We are so blessed at Shoals to have a God-given naturally-formed piece of the earth to represent our town. That makes me very proud.
At Shoals, we do not have to have a certain color pattern on a flag or an animal or a symbol that was adopted by a committee to represent our town. I see our JUG ROCK!
Then I see the pride that was taken by very skilled individuals with just paint and brushes on a flat piece of road. The idea was formed by our Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge. Then our high school art department made it a reality.
You'll be seeing a lot of construction going on around town during the first phase of infrastructure improvements

this summer. We are installing and updating storm drainage and road curbing along with upgrading sidewalks and making more sidewalks ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. Nearly 80 percent of this work is being done with grant money. The only way we can get this money is if we apply for it and continue to push to get it. Your council and clerk-treasurer has applied and re-applied several times to get this money from the State of Indiana. We will continue to apply and work with these programs to improve the quality of life for the residents and future residents of Shoals. One of the personal goals I have is that our residents are able to walk and navigate themselves safely from East Shoals to West Shoals safely. I also want to see the Town of Shoals maintain and keep safe water and wastewater processing for all residents of Shoals.
Shop Shoals check out Bo Macs!
Free COVID tests at the health department
Beginning Tuesday, May 10, the Martin County Health Department has free take home COVID-19 tests. Tests can be picked up on the porch of the health department office Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 127 Water Street, Shoals, while supplies last. Testing will not be performed at the health department; these tests are for individual use at home. Limit one box per household member. Please do not enter the building if you are sick or have recently been exposed to COVID-19.



There are hundreds of hummingbird feeders in my garden. Just in time to welcome the jewel-tone birds as they return from their sojourn in the south, the native columbines have burst into bloom. The bright red and yellow flowers are signals to the hummers and bees that a nectar feast is at hand. Pollinators seem to prefer this natural nectar to the sugar water.

Scientifically known as *Aquilegia Canadensis*, this perennial wildflower may be found growing in full sun to partial shade. The Latin name comes from the Latin word *Aquila*, which means eagle. The spurs on the blooms really do resemble the talons of eagles. The common name columbine is derived from the Latin word for doves, and the five white tubes on the flowers must have once reminded someone of doves. Another common name for the flower is granny's bonnets and, with a little imagination, one can see how that name came to be. Whatever you call them, they are rich sources of nectar for the hummingbirds, bees and other pollinators.

The flowers now in bloom are the old perennials. They send up antler-like stems on which a plant bears many blooms. With dead-heading, a plant may continue blooming for up to six weeks. However, here at Sandhill Gardens, we can expect to have columbines in bloom for much longer than that. The plants have been allowed to self-sow for many years and the plants that were sown from last year's seeds will be a little slower coming into bloom. They generally are shorter and the blooms are smaller and less-numerous.

You may introduce columbines into your landscape by planting transplants

or by sowing seeds. This may be done at almost any time. Seeds sown now will produce basal leaves within a few weeks, but will not bloom for a while, if they bloom at all this first year. Transplants should bloom this year and may be planted at any time. Be sure to keep new transplants watered well. Beyond that, the plants really require little care. However, I caution if you are one who likes a neat, orderly garden, the native columbine is probably not the plant for you. If you allow the plant to form seed, you will likely have plants sprouting all over the place. The tiny seeds burst out from the seed pods whenever the plants are moved by the wind or by being touched.

However, if you want columbines that behave themselves, you may want to go to the garden center in search of some hybrids. Most of the hybrids involve crossing *Aquilegia Canadensis* with *Aquilegia vulgaris*, which is native to Europe. These hybrids come in many colors and the blooms are often double. Most are also more compact, allowing them to be planted in smaller spaces.

If you do want to grow the natives, finding plants or seeds is the challenge. You will likely have to go to a native plant nursery to find plants. You may order seeds from one of the native plant catalogues or websites. I will have some plants available this Saturday, May 14, at the Hoosier Hillside's Master Gardeners annual plant sale. Master Gardeners will be set up from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the lot by the stoplight in Orleans. There will be plants of all kinds, including some vegetable transplants, annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees. Come early for the best selection. I hope to see many of you there.

Community Foundation to accept grant applications year-round

The Martin County Community Foundation is excited to introduce an open application grant cycle to fund charitable programs and projects that serve Martin County. Non-profit organizations recognized by the IRS as having 501(c)(3) status, state accredited educational institutions, and governmental entities are invited to submit applications.

MCCF grant applications will now be available year-round, beginning May 16, 2022. With the new grant process, online grant applications may be submitted throughout the year. Applications will be pulled, evaluated, and funded quarterly.

Prior to applying, grantseekers should visit the website, <https://www.cfpartner.org/grants-how-to-apply>, to watch the video "Martin County Open Application Grant Cycle" which fully explains this new grant process. As in 2021, Boost and Impact Grant applications will be accepted. Boost Grants are available for non-salary operating expenses or smaller projects; Impact Grants are awarded for programs and projects over \$2,000.

Last year, 14 Martin County organizations were funded through the grant cycle. The 2021 awards totaled over \$115,000 and were funded by the following endowments: Donald F., Patty A., and Patty J. Bowling Fund, Michael B. and Beth A.

Lett Fund, Gregory Family Humanitarian Fund, Leo Harding Family Unrestricted Fund, Wendell Bough Family Fund, Joseph and Mary Lannan Family Fund, Kenny and Ruth Greenwell Family Fund, Jeff and Nancy Meyer Fund for Martin County, Al and Helen Friesenhengst Fund, Crane Credit Union Fund for Martin County, Donald and Janett Walton Fund for the Betterment of Martin County, Rich and Judy Kluesner Fund, Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund, German American Bancorp Fund, Tri-Kappa of Loogootee-Shoals Community Grants Fund, Old National Fund, John T. and Elizabeth J. Chattin Community Fund, Courter Family Fund, Crane Family Fund for Martin County, MCCF Unrestricted Fund, and the George and Barbara Cropp Fund for Martin County. Expectant Mothers Assistance Fund, Loogootee Community Performing Arts & Cultural Events Fund, Sarah Bowling Fuhrman Fund for Youth, and the MCCF Education Fund provide additional funding.

Grantseekers may find a link for the grant portal on the Community Foundation's website www.cfpartner.org/grants-how-to-apply or may go directly to the grant portal at <https://cfpartner.spectrum-portal.net/> New applicants must register and be approved to apply.

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District Superintendent Position

Posting Date: 05/05/2022

Job Opening: District Superintendent

Qualifications:

- Preferred to hold a valid Indiana Superintendent's license; at least (2) years of experience as a school principal or central office administrator
- Is dedicated to academic excellence and experienced in addressing the needs of students from varying economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds
- Advocates for public education at the local, state, and national levels
- Is committed to building a culture of continuous improvement
- Is skilled and committed to sound fiscal management of all school corporation assets and resources
- Is experienced with school law, personnel, and labor relations
- Will be involved and visible within the schools and community, participates in school and community activities
- Demonstrates the highest standards of morality, ethics, integrity, and personal conduct
- Possesses oral and written communication skills which facilitate interaction with the school board, administrators, employees, students, parents, and community members
- A proven educator with an understanding of research-based curriculum, best practice, technology, and assessments, and strong working knowledge of program evaluation, finance, school law, collective bargaining, and personnel recruitment.

Pay: Salary set by the Board of School Trustees

Start Date: July 1, 2022 (possible earlier start date for training)

Benefits: Health/Life Insurance, TRF Covered Position, Paid Leave Days

Position Details: Twelve (12) Months/260 Days

Apply To: Candace Roush, Superintendent, 11741 Ironton Road, Shoals IN 47581; Phone: 812-247-2060; Email: roushc@shoals.k12.in.us

• Send: Letter of Interest/Application, Resume, College transcripts, Copy of Superintendent's License or letter of eligibility from Indiana Department of Education, List of References (minimum 5)

The online application can be found on the website www.shoals.k12.in.us under the superintendent's page click on the jobs tab or at the following link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdS8kSyfVeJhLs9_EgAcTdP6X-wfcs_UR6IvYQEy_IrYSrZOOQ/viewform

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LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class presents . . .

Small Businesses, BIG Stories



BY **ABBY FISCHER, CAROLINE WALKER & KYLEIGH COURTER**
LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class

The dual-credit junior English class at Loogootee High School is working with the City of Loogootee Recast Team to promote locally-owned small businesses. The class is interviewing business owners in Loogootee and Shoals. Below is their next interview.

April Wagler- Betsey's Boutique
"I didn't really know what I wanted to do. I was a pharmacy tech at CVS and then a stay-at-home mom to my four boys. Betsey's is actually a franchise, and this is the only store I own. I found her company at a barn market. I saw her trailer and I really liked her clothes. I really liked them. I would order stuff all the time, from her store that I liked. I don't know, the quality, and everything was really good compared to a lot of different boutiques. Then she shared that she was doing a franchise opportunity on Facebook. So that's when I started thinking, you know, I wish I could do that. And then it felt like everything was falling into place.

I had so much family support through the whole process, and it only took around nine months to get everything renovated and opened up. We opened in March 2020, and two weeks later Covid became a huge problem. It was scary because we had only opened two weeks before and now, I was stuck with all of these clothes in the store. But here we are, and I am still seeing new customers. Some will have come from a couple of hours away on their way to another city, and some are from here.



I really enjoy helping women of all ages find clothes that suit them, and I just hope that my customer base will continue to grow for years to come. I have really enjoyed being here, and I love owning my own business. Like I said, I wasn't always sure what I wanted to do, but I always loved clothes, and this somehow became what I had always envisioned, and I knew it could work.

Big sale days are so much fun and running the business has gone pretty smoothly so far. I enjoy it so much that in a way, it's almost like my therapy. I'm happy here, and I'm proud that I have been able to do this."

Loogootee High School Tennis results

The Loogootee High School Varsity Girls' Tennis Team swept Bloomfield last night, Tuesday, May 10, 5-0. They move to 14-2 on the season. The junior varsity also won 6-1.

The teams go up against Edgewood at home, for Senior Night, this Thursday, May 12 at 5:30.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Gracie Lowry 6-1, 6-0

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

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Emma Vaught 6-4, 7-5

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

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

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Carla Perez (L) defeated Adalyn Figg 6-2

#1 Doubles Anna Toy/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Aubrie Frye/Lilli Doris 6-0

#2 Doubles Abbey Fischer/Mikenna Jones (L) defeated Amya Hilderbrand/Ally Walls 6-2

#3 Doubles Maddie Fischer/Izabelle Gingerich (L) defeated Maddie Stone/Sadie Ross 6-3

#4 Doubles Aitana Vera/Aurora Pizzi (B) defeated Linsey England/Izzy Smith 6-1

#5 Doubles Ana Toy/Carla Perez (L) defeated Luiza Kelbert/Angelica Gesuale 6-1

#6 Doubles Abbey Fischer/Mikenna Jones (L) defeated Claria Francis/Taylor Hudson 6-2

The varsity girls took on two teams

in Evansville this past Saturday, May 7. The Lady Lions defeated Evansville Christian 4-1 and were defeated by Evansville Mater Dei 0-5.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "We have only played one match in the last ten days, so I was concerned about being rusty going into the matches today. For the most part, we played well against Evansville Christian in the first match. You could definitely tell our singles players were a little fatigued against Mater Dei. They are a good team and jumped on us early and never gave us a chance to get into the match."

Varsity Evansville Christian results

#1 Singles Madison Smith (ED) defeated Kieragen Napier 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Briley Neikirk 6-3, 7-5

#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Adriana Marx 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Madison Lucas/Chloe Riecken 6-0, 6-1

#2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Allie Boggeman/Emerson Hammett 6-2, 6-0

Varsity Evansville Mater Dei results

#1 Singles Allison Weber (MD) defeated Kieragen Napier 6-4, 6-2

#2 Singles Cara Schlachter (MD) defeated Annalise Powell 6-2, 6-2

#3 Singles Lacy Marx (MD) defeated Grace Gingerich 6-1, 6-4

#1 Doubles Kelly Blair/Chrissy Marx (MD) defeated Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico 6-1, 6-1

#2 Doubles Kate Halbig/Lindsey Boeke (MD) defeated Tessa Bradley/Madison McAtee 6-0, 6-2

2022 Seniors



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



JUAN ARROYO-ASBURY

Juan Angel Arroyo-Asbury is the son of Michelle and Herbert Asbury. He has one sister named Angeleigh Arroyo-Asbury. In high school Juan participated in basketball. His favorite high school memory is "All the pep rallies I've attended". After graduation Juan plans to become a lawyer.



EMILY JONES

Emily Jones is the daughter of Ginger Widdifield. Her siblings are Jeremy Widdifield, Amanda Widdifield, and Clay Widdifield. While in high school, Emily participated in FFA. Her favorite high school memory is hanging out with her friends. After graduation, Emily plans to continue working with animals.



KEEGAN BROCK

Keegan Mikeal Clovis Brock is the son of Freddy Brock and Bridegett Bush. He has 4 brothers and 3 sisters. In high school, Keegan participated in track and field and Beta Club. His favorite high school memory is Mr. Kent's classes. After graduation, Keegan plans to become a journeyman electrician.



KIRSTEIN HOPKINS

Kirstein Elizabeth Hopkins is the daughter of Joshua Hopkins. She has 8 siblings. Her favorite high school memory is being able to see her friends. After graduation, Kirstein plans to continue spending quality time with her little boy, Laylen, who makes her happy, and eventually pursuing a degree at Purdue.



BENJAMIN GROGAN

Benjamin David Scott Grogan is the son of Samantha Smith and Jeremy Grogan. His siblings are Zolton Smith, Athena Smith, and Marcus Smith. While in high school, Ben participated in Rox Cafe. His favorite memory is helping in the Rox Cafe. After graduation, Ben plans to enter the workforce.



SYNDELL WATSON

Syndell Faith Watson is the daughter of Danny Watson and Amy Quinn. She has 4 siblings. Syndell's favorite high school memory was "art class with Mr. Holt." After graduation, Syndell plans to enter the workforce as a CNA.



National unemployment unchanged for April at 3.6 percent

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 428,000 in April, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.6 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job growth was widespread, led by gains in leisure and hospitality, in manufacturing, 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

The unemployment rate remained at 3.6 percent in April, and the number of unemployed persons was essentially unchanged at 5.9 million. These measures are little different from their values in February 2020 (3.5 percent and 5.7 million, respectively), prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.5 percent), adult women (3.2 percent), teenagers (10.2 percent), Whites (3.2 percent), Blacks (5.9 percent), Asians (3.1 percent), and Hispanics (4.1 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of permanent job losers remained at 1.4 million in April, and the number of persons on temporary layoff was little changed at 853,000. These measures are little different from their values in February 2020.

In April, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.5 million. This measure is 362,000 higher than in February 2020. The long-term unemployed accounted for 25.2 percent of all

unemployed persons in April.

Both the labor force participation rate, at 62.2 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.0 percent, were little changed over the month. These measures are each 1.2 percentage points below their February 2020 values.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons was little changed at 4.0 million in April and is down by 357,000 from its February 2020 level. 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.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was little changed at 5.9 million in April. This measure is above its February 2020 level of 5.0 million.

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 persons marginally attached to the labor force increased by 262,000 in April to 1.6 million. 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. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, numbered 456,000 in April, little different from the prior month.

Household Survey Supplemental Data

In April, 7.7 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, down from 10.0 percent

in the prior month. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey specifically because of the pandemic.

In April, 1.7 million persons reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic—that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey due to the pandemic. This measure is down from 2.5 million in the previous month. Among those who reported in April that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 19.0 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, little different from the prior month.

Among those not in the labor force in April, 586,000 persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, down from 874,000 in the prior month. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must be either actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey beginning in May 2020 to help gauge the effects of the pandemic on the labor market. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Tables with estimates from the supplemental questions for all months are available online at www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 428,000 in April. Job gains were widespread, with the largest gains occurring in leisure and hospitality, in manufacturing, and in transportation and warehousing. However, nonfarm employment is down by 1.2 million, or 0.8 percent, from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020.

Employment in leisure and hospitality increased by 78,000 in April. Job growth continued in food services and drinking places (+44,000) and accommodation (+22,000). Employment in leisure and hospitality is down by 1.4 million, or 8.5 percent, since February 2020.

Manufacturing added 55,000 jobs in April. Employment in durable goods rose by 31,000, with gains in transportation equipment (+14,000) and machinery (+7,000). Nondurable goods added 24,000 jobs, with job growth in food manufacturing (+8,000) and plastics and rubber products (+6,000). Since February 2020, manufacturing employment is down by 56,000, or 0.4 percent.

Employment in transportation and warehousing rose by 52,000 in April. Within the industry, job gains occurred in warehousing and storage (+17,000), couriers and messengers (+15,000), truck transportation (+13,000), and air transportation (+4,000). Employment in transportation and warehousing is 674,000 above its February 2020 level, led by strong growth in warehousing and storage (+467,000) and in couriers

and messengers (+259,000).

In April, employment in professional and business services continued to trend up (+41,000). Since February 2020, employment in the industry is up by 738,000.

Financial activities added 35,000 jobs in April, led by a gain in insurance carriers and related activities (+20,000). Employment also rose in nondepository credit intermediation (+6,000) and in securities, commodity contracts, and investments (+5,000). Employment in financial activities is 71,000 higher than in February 2020.

Health care employment rose by 34,000 in April, reflecting a gain in ambulatory health care services (+28,000). Employment in health care is down by 250,000, or 1.5 percent, since February 2020.

Employment in retail trade increased by 29,000 in April. Job gains in food and beverage stores (+24,000) and general merchandise stores (+12,000) were partially offset by losses in building material and garden supply stores (-16,000) and health and personal care stores (-9,000). Retail trade employment is 284,000 above its level in February 2020.

In April, wholesale trade employment rose by 22,000. Employment in the industry is down by 57,000, or 1.0 percent, since February 2020.

Mining added 9,000 jobs in April, with a gain in oil and gas extraction (+5,000). Mining employment is 73,000 higher than a recent low in February 2021.

Employment showed little change over the month in other major industries, including construction, information, other services, and government.

Average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 10 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$31.85 in April. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 5.5 percent. In April, average hourly earnings of private sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 10 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$27.12.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.6 hours in April. In manufacturing, the average workweek for all employees fell by 0.2 hour to 40.5 hours, and overtime held at 3.4 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.1 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for February was revised down by 36,000, from +750,000 to +714,000, and the change for March was revised down by 3,000, from +431,000 to +428,000. With these revisions, employment in February and March combined is 39,000 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.)

Entrepreneurs and start-ups invited to enter third annual royalty-free pitch competition

Entrepreneurs, inventors and start-ups can pitch innovative proposals to southwestern Indiana defense and economic development industry leaders on June 28 at Radius Indiana's third annual virtual "Crane IP Defense Innovation Pitch Competition" with royalty-free IP.

The competition offers unprecedented, royalty-free opportunities to commercialize the patented technologies and concepts developed at Naval Surface Warfare Center-Crane Division, Indiana's only federal research laboratory. Individuals or teams are invited to develop an innovative proposal using any piece of intellectual property available from NSWC Crane's Technology Transfer Program.

"This is a great opportunity for entrepreneurs to explore moving tech from the lab and into the marketplace and we've had a lot of success with this competition in the past," said Jenna Dix, technology transfer director for NSWC Crane. "Initiatives such as this are demonstrative of the innovative culture and entrepreneurial ecosystem that exists within the Radius region."

The competition is hosted by Radius Indiana, in coordination with Elevate Ventures, Naval Surface Warfare Center-Crane Division, Bloomington-based Mill, Indiana Innovation Institute, and the Indiana Small Business Development Center. Entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to connect with industry leaders from these organizations, and cash prizes totaling \$12,000 will be available to the top three contestants. Additional prize funds will be available for competitors with locations in the Radius region of southern Indiana.

"Radius Indiana is looking forward to

the third annual Crane IP Pitch Competition and we are excited to see entrepreneurs pitch us their ideas for using this amazing technology coming out of NSWC Crane," said Blaine Parker, director of entrepreneurship and small business support for Radius Indiana. "The winners from past years have gone on to do great things with their new relationship with Crane."

The pitch competition is being held in conjunction with PROPELS Accelerator, a Mill program offering instruction on how to commercialize cutting-edge technology developed at NSWC Crane. The program takes place over six weeks and focuses on a full business development plan with support from experts in defense and entrepreneurship. Registrants participate in a demonstration at the end of the session and are then encouraged to pitch their idea at the Radius Indiana Crane IP Pitch Competition.

"The Mill couldn't be happier to support the Radius/Crane IP Pitch Competition as a sponsor with a commitment to expanding our entrepreneurial ecosystem. We're currently helping folks in our PROPELS Accelerator develop commercialization plans around Crane IP, and the Radius competition is their best next step. This event really unleashes the potential of cross-sector collaboration and innovation around top-notch IP," said Andy Lehman, head of accelerator programming at the Mill.

The competition is free for participants. Entrants will receive a template to create a slide presentation for the competition.

The registration deadline is June 17. Visit www.radiusindiana.com to learn more and register for the competition.



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