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## Recycling center to ask county council to allow tax levy, rate not decided

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Solid Waste Board met last Wednesday, May 15. Board Members Roger Abel and Cody Roush were not present. Board Member Jim Hamby arrived at 9 a.m. as Board Member Aaron Summers was leaving.

The board spent quite a bit of time again discussing putting the solid waste district back on the tax levy as opposed to charging \$24 a year for properties with a dwelling. Council Member Jordan Dant, who was in the audience, said the county council discussed it and they do not support the center going back on the tax levy. The county council is responsible for approving the move to the tax levy and the rate. Dant said he can't speak for the entire council, however, he would vote no. He said the council doesn't feel comfortable putting the recycling center back on the tax levy because

there have not been enough operational changes at the center. He said he understands Director Janell Freeman inherited a mess and he's not blaming her and he does support the recycling center but he wants it to sustain itself. He said there is a way that can be done because it's been done in the past. He said by selling the Shoals building, the center is essentially liquidating assets at this point and of the \$100,000 the recycling center will receive from the sale, \$25,000 is going back to the county for money owed. He said this leaves roughly \$75,000 or less to pay off the outstanding debt but will still leave the remainder of the new baler balance to pay and the money owed to German American for a loan. He said now is the time for the recycling center to scale back. Board Member Ader said the recycling center took several years to get in the position they are in financially and it's going to take time to get them out (See 'RECYCLING' on page 2)

## Martin County unemployment rate at 2.8 percent for April

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Martin County's jobless rate dropped from 3.3 percent in March to 2.8 percent in April. The county had the ninth lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with 10 other counties.

In April, the county had 5,240 residents in the workforce and 148 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 5,206 residents able to work and 174 of them were without jobs.

In April of 2023, Martin County's jobless rate was 2.5 percent with 5,193 residents in the workforce and 132 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate dipped to 2.5 percent in April, down from 3.1 percent the month before. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Dubois and Gibson counties.

In April, the county had 16,728 residents in the workforce and 417 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 16,704 residents able to work and 513 of them were without jobs. In April of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 1.9 percent

with 16,546 residents in the workforce and 317 of them were without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 3.2 percent in March to 2.5 percent in April. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Daviess and Gibson counties.

In April, the county had 21,531 residents in the workforce and 545 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 21,419 residents able to work and 675 of them were without jobs.

In April of 2023, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.1 percent with 21,568 residents in the workforce and 447 of them were without jobs.

Greene County's jobless rate also decreased in April to 4.1 percent, down from 4.9 percent the month before. The county had the 7<sup>th</sup> highest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Cass, LaPorte and Sullivan counties.

In April, the county had 13,460 residents in the workforce and 554 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 13,418 residents able to work and 662 of them were without jobs. In April of 2023, (See 'RATE' on page 2)

## Shoals Town Council holds monthly meeting

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, May 13. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright and Micky Crew, Clerk-Treasurer Tina Franklin, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jessica Hodges, and Attorney Dave Lett. Others in attendance were Matt Copeland, Lisa Taylor, Brian Eckert, Bret Eckert, Michelle Carrico, with SIDC and Amber Hoffman, with the Beautification Board.

Council Member Albright presented the Spring Hill Cemetery mowing contract. The council approved.

Albright presented a quote to purchase a new computer for Town Hall in the amount of \$1,699.97. The council approved.

Council Member Albright discussed the

services of Consultant Jay Southwood, who has assisted the Town of Shoals with bookkeeping in the past. President Albright said Southwood can assist the new clerk-treasurer with training. Council Member Crew agreed, and the recommendation was approved.

Council Member Albright presented the need to appoint an ADA Compliance Officer for the town. The Town of Shoals applies for Community Crossings grants which require an ADA Compliance Officer. The compliance officer will adhere to the requirements of the American Disabilities Act and be in close contact with the engineering firm to assist the Town of (See 'SHOALS' on page 3)

## Shoals graduates 56 last Saturday, Loogootee ceremony this Friday

Shoals High School held their commencement last Saturday, May 18. The afternoon began with a processional and the National Anthem performed by the school bands. Class Secretary Olivia Jordan gave the invocation followed by the welcome given by Senior Class Vice President Krisha Villaneuva. A commencement speech was then given by High School Principal Troy Zollars.

The Atlantis Overture by John O'Reilly was conducted by Senior band member Hunter Spurgeon followed by speeches from Class Co-Salutatorians Anna Stoll and Luke Troutman and Valedictorian and Senior Class President Taylor Turpin.

A speech will then be made by Class Historian Hunter Spurgeon, followed by the Class of 2024 video presentation by Senior Video Editor Katlin Allen. School Counselor Amanda Hannah then presented the Class of 2024 and diplomas were handed out by Superintendent Kindra Hovis and Principal Zollars.

A farewell address was given by Taylor Turpin followed by the turning of the tassels.

The Shoals Class of 2024 class motto is "You don't realize the chapter you are living in until it's the very last time you will ever get to live in it. The class flower is the dahlia. The class colors are blue, white and silver.

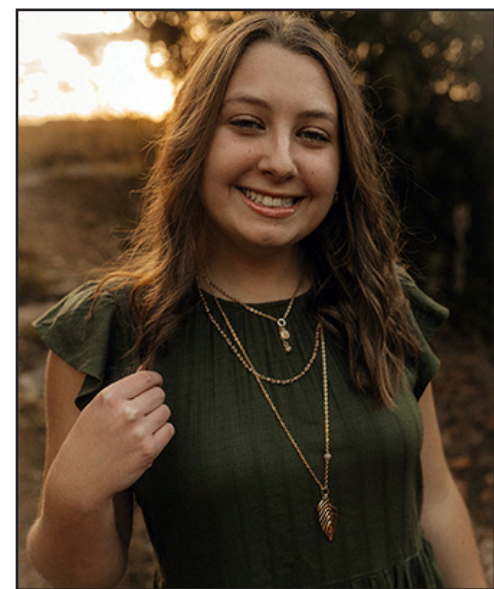
The Class of 2024 includes Sarah Grace Albright, Katlin Brooke Allen, Kaeden Brian Baesel, Andrew Wyatt Banks, Attikka Bonnie Marie Blaker, Daisy Reyann Brett, Olivia Grace Brett, Samuel Keaton Brett, Maliki Ray Bridges, Jesse Cole Burton, Collin Joseph Campbell, Alissa Rae Combs, Jameson Risk Coy, Audriana Paige Crosby, Cecil Wesley Davis, Shandon James Davisson, Noah Scott Gerkin, Zeth Malachi Grafton, Merissa Joyce Grogan, Waylon Thomas Harder, Jayden Michael Alan Harger, Myles Jaron Hayden, Hailey Jo Hennette, Devin Edward Ray Hill, Kance Asher Hoffman, Addy Grayce Marie Johnson, Ava Celeste Jones, Darrin Ray Jones II, Olivia Grace Jordan, Braden James Lents, Brydon Cody McKibben, Lexani Montanez, Kylie Summer Murray, Cody Daniel Buck Parke, Mackensie Lee Perry, Justin Tyler Peterson, Madison Jo Pottorff, Gwendolynn Marie Pournier, Austin Joseph Rasico, Kori Elaine Redman, Collin Marshall Roush, Ellie Marie Roush, Brian Ramsey Sanders, Jeffery Adam Sanders, Trenton Dale Sanders, Carson Reid Shaw, Hunter Levi Sipes, Hunter Sean Spurgeon, Anna Rose Stoll, Luke Charles Troutman, Taylor Nicole Turpin, Krisha Hylie Villaneuva, Alysse Elizabeth Wadsworth, Icely Helen Westhafer, Diesel Lawrence Wright and Ikia Trista Ilona Wright

Loogootee High School will hold its commencement exercises this Friday, May 24, at 7 p.m. in Jack Butcher Arena. As of

## Memorial Day services at local cemeteries

On Monday, May 27, the Ceremonial Unit of The American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 will pay homage to veterans of ALL wars with a visit to the cemeteries listed below. They will be announcing a roll call for all deceased veterans in each cemetery, followed by a 21-gun salute and playing of taps.

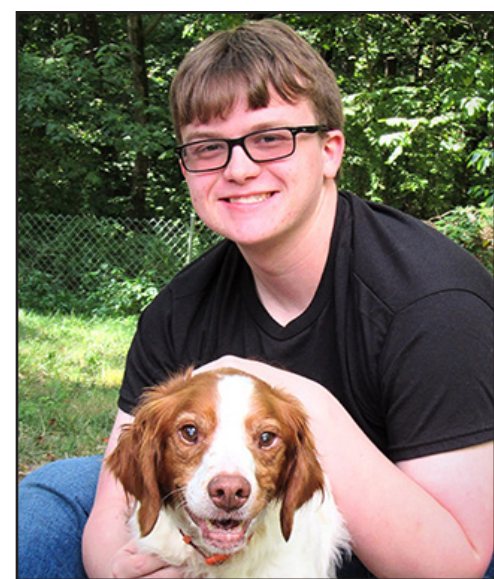
9 a.m. - Burns City Cemetery  
9:30 a.m. - St. Joseph's Cemetery



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL  
VALEDICTORIAN  
TAYLOR TURPIN



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL  
CO-SALUTATORIAN  
ANNA STOLL



SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL  
CO-SALUTATORIAN  
LUKE TROUTMAN

publication time, Loogootee High School had not released the graduation information, including valedictorian and salutatorian.

10 a.m. - St. Mary's Cemetery  
10:30 a.m. - Goodwill Cemetery  
11:15 a.m. - St John's Cemetery  
12:15 a.m. - St. Martin's Cemetery (Whitfield)  
12:45 p.m. - Truelove Church Cemetery  
1:30 p.m. - Mt. Zion Cemetery  
2:00 p.m. - South Martin Cemetery  
2:45 p.m. - Hindostan Methodist Cemetery



# RECYCLING

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of it. He said they can raise the property tax asset fee on county residents, or they can put it back on the tax levy to help spread out what property owners are paying. Board Member Summers asked Dant if the county council would reconsider allowing the center to go back on the tax rolls in six months, if things start looking better. Dant replied that anything can be reevaluated however the recycling center, he said, said the same thing a year ago. Board Member Ader replied that it was not the same solid waste board as a year ago. Dant replied that only two members changed, which is not a majority of the board. Ader said he understands that however the board all must be on the same page and he and Mike Engleman have only been on the board for four months. Dant said the center needs to concentrate on only providing services to Martin County residents, which is what is required by state statute. Ader said the center is making money on cardboard, plastic, aluminum and clothing, a majority of which comes from outside Martin County. He said they have decided not to pick up glass anymore because it was losing money and the organizations in Martin County were not willing to pay to have it picked up. He said they will accept glass, but it has to be dropped off at the center.

Attorney Dave Lett said the solid waste board needs to put together an official request and submit it to the county council. He said this needs to be done before their meeting, so they have time to review what

is being proposed. The board then discussed if they could be ready with a tax levy rate recommendation by the June 3 county council meeting. Dant said they definitely need to have a rate in mind because no one on the council is going to vote to move the recycling center to the tax levy with an arbitrary number.

Dant asked Attorney Lett if the council would be in charge of approving any increases if they did move the center to the levy and the center decided they needed more. Lett said yes, the county council would have to approve any changes to the levy.

Dant said the public wasn't in support of raising the asset fee so he doesn't believe they will be in favor of having it on the property tax levy. Board Member Ader said the recycling center used to be on the tax levy and has lost money due to switching to the asset fee. Auditor Michelle Norris, who was in the audience, said she estimates the center will only receive \$99,000 now due to properties that were taken off the asset fee because they were being charged incorrectly. The center has been receiving, on average, around \$115,000 a year from the asset fee.

Jenny Dearwester, who was in the audience, asked if they could raise the pickup fees for out-of-county businesses. She said they are the ones who are using the recycling center's services. Board Member Ader said they have raised the fee already. Dearwester asked if it could be raised more. She said the recycling center

is asking Martin County residents to pay to have the center pick up recyclables from other counties. Ader replied that the county is required to have solid waste services. Dearwester said she understands that but doesn't understand why the center can't just serve Martin County. Ader replied that 80 percent of the recyclables come from outside the county. Dearwester said that 80 percent of the funding for the center should come from outside the county then. Ader said they could just change the name of the recycling center to Tri State Recycling instead, noting that they are also receiving grant funds from Daviess and Dubois counties. He said if they lose the products from other counties, the center won't be able to operate because Martin County residents won't use it. "Martin County alone cannot support a recycling center," he said. Dearwester said that is her point. She said they can't make Martin County residents pay for it if they are not using it.

Ader then brought up a business plan, put together by a subcommittee of various business owners, elected officials and residents, a few years ago when the recycling center started having serious money issues. He said there was an out-of-county pickup price proposed by that committee, but the solid waste board went with a lower rate out of fear of losing customers.

Dant said he could get access to the plan because he was a part of that subcommittee. He said a lot of time was put into that plan and it got ignored so it put a bad taste in those committee members' mouths.

Ader said it would be difficult to raise the fee for out-of-county customers again because they just did it at the beginning of the year. It was noted the fee is \$25 per pickup currently. Dant said that the committee knew raising the fee would cause businesses to stop using the service, but he said everyone realized that was collateral damage. He said it was discussed that those businesses would realize that having their recyclables, like cardboard, picked up would cost them much more in dumpster fees. Ader said the center has taken on new businesses and he feels they are going in the right direction, it's just not fast enough.

Bookkeeper June Eckerle said they need to educate Martin County residents about

the recycling center and encourage more people to use it. Dant told Eckerle that she isn't wrong, but he doesn't know what can be done about it. Board Members Ader and Paul George both said residents find it easier to throw away their recyclables as opposed to driving them to the recycling center.

The board decided to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 29 at 9 a.m. to iron out a tax levy rate they could present to the county council at their June 3 meeting. They will hold an executive meeting at 8:30 a.m. to go over personnel.

In other business, Director Freeman reported that the state has finished their audit, and they have a lot of concern regarding the drop in revenue over the last few years.

Board Member Brian Ader asked when the recycling center lost Crane base's recyclables. Bookkeeper Eckerle said she tried to find out that information and she said she got as far as 2015 and there was no income reported for Crane. Ader said they lost \$40,000 to \$50,000 in revenue when Crane decided not to work with the recycling center anymore. "That's the government there to help you," he said. Board Member George said it's cheaper for Crane to just throw everything into the trash.

Dant said the audit focused on the last few years so Crane wouldn't have anything to do with the recent recycling center issues. Ader said he agreed but noted losing that money from Crane was a substantial hit to the center. He said he's not saying it is the cause of the recent problems, however. Board Member Summers said COVID had a lot to do with the recycling center losing money. Bookkeeper June Eckerle said the center was closed for four months during COVID with very little money coming in. She said they did do some business on Saturdays.

Board Member Ader said the transmission that the recycling center found for \$300 didn't work out so they had to end up rebuilding the semi-truck's transmission. He said the cost of the rebuild was \$3,079 and the labor was \$1,100 for a total of \$4,179. He said the transmission would be installed that day and then they can stop paying the independent truck driver \$300 a load to transport recyclables.

# RATE

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Greene County's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent with 13,433 residents in the workforce and 428 of them without work.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for April were Gibson, Dubois and Daviess counties at 2.5 percent; Union, Hamilton, Clinton and Boone counties at 2.6 percent; Posey County at 2.7 percent, and Whitley, White, Wells, Rush, Perry, Montgomery, Martin, Johnson, Jackson, Hendricks, and Benton counties at 2.8 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for April were Howard County at 6.1 percent, Lake County at 5 percent, Fayette County at 4.7 percent, Miami and Starke counties at 4.4 percent, Vermillion County at 4.2 percent, and Cass, Greene, Sullivan and LaPorte counties at 4.1 percent.

The unemployment rate of the State of Indiana in April stands at 3.6 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for April stands at 3.9 percent.

In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate stands at 62.5 percent for April, while the national rate is 62.7 percent. This rate is the percentage of Hoosiers 16 and older that are either working or actively looking for work. Those not in the labor force include, primarily, students, retirees and other non-working populations, such as individuals unable to work due to a dis-

ability or illness, or adults responsible for their family's childcare needs.

Indiana's total labor force stands at 3,378,923 - a decrease of 1,908 from the previous month.

"Again this month, the employment data shows the historic opportunity for skilled workers in Indiana," said DWD Commissioner Richard Paulk. "For the eighth month in a row, the number of private sector jobs reached a new peak. Profession and Business Services, Financial Activities, and Private Education and Health Services added jobs in Indiana over the month."

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 300 jobs over the last month, resulting in a gain of 36,400 jobs from this time last year. Indiana's April private employment stands at 2,848,500.

Industries that experienced job increases in April included:

- Professional and Business Services (+1,100);
- Financial Activities (+700);
- Private Educational and Health Services (+600); and
- Manufacturing (+300).

As of May 16, 2024, there were 102,684 open job postings throughout the state. As of the week ending April 27, 2024, Indiana had 20,331 continued unemployment insurance claims filed.

Individuals looking for work, training or career information are encouraged to visit [in.gov/dwd/job-seekers](http://in.gov/dwd/job-seekers).

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## NOAH HINOJOSA

Noah Rhyen Hinojosa, beloved son, brother, father, and friend, passed away in Washington on May 19, 2024. He was 23.



He was born October 30, 2000, in Pasadena, Texas, growing up the oldest of five siblings in Indiana. Noah is the son of Jason and Jessica Cagle.

**NOAH HINOJOSA** Noah had a heart of gold and shared the warmest smiles. Anyone who met Noah understood how passionate he was towards Star Wars, video games, playing various instruments, watching movies, and learning about history. He was known and loved by many and will continue to live on in our hearts.

He is survived by his daughters, Celeste and Rhiannon Hinojosa; his parents, Jason and Jessica Cagle; his siblings, Julius Ray, Tristin Neal, Austin Nathaniel, and Amber Serenity; his grandparents, Jesus and Norma Jean Hinojosa, Terry Cagle, and Alissa Briscoe. He also leaves many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A visitation will be held Thursday, May 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

No One's Ever Really Gone. -Luke Skywalker

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Noah Rhyen Hinojosa.

## LARRY HOLTZ JR.

Larry Herbert Holtz Jr. passed away at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18, 2024, at home surrounded by family. A resident of Ireland, he was 65.



**LARRY HOLTZ JR.**

He was born in Evansville on June 2, 1958; son of Larry Herbert Sr. and Judith (Northerner) Holtz. He married Pamela Sue Logsdon on April 25, 1998, in Jasper.

He was a graduate of Loogootee High School, and then earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nuclear Engineering.

He was a United States Navy Veteran. Larry was a nuclear engineer for the government and a unit operator and operations manager for Duke Energy.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #147 and attended Redemption Christian Church in Jasper.

Larry was an avid Indianapolis Colts, St. Louis Cardinal, and I.U. fan, and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved doing puzzles, taking care of his yard, and spending time with his dogs. He was a third degree black in Tae Kwon Do.

Surviving are his wife, Pam Holtz of Ireland; his father, Larry (Cathy) Holtz Sr. of Bloomington; one step son, Daniel (Sheila) Buechler of Jasper; four grandchildren, Cole, Drew, Kami and Lucas Buechler, and one sister, Lisa Somaro of Franklin.

Preceding him in death is his mother, Judith Northerner and one sister, LaDonna Dixon.

A funeral service for Larry Herbert Holtz Jr. will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 25, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper. Rev. Darrell Land will officiate. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military gravesite rites.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m.

until the 2 p.m. service time at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dubois County Humane Society.

Online condolences may be made to [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

## JAMES LAKE

James Richard Lake passed away Saturday, May 18, 2024, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 74.



**JAMES LAKE**

He was born October 22, 1949, in Portsmouth, Ohio; son of Thomas F. and Betty (Howel) Lake.

James graduated from high school in Fairbanks, Alaska and was a veteran of the United States Army from 1965 to 1970, serving in Germany and Vietnam.

He later worked in IT at Blue Cross/Blue Shield and MD Anderson in Houston, Texas.

His pastimes included participating in VFW pool tournaments, reading books, being outdoors, and enjoying the company of his feline friends.

Surviving are his mother and step-father, Betty (George) Lake-Foster; children, Tania (James "Bub") Brown and Thomas "Tom" Lake; grandchildren, Zack (Ericka) Brown, Kimi (Chad) Cundiff, Zane Lake, and Remington Lake; great-grandchildren, Adilynn, Izacc, and Gabriel Brown, and Greyson and Miles Cundiff; two brothers, Michael (Julie) Lake and Jeffrey (Cheryl) Lake; and nieces and nephews, Heather (Rob) Witt, Josh Lake, Haley (Bauer) Hall, and Colton Lake.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas F. Lake.

## INA GRABER

Ina Mae Graber passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loving family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 81.



**INA GRABER**

She was born November 18, 1942, in Daviess County; daughter of David and Alta (Stoll) Graber.

Ina was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Montgomery, Indiana. She was a co-owner and operator of Tri-Star Glove Factory for 41 and a half years.

Ina was preceded in death by her parents, David and Alta Graber; her brother Bill Graber; and her great nephew, Brandon Wagler.

Family left to cherish her memory are her siblings, Vernon (Rose) Graber, Dorothy (Louis) Stoll, Ernest (Marilyn) Graber, Elmer Lee (Ruth) Graber, Melvin (Viola) Graber, and Shirley Graber; her sister-in-law, Betty Graber, 19 nieces and nephews, 59 great-nieces and nephews, and 22 great-great nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday May 23, at 10 a.m. at First Mennonite Church with Brandon Stoll, Alvin Knepp, and Chris Raber to officiate the services. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday May 22 from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. and then Thursday May 23, from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 10 a.m. at First Mennonite Church.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Arrangements provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral home in Montgomery, Indiana.

# SHOALS

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Shoals with any ADA compliant needs, such as accessible sidewalks throughout the town. Albright offered to be the ADA Compliance Officer if someone from the council would make a motion. Council Member Crews made the motion and the vote passed.

Michelle Carrico, with SIDC, provided a final invoice on the wastewater project, dated from the end of March for \$1,080. Council Member Albright asked Carrico if that is the town's last draw. Carrico said she believes there is a \$154,000 balance. Albright asked if the cost of the Shaffer pump could come from the funds. Carrico replied the pump is \$62,555 but those funds have not yet been approved for that purpose. The town has paid \$2,080 toward the pump and Albright said the company wants the remaining balance. Carrico said again that the money is not allocated and the SRF is currently reviewing the request.

Amber Hoffman, from the Beautification Board, requested funds for summer flowers and fall flowers along with any equipment or materials that would go along with the flower projects. Hoffman explained their general fund balance is currently \$3,000 and she would like to use it for these costs. The council approved. Hoffman also informed the council that the Beautification Board has met with the design committee of the Historic Shoals River District and will have more meetings with them to discuss how the two can collaborate on future projects going forward.

Next on the agenda was Council Member Abel to discuss cemetery refunds. Abel, however, was not present for the meeting. The council discussed if Melissa Pierce had a deed or the price that was paid for the gravesites in question. Clerk-Treasurer Franklin informed the council that a deed could not be found. Franklin also informed

the council that all avenues had been researched and no purchase could be found either. Attorney Lett advised the council that until a deed or proof of purchase could be obtained, they should table approving a refund. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jessica Hodges advised the council that the family stated they do not have a deed or proof of purchase either. The council tabled the issue.

Council Member Albright discussed the Shoals Historic River District. He said there is currently no funding for the district and although he is not requesting funding, he would like a motion to be made to set up an account for them for donations or other funding. He spoke to the state board of accounts, and they said this could be done. The council approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Franklin requested the council approve a transfer of \$487.60 to correct an invoice for a dumpster for the 232 Main Street project that was paid out of the wrong account. The council approved. The council also approved transfers requests from the fire capital outlay fund for the fire department.

The council approved an additional appropriation of \$25,000 from the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds to be used for property clean-ups.

Clerk-Treasurer Franklin said the Shoals Ballpark Board has requested approval for reimbursement for new refrigerator as the one they have stopped working prior to opening day. The board made an emergency purchase and would like reimbursement from the town. The council approved.

Attorney Lett discussed the alley closure requested by Lisa Taylor at the last meeting. The closure on Linton Street was tabled last month so neighboring property owners could be contacted. Lett said they received notification from the property owner affected and they are in agreement.

The council then approved closing the alley.

Brain and Bret Eckert thanked the council for all they had done for their brother, former Town Marshal Todd Eckert, who recently passed away. They requested the council allow them to purchase Todd's police vehicle. Council Member Albright said the town has not addressed this issue and asked Attorney Lett what the proper procedure would be. Attorney Lett said the council can make the service vehicle surplus equipment however they will have to put it out for bid if they want to dispose of it. He said the town is not allowed to do private sales. Council Member Crew told the Eckert's that all the police markings on the vehicle would have to be removed and Attorney Lett agreed saying this would have to be done before the vehicle is sold.

He said it cannot in any way appear to be used as a law enforcement vehicle. Council Member Albright thanked the Eckert's for coming to the council and asked the clerk-treasurer to reach out to Bret Eckert when the request for bids is publicized.

Attorney Lett advised the council to include on record the 232 Main Street Building (Nu-Tap) and that the steering committee is working on possible resolutions for the damage to the building. Council Member Albright added that there are a lot of processes and evaluations to take into consideration. He said the town had good intentions when the project started, and it was almost nearing completion. Attorney Lett said there is a lot of information that needs to be obtained before the steering committee can make any recommendation to the council.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

## MONDAY, MAY 13

8:33 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling west. All on duty officers were advised.

10:46 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible domestic dispute southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. No one was transported.

2:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

2:16 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Advised IN-DOT.

3:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded. No one was transported.

8:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

8:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Paoli. Martin County Medic 1 responded.

10:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

## TUESDAY, MAY 14

2:40 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft north of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

8:53 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

9:43 a.m. - Deputy Branham transported two inmates to court.

11:03 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

12:06 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and Deputy Branham responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

12:34 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on an ATV, east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:21 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person west of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check south of

Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:06 p.m. - Received a report of water covering the roadway on State Road 450. Contacted the state highway department.

8:16 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. Major Reed, Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:36 p.m. - Received a report of water on State Road 450. Contacted the state highway department.

10:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down in Dubois County. Contacted Dubois County with information.

10:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting the same tree east of Shoals.

10:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

12:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a motorcycle accident northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Indian Creek Fire Department and Major Reed responded. No one was transported.

12:53 a.m. - Received a report of a truck doing burn outs in Shoals. Major Reed responded.

3:53 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Major Reed and Big John's responded.

5:59 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the motorcycle in a ditch at the Lawrence County Line. Advised owner is getting it today.

11:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a courtesy ride to New York.

3:59 p.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard north of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on a boat southeast of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Loogootee. Deputy Shields and Deputy Baumgart responded.

9:22 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious male east of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

## THURSDAY, MAY 16

4:54 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:47 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

8:24 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of a dog found in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long was advised.

7:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received a call requesting an

officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

## FRIDAY, MAY 17

2:03 a.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrols in Crane Village. Deputy Erwin responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting an intoxicated driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart and Daviess County Central Dispatch responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a 911 requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Chief Hunt, Assistant Chief Long, Martin County Medic 1, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call in Loogootee that was nothing but static. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded.

12:59 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Transferred call to Dubois County Dispatch.

1:11 p.m. - Received a call in regard to speaking with Sheriff Greene about a message. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:34 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting they do not need assistance in Crane Village accidental smoke alarm. Advised all Martin County Units.

5:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance from a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart, and Deputy Shields responded.

6:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting of high-water north of Shoals. Indiana Department of Transportation, Deputy Baumgart, Deputy Shields, and Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

9:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

2:14 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Loogootee. INDOT responded.

4:47 a.m. - Received a call reporting an abandoned vehicle south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Big Johns Towing responded.

5:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree across the roadway north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin, and INDOT responded.

5:24 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin and INDOT responded.

8:29 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard east of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

9:06 a.m. - Received a call reporting debris across the roadway south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Chief Thomas advised.

10:24 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a 911 requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:02 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls

reporting an accident west of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Deputy Baumgart, Master Trooper Lents, Martin County Civil Defense, Shoals Fire Department, and Big Johns Towing responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

12:54 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

1:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting reckless driving east of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

2:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting a burn south of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:37 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Master Trooper Lents, Haysville Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, Martin County Civil Defense, Daviess-Martin REMC, Frontier Communications, and Big Johns Towing responded. Medic 1 did not transport.

3:36 p.m. - Received a call reporting an aggressive driver in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received multiple calls reporting a stranded motorist east of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported 1 patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance from Loogootee Utilities. Loogootee City Utilities responded.

7:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Shields advised.

8:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious vehicles north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

8:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting a medical issue north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 3 responded.

9:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting an aggressive driver in Loogootee. Deputy Shields and ISP Jasper Post were advised.

9:59 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Shoals. Advised Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby.

10:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol south of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

11:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Shields responded.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

3:21 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:42 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check south of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling south. Advised Dubois County.

5:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious activity in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard west of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded. INDOT contacted.

7:16 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane Village. Major Reed responded.



# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

### May 10

Andrew P. Benton, convicted of domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 437 days suspended and credit for 55 actual days previously served plus 55 Class A credit days. Defendant received 437 days of probation.

Henry Garza, convicted of resisting law enforcement, 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.

### May 13

William J. Nugent, convicted of causing serious bodily injury when operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance in blood, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 457 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 27 actual days previously served plus 9 Class B credit days. Defendant shall serve the remaining days of 638 at the Indiana Department of Corrections. Defendant shall serve those days on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Electronically Monitored Program, which includes 96 hours of community service, as long as defendant remains eligible.

Jose Acosta Manueles, convicted of knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 0 days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### May 9

Dustin M. Holt, burglary, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; theft, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### May 10

Andrew P. Benton, domestic battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed.

Henry Garza, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### May 11

William J. Nugent, operating a vehicle with suspended registration, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### May 13

Jessica A. Gregory, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### May 14

Jerry L. Allen, Jr., child molesting, a Level 4 Felony, dismissed; sexual battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Kenneth Lee Leatherman, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

### May 8

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Tina Nolley, civil collection.

### May 9

Gregory D. Bengé and Patricia L. Bengé vs. Christopher David Goller, civil plenary.

### May 10

Capital One vs. Benjamin Hill, civil collection.

### May 14

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Alex Blanton, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### May 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Christopher Bearden in the amount of \$9,842.18.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff DNF Associates, LLC and against the defendant Tammy Clark in the amount of \$1,254.04.

### May 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Barbara Moffatt in the amount of \$11,759.37.

### May 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff American Express National Bank and against the defendant Eric Thomas in the amount of \$6,723.54.

Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, possession of methamphetamine between 5-10 grams, theft, and obstruction of justice. He is being held at \$45,000 10% bond.

6:00 p.m. - James Walissa, 45, of Shoals, turned himself in on a Spencer County warrant. Deputy Baumgart had local charges added for possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

6:31 p.m. - Ian Cosby, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with intimidation, driving while suspended prior, resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, and neglect of a dependent. He is being held without bond.

# Loogootee Police Department log

## MONDAY, MAY 13

9:59 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Main Street.

11:40 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on JFK Avenue.

12:10 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Clark Street.

12:45 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Washington Street.

12:53 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call at the IGA.

7:17 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call at Dairy Master.

8:10 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Southwest Second Street.

11:30 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at McDonald's.

## TUESDAY, MAY 14

8:55 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at McDonald's.

1:17 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

4:30 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the Eldorado Motel.

5:12 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call near Marathon.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

5:53 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Mt. Calvary Road.

10:03 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at Marathon.

2:35 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Legion Avenue.

2:39 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Walker Street.

## THURSDAY, MAY 16

8:25 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Washington Street.

10:42 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at the Little Scholars Preschool.

## FRIDAY, MAY 17

6:46 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

11:33 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

11:57 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at Los Bravos.

1:34 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Mulberry Street.

8:16 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on US Highway 231.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

No calls to report.

## SUNDAY, MAY 19

10:56 a.m. - Officer Stivers responded to a call at the laundromat.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Rick Alan Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jenna L. Gibson**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

**Walton W. Hembree and Kayla D. Hembree**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Evan Stoll and Sara Stoll**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.84 acres.

**Bradley J. Sims**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Zachary L. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Martin County, Indiana.

**Barbara Sue Buskirk and Frank E. Garbett**, of Monroe County, Indiana to **Jason Warren**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.74 acre, more or less.

**Leslie E Wildman**, of Martin County, Indiana and **Jody A. Wildman**, of Grayson County, Kentucky to Jack Smith Wildman, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 82 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the southeast quarter of

Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 6 acres, more or less. Part of the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

**Rick A. Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Natalie B. Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The southeast fractional quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 170 acres, more or less, except a section containing 1.75 acres, more or less. Tract II: The northeast quarter of fractional Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 77.77 acres, more or less, except a section containing 42.259 acres, more or less. Tract III: The southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract IV: A right of way in Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.45 acre, more or less. Tract V: The northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract VI: A part of the southeast quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1.75 acres, more or less. Tract VII: A part of the northeast quarter and a part of the south half of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 42.259 acres, more or less.

# ARRESTS

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

12:12 p.m. - Luke Bentley, 47, of Marion, New York, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with misuse of 911, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$20,000 10% bond.

## THURSDAY, MAY 16

12:41 a.m. - Ephrum Hovis, 40, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He was held on \$10,000 10% bond.

## FRIDAY, MAY 17

10:23 a.m. - Jerry Allen, Jr., 59, of Loogootee, was on station to turn himself in on a Martin County warrant. He is being held at \$100,000 bond.

## SATURDAY, MAY 18

12:56 a.m. - Franklin Banks, 54, of



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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### FIVE TIPS FOR A WOMAN:

1. It is important that a man helps you around the house and has a job.
2. It is important that a man makes you laugh.
3. It is important to find a man you can count on and doesn't lie to you.
4. It is important that a man loves you and spoils you.
5. It is important that these four men don't know each other.

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### RIDDLES

1. Why did the deer go to the dentist?
2. Why did the spider get glasses?
3. Did you hear about the medieval lamp?
4. Where do chefs learn how to make ice cream?
5. What did the Dalmatian say after dinner?
6. Where do elephants store their clothes?
7. What did the lawyer wear to court?
8. Why did the Oreo go to the dentist?

### THOUGHTS

- \*I don't know who needs to hear this, but you're a great gardener. That plant really should have tried harder.
- \*Unless you're music, I don't want to listen to you in the morning.
- \*When I donate my body to science they will be like, "Wow, I do not want this."
- \*Many people think that T-Rex can't

clap because they have short arms, but it's really because they're all dead.

\*Bikini season is just around the corner...unfortunately so is the taco truck.

\*I wish my siblings would stop calling me "spoiled" just because I'm the baby of the family. The fact is my parents kept having children until they found one they liked. It is so not my issue.

\*I laugh super loud bro, idk how you girls be giggling. I'm a whole hyena when I laugh.

\*Please stop parking so close to other cars. This is America. A lot of us are fat.

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### ANSWERS

1. It had buck teeth.
2. It wanted to improve its website.
3. It's a knight light.
4. At sundae school.
5. That hit the spot.
6. In a trunk.
7. A law suit.
8. It lost its fill-in.

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### THIS IS HOW I GREW UP

- \*wooden baseball bats
- \*magnifying glass to burn ants
- \*grocery bags as book covers
- \*steel-wheeled roller skates
- \*banana seat bicycles
- \*29 cent McDonalds burgers
- \*19 cent McDonalds fries
- \*streetlight "get home" signal
- \*Kmart was our mall
- \*Walter Cronkite was our news

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Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### City pool opens

The Loogootee City Pool will open for the season this Saturday, May 25, daily from noon to 6 p.m. Admission cost is \$4.

### Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, June 21 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required, first come first serve.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

### SOAR Tutoring

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!

### LUMC Food Pantry

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park FUN DAY FOR KIDS and Flea Market & Craft Show Saturday, June 8 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Games, music, face painting, and flower planting for kids

Food provided by A Piece of Cake, Big Boys Burgers, and Jug Rox Farm pulled pork sandwiches

VENDORS ARE NEEDED for the Flea Market/Craft Show. Cost is \$10 per table and vendor must provide own table(s), chairs. Application and payment must be received by May 29. Application is on our FB page or by calling Sarah at 812-320-6039.

Please support the Park!

The Park is located on Hwy 450 in Trinity Springs and approximately 17 miles from Bedford.



## Rural conference

-Photo provided

Martin County Alliance Director Jessica Potts, Shoals Town Council President Cary Albright, and Grant Sherfick, owner of H&H Hometown Hardware, attended the Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement Conference on May 14 at the French Licks Springs Resort. All three shared insights on what makes living in a rural community special and the collaboration with Indiana University Hutton Honors students and their work in the Town of Shoals. Many benefits were shared with the experience including community findings, solutions, and grant opportunities. Professor Keith Dayton, with Indiana University, invited the representatives to speak on behalf of Shoals and Martin County. Potts, Albright and Sherfick are shown above with Professor Dayton. Ben Kent was also present but not pictured.

## SPRING CLEAN -UP

Friday, May 24 - 9 am - 4:30 pm &  
Saturday, May 25 - 8 am - noon

at the Loogootee Recycling Center only

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Small truck load (S-10 or Ranger size) of trash \$20. Regular-sized trucks \$30. Trailer \$40. A loaded truck pulling a trailer will incur both fees. Any hazardous waste will be an additional charge, such as TVs, freezers, refrigerators, paint, etc. Loads of construction trash will be weighed and charged \$70 per ton.

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## MARTIN COUNTY Community Foundation Partnership

# Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Director



The scholarships offered by the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) are one of the 5 types of funds we manage: (1) Unrestricted, (2) Designated, (3) Field of Interest, (4) Donor Advised, and (5) Scholarships. The MCCF had the privilege of presenting 23 scholarships to Martin County students who are pursuing higher education.

-- LOOGOOTE SCHOLARSHIPS --

On May 19, MCCF Director Curt Johnson and MCCF Board member Tracy Rayhill, along with family members of Jack Butcher and Wilma Bateman, presented 15 scholarships to the following Loogootee graduating seniors.

-- BRANDON BLEDSOE --

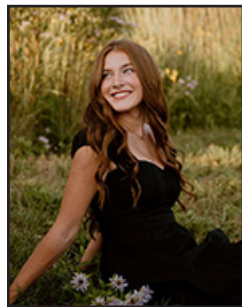
Brandon Bledsoe was awarded one of the two \$500 Robert Scott Waggoner Memorial Scholarships. This scholarship is given to a student who has a good attitude and work ethic, performed well academically, participated in sports and extracurricular activities, and supports others and their school.



**BRANDON  
BLEDSOE**

-- ASHLYN GILBERT --

Ashlyn Gilbert was awarded two scholarships this year. One was the \$2,500 Ben Trout Memorial Scholarship which is given to a student athlete who has performed well in school, shows outstanding mental attitude, and displays extraordinary team spirit and sportsmanship. Ashlyn also received a \$1,000 Ann Jones Burch Tennis Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a student who has participated on the tennis team and has demonstrated good citizenship, is well-rounded and civic minded, and involved in school activities.



**ASHLYN  
GILBERT**

-- EMILY HAWKINS --

Emily Hawkins was awarded the \$2,620 Gerdon Jones Scholarship that focuses on the value of sports in our students' lives. It is presented to a student athlete who displays an extraordinarily positive mental attitude and has shown improved skills through their high school career.



**EMILY  
HAWKINS**

-- ALLIE HENNINGER --

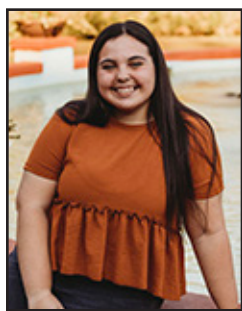
Allie Henninger is a recipient of one of the five \$2,500 George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarships, which is renewable for up to four years for a potential of \$10,000. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two- or four-year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.



**ALLIE  
HENNINGER**

-- CHRISLYNN HOLLAND --

Chrislynn Holland was awarded the \$1,184 Saint Vincent De Paul Scholarship, which is given to a worthy senior

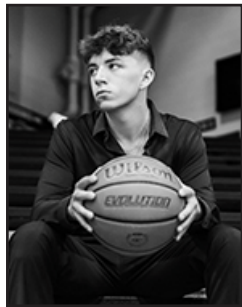


**CHRISLYNN  
HOLLAND**

with a good all-around work ethic, knows the value of hard work, and how commitment and determination can help a person succeed. Chrislynn was also awarded a \$2,500 George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarship, which is renewable for up to four years for a potential of \$10,000. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two- or four-year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- LEIGHTON JEFFERS --

Leighton Jeffers was awarded the \$1,500 Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family Scholarship. It is given to a senior who has participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities, has demonstrated a good attitude and work ethic, and has performed well academically.



**LEIGHTON  
JEFFERS**

-- LUKE LENGACHER --

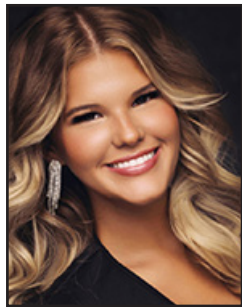
Luke Lengacher was awarded the \$935 Lester Page Scholarship that is reserved for a senior who has been an excellent role model for their peers and embodies the characteristics of good citizenship, gentleness, belief in others, and the strength of self-discovers and individual growth.



**LUKE  
LENGACHER**

-- ABBIGAIL NONTÉ --

Abigail Nonte was awarded one of the two \$500 Robert Scott Waggoner Memorial Scholarships. This scholarship is given to a student who has a good attitude and work ethic, performed well academically, participated in sports and extracurricular activities, and supports others and their school.



**ABBIGAIL  
NONTÉ**

-- MADISON RAMSEY --

Madison Ramsey is a recipient of the \$2,500 George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarship, which is renewable for up to four years for a potential of \$10,000. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two- or four-year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.



**MADISON  
RAMSEY**

-- ANDREW WALKER --

Andrew Walker received a \$1,000 Ann Jones Burch Tennis Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a student who has participated on the tennis team and has demonstrated good citizenship, is well-rounded and civic minded, and involved in school activities. Andrew



**ANDREW  
WALKER**

was also awarded one of the \$2,500 George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarships, which is renewable for up to four years for a potential of \$10,000. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two- or four-year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- REIS WHITNEY --

Reis Whitney was awarded a \$2,500 George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarship, which is renewable for up to four years for a potential of \$10,000. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two- or four-year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.



**REIS WHITNEY**

-- SYDNEE WITTMER --

Sydnee Wittmer received the \$1,135 Wilma L. Bateman Memorial Scholarship. It is for a female senior who has participated in sports for at least 2 years, has performed well academically, has shown leadership skills, and has participated in community activities.



**SYDNEE  
WITTMER**

-- SHOALS SCHOLARSHIPS --

On May 13, the MCCF had the privilege of presenting seven scholarships to Shoals graduating seniors. Presenting for the MCCF were MCCF Scholarships Committee Chairperson Janie Johnson and Board member Megan Hawkins. The scholarships were awarded to the following students.

-- OLIVIA JORDAN --

Olivia Jordan received one of two \$1,000 John Hission Family Scholarships, which is renewable for a second year for a total of \$2,000. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic achievement and good citizenship during their high school careers.



**OLIVIA JORDAN**

-- HUNTER SPURGEON --

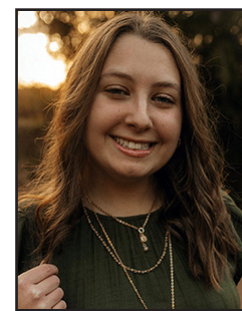
Hunter Spurgeon received the other \$1,000 John Hission Family Scholarship, which is renewable for a second year for a total of \$2,000. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic achievement and good citizenship during their high school careers.



**HUNTER  
SPURGEON**

-- TAYLOR TURPIN --

Taylor Turpin was awarded two scholarships this year. The first is the \$1,219



**TAYLOR TURPIN**

Saint Vincent De Paul Scholarship which is given to a worthy senior with a good all-around work ethic, knows the value of hard work, and how commitment and determination can help a person succeed. Taylor also received a \$2,500 George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarship, which is renewable for up to four years for a potential of \$10,000. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two- or four-year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- CARSON SHAW --

Carson Shaw, son of Benjamin "Chad" and Kellie Shaw, received the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship to an Indiana public or private college or university and provides full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books. It is awarded to a senior exhibiting commitment to the community, dedication to their education and pursuit of excellence in all they do.



**CARSON SHAW**

-- ANNA STOLL --

Anna Stoll was awarded one of the three \$2,500 George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarships, which is renewable for up to four years for a potential of \$10,000. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two- or four-year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.



**ANNA STOLL**

-- LUKE TROUTMAN --

Luke Troutman was awarded one of the \$2,500 George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarships, which is renewable for up to four years for a potential of \$10,000. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two- or four-year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.



**LUKE  
TROUTMAN**

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about MCCF scholarships or other endowments, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cf-partner.org](mailto:mccf@cf-partner.org).

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It is the time of the year when people are planting to beautify properties for the summer. Nothing welcomes visitors more than cheery flowers by the door, whether planted in the ground or in pots. Mixed pots can spruce up porches, pool sides and just about any other place where guests are entertained.

If you have been to the garden centers or greenhouses lately, you may be in sticker shock at the price of bedding flowers. If you need several pots to achieve the look you want, it can get expensive. However, there are some ways to save some money and still have attractive arrangements.

Direct sowing of seeds is a great option for flower beds. Sure, it takes a few weeks for them to reach blooming size, but the price of seeds is a lot lower than the price of bedding plants. You may sow seeds in pots also. I like to use a central plant, but sow seeds of a filler plant to complete the look in a few weeks.

Many of the big retailers discount plants when they look bad. Since most such stores do not have people who really care for the plants, that sometimes does not take long. Those sales may make it possible to fill your containers without much expense. Impatiens, coleus and other popular bedding plants root quickly in water, and cutting back those rangy plants will give you plenty of cuttings to root. It will also rejuvenate the original plant. With some careful pinching, you should be able to get full-looking plants in a few weeks, and flowers until fall frost.

Another source of plants for containers is your perennial beds and those of friends. Many perennials actually benefit from being divided, and those extra plants you get when doing this may be

used to fill your containers. Some hostas may join impatiens in a shade container and day lilies mix well with zinnias and marigolds in sunny locations. In the fall, the perennials may find new homes elsewhere in the garden, or you may leave them in the pots for the winter. Many of these tough perennials will survive the winter and you may just plant around them next year.

Garden cuttings may also fill containers. Many perennials benefit from the "Chelsea Chop" this time of the year, and many of those cuttings will result in new plants if placed in a potting mix. Hardy mums, tall phlox, asters and tall sedums are among the plants that will give you new plants in this manner. This also fulfills a landscaping rule: repetition of plants makes a garden seem more cohesive. Having the same sedum in a container by the front door that is growing in a bed by the fire pit in the back yard shows that the garden has been well-planned.

Finally, your houseplants can become a part of the landscape. You may not have to uproot them. Place several plants with similar water and light needs in a large pot and use Spanish moss to hide the individual pots. The lush growth that summer brings will soon make the arrangement appear as a well-planned container garden. You may also have plants in the house that need some pruning, and starting new plants may give you plenty of material for summer containers.

It does not take breaking the bank to create curb appeal and beautiful containers. Use your imagination and do not be afraid to experiment. You may just find a combination that you will want to use again in the future.

## Free tool share program available for landowners

Landowners looking to control invasive plants on their property can now get access to a free tool share program, provided by the Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Daviess-Martin Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA).

The program includes several hand tools that can be used to control invasive plants, including one Pullerbear weed wrench, two backpack sprayers, four hand loppers, four folding hand saws, and two soil knives. Herbicide is not provided, but an herbicide safety kit with PPE and a spill kit is supplied for those borrowing the backpack sprayers. Handouts are also available in the herbicide safety kit with information on commonly available herbicide products, and basic information on herbicide mixing and application rates for several invasive plant species.

There is no fee to use of any of the

tools, however borrowers are responsible for cleaning and returning the tools on time, and will be charged for damaged or lost tools, up to the replacement cost.

For availability, and to reserve any of the tools, contact Emily Finch at Emily.Finch@in.nacdn.net, or 812-329-0048. Finch is also available to answer questions on invasive plant ID/control, and can conduct free site visits to properties in Daviess, Martin, and Orange counties.

Tools can be borrowed for up to 2 weeks, dependent on availability, and are picked up and dropped off at the Martin SWCD Office, at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. Full tool share guidelines are also available online at [www.daviesscoswcd.com/invasive-species](http://www.daviesscoswcd.com/invasive-species). This program was created with funding in part from the nonprofit State of Indiana Cooperative Invasives Management, and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's Clean Water Indiana program.

## Spring Mill State Park hosts Living History Weekend

Experience the sights and sounds of the Civil War era at Spring Mill State Park's Pioneer Village during its Living History Weekend on May 25 and 26.

On both days you can stop by reenactor encampments, watch as meals are prepared, and learn about camp life. You can also tour the buildings and see spinning, weaving, and leather working, among other activities. Guests can also play pioneer games on the mill lawn and get a picture with Civil War soldier reenactors.

At 2:30 p.m. near the Sycamore Shelter, which is just off the village parking lot, there will be a Civil War skirmish reenactment where you can watch cannons being fired. The village will be open until 5 p.m. but you can visit reenactors in their encampments all day.

Danny Russel will perform the program "Abraham Lincoln, a Hoosier Hero," at 12:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The one-man show focuses on the 14 years Lincoln spent in Indiana when he lost his mother and sister, taught himself to read, and learned the value of hard work.

The artillery used in the Civil War skirmish and the Lincoln performance are provided thanks to grants from the Lawrence County Tourism Commission.

Park admission during the event is \$7 per vehicle for in-state residents and \$9 per vehicle for out-of-state residents. Annual entrance passes are also available for purchase.

Spring Mill State Park ([on.IN.gov/springmill](http://on.IN.gov/springmill)) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

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Growing up in Loogootee my nutritional needs were pretty simple; meatloaf during the week, salmon patties, cold egg sandwiches or grilled cheese on Friday (1) and fried chicken on Sunday. The side dishes were mostly mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, beans of one sort or another or corn. A special but rare treat was chicken and dumplings. My mom’s meatloaf served with baked beans and a big helping of Kraft’s Macaroni and Cheese dinner was my favorite meal. (2) When I got my paper route and had a little money in my pocket, burgers and French fries were added to the meal rotation.

That was always enough for me. So, it was only normal after I had moved to Indianapolis to marry Susie that I experienced some doubts. Even on the eve of our wedding, I wasn’t sure that I wanted to give up Loogootee and spend the rest of my life in the big city. But then at our wedding reception I discovered something that cemented my decision to stay in the city. My new mother-in-law, with the help of Susie’s sisters, had prepared all the food for the celebration. Amongst the sandwiches, Cole slaw and potato salad, she had also prepared little appetizers that she explained to me were ‘hors d’oeuvres. Among these, she had fixed something she called, ‘pigs in a blanket’, a little hot dog wrapped in a biscuit. After eating a plate full of those babies, I could just feel the sophistication flowing into my bloodstream. Any thoughts of going back to Southern Indiana disappeared; I couldn’t wait to see what sorts of culinary adventures lay ahead in my life.

It didn’t take long to find out. A few months after we were married, we were at a euchre party with the neighbors and they served another of those hors d’oeuvres, an appetizer that was new to me; a baked hot dog sliced longways, stuffed with Velveeta cheese, and wrapped in bacon. For some years after being introduced to these, I considered this dish to be the epitome of haute cuisine and served it to our dinner guests on numerous occasions. I may have still been that young and naïve goober, but I was taking those first steps towards being the suave and debonair person you know today.

As we settled into married life, for the next 35 or so years, Susie did ninety-nine percent of the cooking in our family. That changed when we became empty nesters and had put behind us those years of forcing our kids to eat stuff they didn’t like. We gradually began to share the cooking duties, taking on culinary adventures I had envisioned years before. Preparing our meals became enjoyable as well as a much more casual and leisurely activity. Then when we retired, we were in warm weather most of the year, so most of our meals were prepared and eaten outside.

But over the past few years, as dementia continues to slowly steal Susie away from us, the cooking duties have all fallen to me. I get some help from our kids, but I can’t expect them to do something every day, so I find myself having to prepare something a good part of the time. It has taken a while but with internet recipes (3), a lot of practice, a mountain of under or over cooked ingredients and the help of George Foreman, I have become a decent cook. I will, even on occasion, get to feeling my oats and take on recipes for things like shrimp carbonara or mushroom risotto all the while whistling “Anything you can do, I can do better”. But with any meal I prepare, our kitchen ends up in a God-awful mess so more often than not, I will order carry-out, go get it and bring it home to eat.

I do not use the food delivery services; my Catholic upbringing keeps whispering in my ear that there’s a sin in there somewhere; I expect it’s probably laziness unless that’s no longer on the list.

To sum it up, I have become comfortable in providing a meal in one way or another but in the past few months a new wrinkle has been added to our routine. Susie is having difficulty chewing her food and on top of that, is holding it in her mouth until I remind her to swallow it. She is not alone in this, it affects a substantial portion of folks afflicted with dementia and it can be very serious, leading to aspiration, pneumonia and beyond. The best solution appears to be a softer, moist diet. With the help of her dietician, I’m working on that menu now. I’ll keep you posted and, in the meantime, wish me luck.

- G2 notes:
- 1: Fridays were meatless days for Roman Catholics. Looking back now, I believe the salmon patties were more likely made from mackerel.
  - 2: As I was writing this, I wondered if that was really Kraft Macaroni and Cheese or was it something that my mother made from scratch. I wasn’t sure Kraft dinner even existed in the 1950s. As is my habit I went to the Wikipedia website and found that Kraft Macaroni and Cheese did indeed exist in the nineteen fifties. As a matter of fact, it was first developed in 1937 during the great depression. In that year, according to Wikipedia, “For \$0.19 a family of four could enjoy a creamy, comforting dish of cheesy noodles.”
  - 3: If you get any recipes from the internet, you know there are untold thousands of recipe websites, almost all of which you have to read the life story of the recipe writer before actually getting to the recipe, I like Paula Deen and The Allrecipes websites. They get right down to business.



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I made two trips into the northwest corner of Dubois County last week. My daughter, Kristi, and I serve on the Board of Directors for the old Lemmon Church and Cemetery just west of Portersville near where the White River dissects Daviess and Dubois County, and it was time for our annual board meeting. I was alone the second time and on a mission that probably seemed a little unnecessary to some but meant the world to me.

My mission was to replace the American flag on my parents’ tombstone. On our first visit I noticed it had deteriorated badly this past winter and was needing a fresh display of red, white, and blue. I take the responsibility of keeping the flag looking presentable more all the time.

A few years back Don Lents (now deceased) had visited our home and asked if we would like to buy some flag holders to be placed on our veterans’ tombstones. It was such a simple yet great idea and, in a few weeks, we will see millions of fresh flags mounted on tombstones around the country as well as little country cemeteries surrounded by cornfields like the Lemmon Cemetery. It is the veterans that are serving or walking amongst us as well as those who have passed that give people the right to say things, both positive and negative, about the issues of the day.

Last night my little granddaughter, Sophia played in her first Little League game at the Loogootee baseball complex. She galloped around the field with expressions of pure joy. In one photo my daughter caught Old Glory waving in the background as Sophia rounded the bases and I made a connection between Sophia and America that may have captured something that we need to think about. You see Sophia came to us through an adoption from Ukraine. She is a little girl with Down Syndrome. In Ukraine that is considered a curse and comes with what is close to a death penalty. Her parents were advised not to carry her to birth but

to abort her. I know, that hurts to hear. But her birth parents didn’t take that advice. Instead, they let Sophia be born, with the hope that some Americans would adopt her, and save her life. One other thing that I noticed on her black and gold uniform was her team “The Pirates” is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. That’s a lot of symbolism for a little girl to express. And think about what that says about our country.

I wasn’t able to attend the Little League game because I was at the Methodist Church listening to the debate about building a new Loogootee Public Library. The discussion was lively and good points were made, both pro and con. Regardless of what opinion you may have about the library, I was more impressed with how well our system of government was working. Anyone who wanted to speak did so. The crowd respected the various speakers, and I didn’t notice any animosity towards those expressing opinions or asking questions. This is democracy at work, and we probably take it for granted. How many people around the world would love to have that opportunity?

I felt good today knowing a fresh flag is waving in the clear blue sky above an American veterans’ tombstone in the middle of our country. The trip was worth it and then some.

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# Updates on the repairs to Waggoner's Chapel in Lost River

The following is an update of the progress being made on the church at Waggoner's Chapel in Lost River Township in southern Martin County. The church was in danger of being demolished until a group of interested people took an interest in its renovation. Since the ownership of the building had been in question, it took monumental efforts to establish who was responsible for the maintenance of the structure.

Finally, in January 2023, an organizational meeting was held, and a board of trustees was elected. By-laws were written and plans were made to inspect the church to determine a course of action. Priorities for improvement of the structure were sketched out and work began on fundraising as nothing could be done without the financial help of family and community members. The response was amazing.

Time had taken its toll on almost all parts of the church but the most critical was the foundation. The building had shifted on the large original foundation stones and there was concern about the safety of the building's use. The problem was rectified on July 31, 2023.

The next problem to be addressed was the leaking roof. Obviously, this situation had caused damage to the interior of the church and would have to be addressed at a later date. Estimates for the roof repair were over \$25,000 but through the generosity of Chan Cornett, of Cornett Roofing, a matching grant from the Martin County Community Foundation, and various fundraising efforts, the top-of-the-line project was completed within the budget. Guttering and downspouts were added at an additional cost.

The windows and doors on the old structure were no longer serviceable and



replacement was necessary. This was done and varmint of various varieties could no longer take residence in the interior of the church. Fundraising projects and donations from family and friends also helped and by January 3, 2024, windows stopped the leaking, and the wind no longer blew the doors open.

By the Spring of 2024, a look back showed tremendous progress that was only made possible by the interest and support of community, family, and friends. The future looks bright for this church which was founded in 1862.

It is certain that the pioneer settlers and builders of Waggoner's Chapel and Cemetery would be proud of the work and interest being taken in preserving the historical nature of the chapel and the final resting place for family, friends, veterans, and community members.

The next goal is to provide a restroom facility so that funerals, small weddings, socials, and community gatherings will be made more comfortable. Fundraising and membership drives will continue, and hard work will be done to complete the long-range goals of restoration.

Visit the Friends of Waggoner's Chapel for cake and ice cream at the Gospel Sing at the Catfish Festival on July 7, and the refreshments at the booth at Hindostan Days on September 28.





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# Scholarships awarded to local seniors



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The Loogootee Knights of Columbus Council 732 presented scholarships to LHS Seniors. Shown above are Grand Knight Tim Bradley, LHS Senior Reis Whitney, LHS Senior Chrislynn Holland, and Scholarship Coordinator Kenny Greenwell.



-Photo by Brandi Hennette

Bruce Hawkins, of Loogootee Knights of Columbus Council 732, presented a scholarships to Shoals High School Senior Hailey Hennette.



-Photo by Tim Bradley

Crane Credit Union presented a Scholarship to Barr-Reeve Senior Kennedy Sinnott. Shown in the photo on the left are Loogootee Branch Manager Sherry Wade, Senior Kennedy Sinnott, and Board Member Kenny Greenwell.



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The Loogootee Knights of Columbus Council 732 presented a scholarship to Barr-Reeve Senior Alex Guinn. Shown above are Grand Knight Tim Bradley, Senior Alex Guinn, and Scholarship Coordinator Kenny Greenwell.



-Photo by Tim Bradley

Crane Credit Union presented a scholarship to LHS Senior Brandon Bledsoe. Shown above are Loogootee Branch Manager Sherry Wade, Senior Brandon Bledsoe, and Board Member Kenny Greenwell.

# LHS Tennis fall to BR in Sectional

The Loogootee Girls Tennis Team (13-7) lost a hard-fought match to the Barr-Reeve Vikings last Friday, 3-2, in the Sectional final. The match came down to a third set in a #2 doubles match that was back and forth all night. Charlotte Truchon-Bartès advanced in the singles tournament by being unbeaten in the team sectional.

## Singles

1. Charlotte Truchon-Bartès (L) d. Lanie Graber 6-1, 6-4
  2. Brylee Fuhmam (BR) d. Addy Lengacher 6-1, 6-2
  3. Macy Knepp (L) d. Brynlee Rollins 7-6(0), 6-0
- ## Doubles
1. Alli Robinson/Claire Harrison (BR)

- d. Cora Consley/Marley McAtee 6-1, 6-1
  2. Anniston Kelso/Mariah Brunson (BR) d. Ashlynn Gilbert/Kamila Wilson 6-1, 5-7, 6-4
- In round one, last Thursday, Loogootee defeated Paoli, 3-2.

## Singles

1. Charlotte Truchon-Bartès (L) d. Maddi Warren 6-2, 6-3
  2. Gracie Brown (P) d. Addy Lengacher 6-1, 6-4
  3. Macy Knepp (L) d. Micaela MacDonald 6-1, 6-3
- ## Doubles
1. Lina Zhang/Morgan Flannery (P) d. Cora Consley/Marley McAtee 6-4, 6-3
  2. Ashlynn Gilbert/Kamila Wilson (L) d. Ava Hall/Audrey Hall 6-1, 6-2

# Attorney General Todd Rokita reports products recalled in April

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in April. The office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchase recalled items that could be harmful to their families.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in April:

Thule Recalls RideAlong Rear-Mounted Child Bike Seats Due to Chemical Ingestion Hazard

Lovey & Grink Recalls Children's Pajamas Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations for Children's Sleepwear

Walmart Recalls Mainstays Electric Mini Choppers Due to Laceration Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Walmart

Essential Medical Supply Reannounces Recall of Adult Portable Bed Rails Due to Entrapment and Asphyxia Hazards; Two Additional Deaths Reported After 2021 Recall

C2 Crank Cocking Aids for Excalibur Crossbows Recalled Due to Impact Injury and Laceration Hazards; Manufactured by Excalibur Crossbow

Two Million Black+Decker® Garment Steamers Recalled by Empower Brands in Major Recall Expansion Due to Burn Hazard; Refund Now Offered

Zazaba International Recalls Grão de Gente Crib Bumpers Due to Suffocation Hazard; Violation of Federal Crib Bumper Ban; Sold Exclusively on Zazaba.com

Zazaba International Recalls Grão de Gente Baby Nests Due to Suffocation Risk and Fall and Entrapment Hazards; Violation of the Federal Safety Regulations; Sold Exclusively on Zazaba.com

Procter & Gamble Recalls 8.2 Million Defective Bags of Tide, Gain, Ace and Ariel Laundry Detergent Packets Distributed in US Due to Risk of Serious Injury

Yoto Recalls Yoto Mini Speakers for Children Due to Burn and Fire Hazards

Fischer Sports Recalls Junior Ski Boots Due to Fall Hazard

BRS Liquid Fuel Bottles Recalled Due to Risk of Poisoning and Burn Hazard; Violation of the Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Huenco

Touchat Area Rugs Recalled Due to Fire Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Touchat

Red Land Cotton Recalls Quilts and Shams

Due to Laceration Hazard

Delta Cycle Recalls Bicycle Stem Raisers Due to Fall Hazard

Intimidator Recalls Intimidator and Mahindra Utility Vehicles (UTVs) Due to Crash Hazard

Innovative Bedding Solutions and SBL Recall GhostBed Natural Mattresses Due to Fire Hazard; Violation of Federal Mattress Flammability Regulation

Zipline Kits Recalled Due to Fall Hazard; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Jugader

Johnson Health Tech North America Expands Recall of Matrix T1 and T3 Commercial Treadmills Due to Fire Hazard (Recall Alert)

Gasaciods Children's Helmets Recalled Due to Risk of Head Injury; Violation of Federal Safety Regulation for Bicycle Helmets; Imported by Fengwang Sports; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com

Randder Liquid Fuel Bottles Recalled Due to Risk of Burn and Poisoning; Violation of the Children's Gasoline Burn Prevention Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Render Store

Full Speed Ahead Recalls Gossamer Pro AGX+ Cranksets Sold on Bicycles Due to Fall and Injury Hazards

Sant and Abel Recalls Children's Pajamas Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Children's Sleepwear

3M Recalls Peltor X4 Series Earmuffs Due to Risk of Overexposure to Loud Noise and Sound

Oregon Tool Recalls Log Splitters and Cylinder Kits Due to Injury Hazards

Crate & Barrel Recalls Hampshire Cribs Due to Fall Hazard

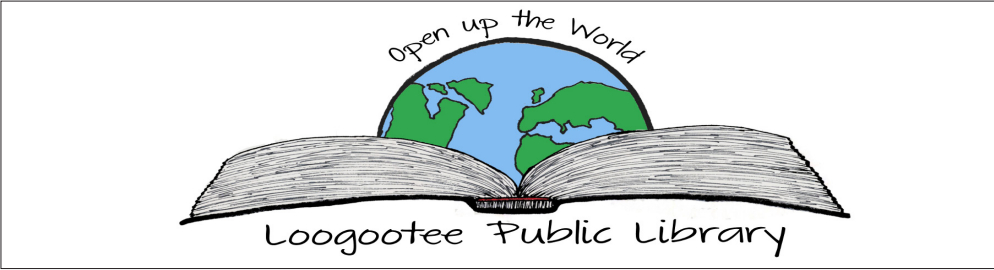
JAKKS Pacific Recalls Children's Mario Kart Ride-On Racer Car Toys Due to Crash Hazard

Multi-Purpose Kids' Bike Helmets Recalled Due to Risk of Head Injury; Violation of Federal Safety Regulation for Bicycle Helmets; Sold Exclusively on Temu.com; Imported by Chau River Sports Outdoors

Crosman Recalls Icon Air Rifles Due to Injury Hazard

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to April visit [www.epsc.gov/Recalls](http://www.epsc.gov/Recalls).



**BY DARLA WAGLER**  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Please let us know in advance if you cannot attend a program that you have registered for because it affects many decisions when putting together a program. There were 77 registered for the "In the Shadow of the Big Red Eye" program about chasing Bigfoot so Alyssa changed the location to St. John's Center. She took two huge speakers and a microphone and set it up for the large crowd. She set up 90 chairs in case a few extras showed up that had not registered, trying to accommodate everyone. Imagine her surprise when only 38 showed up. People that is a lot of work to put on a program for free for this community. Please be considerate when you register for programs and if something comes up and you can't make it call and let us know. If we keep having this many no-shows, we will go to a monetary deposit to hold your spot.

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mer Reading Program 2024 registration has begun and is open to all ages. Stop by and sign-up today. There are fun programs, activities, crafts, and of course reading plus wonderful prizes to win.

## New Books:

Mystery: "The Madness of Crowds" Louise Penny, "Think Twice" by Harlan Coben, and "Death behind Every Door" by Heather Graham.

Fiction: "You like It Darker" by Stephen King and "Mind Games" by Nora Roberts.

Inspiration Fiction: "With Each Tomorrow" by Tracie Peterson.

Nonfiction: "The End of Everything" by Victor Davis Hanson.

DVDs: "Flynn".

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, 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](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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