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Library asks city council for \$150,000 for new building

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee Public Library asked the Loogootee City Council at their meeting Monday night, August 12 for a donation of \$150,000 to go toward the new library.

Susan Harrowood, library board member, said she believes the library's request falls under the scope of what EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds are used for. She said they believe this fits EDIT's requirements due to having services for workforce development, including a workforce development office. She said the library is also an amenity people look for when relocating to a community. The city currently has \$348,000 in the EDIT fund and according to Mayor Noel Harty, it replenishes at around \$80,000 a year. Mayor Harty noted that some of the EDIT money is encumbered for repayment of the pool renovations at \$30,000 a year and they

also need potential matching money for the Community Crossings grant. He noted that even if they are denied a grant, they will need to move forward with stormwater drainage repairs, which may require a bond payment. This would also eat up EDIT funds.

Brian Ader, from the audience, said the library said they would not take taxpayer money for the library and that using EDIT money is taking taxpayer money.

Darla Wagler, library director, and Ader debated about the benefits to the library versus using more taxpayer money.

The library is funded through property taxes.

Harrowood said they don't expect the city to give the library \$150,000 all at once. She said the city could give portions of it over a period of five years.

Council Member Collin Padgett suggested starting at \$10,000 to \$15,000 over a five-year period.

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Trail project will need easements from Loogootee property owners

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Greg Jones, with SIDC, and Megan Jones, Loogootee resident, talked to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, August 13 about a planned trail project connecting Loogootee to Daviess County.

Greg Jones explained that through the state's Next Level Trails Program, they are doing rounds of grant funding specifically for trail projects. The next cycle for applications is due in November and has \$25 million available. SIDC will be applying for \$5 million which comes with a 20 percent match, or \$1.2 million. Greg said they are not expecting the commissioners to commit any funding at this time, he and Megan are just making government bodies aware of what is being planned.

The trail would be 16.5 miles and stretch from Eastside Park in Washington through Montgomery and Cannelburg and go past Loogootee Schools and down Park Street by the city pool and the new library. Commissioner Dan

Gregory said that \$6.2 million would not be enough to do a project this long and Greg Jones replied that they would have to do it in phases. The first phase would stretch from Loogootee to Montgomery. He said the trail will be eight feet wide, which is the minimum width allowed, and made of crushed stone. They have gotten estimates as high as \$800,000 per mile. The trail would be for non-motorized traffic only – walkers, runners and bikers. They estimate the first phase to be done in a two-year time period.

The problem, said Greg Jones, is getting easement permission from landowners. He said they have no intention of asserting imminent domain, each property owner would have to grant access. He expects this to be the trail's biggest hurdle to overcome.

As far as the matching funds needed, Jones said they can use in-kind donations such as the highway department donating equipment and labor. He said Daviess County has already decided to go this route and 15 miles of the 16.5-mile trail would be in Daviess County.

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Jug Rox start school year with increased enrollment, new ideas

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, August 8.

Intern Erin Cage, who is working on her principal's license, reported they have had an increase in the high school enrollment. Other administrators are coming to Shoals to find out what Shoals is doing to bring people into the school. Shoals graduated 50 seniors and only received 36 incoming freshmen, however, with all of the new students, they are now exceeding the enrollment number they were at in May.

The Open House, in the gym, was full of students and families and quite

a few visited in the classrooms with the teachers. Teachers are prepared and have worked hard for this year, many trying new tools, such as PBL, which is Project Based Learning, and offering more classes. This year they have introduced a new system, Skyward. This has been a big shift for all. Everyone has been patient and handled the transition very well. They are working as a team to help wherever needed. Staff Member Cameron Sanders has had a great two days with APEX credit recovery students. Kevin Holt, the new art teacher,

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Shoals School, COSMOS receive \$590,576 ROI grant

Ready Schools aims to align school districts with the education and workforce needs of employers and industry in the Indiana Uplands

Regional Opportunity Initiatives, Inc. is pleased to announce that a collaborative of three school districts – Mitchell Community Schools, Orleans Community Schools, and Shoals Community Schools – has been awarded a Ready Schools Implementation Grant totaling \$590,576.

The Collaboration of Shoals, Mitchell, & Orleans Schools (known locally as COSMOS), represents three rural school districts in three separate Indiana Uplands counties that are working together to create new learning and career exploration opportunities for students that would not be possible for each district to support individually.

"Innovation and collaboration are

part of the DNA of Shoals, Mitchell, and Orleans schools," said ROI President and CEO Tina Peterson. "Not only are they working alongside and across districts in a unique way, they were also early adopters of the Ready Schools concept. They came together quickly and reached out to ROI immediately. We are inspired by their commitment to pursuing opportunities for students in every imaginable way."

"We are extremely excited about this unique opportunity to bring three different school systems together," said Dr. Candace Roush, superintendent Shoals Community School Corporation.

"Staff from all three schools have worked so well together over the past year coming up with a great plan for pooling our resources and our course

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Shoals Town Council discusses state audit, grants, beautification

The Shoals Town Council met Wednesday, August 7.

Council Member Cary Albright asked to have the floor to speak as he would like to provide a few updates for public record. Albright stated he would like to thank Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge for her work on having good fund balances to date for 2019. He also wanted to commend the council on their hard work on the property clean-up process. He stated the town has been issuing ordinance violations and with the joint effort of the Town Marshal the process is working. Lastly, Albright stated he wanted to make notification on behalf of the board concerning the State Board of Accounts Audit from August of 2018. He stated that the audit had turned up a discrepancy on the matter of payroll from the previous clerk-treasurer. The amount in discretion was \$5,203.25 in overpayment to the previous clerk-treasurer's salary. Albright stated the Attor-

ney General ordered that this amount be paid back to the town. Albright wanted to make public record that the town had received a check of repayment in the full amount on June 28, 2019.

Matt Sward, with SIDC, came before the council to present his contract as the grant administrator for the OCRA Master Utility Planning Grant the town recently received. Sward said the clerk-treasurer took care of getting the grant agreement fully signed and submitted to the state. The countersigned grant agreement should be received back from the state by next week. Sward stated the amount of the grant was \$50,000 and the contract for SIDC was \$5,600 to be paid from local funds. Attorney Vogler stated he had reviewed the contract for SIDC and advised the board to approve and sign it. The council approved.

The council also approved and signed (See 'TOWN COUNCIL' on page 9)



Grant for spay/neuter

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter, last Wednesday, received a \$12,000 grant from Hoosier Uplands to spay and neuter Martin County cats. Former Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling was instrumental in securing the grant for the shelter. Shown above, from left to right, are Hoosier Uplands Board Members Rosie Winger and Vicky Bauernfiend, Humane Society Board Member Alexandra Wathen, Don Bowling, and Hoosier Uplands CEO David Miller.

JUG ROX

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has had a productive couple of days, and is very positive about working with his students. He has been well received by both colleagues and students. They will continue to email out to parents every two weeks. Cage offered a personal thank you to Mrs. Hovis for the internship opportunity as well as all the help and support from other teachers.

The elementary school principal reported that the new year is going really well so far. They have something new for the fourth and fifth graders this year. They will be on a schedule rotation with two recesses. The kindergarteners through 3rd grade will also have the two recesses as well. So far, they have heard nothing but good comments about the changes. Sandra Hovis and Lydia Turpen have been doing an excellent job working with the children during this process. Enrollment is high this year and an upcoming event will be the Farm Fair. Also new this year will be Project Based learning, which will help Shoals partnering with the local community while conducting hands on projects in the classroom.

The middle school principal reported the excitement of the students being back and also his excitement that this is his 3rd year as a middle school principal. New this year will be the restroom visits and lack of backpacks in the classrooms. For bathroom breaks they will utilize a staggered bathroom break rotation during the class period as opposed to last year which was before the class started. This will and has reduced tardies. Also, for the backpacks, this is purely a safety issue and students are still allowed to keep them in their lockers. Kids can transport personal items in their Chromebook case or in their binder. The new bell schedule allows teachers to give breaks on a set schedule. Instead of 170 kids in the hallways and restrooms, they only have 60 at the most in the hallways, which adds another level of safety for the children. A great idea by the teachers to emphasize and reward personal responsibility is the new R.O.X. Grade which awards points for being ready, on time, and having a good attitude. Also new this year is the ROX Request which will provide the basic necessities and hygiene items to the students in need. It allows the children to request items online without being embarrassed. The community has already begun to help out and donated to the Rox Request. All donations are greatly appreciated. Common middle school expectations and 6th grade teachers piloting standard-based grading will be in place this year. Registration went incredibly well, and they owe 95 percent of that to technology director Chase Butler for having everything ready to go. Mr. Malone also thanked all of his teachers for showing, once again, how to wear their hearts on their sleeves and love the kids. They are inspiring. He also thanked the board members.

The board approved the following personnel changes:

- Sandra Hovis for the open Title I aide position.
- Reva Troutman for the Jr. Beta Sponsor position.
- Tina Rue as SADD Club sponsor
- Mimi Hawkins as Student Council sponsor
- Tina Rue and Ben Kent as prom sponsors
- Terra Boyd, Myrna Greene, and Amy Norrington as Haunted House sponsors
- Jonathan Holt and Jeff Gee as concessions and junior magazine sales sponsors
- Audrey Gibson as sophomore advi-

sor

- Kevin Hert as varsity soccer coach
- Jon Perry as boys' JV basketball coach
- Molly Tharp and Jessica Hert as varsity cheer coaches
- Audrey Gibson as volunteer cheer coach
- Raysha Winger as junior high cheer coach
- Taylor Spencer as volunteer volleyball coach
- Alisha Asbell as girls' basketball varsity assistant coach
- Brian Turpen as 5th grade girls' basketball coach
- Misty Tharp as 6th grade girls' basketball coach
- Hope Self, Angie Sango and Cindy McNabb as girls' basketball volunteer coaches
- Chris Bauer as volunteer softball coach
- Lynn Hawkins and Ellen Hampton as substitute cooks
- Anita Letterman, Tracy Jones, Whitney Haulk, and Evan Wagoner as substitute custodians
- Ashton Allbright, Kirstie Bradley, Kristy Day, Pamela Day, Erica Divine, Terry Dye, Etta Franklin, Megan Hawkins, Jennifer Holt, Joyce Jones, Marilyn Jones, Monica Jones, Rita Miller, Courtney Moffitt, Matt Sullivan, Shannon Syfert, Lisa Taylor, Reva Troutman, Chris Boswell and John Ziegler as substitute teachers
- Jeremy Albright, Melvin Albright, Warren Albright, Norman Beasley, Kathy Collins, Mark Franklin, Lonnie Hawkins, Dave Qualkenbush, Drexel Turpin, Kyle Turpin, Scott Fishback, Pam Doane, and all regular route drivers, as substitute bus drivers.

The Shoals Cub Scouts requested the cafeteria for recruitment night on August 13 and The Key family requested the use of the gymnasium for funeral services on August 9 and August 10. The board approved.

The board approved the high school principal's request to add the course, Introduction to Health Science Careers, to be taught by the school nurse one period a day.

The superintendent presented the 2020 budget update for information only.

The board approved the following donations for middle school volleyball: \$50 from Michael and Cindy McNabb, \$100 from Tim and Kelly Albright, \$81 from Josh and Rachel Bauer, \$100 from Cody and Michelle Roush and \$150 from Pizza Junction. They also approved \$200 from Jasper Engine Exchange for the robotics team.

The board approved the following fundraisers:

- Sophomore class to sell mums August 12-August 22
 - High school band to sell Century Resources September 10-September 24
- The high school principal and the athletic directors requested to add an athletic waiver form to the student athletic handbook. The board approved.
- Mrs. Rue requests permission to recycle old student workbooks. The board approved.

Dr. Roush reported that it has been an exciting start to a new school year. She welcomed all the new students, staff, and families. She invited the school board to the Indiana School Board's Conference at the end of September. Dr. Roush reported that bus inspections would be September 5 for buses that are over 12 years old. She thanked Lorna Troutman and Ann Stewart for their help with registration day. She also thanked the community for helping with the hygiene items that have been collected.

LIBRARY

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Council Member Teresa Nolley said that a budget needs to be put forward before any decision could be made. She said the council hasn't even looked at next year's budget.

Mayor Harty said that the department heads have all turned in their 2020 budget and the clerk-treasurer will be meeting with the department of local government finance soon. He noted, however, that using EDIT funds has nothing to do with the budget because the state does not control how that is spent.

Council Member Ruth Smith said she was thinking of more than \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year. She said she has never been a fan of the new library but now that the construction has started, the thought of future possibilities has made her get on board. "I'm not a super fan but you've moved me into the building," she said.

The mayor said by next month's meeting they should have a decision on if they can help the library and how much.

Harwood also noted that there have been more complaints about the new library, with neighboring residents saying that there are an abundance of mosquitoes and snakes due to the construction. She said they have decided to start a program on insect control and wildlife management once the library is complete.

Police Chief Kelly Rayhill told the board of public works, prior to the city council meeting, that he needs to hire a temporary officer for part-time wages until 2020 to cover Officer Rick Norris who is using up his comp time before retiring at the end of the year. The board

TRAIL

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Jones said they are pushing to get an application completed for this next cycle because eventually the money will run out. Plus, if the grant is denied this next go-round, they can apply again in January.

Jones said they are working to get corporate sponsors to help fund and maintain the project when it is complete. Megan Jones said they had the idea of having companies "adopt a mile" and then help maintain that mile.

It was also noted that West Boggs Park has shown interest in the project with the hopes of stretching the trail eventually to reach the park, at some point in the future.

Commissioner Dan Gregory said that the county doesn't have any cash to give. He added that the 2020 budget was already submitted anyway, so getting funding for next year would be pretty impossible. He did say that the county has equipment and laborers that could be offered. Greg Jones said that is as much as they can ask for at this point and again noted that the point of their visit to the meeting was just to make the commissioners aware of what was coming. He said they will be going to the county council as well and the Loogootee City Council. Megan Jones said they are naming the trail the DM Connection.

In other business, Kathy Collins, community corrections director, told the commissioners that she has been successful in getting the hours at the Samaritan Center in Loogootee increased from three days a week to four days a week. She said the problem in the past has been that the center is only open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. which makes it difficult for anyone with a job to utilize the services of the center. The fourth day will now be on Thursdays and they will be open until 7 p.m.

Collins also told the commissioners that she has secured two counselors, free of charge, to start at Shoals School.

of works approved. Jim Floyd, Loogootee Police Officer, asked during the city council meeting, if they would consider making it a full-time position so the officer could attend the academy in January. Full-time is a requirement to go to the academy. Mayor Harty and a few members of the council said they went on the chief's recommendation of part-time.

Also during the board of public works meeting, Brian Ader, from the audience, asked for clarification on the zoning ordinance. He said that many residents do not know anything about the zoning ordinance and it is not available online or in any other capacity. He said he was recently approached about needing a permit to put down gravel on one of his lots he is working on. He said he didn't know a permit was required. "For crying out loud," he said, "I'm trying to be proactive instead of reactive and you get chastised for it." He said there are a lot of places in the city that have trash and safety issues but only some people are being cited for zoning violations. He said he felt the zoning ordinance needs to be applied to everyone equally. "People have to know what they need to do," he said. He added that he doesn't know how the city can get the word out about the ordinance, but they need to find a way. Mayor Harty said letters were sent to all Loogootee residents and it has been talked about in meetings many times however they can send letters out again if that would be helpful.

Tim Hudson said he is doing the best he can as building inspector, but the position is part-time and doesn't pay much. Ader said he understands that.

She said this is a service the Samaritan Center has offered to other counties in their service area and she wanted it for Martin County as well. Thanks to a grant, the center was able to hire the two counselors. Commissioner Paul George asked why Loogootee Schools did not get a counselor. Collins replied that they turned down the free counselors and chose only to use Youth First. Commissioner Dan Gregory asked if the new counselors would have pushed out Youth First and Collins replied that they would not have, they would have been in addition to Youth First, but Loogootee was still not interested.

The commissioners approved Sierra Rutledge to take the place of Ann Ackerman, who recently retired, on the Martin County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett provided the commissioners with photos of the deteriorating condition of Brooks Bridge. He noted that due to the washing out of the banks, the river will eventually take the bridge. They are having a meeting next week with engineers to see what can be done.

The commissioners voted to purchase a tractor and mower from Hopf Equipment for \$141,400, through a loan program. The bids were opened at the last meeting.

Darren Jones, Austin Myer, Summer Shaw and Jim Walls, all residents on Mill Road, talked to the commissioners about the high volume of semi traffic going up and down their road. A lengthy discussion ensued about the semis and why they are using Mill Road. Jones said even though Mill Road was just paved, the number of semis will tear it up very quickly and he didn't want to see that happen. He also noted a safety concern due to the high speed the semis are traveling. The commissioners decided to install signage stating no semis were allowed on the road.

SUSAN HERT

Susan Annette Hert passed away on Monday August 5, 2019. A resident of Odon, she was 63.

She was born on June 8, 1956 in Washington; daughter of Jack and Jo (Emmons) Watson.

She was a member of the 2nd Mount Olive Church in Odon. She enjoyed crafts, thrift shopping, camping and anytime she could spend with her grandkids. She enjoyed special occasions and the yearly camping trip with the family. She was a kind soul who would help anyone out if she could. Susan was loved and will be missed by many.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Jo Watson.

Susan is survived by her husband, Donald "Donnie" Hert; her father, Jack Watson; her children, Jodi (Mike) Lengacher, Amy (Ray) Watson, Jackie (Mike) Taylor, and Donald Hert Jr. (Miranda); her grandchildren, Nathen, Nikki, Noah and Natalie Lengacher, Randall Burris, Shyla, Wyatt, Alyssa, and Waylon Taylor; and her brother, Roger Watson.

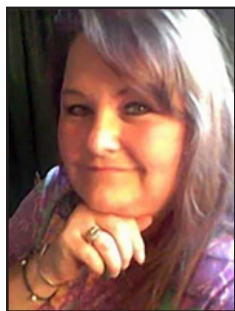
A funeral service was held Friday August 9 at the Shiloh Community Building. Burial followed at Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in lieu of flowers, to Blake and Wagler Funeral Home to offset expenses.

Arrangements provided by Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

SHANNON THARP

Shannon Elaine Tharp, the beloved cook at Velma's Diner in Shoals, died



Friday evening, August 2, 2019, at the St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, she was 54.

She was born October 25, 1964 in Yuma, Arizona; the daughter of Velma Lou (Bough) and James Darrell Tharp.

Shannon was a graduate of Shoals High School. She had also been employed at Loogootee Textiles and the Nu-Tap Tavern in Shoals as well as Velma's Diner. She was of Christian faith.

She is survived by a sister, Debbie Montgomery of Shoals; a brother, Brian and wife, Mandy Tharp, of Shoals; special cousin, Carla Rincker of Shoals; and two nieces and four nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jason Tharp.

The funeral was held Friday, August 9 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tharp Family at the Queen-Lee Chapel.

MARK RISACHER

Mark Robert Risacher, proud Eagle Scout, passed away on August 5, 2019 at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of North Vernon, he was 61.

He graduated from Loogootee High School in 1977 where he broke records in track and field. After a brief time working at a factory, he decided to enroll in the Air Force to see the world. He embraced the culture of every country he was stationed in, including England,



MARK RISACHER

North Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Spain where he met his wife, Estrella, of 36 years. During his time in the military, Mark was a mechanic, promoted to technical sergeant, and deployed to the Gulf War. After 20 years of service, he retired from the Air Force in 1997 and received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from McKendree University that same year. Mark enjoyed gardening, traveling, and watching his granddaughter's sporting events.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Estrella Risacher of North Vernon; daughters, Jessica Risacher (Jeremy Ochs) of Columbus and Michelle Risacher of Chicago, Illinois; granddaughter, Hailey Risacher of Columbus; siblings, Stephen (Angie) Risacher of Loogootee, Nancy (Brad) Callahan of Chandler, Jan (Charles) Strickler of Worthington, and Kay (Michael) Anson of Wheatland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and LaVerne Risacher and his nephew, Eric Callahan.

Mark's life was celebrated Sunday, August 11 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. The service was officiated by his sister Kay Anson, immediately followed by the military rites. The burial was held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the family through Blake Funeral Home: 300 Church St., Loogootee, IN 47553.

LINDA DENNY

Linda A. Denny passed away at 7:12 p.m. Saturday, August 10, 2019 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 67.

She was born August 7, 1952 in Bastrop, Texas; daughter of the late Edwardo and Irene (Hernandez) Renteria.

Linda was known for her great bartending services in Loogootee and Shoals. She was a member of American Legion - Ladies Auxiliary. She loved her fur babies, Sammy and Misty.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edwardo and Irene (Hernandez) Renteria and siblings, Edwardo Renteria and Janie Carlson.

Linda is survived by her husband of 33 years, Jesse Denny of Loogootee; daughter, Sandy (Johnny) Muro of Temple, Texas; grandchildren, Dominique Benabid and Raymond Muro; two great-grandchildren; siblings, Eugene Renteria, Ernest Renteria, Lupita Dominguez and Gloria Ayala; and special friend, Sandy Sherfick.

Memorial services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 17 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

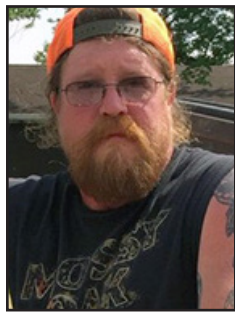
Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

BUCK PIEPER

Brian "Buck" Pieper passed away at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, August 11, 2019 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 46.

He was born July 30, 1973 in Indianapolis; son of Cheryl (Walton) Pieper and the late Keith Pieper.

Buck had been employed for two years with the White River Co-Op. He loved woodworking, fishing and mo-



BUCK PIEPER

torcycles. He was preceded in death by his father, Keith Pieper; grandparents, Donald and Janett Walton and Carl and Rosemary Pieper.

Buck is survived by his daughters, Brooke Pieper (fiancé, Cody Moore) and Audra Pieper, both of Plainfield; mother, Cheryl Pieper of Avon; sister, Jennifer (Brian) Billmeier; niece and nephews, Addy, Keith, Duncan and Judah; companion, Tammy Farley.

Memorial services will be conducted at 4 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to New Beginnings Community Church in Loogootee.

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BRENDA SHERFICK

Brenda Sherfick passed away August

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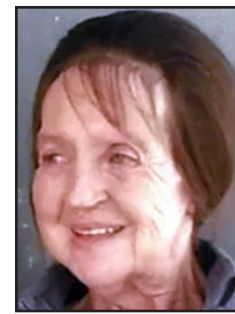
offerings so that students will have a larger variety of opportunities. We are excited to see what the future holds for us, and we believe we are forging a new path for other schools in the future."

"Our students will now have opportunities that target their interests and provide them with ways to be connected with greater success," added Mitchell Community Schools Superintendent Mike Wilcox. "The awarding of the ROI grant to COSMOS is not only rewarding for the entire committee from our three corporations but a tremendous victory for our students."

The ROI Ready Schools implementation grant will fund components of a collaborative strategic plan covering all three districts with new initiatives focusing on K-Career alignment in the Indiana Uplands.

A core component of the plan includes an academy model, with curricula, activities, and courses geared towards exploration and preparation in regionally relevant career pathways. Specific academy themes and pathways will be identified this year. COSMOS Academies are expected to officially launch in the 2020-21 school year with continual refinement thereafter. The three school districts will collaborate in the development and execution of the academies through combined educator training, virtual learning, transportation between high schools, and the establishment of a central location or hub for learning.

"The COSMOS Academies will provide our students with more opportunities to explore relevant careers and prepare them for the future," said COSMOS Readiness Coordinator. "The strategies funded through the Ready Schools implementation grant will support all students, K-12, in developing the skills necessary for post-secondary success whether they attend college or enter the workforce," added Kidd. "Students will be given opportunities to participate in authentic problem solving through



BRENDA SHERFICK

6, 2019 in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 69.

She was born July 9, 1950 in Shoals; the daughter of James and Annamae (Ross) Hopkins. She retired from the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation with over 20 years of service.

Survivors include one brother, James Hopkins of Loogootee; one sister, Wanda Ziegler of Shoals; a granddaughter, Kristin Truelove of Evansville; one grandson, Justin Truelove of Shoals; and a daughter-in-law, Lora Truelove of French Lick.

She is preceded in death by her parents and two sons, Robert Sherfick Jr. and Jason Sherfick, and two granddaughters, Kayla and Kristina Sherfick.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, August 14 at the Spring Hill Cemetery. Bro Kevin Quinn will be officiating.

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

project-based learning and develop a strong set of employability skills through intentional instruction at all levels."

Grant funding will also allow the three school districts to work together to expand project-based learning opportunities; develop career exploration activities at all grade levels; explore virtual learning environments; improve Wi-Fi accessibility in schools and possibly on buses; establish collaborative teaching teams, and create shared maker spaces and STEM labs.

In addition to grant-funded initiatives, the three school districts will also be working collaboratively to increase family engagement opportunities and improve connections and partnerships with community resources and local employers.

This ROI implementation grant award to COSMOS follows a 10-month development grant for the Ready Schools design-thinking process. The Ready Schools Initiative is a framework to support school districts in aligning K-12 curricular and programmatic offerings to educational and workforce needs within the Indiana Uplands, an 11-county region that encompasses Brown, Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, Owen and Washington counties.

The goal of the Ready Schools Initiative is to enable school districts to engage business leaders, community stakeholders, parents and students in meaningful dialogue about what school success means and to develop a plan to obtain that success. The result is a collaborative approach and a comprehensive plan designed to support students in achieving academic and career goals aligned with workforce, with a particular focus on the region's key industry sectors: advanced manufacturing, life sciences, and national security and defense.

For a description of activities at each Ready Schools phase: go to <https://swcindiana.org/details-of-the-ready-schools-initiative/>.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

1:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:18 a.m. - Received a request for extra patrol on a property in Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Office responded.

8:00 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Hennette responded to an alarm call in Loogootee.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:54 a.m. - Major Keller performed two vehicle identification checks.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:57 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a semi losing its load south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright and Haysville Fire responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident in Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Office, Shoals Fire Department and the Martin County Coroner's Office responded.

10:00 p.m. - Federal Aviation advised laser beams were being shined at planes in Shoals.

10:06 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

2:01 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Norris responded to an alarm in Loogootee.

6:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded.

6:56 a.m. - Received a request for civilian assistance in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

11:00 a.m. - Major Keller responded to a domestic altercation in Shoals.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a deer being hit near Shoals. ISP responded.

1:20 p.m. - Deputy Barnett and ISP responded to an alarm in Shoals.

1:40 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

1:51 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:50 p.m. - Deputy Seymour and Corporal Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

8:59 p.m. - Received a report of telephone lines down in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

1:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

7:35 a.m. - Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded to an alarm call in Loogootee.

8:35 a.m. - Received a report of a tree over the road in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded and removed tree.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of cattle out in Shoals. Advised cattle owners.

2:10 p.m. - Major Keller responded to debris in the roadway in Shoals.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Barnett and Lawrence County Sheriff's Office responded.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a female acting suspicious in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Deputy Barnett responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a request to speak with Town Marshal. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a scam call in Loogootee.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless motorcycle in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

1:01 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals for suspicious activity. Corporal Reed and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:30 a.m. - Corporal Reed responded to loitering in Loogootee.

6:38 a.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

7:41 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:54 a.m. - Received a report of cows out near Shoals. Cattle owners were contacted.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Barnett transported two inmates to court.

10:43 a.m. - Received a report of someone who found a man in her home. Major Keller, Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Fire - First Responders and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Barnett transported two inmates to court.

11:04 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Advised Chief Rayhill.

11:09 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Advised all Martin County law enforcement.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Barnett transported two inmates to court.

1:57 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:30 p.m. - Deputy Wells performed a vin check in Shoals.

8:32 p.m. - Civil Defense removed a tree blocking a road in Loogootee.

9:24 p.m. - Jail Officer Reinhart transported a male inmate to Orange County.

11:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road near Shoals. Shoals Fire and ISP responded.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

7:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Loogootee Fire was toned but did not respond.

7:48 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Barnett transported one inmate to court.

12:10 p.m. - Jail Officer Reinhart transported one to Lafayette.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Barnett transported two inmates to court.

1:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance

responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one individual to Japer Memorial Hospital.

1:04 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Wright, Deputy Gibson and ISP Lents responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a large limb over the road in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

5:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:24 p.m. - Deputy Wright performed a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Advised all Martin County law enforcement.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of an intoxicated individual in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

9:31 p.m. - Received a report of threats being made in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

12:32 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth and Loogootee Reserve Officer Allen responded to an alarm in Loogootee.

9:19 a.m. - Received a report of an animal issue in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a shed fire in Williams. Martin County Civil Defense and Williams Fire responded.

11:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial.

12:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of a missing car in Shoals.

1:46 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious persons near a cemetery in Loogootee. Captain Hennette responded.

2:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial.

3:08 p.m. - Martin Co. Sheriff's Office performed a vin check on station.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:26 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

6:45 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of a scam in Loogootee. ISP and Loogootee Police Department responded.

12:19 p.m. - Received a report of a tree over the road in Shoals. Chief

Deputy Greene, REMC and Shoals Fire responded.

2:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette performed a welfare check in Loogootee.

3:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded.

3:48 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a custody dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd was able to locate the person and returned them back to their residence.

11:59 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

1:15 p.m. - Travis Kline, 46, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with rape, criminal confinement, battery with a deadly weapon and injury, strangulation and intimidation with a deadly weapon. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

2:30 p.m. - Michael Kane, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Rayhill and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a syringe, possession of paraphernalia (within 1000 feet of a school). He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

11:18 p.m. - Charles O'Connor, 55, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with theft. He is being held without bond.

Real estate transfers

Steven L. Grishaw and Beth Ann Grishaw, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Travis J. Grishaw**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A parcel of land in the southwest corner of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

Julinda G. Adams, f/k/a Julinda Sanders, of Martin County, Indiana to the **State of Indiana**, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.131 acres, more or less.

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THE LOOGOOTE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

- Qualification standards require that an applicant:
- A. Must be a resident citizen of the United States.
 - B. Must be 21 years of age to apply.
 - C. Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.
 - D. Cannot have a felony conviction.
 - E. Cannot have a misdemeanor conviction involving "domestic violence" that would prohibit the applicant from handling a firearm.
 - F. Must possess a valid driver's license from their state of residence.
 - G. Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military.
 - H. Must pass a mandatory drug screening test.
 - I. Must be willing to reside in the City of Loogootee
 - J. Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer.
 - K. The Board of Works and Public Safety will make the final determination on which applicant will be extended an offer of employment.

Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Department, 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours. Close date for this process is August 20, 2019.

HELP WANTED

Parkview Village Christian Care, is taking applications for **Full & Part-Time Resident Attendants for Evening Shift 2 pm-10 pm**

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Loogootee Police log

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- 9:15 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.
- 6:34 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a distress call on State Rd 550.
- 8:06 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.
- 9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.
- 11:34 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a business alarm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

- 7:12 a.m. - Caller reported a semi off the road on Hwy 50.
- 2:28p.m. Caller reported a minor property damage accident at Marathon.
- 4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.
- 7:45 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.
- 9:32 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on East Broadway Street.
- 11:55 p.m. - Male reported an attempted theft.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

- 10:05 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.
- 3:24 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a grass fire on US 231.
- 5:25 p.m. - Male reported a possible trespasser on his property.
- 6:09 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.
- 8:20 p.m. - Caller reported a power outage at her residence.
- 8:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on dogs. Animal Control was contacted.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- 2:01 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.
- 11:20 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted child protective services.
- 2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.
- 6:40 p.m. - Caller reported a utility problem.
- 8:56 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.
- 9:05 p.m. - Male reported locating a suspicious item.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

- 1:47 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a traffic stop.
- 9:20 a.m. - Female reported having

- trespassers on her property.
- 4:13 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.
- 4:17 p.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on a male.
- 7:05 p.m. - Male came on station to report a civil complaint.
- 9:09 p.m. - Caller reported a possible medical problem on North Line Street.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- 1:01 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a possible break-in.
- 6:38 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the McDonald's parking lot.
- 7:41 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless semi on Hwy 50.
- 11:04 a.m. - Male reported a theft of a cell phone.
- 11:09 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.
- 1:38 p.m. - First responders were requested on Popular Street for a medical call.
- 5:27 p.m. - Male reported a property damage accident at Blake Car Wash.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- 10:45 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.
- 2:56 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.
- 3:04 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at the Crane Credit Union.
- 4:00 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a dispute.
- 7:27 p.m. - Officer McBeth and Reserve Allen assisted the county with a child locked in a vehicle.
- 8:34 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.
- 9:35 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- Unknown time - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.
- 1:46 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious subjects in Goodwill Cemetery,
- 6:20 p.m. - Female reported being threatened by a male.
- 6:40 p.m. - Caller reported a small child in the street on SE 3rd Street.
- 8:50 p.m. - Female reported a suspicious article at her residence.
- 10:05 p.m. - Female reported a dog complaint.



August 17th from 4:00—7:00 pm

Loogootee United Methodist Church Parking Lot

Menu:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drink, Homemade Ice Cream, Pies

Bouncy House will be available for children

FREE WILL DONATION

The Loogootee United Methodist Church is hosting an ice cream social.

All proceeds will go to the Stand up foundation to help local foster families with the things they need.

Debra Corn foster care will be there to answer any questions you may have about foster care and if you would like to sign up to be a foster parent. Please come and join us as we have a great time and raise money for the foster families in our area.



More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



While riding my Harley, I swerved to avoid hitting a deer, lost control and landed in a ditch, severely banging my head. Dazed and confused I crawled out of the ditch to the edge of the road when a shiny new convertible pulled up with a very beautiful woman who asked, "Are you okay?"

As I looked up, I noticed she was wearing a seductive outfit.

"I'm okay, I think," I replied as I pulled myself up to the side of the car to get a closer look.

She said, "Get in and I'll take you home so I can clean and bandage that nasty scrape on your head."

"That's nice of you," I answered, "but I don't think my wife will like

me doing that!"

"Oh, come now, I'm a nurse," she insisted. "I need to see if you have any more scrapes and treat them properly."

Well, she was really pretty and very persuasive. Being sort of shaken and weak, I agreed, but repeated, "I'm sure my wife won't like this."

We arrived at her place which was just a few miles away and after a couple of cold beers and the bandages, I thanked her and said, "I feel a lot better but I know my wife is going to be really upset so I'd better go now."

"Don't be silly!" she said with a smile, "Stay for a while, she won't know anything. By the way, where is she?"

"Still in the ditch with my Harley, I guess."

RIDDLES

1. Why do the French eat snails?
2. What did E.T.'s mother say to him when he got home?
3. What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a bicycle and a nicely dressed man on a tricycle?
4. Why did the painting go to jail?
5. What do cars eat on their toast?
6. Why do cows wear bells?

THOUGHTS

*I have a bumper sticker that says, "Honk if you think I'm cute." Then I just sit at green lights and I feel better about myself.

*I need to get my life together. This weather made me realize I can't go to Hell.

*"You're not the boss of me" I say to the dog in and out 17 times in a row.

*Getting older is just one body part after another saying, "Ha, ha, you think that's bad? Watch this."

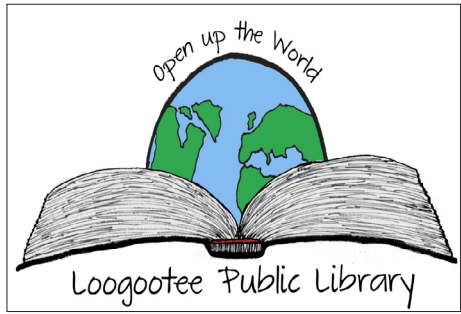
*Cop: Do you know why I pulled you over?

Me: If you forgot, I'm not reminding you

ANSWERS

1. They don't like fast food.
2. Where on Earth have you been?
3. A tire
4. It was framed
5. Traffic jam
6. Because their horns don't work

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

A Book, Bake & Yard Sale fundraiser, sponsored by Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL), will be held on September 7, 2019 from 8 a.m.-noon. You will be able to buy a bag of books for \$5 and FOLL members will have paper bags available.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month and individuals that sign up for a new card will be entered to win a new Kindle Fire.

New Books:

Mystery: "The Bitterroots" by C.J. Box, "Contraband" by Stuart Woods, "The Warning" by James Patterson, and "The Last Good Guy" by T. Jefferson Parker.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Loyal One" by Shelley Shepard Gray.

DVDs: "Ugly Dolls", "Dumbo", "The Missing Link", and "Shazam".

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, August 15 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Golf Scramble

The Loogootee Girls' Basketball Team is hosting a golf scramble at Lakeview Golf Course on Saturday, August 17 with a 9 a.m. start time. The scramble will be in ABCD Format and entry fee is \$45. For more information, call Lonnie Hawkins at 812-947-8413.

Sons of the American Revolution meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter, will be held Tuesday, August 20 at the Free Methodist Church, 630 R Street in Bedford. Dinner starts a 6 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. Chapter and individual awards will be presented. A new member will be inducted. Any question please contact the Chapter Secretary at 812-876-1753.

Local recovery meetings

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

Food pantry hours

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

Free lunch for kids

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

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!

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste

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

Soil and Water meetings

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



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of July, the veteran service officer assisted 11 veterans and had eight meetings. The veterans' van took two trips transporting two veterans to VA medical centers and clinics. There were two trips cancelled by veterans this month.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the driver's directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program, it is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave the recycling center earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

If you have hearing issues and would be interested in a CapTel captioned telephone, please call the office at 812-247-2210. You DO NOT have to be a veteran to receive this phone.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 25
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American Legion Post 120
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At the Legion in downtown Loogootee
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The Praying Mantis

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

The praying mantis is so named because when waiting for prey, it holds its front legs in an upright position as if they are folded in prayer. If a bee or fly happens to land within its reach, the praying mantis will extend its arms with lightning quick speed, and grab the hapless insect. Sharp spines line the mantid's forelegs, enabling it to grasp the prey tightly as it eats. Some larger mantids catch and eat lizards, frogs, and even birds.

DNR confirms dead, sick deer from EHD in Clark County

Preliminary lab results were positive for epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) virus in a sample of a dead deer from Clark County the DNR staff submitted to a lab for testing early this month.

Additional testing is required to determine the strain of EHD virus. Results of testing of samples from deer from several other counties are pending.

EHD is a viral disease that may affect white-tailed deer to some degree every year. It typically occurs during late summer and early fall, and there is evidence that outbreaks may be worse during drought years. EHD is transmitted by flies commonly known as biting midges, sand gnats, and "nose-ums."

Humans are not at risk for contracting hemorrhagic disease.

The testing came about from investigations DNR staff have been conducting after receiving reports of sick or dead deer in central and south-central Indiana. Clark County seems to be experiencing the most intense outbreaks thus far, but suspect reports have come from 10 counties in total.

"Although the reports DNR is receiving are consistent with EHD episodes of past years, it's important for testing to be done on samples before it can be confirmed," said Dr. Joe Caudell, DNR deer research biologist.

"Samples need to be collected as soon as possible after the deer dies to be most useful for testing."

Caudell worked with Indiana Conservation Officers to collect an adequate sample, the one that tested positive for EHD, on August 2.

"Deer infected with EHD may appear depressed or weak and often seek out water. Other signs may include a blue-tinged tongue, swelling of the head, neck or eyelids, ulcers on the tongue and the oral cavity, or sloughed hooves," said Dr. Nancy Boedeker, DNR wildlife veterinarian.

Hemorrhagic disease is often fatal to deer, but some will survive the illness. Not every deer in an affected area will contract hemorrhagic disease. Localized death losses during an outbreak can range from negligible to greater than 50 percent. Outbreaks can be more severe in years in which there is a wet spring followed by a hot, dry fall. Severe outbreaks rarely occur in subsequent years due to immunity gathered from previous infections.

"If you see a deer that you suspect may have died from EHD, you can report it directly to the DNR through our website at deer.dnr.IN.gov," Caudell said. "Just click on the link for Report a Dead or Sick Deer."

The DNR monitors for EHD annually. The most recent significant outbreaks were in 2007 and 2012.

Confidence in the ag economy soars; producers confirm large prevented plantings of corn and soybeans

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer reading jumped to 153 in July, up 27 points from June, and up 52 points from May. Improving crop conditions after an extraordinarily wet planting season, combined with a late spring/early summer crop price rally, boosted farmer sentiment. This improvement occurred despite the fact that many producers were in the midst of filing prevented planting crop insurance claims and wondering about the size of the USDA's 2019 Market Facilitation Payments (MFP). Results are based on a survey of 400 agricultural producers across the U.S. conducted from July 15 through July 19, 2019, which was prior to USDA's announcement of 2019 MFP payment rates.

A big driver of sentiment was producers' improved expectations for current economic conditions. The Index of Current Conditions, a sub-index of the ag barometer, increased 44 points in July to a reading of 141, marking the largest one-month improvement since data collection began in October of 2015. The barometer's other sub-index, the Index of Future Expectations, also increased, up 18 points from June, to a reading of 159 in July.

"The Corn Belt is continuing to see better crop conditions and that has farmers, at least momentarily, breathing a sigh of relief. However, the agricultural economy is still in flux," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "The impact of prevented planting on 2019 corn and soybean acreage and prices along with the outcome of trade talks with China remain unknown."

As a result of the late planting season, and the possibility of large prevented planting acreage not captured in their June Acreage report, USDA announced that they would re-survey farm operations in nearly all major corn and soybean states during July to better estimate actual planted acreage of both crops. The results from that survey will not be available until mid-August.

To help fill the information void, this month's barometer survey asked corn and soybean growers if they are taking a prevented planting payment on any of the corn or soybean acreage that they intended to plant in 2019. Although USDA extended their deadline to report prevented plantings to July 22 in affected states, most farmers completed their prevented planting claims by USDA's original deadline of July 15 and were able to provide an accurate reading on their prevented planting acreage when this month's ag barometer survey was conducted.

Twenty-five percent of corn/soybean growers in the survey said they are filing a prevented planting claim on some of their intended corn acreage while 24 percent said they are filing a prevented planting claim on some of their soybean acreage. In a follow-up question, producers who indicated they submitted a claim were asked what percentage of their intended acreage they will claim as prevented planting. Sixty-one percent of the farmers filing a prevented corn planting claim said their prevented planting totaled 15 percent or more of their intended corn acreage and 42 percent said that they did not plant 25

percent or more of their intended acreage. Meanwhile, 39 percent of soybean growers submitting a prevented planting claim said they did not plant between 15-25 percent of their intended soybean acreage. In contrast to corn growers, however, just 2 percent of soybean farmers with a prevented planting claim said they were not able to plant 25 percent or more of their intended soybean acreage.

Producers were also asked whether they feel now is a good or bad time to make large investments in their farming operations. In July, the Large Farm Investment Index, improved to a reading of 67, up 25 points from June and 30 points from May. This increase marked both the largest 2-month improvement in the index since data collection began in fall 2015 and the highest reading for the index since February 2018. Sentiment also spilled over into their expectations for increased land values. Short-term, the percentage of producers expecting land values to increase in the upcoming 12 months jumped from just 10 percent in June to 21 percent in July, the highest percentage expecting an increase in values since February 2018. Long-run, 53 percent of producers said they expect values to rise over the next 5 years compared to 45 percent who felt that way in June and 39 percent in May.

Read the full July Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/ag-barometer>. This month's report includes insights into whether producers expect a swift and favorable resolution to the ongoing trade dispute with China. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars. Each month, Dr. Mintert also provides a short video analysis of the barometer results, available at <https://purdue.ag/barometervideo>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCBARO, AGECCURC and AGECCFTX.

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Access Program Providing Land Enhancements (APPLE) offers quail, pheasant, and woodcock hunting opportunities on private property. These hunts are allocated through the online reserved hunt system. The online application is the only way to apply. Hunters may apply for one hunting period. Although the hunting period is two days, selected hunters may only hunt one day of the two-day period. Applications are accepted from August 13 to September 23. Draw result notifications will be emailed within two weeks of the application deadline. Successfully drawn applicants will be allowed two hunting partners. All regulations and bag limits apply.

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– Albert Schweitzer

-- REVERENCE FOR LIFE --

Albert Schweitzer, one of the most renowned theologians, philosophers and philanthropists of the last century, made that statement in his 1952 Nobel Peace Prize speech for his philosophy of “reverence for life.” He was instrumental in raising national awareness of the treatment of animals, and subsequently of humane societies in our county.

-- HUMANE SOCIETY --

A humane society is a group that aims to stop human or animal suffering, although the term is now used mostly for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Our own Martin County Humane Society (MCHS) embodies this goal and reverence for life at the Animal Shelter in Loogootee. They take in cats and dogs to care and nurture them until they are adopted into a needy home.

-- A PET GIVES BACK --

The Animal Shelter helps to improve our quality of life and our county by helping to control the population of stray cats and dogs. The Shelter could also have that companion you’ve been waiting for. These pets not only give unconditional love, but they have also been shown to be psychologically, emotionally and physically beneficial to you. Caring for a pet can provide a sense of purpose and fulfillment and lessen the feeling of loneliness.

-- WHY ADOPT --

The Animal Shelter has a large variety of colors and sizes of cats and dogs. They have been able to go from 91 pets adopted in 2013, up to 217 in 2018. What a service! And for a nominal adoption fee, your pet will come to you with several types of vaccinations and treatments, spay/neuter, heartworm

testing (for dogs over 7 months old), a bag of food, and a goodie bag. This fee is a deal for you since it does not nearly cover all the costs; the rest is covered by donations from caring citizens in our county.

-- WE ALL CAN HELP --

The MCCF recently awarded a \$500 grant to help the Martin County Humane Society continue to provide their valuable service for our community.

You can help too. Just call them at 812-295-5900. Their website www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org also has a lot of good information and how you can donate money or items they need.

You can also donate to the recently established Martin County Humane Society Fund, which is a designated fund whose payouts go directly to the MCHS.

-- WITH MORE NOW --

And if you want your giving to have even more impact, the MCCF has a matching grant opportunity in place at this time. With this grant, the MCCF can match \$2 for every \$1 donated to an unrestricted fund and 50¢ for each \$1 donated to any other fund type, such as the Martin County Humane Society Fund. The matching grant is available through December 2020, but on a first-come, first-served basis while the grant funds are available.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, the matching grant, or how we can help you accomplish your charitable goals, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.

46th Annual Jones Reunion held August 10

Forty-three descendants and family members of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones met on August 10 at the Martin County Community Building at Loogootee for the 46th Annual Jones Reunion.

Guests registered as they arrived and entered the door prize and candy jar guess. Donations were accepted to offset the cost of the reunion and for Anderson Cemetery where James and Rachel Jones are buried to help with mowing expenses.

The room was decorated compliments of Barbara and Jerry Loomis and Jane Henry. A children’s activity table was provided by Dianne Butler and Trudy Sutton. Ernie Jones gave the blessing before the noon meal.

After the meal, the business meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Hawkins. Secretary Trudy Sutton read the minutes from the 2018 reunion and Treasurer Dianne Butler gave the financial report.

Betty Butler began the memorial service remembering those who had passed away since last year’s reunion. Included were Dennis Jones, Danny Wrightsman, Mary Jo Jones, Connie Jones, and Tom Winger. She read John 11:25-26 then led everyone in the Lord’s Prayer.

Mike E. Jones, on behalf of Christopher Jones, honored with the “Jones Nose” in 2018 selected Betty Butler as the 2019 recipient.

The following special family events were announced:

* Linda Hawkins’ daughter-in-law, Melissa Hawkins recently donated a kidney.

* Trudy Sutton announced the birth of a granddaughter, Anna Elizabeth, born to Shaun and Viktoria Sutton.

Attendance prizes were awarded as follows: candy jar guess-Jerry Loomis; door prize-Vonda Ford; most mature person-Betty Butler; youngest-Lillian Busche; most pets-Marcia Young; oldest running vehicle-Lloyd Jones; and Traveled farthest-Misty Whitney.

Officers elected for 2020 were Chairman Linda Hawkins, Secretary Trudy Sutton, Treasurer Dianne Butler, Memorial Service – Betty Butler, Prizes – Mike L. and Gladys Jones, Silent Auction – Maryrose Risner, and Decorations – Barbara and Jerry Loomis and Jane Henry.

Silent Auction winners were announced by Maryrose Risner.

Those attending from Shoals were Dianne and Dave Butler; Jessica, Ashton, Amiryah, and Abram Wagler, Betty Butler; Linda Hawkins; Jane Henry; Garry E. Jones; Barbara and Jerry Loomis.

Attending from Loogootee were Michael E., Kristy, Mikenna, and Isaiah Jones; and Trudy Sutton.

Attending from Washington were Carolyn Colbert and Janice Johnson.

Attending from Mitchell were Marcia Young, Kutina England, and Ruthie Wagoner.

Attending from Bedford was Larry D. Jones.

Attending from Paoli was James and Tonya Jones and Nicki and Raleigh Klunk.

Others attending from Indiana were



-Photo provided

Shown above are Mike E. Jones, of Loogootee, presenting the “Jones Nose” award to Betty Butler, of Shoals.

Maryrose Risner of Crawfordsville; Vonda and Bud Ford; Lloyd Jones; Mike L. and Gladys Jones, all of Greenwood; Sandra McKnight of Franklin; Michelle Winger of Hardinsburg; Diana and Joe Sparks of Warsaw; David, Bethany, and Lillian Busche of Linn Grove.

Attending from Illinois were Ernie Jones of Springfield and Derrell Jones of Washington.

Attending from Missouri was Misty Whitney.

Next year’s reunion will be Saturday, August 8, 2020 at the Martin County Community Building in Loogootee.



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Pictured from left to right are Josh Hughett (Humane Society President) and Susan Wittmer (Humane Society Vice-President) receiving a \$500 grant check from Candace Roush (MCCF Board member).

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TOWN COUNCIL

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the HWC contract for the Master Utility Planning Grant. Tim Hunt, with HWC, said he would like to set up the meeting date as they would like to have the paperwork completed by the end of the week of September 6. They would like at least two councilmen to be present for the meeting. The meeting date was set for Monday, August 26 at 9 a.m. at the town hall. It was stated that Sward should be present as well.

Tim Hunt updated the council on the Community Crossing grant paving project. A pre-construction meeting has been set with the contractor Flynn & Sons for Tuesday, August 13. The contractor plans to start the work the week following Labor Day. The work is planned to last all week. Hunt asked Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge if the funds had been deposited. Rutledge stated the first set of funds from INDOT had been deposited but not the second set yet. Hunt said all details and notices for the work would be discussed at the pre-construction meeting on the 13th.

Amber Hoffman, Town of Shoals Beautification Board, advised the board that they had submitted their application for the Martin County Community Foundation IMPACT grant. Some items requested in the grant were for smokers' posts, large flower pots to place around town along with large window boxes to attach along the highway 50 bridge. Also, an entire replacement of the flower bed on the corner by the post office was included in the application. Hoffman stated the welcome sign located at the overlook has started to rot. She said she has spoken with Teresa Fuhrman who is going to talk to the Lions Club about sponsoring a new sign. Hoffman said she has also been in contact with the historical society about replacing their sign located in the grassy area off Highway 50.

Hoffman requested approval to use water from the town hall to water all the flowers the board has planted around town. She stated a long-term goal is to install rainwater collection canisters on the gutter system to help conserve water

and use.

Hoffman then stated that depending on funding she would like to explore utilizing the street sweeper and few more times a year. Hoffman said the next beautification board Fall Clean-up day is scheduled for October 5 at 8 a.m. with a rain day make day of October 6 at 8 a.m.

Hoffman then advised the board of some long-term, large-scale projects the beautification board has on their project list. First is a large masonry welcome sign in the grassy area located in front of RJ's. Next, they would like to install landscaping around the ballpark but plan to wait until the park board completes their draining work. Also, they still want to move forward with painting the Highway 50 bridge but will plan to wait until 2021 as INDOT stated that an overlayment is scheduled for 2021. Kathy Collins asked Hoffman to reach out to community corrections before the fall clean up today to see if they could provide any individuals for hours to help.

Council Member Cecil Ragsdale stated resident Kristi Terry was on the agenda but was unable to attend the meeting. Rutledge stated that Terry is concerned about the large trees located directly across from her residence. She feels they are a safety concern at this point and is afraid they are going to fall on her home. Attorney Vogler advised that an ordinance violation letter be sent to the property owner where the trees are located. The board advised Marshal Eckert to make personal contact and advise of the violation and if nothing was done then the board would have to move forward with a decision.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge provided the board with a packet of balance sheets for all funds as of June 30, 2019 and a schedule of events which listed all upcoming meetings for the town. Rutledge requested the September meeting date, along with the budget hearing, be changed to September 10 at 6 p.m. due to the budget workshop being held the last week of August and the budget has to be advertised 10 days prior. The

council approved.

Rutledge advised the board that she had applied for the Martin County Community Foundation IMPACT Grant on behalf of the town. Notification of awards will be in November. Rutledge advised that the new Town of Shoals website went live earlier in the day. The website is <https://townofshoals.com>. The website project cost was sponsored by Martin County Alliance. Rutledge provided the board members with a health insurance renewal packet for the upcoming open enrollment. She also stated a meeting has been set up for the board to meet with representative about the renewal for Tuesday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m.

The clerk-treasurer presented Resolution 2019-4 for approval from the board, which establishes a mission and vision statement for the Town of Shoals. The Town of Shoals Mission Statement shall be: "Nestled in the heart of Hoosier Country our mission is to provide a high level of leadership, inspire community spirit, and offer an exceptional level of service to all residents, citizens, businesses and visitors. We strive to provide beautiful and clean parks and public access areas, safe streets, and the best quality water and wastewater operating systems." The Town of Shoals Vision Statement shall be: "Our vision is to maintain all of our mission goals while creating an inviting public atmosphere to live and visit. We hope to encourage growth, sustainability, and tourism all while staying true to our small town values." The council approved.

Rutledge presented resolution 2019-5 for the encumbrance of funds. Earlier in the year funds were encumbered for the three town council member salaries that were not paid in 2018 as well as the hydrant rentals from the general fund to the water company. Rutledge stated that encumbrances are required by the DLGF to be passed by resolution. The council approved. Next, Rutledge presented resolution 2019-6 for payroll transfers from the general fund, LOIT, water and sewer to the payroll clearing fund to get the funds up to date. The

council approved.

Rutledge stated she wanted to advise the board that American Tree Experts, Inc. had donated work at the Overlook Park. Rutledge said they trimmed bushes, raised the shade on numerous trees to open the view and removed smaller trees. The donation in total for was around \$240 worth of work.

Town Marshal Todd Eckert provided the board with updates of the property clean ups. Councilman Hoffman questioned a property on Stephens Street and Eckert stated he would follow up. Councilman Ragsdale questioned a property on Main Street and Eckert stated he would follow up on that one as well.

Eckert stated he would like to seek approval from the board to start a reserve marshal program for the town. Councilman Albright stated his only concern would be the liability to the town. All board members stated said they were open to the idea but requested that Eckert get copies of the program details from other towns doing the reserve program. Eckert stated he would obtain information from Odon and Loogootee and get back to the board.

Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crecelius stated he would like to discuss the general laborer position that recently became vacant again. Crecelius said he recommended that the board hire Caitlin Sanders to fill the position. The council approved. Sanders will start after the background check and drug testing is complete and is under a six-month probation period.

Fire Chief Jim Hamby stated they had a pump testing this week and one of the pumps was leaking from the front seal and would need to be replaced. The estimated cost would be \$1,300. Hamby stated truck 383 would be back online this week.

Amber Hoffman asked the board if the speed limit sign, at the corner High Street by the funeral home, could be moved up the street, closer to the library. She doesn't feel the sign can be seen due to a large tree. Kevin Crecelius will take a look at the sign and see if it should be moved.

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