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Residents oppose doubling solid waste fee

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The Martin County Solid Waste Board held a public hearing last Wednesday, May 11, at noon, at the recycling center in Loogootee to receive public comment on raising the annual solid waste fee from \$24 to \$48. Around 25 residents attended the meeting, which had to be moved outside in the bay of the recycling center, instead of being held in the meeting room, due to lack of space. The fee, that currently is charged one time on the spring installment of property taxes, would be increased to include the fall installment as well.

Long-time employee of the recycling center, June Eckerle, explained that the need to increase the fee was due to the inability to sell recycled products in the current market. She said that while prices are starting to go up for some items, like cardboard and plastic, the solid waste district is operating in the red from the previous few years. She explained that years ago, the solid waste district had a surplus to the tune of several hundred thousand dollars however that money was spent on projects in the community, such as new road signs for the 911 addresses and cleaning up a brownfield at Crane. She also said some of the equipment needs to be replaced and they need to be able to hire a few more employees.

Two commissioners against giving stipend to employees

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Judge Lynne Ellis accompanied by Prosecutor Aureola Wright talked to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, May 17, about approving a retention stipend from ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds for all county employees.

Commissioner Cody Roush said he is not interested in giving out stipends and said the ARPA money is needed in more important places.

"More important than your employees?" Judge Ellis asked.

"Yes," replied Roush. He said the idea of using the ARPA funds to improve the county's infrastructure was to free up those funds in the general fund. He said that will open up extra money to provide raises to employees. He said he is not completely

Solid Waste Director Jim Williams reiterated that market prices are starting to go back up, but the recycling center cannot operate without enough workers. He said they used to have community corrections help but they are not coming anymore. When asked why he said he didn't know. He said now they must have paid staff because they don't have the free help. He said plastic prices are good, but he doesn't have the manpower to sort it. He said cardboard slicks (like cereal boxes) and glass markets have completely disappeared and no one will take those items. Williams said they need extra money to "get over the hump" so they can start helping the community more.

Rosemary Harder, in the audience, asked why the recycling center needs to put money back into the community.

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, who serves on the solid waste board, said years ago when the solid waste district had a surplus, there was public outcry, and they decided to spend that savings. He said one thing they used the money for was to tear down three houses in Shoals and put up a recycling facility there. "We were greatly criticized for having money in the budget," he said.

Harder said they had \$700,000 in savings and they spent it and now need more money. "If you were a business, you would be bankrupt," she said.

Williams said he would like to have a

opposed to a stipend for employees but not as a first expense from these funds.

Judge Ellis said county employees do not make much money and they are only asking for a \$1,000 stipend for full-time employees, \$500 for part-time employees and \$250 for seasonal workers for a total of \$70,000 of the \$1.9 million the county received in ARPA money.

Roush replied that he agrees the employees are underpaid however he said the proper procedure is for department heads to go to the county council and request raises.

Judge Ellis said she has done that, and the council refused. "You seem to hand out raises quite well to sheriff employees," she said.

Commissioner Summers said he is also not in favor of giving bonuses and would prefer to do the infrastructure projects first.

Judge Ellis replied that it is not a bonus (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

collection site in Lost River Township so people can recycle but he hasn't been able to get that done yet for lack of money.

Georgette Sutton, who was in the audience, said there is no need to add another building if they can't maintain what they have now. Williams said he didn't necessarily mean adding a building, just adding a way for Lost River residents to recycle.

Harder asked how they are going to maintain vehicles driving out to Lost River if they are struggling to keep them going now. "You are not businesspeople. There are no businesspeople, period, in this whole county." She said she is tired of constantly having to pay new taxes.

Georgette Sutton said she served on the committee that started the recycling center many years ago. She said back then, it was decided that when the recycling center became self-sufficient, it would no longer take taxpayer money. "We should be more than self-sufficient at this time," she said.

Eckerle said they would be if they hadn't given away so much money in the past.

Sutton said they should have invested that money so they would be self-sufficient now.

Mayor Harty replied he doesn't disagree, however at the time, they had just as many people who complained that the recycling center had a surplus.

Casey Dearwester, who was a part of the audience, asked why the recycling center is still driving trucks to Jasper to pick up cardboard at factories for free. He said those factories should at the least be paying a fuel surcharge because they are getting a much-needed service having their cardboard hauled away. He said he knows the factories would be willing to pay, and he doesn't understand why the recycling center is using trucks, employees, and gas for free to do it for them.

Mayor Harty said he told Dearwester before the meeting that he liked that idea.

Dearwester said the mayor told him he

Mid-States Corridor comment period extended to June 14

The Mid-States Corridor Project Team has announced an extension of the formal comment period for the Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Originally planned to run through May 31, the comment period will extend through June 14 for a total comment period of 60 days.

Comments on the DEIS and Alternative P can be made through a comment form at the Project Office on the Vincennes University Jasper Campus, by mail, by email (info@midstatescorridor.com) or through the project website.

Comments are considered equally, regardless of how they are submitted, and the comments and the Project Team's responses will be included in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

The DEIS is posted on the project website at www.MidStatesCorridor.com/DEIS. Hard copies are also available for review at several area locations including the Mid-States Project Office, INDOT offices in Vincennes and Indianapolis and 17 area libraries. A complete list of locations can be found on the project website.

was afraid of losing customers. He said if they are not making anything off material anyway, what would they be losing. "It's time to help ourselves instead of relying on the taxpayers," he said.

Tony Abel, who was in the audience, said he was in the recycling industry for 35 years and while he understands the market isn't what it used to be, he wonders why the board and the director are not networking with others in the industry. He asked the board and the director if they were members of Circular Indiana, which is a non-profit recycling advocate group that helps unite businesses and government agencies to reduce waste. None of the board members or the director said they were members. Abel said there are glass plants in Indiana that could be reached out to, but they have to step outside of Martin County and find them. "We need to get some outside guidance," he said.

Jenny Dearwester, in the audience, asked when and where the solid waste decided which parcels would be charged the user fee. She said she reviewed the resolution and nowhere does it state that every land parcel with any kind improvement would be charged the \$24. Lori Carrico, the county treasurer, who was in the audience, said that is the guidance her office was given by the solid waste board. Discussion ensued regarding what constitutes an improvement on a piece of land. Carrico said it could be anything, including a shed or even a concrete slab. Dearwester again asked when the solid waste board included this definition of an improvement and asked why it was not included in the resolution. She said she would like to see the minutes when that was approved. No one on the solid waste board could remember when that was discussed. County Attorney Dave Lett said he believes it has been recent – within the last few years. Carrico said her office would love to have more guidance on what constitutes an improvement as they are just going on what the solid waste board told them.

Another member of the audience asked what the recycling center has planned to prevent the need to increase the user fee again in the future. Williams said the increased user fee will allow them to start having a surplus again. The audience member asked what he was planning to do to increase income in other ways. Williams said they are planning to take in more product and get more areas and businesses involved in recycling.

Williams said he would be happy to listen to any ideas from the public, they just have to call him.

Council Member Warren Albright said that the markets are up right now so now is the time for the recycling center to be making money.

Williams said they only have 12 employees right now and they need a few more but don't have the money to hire (See 'SOLID WASTE' on page 2)

COVID testing and vaccines this Friday

There will be free COVID-19 rapid testing and vaccinations available on Friday, May 20 from 12-8 p.m. at the Martin County Fairgrounds. Appointments are not required but can be made at ourshot.in.gov.



New scoreboard

-Photo provided

Hoosier Uplands recently donated \$10,000 Shoals Community Schools so they could purchase an outdoor scoreboard for their sports field. Shown above are Rylan Perry, Ava Perry, Carson Shaw, Joe Smithson, and Maliki Bridges.

SOLID WASTE

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them. It was suggested that he look into going through a temp agency or contacting community corrections to see if they can send anyone.

Commissioner Paul George then made a motion to not increase the user fee with Commissioner Cody Roush making the second. Mayor Harty asked who was in favor with Commissioner Aaron Summers saying aye. He asked for who was opposed and there was no answer. The board consists of seven members - the three commissioners (George, Roush and Summers), Loogootee Mayor Harty, Loogootee City Council Member Teresa Nolley, County Council Member Buck Stiles and Shoals Town Council Member Cary Albright. Stiles and Albright were not present at the meeting.

Before an explanation on the vote could be explained, audience members started asking questions again. Someone asked if the solid waste board had a grant writer. Williams replied that they didn't.

Commissioner George asked Loogootee City Council Member Teresa Nolley how she was voting. Nolley replied that she thought they had decided at the last meeting that they were going to vote unanimously in favor of increasing the fee. George replied that he wasn't at the last meeting, and he didn't agree to anything. "I said my vote wouldn't matter and today it mattered," he said.

Nolley said that charging other counties for pick up is not going to be enough money to break even. She said if they don't approve the increased user fee, the recycling center is not going to be there anymore.

Mayor Harty said they will revisit this issue at the June meeting. He said it's a public meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Georgette Sutton said she is not going to another meeting, sitting in the heat.

Someone commented that since the meeting was held at noon, it was not a convenient time for people to attend. Mayor Harty said they can have an evening meeting.

Commissioner Cody Roush said they (board members) have evening meetings all the time and they have to be able to have time with their families.

Mayor Harty said he knows there was a

lot of pushback on facebook about having the meeting at noon but the members of the board have a lot of meetings they have to attend and not a lot of people present can say the same.

Kim Showalter, in the audience, told the mayor that the solid waste board consists of elected officials, and they chose to be in their positions. She said she doesn't care if they don't like to attend meetings.

Jacqueline Esch, in the audience, said it's frustrating to her because she uses the recycling center often and their hours are not consistent. She said days are sometimes shortened or the facility is closed. She said it's a "hard pill to swallow" to have to pay more for a service that is not open when she needs to use it.

The mayor asked if increasing the hours a few nights a week would help.

Williams said they have been more consistent, and they haven't shut down due to hot or cold weather. He said they want to increase services around the county to show they care.

Jeramey Osborn, in the audience, said that Williams doesn't care about the job, which is the problem. He said the building is cleaned up today in preparation for the meeting, but he walked around and saw that a lot of recyclable material was thrown in the trash. He said there is a pile of aluminum cans behind the building and asked Williams what he plans to do with them. Williams replied that they are going to sell them. Osborn said there is no way they can sell them because they are filthy and crushed. "Money sitting out there going to the dump," he said. "Until you fix the problem right here, forget about going anywhere else," said Osborn. He said there is trash in the woods and behind the building and it's due to poor management. "Quite frankly, you need to go away and get somebody in here who gives a damn," Osborn said to Williams.

Williams asked of Osborn would like to take over his position.

Mayor Harty interrupted and asked if there were any more comments.

Becky Sellers, in the audience, asked how often the user fee can be raised. Attorney Lett said it can be raised every two years.

Mayor Harty then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, and everyone agreed.

COMMISSIONERS

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but a stipend to thank employees for the time they served during the COVID shutdown and show those employees how important they are.

Jim Hamby, who was in the audience, asked if those stipends would also be given to first responders who "had boots on the ground" during COVID. He said the courthouse was closed through the COVID shut down. Ellis replied that the courthouse was not closed.

Hamby asked if every fire department was covered under the ARPA stipend plan.

Judge Ellis replied that she cannot answer that.

"Take care of who had boots on the ground," said Hamby.

Ellis said she takes offense to what Hamby is saying because the employees in the courthouse offices worked during COVID.

"What about volunteers who worked 24/7?" asked Hamby.

"Maybe you should have gotten with me. If you are going to be on the council, you better pick up on stuff like that," replied Ellis.

Commissioner Summers said what county employees are paid is embarrassing however he thinks the council needs to pay a decent wage. He reiterated what Commissioner Roush said, that the infrastructure improvements will allow for extra money in the general fund. He said a one-time bonus just isn't good enough.

Judge Ellis asked what the ARPA money is going to be used for and asked why the plan for that money is not public knowledge.

Commissioner Roush replied that they have a boiler unit to replace for \$300,000; HVAC unit to replace for \$200,000, and \$300,000 for repairs to the jail. He said they are not sure what hidden repairs are going to be found in those projects, but he is not ready to spend the ARPA funds on stipends.

Commissioner Summers added that they are also working on a project for \$500,000 but they cannot discuss it due to confidentiality reasons.

"I'm offended for you all's lack of concern for people who present for you every day," said Judge Ellis. She said again that raises were given to the sheriff's department that no one else in the county received.

Commissioner Roush replied that the sheriff followed the chain of command and went to the county council meetings each month.

The judge said the county council has made it very clear that department heads cannot determine their employees' salaries.

Commissioner Summers said the commissioners can go to bat for the employees to help get raises.

Judge Ellis said the commissioners can go to bat for the employees right now by approving the stipends. She said she can even reduce the amount requested by \$25,000 because the sheriff made it clear to her that he is not interested in being a part of it.

Assessor Carolyn McGuire, who was in the audience, said she has asked for raises every year from the county council and is turned down.

Commissioner Roush said the sheriff's department brings in \$1 million in revenue. Auditor Abel said the sheriff's department budget is \$1.2 million.

"I've heard enough", said Commissioner Roush adding that he is not going to make a motion to approve the stipends.

Kim Showalter, from the audience, said she thought the ARPA money was to help the people who survived the pandemic and came to work and did their job.

Commissioner George said yes and also to help non-profits but added that it can also be used for infrastructure.

Showalter said she thinks they are wrong

to withhold the stipends if that is what the money was for. She said it's a thank you from the government that people showed up during COVID and worked.

Commissioner Summers said if they approve the stipend and then go to the council to get raises for employees, the council will use the stipend as a reason not to give raises.

Prosecutor Aureola Wright said she understands the importance of investing in infrastructure but you have to have people to work in the pretty buildings.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said the treasury department's guidance says to use the funds to compensate employees.

Commissioner George said he cannot make a motion as president so it would be up to Summers or Roush to do it. They didn't. George said they have until 2024 to obligate the money.

In other business, the prosecutor told the commissioners that she is ready to drop the extra deputy position from her office. She said her case load is down 43 percent now and the child support division is now top three in the state for most improved. She said she wants to boost the morale of the other county offices so they can have that money back in the budget for potential pay increases.

She commended the county offices to continue to work during the pandemic.

Jason McCoy, a resident of Rutherford Township, talked to the commissioners about possibly having work done on his road, East 550 South, across from the Truelove Church Road. He said the road is not in terrible shape, but it is in severe need of ditching. He said he would also like to see it get paved. He said the road is around one mile long before it hits the Daviess County line. Commissioner George asked if the road is currently chip and seal. McCoy said it is however it is coming up in a few places.

McCoy also asked about whether the commissioners have a position on the Mid-States Corridor. Commissioner Roush said he is split in the middle of being for or against it. He said he's big on a bypass around Jasper but he's more in favor of upgrading Highway 231 than building a new highway. Commissioner Summers said he feels the same way as Commissioner Roush. Commissioner George said he is against it. McCoy asked if they have a formal stance as commissioners to which Commissioner George said not at this time. George went on to say he doesn't think the area of Martin County, where the proposed highway is planned, will benefit Loogootee at all. He said it will also take out a lot of homes and farmland. He added that is plenty of road that needs to be fixed.

McCoy said he has been in many big cities, and he purposely came to Martin County to get away from all that. He said if the road serves the county in a positive way, then he is for it, but he is certainly not for it to satisfy a few people. He said the more he's looked into the proposed corridor it seems to be the brainchild of a few rich business owners. He told the commissioners that the time is now to get a consensus from their constituents and let the state know where Martin County stands. He said anywhere a highway like this has been put in, it destroys the small towns they bypass. "Please take a stand one way or the other so we know," said McCoy.

The commissioner approved giving the Town of Shoals \$152,000 in ARPA funds for wastewater improvements.

Commissioner Summers said he has been approached by a few veterans who haven't been able to get ahold of the veteran service officer. He said they also haven't seen a report come from her in a long time. Commissioner George suggested they hold an executive session prior to the next commissioners' meeting to talk with the veteran service officer.

SHOALS Town Wide YARD SALE

Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21

Yard sale locations:

416 HIGH STREET Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm	917 UPPER CIRCLE DRIVE Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm
104 HIGH STREET Friday 8am-6pm & Saturday 8am-4pm	218 MAIN STREET Friday & Saturday 8am-3pm
717 HIGH STREET Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm	502 NORTH MAIN STREET Saturday 8am-4pm
327 WATER STREET Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm	100 6th STREET Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm
37 WATER STREET Friday 7am-5pm & Saturday 7am-2pm	5096 STATE ROAD 550 Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm
7077 US HIGHWAY 50 Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm	8009 US HIGHWAY 50 Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm
6785 US HIGHWAY 50 Friday 8 am-6pm & Saturday 8am-2pm	800 UPPER CIRCLE DRIVE Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm
117 MAIN STREET Friday 8am-5pm & Saturday 8am-2pm	221 SAND STREET Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm
16594 DH GATE ROAD Friday 9am-5pm & Saturday 9am-1pm	7746 HILLTOP DRIVE Friday 8:30am-12pm & Saturday 8:30 am-12pm
10486 SPOUT SPRINGS ROAD Saturday 8am-2pm	

OBITUARIES

SHAWN TRUELOVE

Terry Shawn Truelove passed away Sunday, May 15, 2022, at University of Louisville Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 70.

Shawn was born February 26, 1952, in French Lick; son of Opal (Chastain) Tucker.

He married Debbie Sumner on September 7, 1974, and she survives.

Shawn was a 1970 graduate of Springs Valley High School. He retired from Kimball International after many years of faithful employment. Shawn was a former Loogootee Little League coach and previously was a member of the Board of Directors.

He loved Indiana University basketball and the Atlanta Braves. Shawn cherished spending time with his grandchildren, Hudson and Ellistyn. He owned and operated Shawn's Lawnmowing Service and you could often find him on his lawnmower, mowing one of his 60 lawns and 9 cemeteries.

Shawn was preceded in death by his mother, Opal Tucker; brother, Joe Truelove; and a special aunt and uncle, Harry and Lottie Chastain, who helped raise Shawn.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Truelove of Loogootee; son, Cameron (Krista) Truelove of Loogootee; grandchildren, Hudson and Ellistyn Truelove; brother, Keith (Lisa) Truelove of Greenwood; close family friend, Jeremy Wildman; and Little Bit, the cat.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 21, at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the Crystal Community Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, May 20, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Terry Shawn Truelove.

SUSAN JOHNSON

Susan Kay (Hack) Johnson went to her heavenly home Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at her daughter's residence after a courageous battle with cancer. A resident of Bloomington, she was 59.

She was born August 27, 1962, in Bedford; daughter of Kenneth E. and Carolyn Sue (Dalton) Hack.

Susan was a 1980 Mitchell High School graduate. She worked at Regal-Beloit for 20 years and at the Monroe County Auditor's office for 18 years as a Property Director. Susan loved hiking and she recently accomplished the goal of hiking at every one of the Indiana State Parks with her brother Anthony. She was a very devoted mother and loved her family fiercely. She would do anything for her family.



SUSAN JOHNSON

Surviving are her daughter, Megan (Keenan) Nowlin of Indianapolis; father, Kenneth E. Hack of Mitchell; siblings, Lisa Irene (Jim) Sanders of Shoals, William Kevin (Julia) Hack of Mitchell, Lori Lynn Hack of Mitchell, and Anthony Joe Hack of Bedford; special cousin, Kinley Hack of Bedford; nieces and nephews, Natalie Cotton, Brandon Hack, Lucas Sanders, Josh Hack, Jacob Hack, Maisa Cotton, Christian Cotton, Zeke Cotton, Scott Sanders, Kelly Rascoe, Conner Rascoe, and Emma Rascoe; and her beloved companion dog, Izzy.

Susan was preceded in death by her mother.

Cremation has been chosen with a Celebration of Life, at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21 at the Bedford First Church of God with Brother Kenny Dalton and Brother Brad Rainey presiding.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 12 p.m. until the time of service at the church.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cancer Treatment Centers of America & Down Syndrome Family Connection - Bloomington Chapter

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.chastainfuneralhome.com.

FRANK HORSTING

Frank Horsting peacefully passed away May 11, 2022, at his home with his family by his side. He was 74.

He was born on December 8, 1947, in Washington; son of Adolf and Agnes (Mattingly) Horsting. On June 17, 2000, he married Teresa Ellen (Devine) Horsting, and she survives.

A graduate of Washington Catholic High School, Frank served honorably in the United States Army. He was retired from Jefferson Trucking where he was a driver. Frank loved camping and fishing. He was a member of the Washington VFW and the American Legion.

Those who miss Frank and mourn his passing include his wife, Teresa Ellen Horsting of Washington; his children, Jeff (Debbie) Horsting of St. Anthony, Larry (Heather) Horsting of Washington; and Ben (Melinda) Horsting of Washington; two step-daughters, Barbara (Mike) Tennant of Plainville and Jessica Batchelor of Washington; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brother, Bob (Marilyn) Horsting of Shoals; and two sisters, Joyce (Mark) Ashcraft of Vincennes, and Patty (Jerry) Melvin of Washington.

Susan was the definition of a "woman of faith" and was a lifelong member of the Mitchell First Church of God and attended City Church in Bloomington.

Frank is now reunited in Heaven with family members already there, his parents, Adolf Horsting and Agnes Horsting Mandabach; his stepfather, Clarence Mandabach; brothers, Walter Horsting, Jerry Horsting, infant brother, Donald Eugene Horsting; and sisters, Rita Martin, and Betty Williams.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Frank's memory to the Washington VFW, 3 East Main Street, Washington, Indiana 47501.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 14 at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary, North Chapel. Yvonne Evans officiated. Interment followed in Sugarland Memory Gardens, where Frank was accorded full military honors by the Washington American Legion and VFW.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

The staff of the Ed Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with Frank Horsting's arrangements.

CATHY HERRON

Cathy Herron passed away on May 14, 2022, in New Philadelphia, Ohio. A resident of Newcomerstown, Ohio, she was 65.



Cathy was born July 6, 1956, in Washington; daughter of the late Isaac Salmon and Catherine "Kate" (Rodrick) Salmon.

Professionally, she chose occupations where her caring and nurturing spirit could flourish both as a Home Health Aide and daycare provider for many years in Newcomerstown. Cathy was a member of the Moose, Elks, and American Legion, where she gained many close friends. She loved gardening and lawn care, and above all, her family, especially the babies who were her pride and joy.

She is survived by her children, Roy (Jaime) Salmon of Fresno, Carla Hart of New Philadelphia, and Amber Hart (Josh Conley) of Newcomerstown; grandchildren, Branden, Emily, Anna, Avory, William, Dylan (of the home), and Allyn; five great-grandchildren; sister, Joy Salmon (Bernie Frazier) of Newcomerstown; brother, Cody (Nancy) Salmon of Shoals; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Along with her parents, Cathy was preceded in death by her brother, Tommie Ray Salmon and her late husband, Robert Herron.

The family is planning a celebration of Cathy's life to be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at www.addyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Cathy-Herron/.

ROXANNE LENTS

Roxanne Lents passed away at 3:17 p.m. Friday, May 13, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 66.

She was born February 27, 1956, in Crane; daughter of John Lents Jr. and the late Rochelle (Soeder) Lents.

Roxanne was a 1974 graduate of Loogootee High School. She loved the Lord and was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Roxanne enjoyed drawing, embroidering and cooking. She loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Rochelle Lents; one granddaughter, one nephew and one great-nephew.

Roxanne is survived by her children, Gretchen (James) Raetz of Huntingburg, Heather Fox (Elvin Yoder) of Washington and Jake Fox (Autumn Wright) of Loogootee; father, John Lents Jr. of

Loogootee; eight grandchildren; siblings, John (Cindi) Lents, Nancy (Mark) Strange, Robert Lents, Linda Seal and Kelly (Jerry) Lee, all of Loogootee.

Private family services will be held.

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

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Roxanne Lents.

DIANNA THOMPSON

Dianna Ruth Thompson passed away Sunday, May 15, 2022, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 75.

She was born November 7, 1946,



in Washington; daughter of the late Joseph Fredrick and Patricia Ruth (Raney) Williams.

Dianna married Norman Thompson on March 8, 1998, and he preceded her in death.

DIANNA THOMPSON

Dianna was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist, where she was a member of the Quilters Club. She also volunteered at the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry and LUMC Food Bank. Dianna enjoyed cross-stitching, cross word puzzles and collecting angels and dolls.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Thompson; parents, Joseph F. and Patricia R. Williams; and sister, Linda Cahill.

Dianna is survived by her children, William (Angela) Stanley of Vincennes, Michele Taylor of Decatur, Texas and Charlene (Jesse) Breidenbaugh of Shoals; grandchildren, Samantha, Jade, Katie, Christopher, Anna, Addie, Kasie, Cheyennena, Gregory, Andy, Mike, Dalton, Matt, Max and Mitch; 18 great-grandchildren; and sister, Brenda (Lou) Stumpp of Maryville, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Loogootee United Methodist Church Quilter Club.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 24 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 25, at Sugarland Memory Garden in Washington.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 9

12:07 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check west of Shoals. Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

1:02 a.m. - Received a cow complaint in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

6:14 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with a car seat installation. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:37 a.m. - Received a report of littering along roadway north of Shoals. Deputy Long was notified.

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard west of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

2:36 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

2:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Long and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:08 p.m. - Received notification of a statewide silver alert from Elkhart County. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

5:41 p.m. - Received notification of a statewide silver alert from Anderson Police Department. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells was notified.

8:16 p.m. - Received a cow complaint north of Loogootee. Animal owner was notified.

8:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:12 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:45 p.m. - Received notification of a statewide silver alert cancellation from Elkhart County. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

10:16 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

11:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southwest of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

2:17 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

6:04 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Captain Reed responded.

8:37 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

9:50 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle northeast of Shoals. Chief Greene was notified.

10:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Daviess County Ambu-

lance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:59 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Major Keller was notified.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

4:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:33 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells was notified.

4:46 p.m. - Received notification of semi traffic near the road closure southeast of Shoals. INDOT and Corporal Wells were notified.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Corporal Wells responded.

6:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Corporal Wells responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

6:01 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:22 a.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person southwest of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:05 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

6:35 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist east of Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

7:38 p.m. - Received a report of possible stoplight malfunction in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Loogootee Reserve Officer Long and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:26 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Civil Defense responded.

11:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

9:06 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.

9:27 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

12:18 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins was notified.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took three inmates to court.

3:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

3:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

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

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Long responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Long and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:16 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Long and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:09 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department was notified.

7:53 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:27 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

5:49 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:56 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:19 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:26 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Hawkins responded.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

3:12 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Hawkins responded.

3:38 a.m. - Received notification of a silver alert from Cambridge City Police Department. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

7:02 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

11:49 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

12:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells was notified.

3:28 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard east of Shoals. Frontier phone service was notified.

4:04 p.m. - Received an accidental

911 call.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin, Corporal Wells, Deputy Flanagan, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:57 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

5:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Corporal Wells, Deputy Flanagan and Daviess Community Hospital Medic 4 responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:51 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:53 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

12:02 a.m. - Received notification of a silver alert from Logansport Police Department. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

5:45 a.m. - Received notification of a silver alert cancellation from Logansport Police Department. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

5:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:07 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Corporal Wells responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Corporal Wells, Shoals Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of a water main break east of Shoals. East Fork Water was notified.

11:44 a.m. - Received a cow complaint north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Sergeant Gibson responded.

12:10 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:15 p.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.

7:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:46 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims was notified.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

May 4

Angel Benjamin Hibbs, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 242 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 121 actual days previously served plus 121 Class A credit days.

Wyatt R. Campbell, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

May 5

Christopher L. Bearden, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 540 days with 180 days suspended and credit for 15 actual days previously served plus 15 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Silas R. Bauer, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 2 months of probation.

Adam D. Tedrow, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor and criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 349 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

May 9

Julie E. Lents, convicted of operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 610 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 236 actual days previously served plus 236 Class A credit days. Also convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 600 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

Sean D. Winger, convicted of sexual battery, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 912 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 273 actual days previously served plus 273 Class A credit days. Defendant shall serve the remainder of the executed sentence of 366 days on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Program, so long as defendant remains eligible.

Jacob R. Fox, convicted of nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 606 days suspended and credit for 62 actual days previously served plus 62 Class

A credit days. Defendant received 20 months of probation.

Shelly Anne Myers, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 540 days with 0 days suspended. Defendant shall serve the executed time of 540 days through Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Program, so long as defendant remains eligible.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 4

Wyatt R. Campbell, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 5

Christopher L. Bearden, operating a vehicle after being a habitual traffic offender, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Silas R. Bauer, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Adam D. Tedrow, possession of marijuana with prior drug offense, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

May 9

Angel Benjamin Hibbs, possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Julie E. Lents, two counts of operating a vehicle after being a habitual traffic offender, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed.

Shelly Ann Myers, operating a vehicle while intoxicated prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

William E. Nugent, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

May 5

DNF Associates, LLC vs. Clint Sadler, civil collection.

May 6

Amber Nunley/Opel vs. Tyler J. Opel, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 10

Resurgent Receivables, LLC vs. Jessica Hembree, civil collection.

Resurgent Receivables, LLC vs. Stacy Font, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Jonie Day, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

May 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Hills Credit Union and against the defendant Luther Jones in the amount of \$9,001.

West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.02 acres, more or less.

Martin Lewis a/k/a Martin F. Lewis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua Lewis**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less, except a section containing 1.37 acres more or less. Tract II: The part of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Second Principal Meridian, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.69 acre, more or less. Tract III: 1.38 acres in Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 3 West.

Dan McCarty and Jean McCarty, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dennis Leon Schwartz**, of Adams County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Mitchell-tree Township, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.464 acres, more or less.

Martin County real estate transfers

Howard R. White and Nina S. White, of Orange County, Indiana to **Ronnie Cooper and Mirjam Cooper**, of Hendricks County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.3 acres, more or less.

Kenneth Greenwell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Neil and Emily Strange**, of Martin County, Indiana, the north half of Lots 1 and 2 in the North Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Norma S. Bailey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marvin W. Bailey and Carroll D. Bailey**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of Wilson Chenoweth's Addition and a part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.14 acres, more or less, except a section containing 1.71 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of Wilson Chenoweth's Addition to Memphis (now Shoals), and a part of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 9

12:07 a.m. - Officer Seymour completed a welfare check.

8:10 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a vehicle check on a boat.

10:48 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding property damage.

2:44 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Oak Street.

3:18 p.m. - A complainant requested to speak with an officer regarding a civil matter.

8:50 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a minor property damage accident at the Marathon.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

9:09 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted with a vehicle lock out.

10:10 a.m. - Caller reported a broken windshield by a lawn mower.

10:37 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a welfare check at the local post office and assisted Martin County EMS.

11:06 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a property damage accident in the BMV parking lot.

1:06 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a property damage accident in the St. Vincent parking lot.

5:09 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a vehicle check on a boat.

6:20 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a tractor fire on Hart Road.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

8:43 a.m. - Caller reported two vehicles passing a bus stop arm on North Line Street.

10:37 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of suspicious activity at a residence on North Kentucky Avenue.

3:11 p.m. - Officer Long responded to a complaint of a possible traffic hazard.

3:20 p.m. - Officers Erwin and Long completed a welfare check.

4:02 p.m. - Officer Long spoke with a complainant regarding harassment.

6:35 p.m. - Officer Long completed a vehicle check.

7:44 p.m. - Officers Long and Seymour

and first responders were dispatched to a report of a possible overdose.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

9:20 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle nearing Loogootee on US 50 without plates.

1:41 p.m. - Chief Means completed a vehicle check on a trailer.

4:37 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a burglar alarm at a local business.

4:46 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of a fight in progress near South Kentucky Avenue.

6:24 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

4:05 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

10:10 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle pursuit.

10:27 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a security check at a residence.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

3:12 a.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of shots fired near Love Cemetery Road.

11:36 a.m. - Officer Erwin completed a welfare check.

11:55 a.m. - Caller reported an ordinance violation on North Line Street.

12:16 p.m. - Officer Erwin completed a welfare check at a local business.

4:23 p.m. - First responders and Officer Erwin were dispatched to a personal injury accident on North Line Street.

7:07 p.m. - First responders and Officers Sims and Long were dispatched to a medical call on Walnut Street.

11:16 p.m. - Officers Sims and Long responded to assist with a vehicle unlock at the Marathon.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:48 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MAY 9

10:53 p.m. - Cecorra Holt, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with public intoxication. She is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

3:10 p.m. - Matthew Day, 20, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with criminal mischief and sexual misconduct with a minor. He is being held on a \$30,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

11:23 a.m. - Billy Wildman, 66, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents and charged with failure to register as a sex offender. He is being held without bond.

3:28 p.m. - Donald Miller, 35, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with reckless driving and operating while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

7:43 p.m. - Alias Keasling, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with escape, intimidation and resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

4:20 p.m. - William Osborne, 69, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated. He is being held without bond.

7:45 p.m. - Ryan Mattingly, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Sims and charged with leaving the scene of an accident resulting in bodily injury, failure to drive with due care for pedestrians presents, reckless driving, aggressive driving with intent to harass or intimidate, battery committed with a deadly weapon, criminal recklessness. He is being held without bond.

10:53 p.m. - Jacob Day, 25, of Otwell, was arrested by Conservation Officer Fuhrman and charged with resisting law enforcement with a vehicle. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

7:43 p.m. - Brian Hammons, 32, of Fredericksburg, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphilia, and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the voters of Shoals who voted in the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 3rd. I appreciate all of the votes that I received, and I am grateful for the continued support.

-Sierra Rutledge

-Paid for by the Committee to Elect Sierra Rutledge



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, May 19 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Shoals School Board meeting
The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, May 19 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

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.

Crane cemetery tour
A tour of NSWC Crane cemeteries will take place on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30. Anyone wishing to participate should arrive at the Crane Visitor's Center, at 103 Furlong Street, by 9 a.m. Guides will accompany the visitors and maps will be provided. The tour will end at noon.

Historical Society member picnic
The Martin County Historical Society will hold its annual member picnic and June meeting on Tuesday June 7 at the museum. All members are invited to the covered dish dinner and meeting to follow. Meat and table service will be provided. If you plan to attend, please call 812-309-9139 with your name and number of members attending.

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.

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.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, FSSA accepting 2022 Golden Hoosier Award nominations

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, in collaboration with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Division of Aging, has announced nominations are now being accepted for the 2022 Golden Hoosier Award. This is the 15th year for the program.

"Our state is filled with generous Hoosiers who are constantly giving back to their neighborhoods and communities," Crouch said. "I am excited to once again partner with FSSA and AARP Indiana to honor those who are going above and beyond to better their town and our state. The best thing about Indiana are her people, men and women who find ways to leave Indiana in a better place for their children and future generations."

Crouch said that the award began in 2008 and annually honors older Hoosiers for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities.

To be eligible for the Golden Hoosier Award, the nominee must currently be an Indiana resident, aged 65 or older and have been a volunteer in the community for the past three years.

The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, June 10, 2022. Nomination forms can be accessed online at www.in.gov/ig/lt-governor-initiatives/golden-hoosier-award/2022-golden-hoosier-nominee-information/. A ceremony honoring those selected will be held later this year at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center.

Since 2008, more than 200 Hoosiers have received the Golden Hoosier Award.

More Neat Stuff



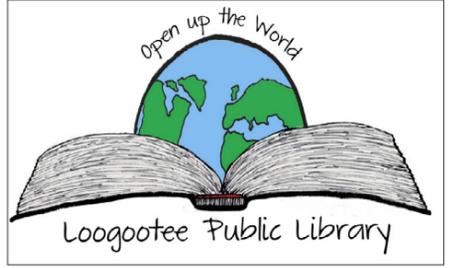
By Ann Ackerman



COMMON SENSE V. CANCELLATION

If you don't like the book, don't read it;
If you don't like the song, change the station;
If you don't like the show, don't watch it;
If you don't like the sport, don't go to the game;
If you don't like the toy, don't buy it or play with it;
If you don't like the restaurant, don't eat there;
If you don't like the store, don't shop there;
If you don't like the state, don't live there;
If you don't like the speaker, don't listen;
Make the choices that suit you and let everyone else do the same.

THOUGHTS
*Every box of raisins is a tragic story of grapes that could have been wine.
*Deep thought of the day: When you clean out a vacuum cleaner, you become



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 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.

2022 Oceans of Possibilities summer reading program begins with Silly Safaris Live Animal program at Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208, W. Main Street on Friday, June 3 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Emily Julian will be in charge of summer reading program activities. Area restaurant gift cards, \$75 Visa card, Ocean themed Pop-Its, Holiday World Tickets will be prizes kids can win. Registration is open now for kids ages birth-12 years old.

New Books:
Mystery: "Sound of Darkness" by Heather Graham, "Thrill of the Hunt" by Rita Mae Brown, and "The Darling Dahlias and the Red Hot Poker" by Susan Wittig Albert.

Fiction: "Nightwork" by Nora Roberts.

Inspirational Fiction: "The View from Coral Cove" by Amy Clipston.

Children's" Treasure Hunt: The Ultimate Quest" by James Patterson.

DVDs: "Dog".

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a vacuum cleaner.

*Eat cake – it's someone's birthday somewhere.

*After all the eating I've done this winter, I'm happy to report...my flip-flops still fit!

*I have a regular Tuesday ritual: I blow whatever diet I started on Monday.

*I HATE having a messy house – not enough to clean it, but enough to give it a really disgusted stare from my seat on the couch.

*A wise man once told his wife – nothing, because he was a wise man.

*Work cattle once, and you'll understand why we eat them.

*Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning all you need is two hearts and a diamond. By the end, you wish you had a club and a spade.

*Cleaning the house with everyone home is like brushing your teeth while eating Oreos.

*I'm at a point in my life where I think if I attempted a cartwheel I would die.

*I applied for a job hanging mirrors. It's something I can see myself doing.

*My ability to remember song lyrics from the 80s far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen.

*Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, the same heat, in the same oil, and yet, the kernels do not pop at the same time. Don't compare your child to other children. Their turn to pop is coming. -Unknown

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*When someone does something wrong, don't forget the things they did right.

*A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant.

*Small acts of kindness, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.

*Saying sorry doesn't mean anything if you keep doing what you're apologizing for.

*It's better to walk alone than with a crowd going in the wrong direction.

Make someone smile today!

Volunteers needed for Hoosier Uplands hospice

Hoosier Uplands Hospice is currently seeking hospice volunteers. The next training classes are being planned for July 11, 18 and 25. Hospice volunteers are caring people who want to make a difference in the lives of others. Most volunteers provide patient/family support by giving the caregiver a chance to "take a break". This can be time for running errands, getting groceries, working in the yard, or just taking a nap. Volunteers visit with the patient and family, offering a "listening ear".

Anyone wishing to become a volunteer may contact Lee Grimes, Volunteer Coordinator at (812) 849-4447 or (800) 827-2219. Hoosier Uplands will provide hospice training at no cost.

Hoosier Uplands covers Lawrence, Washington, Orange, Crawford and Martin counties, and portions of Harrison, Scott, Clark, Perry, Jackson, Greene and Dubois counties.

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I am, admittedly, a gardening addict. When I am not in the garden, I am looking at books, magazines and web sites about gardening. I read posts on a social media site pertaining to gardens and nature. I do not claim to be the final authority, but I have accumulated a fair amount of knowledge over the years.

Lately, I have been seeing a lot of posts and articles about invasive plants. I have even written one or two myself. The problem is that there seems to be a lot of confusion about just what is invasive. The good plant experts at Purdue University have defined invasive as a non-native plant that grows prolifically and tends to inhibit the growth of other plants. This may endanger the very existence of native plants and, in turn, the pollinators and other animal life that depend on those native plants for nourishment.

However, that is not to say that the invasive plant cannot support at least some of the animal life. The ornamental or callery pear of which I wrote several weeks ago may be buzzing with pollinators during the time of blooming. Otherwise, they would not produce the fruits that have come to make the trees invasive. Many birds also eat the resulting fruits, and, in actuality, the main way the trees get spread around is by seeds in the excrement of birds. I am not certain if the nutritional value of the callery pear fruit is beneficial to the local birds, or if that fruit is junk food for our feathered friends. I do know, however, that the callery pear trees have spread out of control and are threatening to change the ecosystem.

However, not every plant that grows prolifically is invasive. I once heard a DNR official refer to the native spice bush as an invasive. I know he was frustrated that the native bush is hard to kill out when one wants to grow something else in a place it has occupied. However, as a native, it is not really invasive. Recently, I saw some posts on a social medium calling Star of Bethlehem invasive, and urging others to dig up the bulbs, bag them, and send them off to the landfill. I agree that they are non-native and that they tend to spread rapidly. However, they are ephemeral, and disappear fairly early in the growing season, allowing other plants a chance to grow in the same space. The people who usually hate Star of Bethlehem the most are those who want perfect turf grass lawns. Turf grasses are not themselves native and could actually be considered the invasives.

Some gardeners contend that we should only plant natives, since native plants support native pollinators and other native wildlife. This would mean getting rid of such treasured plants as peonies, oriental and Asiatic lilies, cannas, daffodils, tulips, gladioli and lilacs. None of these iconic

Kids Fishing Derby at Patoka Lake set for June 4

Patoka Lake will host its annual Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 4 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Osborn Ramp off State Road 145.

The event is for children 12 years old and younger, who must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes and plaques will be awarded. Fishing starts at 9 a.m., and the awards ceremony will be at 11 a.m. Anglers should bring fishing poles, tackle, and bait. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

garden plants is native, but they have been grown for many years without spreading out of control. They may be found around pioneer homesteads, but rarely spread far from the place they were planted by our ancestors. I have seen posts this spring asking people to refrain from getting the dandelions out of lawns because they provide early nectar to honeybees. However, neither dandelions nor honeybees are natives. Should we view honeybees as invasive as we consider the emerald ash borer?

As you can see, the questions about invasive species abound. I do not have all of the answers. I read the official invasive plant species list but must admit that there are plants not included there that I find to be worse offenders than some that are included. My point is that we need to care. All of us need to be informed about our plant choices and to try to be good stewards of the earth. It is the only life-supporting planet we have. Let's all do our part to keep it for the future.

Hoosier encouraged to protect themselves against tick bites

Indiana health officials are urging Hoosiers to protect themselves from tick bites during and after spending time outdoors as warmer weather increases tick activity.

"We are all ready to enjoy the outdoors again after being inside over much of the winter," said State Public Health Veterinarian Jennifer Brown, D.V.M., M.P.H. "We ask Hoosiers to take precautions, so we don't see a bump in tick-borne illnesses, which are preventable."

While Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in Indiana, Hoosiers are also at risk for other tick-borne diseases, including ehrlichiosis and spotted fever group rickettsiosis (a group of diseases that includes Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever). While the risk for ehrlichiosis is highest in southern Indiana, tick-borne diseases are present in all parts of the state, so all Hoosiers should take steps to prevent tick bites from early spring through late fall. Those precautions include:

- Knowing where ticks are likely to be present (close to the ground in grassy, brushy or wooded areas)

- Treating boots, clothing and outdoor gear with 0.5% permethrin (NOTE: permethrin should NOT be used on bare skin)

- Using EPA-registered insect repellents with active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD) or 2-undecanone

- Treating pets for ticks in consultation with a veterinarian

Once indoors, people should thoroughly check for ticks on clothing, gear, pets and skin. Tumbling clothes in the dryer on high heat for 30 minutes will kill ticks, and showering can help remove any unattached ticks.

Ticks can be safely removed by using tweezers to grasp the tick close to the skin and then pulling outward with steady and even pressure. After the tick is removed, the area should be washed thoroughly. Ticks should never be crushed with the fingernails.

For more information about ticks and how to prevent the diseases they carry, visit <http://www.in.gov/isdh/20491.htm>.



Hello Fellow Martin County Voters!

DeAndra Magdaleno here, and I am running for County Commissioner, District Two.

I am an Independent candidate so my options are open to both party views. My name will be unfamiliar to you but I have been a full-time resident since 2003.

My mother's family, the Cunningtons, were residents of the Skin Ridge/Mt. Olive area of North Mitcheltree Township since the early sixties.

I was born and raised out west but visiting here in the Midwest throughout my impressionable childhood years made me yearn for the friendlier, slower pace of a country lifestyle and the space to have horses in my life. I chose to leave home as a teenager and move here to breathe fresh air and attend college at Vincennes University as well as University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, where I received both a Bachelor degree and Master of Business Administration. My work experience includes administrative, financing, and budgeting in previous jobs; I've worked locally at the Sheriff's Department as a 911 dispatcher and Deputy Clerk in the Clerk's Office of the Martin County Courthouse. I'm a stickler for details, accuracy and understand the importance of technicalities in proper documentation while complying with state and local laws.

My goal is to listen to the voters of Martin County and help address their concerns, thoughts, and suggestions for the benefit of all residents – and not just the specific interests of a select few. I hope you find me to be approachable, responsive, and timely in researching dilemmas and coming to the right solutions.

I believe in complete transparency where county expenditures are concerned. As a Commissioner, I will be a watch guard of your tax dollars. With the recent raise in county tax, I want to ensure that money is not wasted, but used to benefit our residents. We need to assure that taxpayers see real results for their hard earned monies.

I promise to vote to hire only the best qualified persons for county jobs and provide all applicants equal opportunities to be employed. I am committed to follow county written policies to ensure fairness and compassion to all concerned parties.

It is no secret that the County has a limited tax base and many entities needing attention. I would hope my education and experience could be of service to our beautiful county. I want to thank you in advance, for the consideration of your vote. For any questions please refer to my email MagdalenoForCommissioner@gmail.com and I encourage you to contact me. I will respond as soon as possible because I believe in open door policies.

Sincerely, DeAndra Magdaleno



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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.

Dave Harder, Harder's Gun Shop
"I've just liked firearms since I was a kid. And the shop I was dealing with went out of business. So, I thought, well, I'll just open one myself. They [my family] really didn't impact me at all in my business. When I was young, we had a few firearms around just with things but my dad wasn't really into them and so I just put this on myself.

In this business, shortages of different things and as politics change, you have to roll with the punches here as far as laws and trying to stay out of trouble, that's the ones I've had trouble with. Many times [I've doubted my business] when the politics changed and I thought well, they're gonna shut me down or I'm gonna have to get out of this to stay out of trouble. To be honest with you, I had a pretty good time under Obama and had a pretty good business then. But since politics, this business is like never before. It won't last but a lot of people are a little bit afraid. And when people are afraid, they tend to buy things in case they need them. So that's what's keeping me going.



I've been at this for a long time. But when I first started, I was struggling quite a bit because you know, word of mouth wasn't out there. I hadn't done any advertising or anything like that. And I'm out here in the country. Now, people know me from years of being in this business.

My biggest joy related to my business is seeing the people happy with what they've got, what they leave with, you know. Or see some little kid get his first rifle. I like that.

These firearms are just as safe as the people you sell them to. So, my biggest fear is somebody that really doesn't know what they're doing, so that's why I try to take the time to teach them before they get out of here. Some people just don't need anything sharp. I mean, I'm sorry but I'm afraid someone will get hurt.

To be honest with you, in five years I'll be 66. I see that my business might be open one day a week and in my free time I'll probably go motorcycle riding."

LHS Girls' Tennis finish regular season

The Loogootee High School Girls' Tennis Teams travelled to Gibson Southern Saturday, May 14 to finish out regular season play. The varsity Lady Lion brought home the win, 3-2 however the junior varsity lost 1-5. The varsity finished regular season with a record of 17-2.

Varsity results
#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Gracia Jones 6-3, 6-2
#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Helen Kiesel 6-3, 0-6, 6-1
#3 Singles Sydney Purcell (GS) defeated Grace Gingerich (L) 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Lillie Booth/Lilly Schmitt 6-3, 6-4
#2 Doubles Emilee Bullock/Maura Kluesner (GS) defeated Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley 0-6, 6-2, 7-6 (6)

Junior varsity results
#1 Singles Jayden Sorgius (GS) defeated Abbey Fischer 8-3
#2 Singles Mallory Maurer (GS) defeated Abbey Fischer 8-3
#1 Doubles Kelsey Spindler (GS) defeated Vittoria Zoia/Maddie Fischer 8-2
#2 Doubles Lindsey Garbers/Maddie Boes (GS) defeated Izabelle Gingerich/Linsey England 8-0
#3 Doubles Lilly Hirsh/Molly Foster (GS) defeated Linsey England/Izabelle Gingerich 8-3
#4 Doubles Vittoria Zoia/Maddie Fischer (L) defeated Alyssa Welte/Ella Helfert 8-6

Last Friday, the teams played at Vincennes Lincoln. The varsity won 3-2 and the junior varsity 5-1.
Varsity results
#1 Singles Payton Dugan (VL) defeated Kieragen Napier 6-0, 6-1
#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Jade York 6-0, 6-0
#3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Kelsey Howder 6-1, 6-1
#1 Doubles Savanna Purdom/Abby West (VL) defeated Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) 6-2, 6-3
#2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Makenzie Clark/Macey

Fisher 6-7 (7), 6-4, 6-2

Junior varsity results
#1 Singles Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Zoe Herron 8-4
#2 Singles Carla Perez (L) defeated Mercedes Lowery 8-0
#3 Singles Carla Perez (L) defeated Ava Isley 8-1

#1 Doubles Ana Toy/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Cory Raney/Mylee Muranaka 8-1
#2 Doubles True Mahrenholz/Emily Price (VL) defeated Mikenna Jones/Izzy Smith 8-3
#3 Doubles Ana Toy/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Mackenzie Taylor/Mary Bahr 8-3
Last Thursday, Senior Night, the girls played Edgewood at home. The varsity won 4-1 and the junior varsity 5-3.

Varsity results
#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Keelyn Tiller 6-0, 6-0
#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Carly Sheffield 6-2, 6-0
#3 Singles Macy Vaugh (E) defeated Grace Gingerich 7-6 (4), 3-6, 1-0 (5)
#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Kaiden Harrington/Katie Wilson 6-4, 1-6, 6-0
#2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Tessa Bradley (L) defeated Katie Stephens/Makena Stikeleather 6-2, 6-2

Junior varsity results
#1 Singles Kimmie Franklin (E) defeated Mikenna Jones 6-1
#2 Singles Olivia Lloyd (E) defeated Abbey Fischer 6-3
#3 Singles Carla Perez (L) defeated Lillie Agrue 6-1
#1 Doubles Grace Foddrill/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Payton Reynolds/Bailey Smith 6-1
#2 Doubles Ana Toy/Vittoria Zoia (L) defeated Ella Dunham/Tiffany Wall 6-1
#3 Doubles Maddie Fischer/Michela Orlando (L) defeated Marla Mahaffey/Deep Patel 6-1
#4 Doubles Kimmie Franklin/Olivia Lloyd (E) defeated Izzy Smith/Izabelle Gingerich 6-1
#5 Doubles Alex Claveria/Linsey England (L) defeated Addie Hash/Jordan Fields 6-1

2022 Seniors



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



CODY CHANDLER

Cody Michael Chandler is the son of Nicole Baker. Cody has two sisters, Nicole Baker and Sammy Higgins. He has enjoyed his 4 years in high school overall. Cody is still exploring his options for after graduation.



LEXISS DAVISSON

Lexiss Electra Davisson is the daughter of Natasha and Benjamin Davisson. She has three siblings, Allison Davisson, Shandon Davisson, and Brody Davisson. After graduation, Lexiss plans to enter the workforce.



WESLEY STEPHENSON II

Wesley Max Stephenson II is the son of Wesley and Rochelle Stephenson. While in high school, he participated in Chess Club, soccer, and track. His favorite high school memory is doing chemistry labs. After graduation, Wesley plans to get a good job.



SEARA BAKER

Seara Cheyanne Baker is the daughter of Shawna and Micka Baker. She has four siblings, Jacob, Tasha Tabby, and Triston. While in high school. Seara's favorite memory was being with friends. After graduation, Seara plans to pursue the medical field.



LEVI PERRY

Levi Wayne Perry is the son of Jon Perry and Alecia Perry. He has two siblings. Levi's favorite high school memory is weightlifting. Levi is still exploring his options for after graduation.



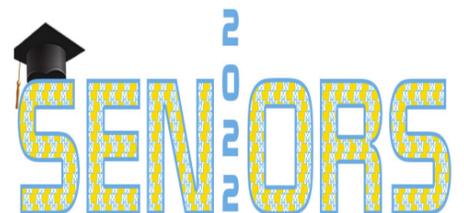
COLIN CLINGERMAN

Colin William Clingerman is the son of Crystal Trambaugh. He has 2 brothers. His favorite high school memory is PE. After graduation, Colin plans to continue to work until he is where he wants to be in life.



BRENDON JONES

Brendon Ray Jones is the son of Steve Jones and Trina Morris. His siblings are Hunter Jones and Jordan Walton. His favorite high school memory is going on the field trip with Mr. Dahlen to Indianapolis. After graduation, Brendon plans to pursue trade school and then the workforce.



Radius Indiana reinstates its annual stakeholder meeting

Radius Indiana hosted its annual stakeholder's luncheon for the first time since 2020 last Wednesday at the French Lick Resort. The meeting featured a panel of local leaders who explored the topic 'Building Capacity in Our Region'.

Radius Indiana Board of Directors' Chair Becky Skillman opened the meeting, thanking stakeholders for their continued support throughout the pandemic, as well as recognizing Susie Vaughn as a retiring member of the Radius board.

"The Radius team has been blessed for many years to have Susie as our partner working on our behalf in the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for more than eight years," said Skillman. "She has driven countless miles across a wide swath of rural southern Indiana, visiting all of our communities at one time or another as she has supported business growth. We will miss her as part of our team and wish her the best on her next endeavor."

Skillman then introduced Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius Indiana. Quyle provided an update on the programs and initiatives that make up the 'Radius family tree' and ways in which the organization has evolved to best serve the region's needs.

The pandemic inspired programs that didn't exist before 2020, such as Radius's workforce and talent attraction program, Choose Southern Indiana. The program aims to tell the region's story and demonstrate to interested individuals what life is like in southern Indiana.

In addition, Quyle updated attendees on the region's growing tourism initiative, Discover Southern Indiana. This year, Radius is dedicating more resources to the program to create the biggest regional initiative in the Midwest with the help of both internal staff and local leaders in the participating counties.

"For the cities, towns, and counties in our region to achieve lasting growth, the local leaders need to have the skills and assets to set priorities and to then take the steps needed to carry out those plans," said Quyle. "Radius is here to

help its communities develop capacity and self-reliance to make success possible."

The second half of the meeting consisted of a panel of local leaders in the Radius community who have and are actively participating in programs offered by the organization. The panel included individuals involved with ongoing initiatives:

- Kent Parisien, First Savings Bank | Crane Regional Defense Group;
- Cindy Barber, Purdue Extension Daviess County | Recast Cities;
- Jill Campbell, Daviess County Economic Development Corporation | Choose Southern Indiana; and
- Nancy Eckerle, Jasper Chamber of Commerce | Radius Indiana's Women in Economic Development Program.

The panel, moderated by Radius Indiana's Director of Communications Amanda Craft, discussed the ways Radius has helped build capacity in its eight counties. From creating relationships with community and regional partners to fostering the mentality of what is wanted for the region, the panel discussed the impact that Radius has had on their community and the lessons they have learned and taken to other opportunities.

"Recast Cities has been a very overwhelming but eye-opening experience, leading to many rich conversations with key players in Daviess County," said Barber. "I have a lot of positive thoughts as we continue to move forward, and the experience has been very telling about the capacity of local entrepreneurs and leaders who are all aspiring to revitalize their downtowns."

State Police Jasper Post reminds motorists to 'Click It or Ticket'

The Indiana State Police Jasper Post, along with other agencies across Indiana, will be increasing patrols as part of the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement campaign ahead of Memorial Day weekend. For the next three weeks, officers will be out in full force making sure drivers and passengers are buckled up and children are properly secure.

Their goal is to reduce the number of traffic injuries and fatalities from lack of seat belt use, a continuing concern. Data from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) shows that unbuckled motorists make up almost 40 percent of all passenger vehicle deaths in the state.

The overtime patrols are funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with grants administered by ICJI.

"Our focus is not on writing tickets but to encourage people to buckle up in order to save lives," said Lieutenant Jason Allen, Commander of the Jasper Post. "Seat belts are your best form of protection in a crash and against dangerous drivers. At the end of the day, we want everyone to reach their destination safely."

Since the "Click It or Ticket" initiative began more than 20 years ago, seat belt use has gone up 30 percent in Indiana to 92.9 percent, which is slightly higher than the national average of 90.3 percent.

Despite making progress and advances in vehicle safety, in 2020, 226 unbuckled vehicle occupants lost their lives on Indiana roads – the second highest in the past decade. Young drivers, especially males, were the least likely to be buckled during a crash.

"We cannot tolerate another dead-

ly year like the one we just had on our roads," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "Many of the people we lost would still be alive today had they made the decision to buckle up. Seat belts make a difference. They save lives."

Research has repeatedly demonstrated the safety benefits of seat belts and the dangerous consequences when people choose not to use them. Buckling up can reduce the risk of injury or death in a crash by 50 percent. Without a seat belt fastened, people can be ejected from a vehicle and killed, and that risk increases if the driver is speeding or impaired.

Tragically, vehicle collisions continue to be a leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13, and NHTSA data shows that approximately 46 percent of all car seats are being used incorrectly. Parents and caregivers who do not buckle up are more likely to have kids who are improperly restrained.

"There's nothing more tragic than reading the news about a child who was injured or killed because they weren't properly secured in a vehicle," said Robert Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director. "Parents are responsible for their child's safety, and car seats are only effective if and when used correctly."

Indiana law requires the driver and all passengers to buckle up. Children under age eight must be properly restrained in a federally approved child car seat or booster seat.

Throughout the campaign, officers will be watching for seat belt and car seat violations while conducting high-visibility patrols during the day and night, when unrestrained driving is at its peak. Drivers can be cited for lack of seat belt use, but also for each unbuckled passenger under the age of 16.

Parents and caregivers are encouraged to make sure children are in the right car seat and that it's used correctly and properly installed. Resources can be found at www.nhtsa.gov/TheRightSeat. To schedule an appointment with a certified car seat safety technician at one of Indiana's 100 fitting stations, visit on.in.gov/SafeKids.

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