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# Voter registration deadline is October 11

The Martin County General Election will be held November 8, 2022.

The last day to register to vote is October 11. Register or check your registration at https://indianavoters.in.gov/.

If you are interested in voting by mail, you can call and request an application at any time, please contact the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

The following local candidates will appear on the ballot:

Assessor - Carolyn Sue McGuire, Repub-

Clerk - Julie Fithian, Republican

Commissioner District 2 - Paul R. George, Democrat; DeAndra Magdaleno, Indepen-

County Council District 1 - Jordan Dant, Republican

County Council District 2 - Jim Hamby,

County Council District 3 - Monty Gregory, Republican; Richard Summers, Democrat County Council District 4 - Andrew Beaver, Republican

Judge - Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Republican Prosecutor - Aureola S. Vincz, Republican; Michael Steiner, Independent

Sheriff - Josh Greene, Republican

Crane Clerk/Treasurer - Linda Ann Willoughby, Republican

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

Shoals Clerk/Treasurer - Sierra Rutledge, Democrat

Shoals Town Council - Roger Lee Abel Jr., Republican; Cary D. Albright, Republican; Richard (Rick) Gibbs, Republican; Micky Hawkins Crew, Democrat; Walter Holt, Democrat; Cecil L. Ragsdale, Democrat

Center Township Trustee - Ann Marie Stewart, Republican

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

Halbert Township Trustee - Exzelia Montgomery, Republican

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

Lost River Township Trustee - Mildred C. Brown, Republican

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

Mitcheltree Township Trustee - Rosalee Bateman, Republican; Tammy Jo Gore, Democrat

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

Perry Township Trustee - Jason Hennette, Perry Township Board - Anthony J. (Tony)

Dant, Democrat; Julie Green, Democrat; Brandi Hennette, Democrat Rutherford Township Trustee - Terry J.

Street, Republican

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

Loogootee School Board District 1 - Nick

Loogootee School Board District 2 - Chad Wade Loogootee School Board District 3 – Brent

Courter Shoals School Board District 1 – Annette

Shoals School Board District 4 - Eva

George

# **Community Foundation awards** \$84,000 in grants to 11 entities

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded over \$84,000 in Boost and Impact Grants to 11 local agencies in the first quarterly round of grants in the new open application grant cycle. With this new grant process, grantseekers can apply online year-round; applications are pulled and evaluated quarterly. (Visit https://www. cfpartner.org/grants-how-to-apply learn more.)

The Community Foundation is governed by a volunteer board whose mission is to improve the quality of life in Martin County for this generation and generations to come. The Community Foundation accepts and manages individual and business contributions made to permanent endowments, some of which fund the annual grant cycle.

Alan Lagree is chairing the MCCF Grants Committee, "This year we introduced an open application grant cycle and the response to our first round of applications was very positive. The Grants Committee did an excellent job reviewing each application and the Martin County Community Foundation Board awarded grants that will positively impact safety, education, and quality of life in Martin County."

The Martin County Community Foundation is a public charity recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to be proactive in creating and growing an enduring source of charitable assets, and to identify and respond to the changing needs of Martin County. For more information, contact Curt Johnson at (812) 295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

Below is a summary of how each or-

ganization will use the awarded funding: **BOOST GRANTS:** 

Loogootee United Methodist Church - \$1,500 to provide toys for the Martin County Toy Store.

Martin County Historical Society -\$798 to update their technology in the Genealogical Library Research Room and Office.

**IMPACT GRANTS:** 

Behind the Wire Ministries - \$3,000 for repairs and support.

Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks & Recreation - \$7,500 to refresh the West Boggs Mini Golf Course.

Hoosier Hills Food Bank - \$3,000 to put toward the cost of a new refrigerated truck that will serve Martin and surrounding counties.

Loogootee Parks & Recreation -\$26,615 to renovate and refurbish the pool house at the Loogootee Pool and \$1,159 to provide an additional adult bench swing at the city park.

Martin County Fire & Rescue - \$4,000 to provide essential medical gear bags and supplies for first responders.

Martin County Treasurer - \$25,000 to purchase a cardiac monitor for the Martin County Ambulance Service.

New Beginnings Community Church \$3,000 to provide Saturday lunches for children in the county.

Shoals Beautification Board - \$7,000 to provide picnic tables, 6-foot swings, benches, and trash receptacles at Overlook Park.

Shoals Community School Corporation - \$2,000 to supply Jug Rox Robotics with parts, equipment, and hardware for their robotics program.



Circling Back to Community

# The myth and mystery about the lost Town of Hindostan IV

### BY BOB GREENE

Late Martin County Historian

This is the fourth in a series of articles, submitted by Martin County Historical Society President Bill Greene, leading up to the Second Annual Hindostan Days to be held this Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hindostan Falls.

## Mills at Hindostan

In 1820, the Indiana Legislators declared that all navigable streams and rivers were to be used as public highways, and there would be no obstructions such as "mill dams," which would hinder the flatboats that were going down the rivers. One such mill dam was located at Hindostan, at the sight of the old mill. It was located a short distance up-river from the falls and diverted the water to the mill. The dam was built in order to keep a constant flow of water to the mills, even when the water level of the river was low. We are not certain if the mill was a "wheel" or a "turbine" type. We also don't know if the dam was constructed of wood or stone, but it was braced to the bottom of the river (which is stone in the location) by metal straps.

In 1851, there was damage done to the mill dam. It appears that the dam was not properly repaired and in 1853 John Crawford brought a lawsuit against Aaron Houghton, William Davis, and Aaron Rugless for damage done to his flatboat. The boat struck the uprights of the dam causing the boat to sink, along with the load of corn he was delivering downriver plus an auger and a handsaw, valued at \$2.00, among other items. The lawsuits claims that the dam had been improperly repaired, that the upright braces were a foot higher than the dam. The lawsuit further states William Hickman was part owner of the mill in 1851 but sold his part to Aaron Houghton in September of 1851 for the sum of \$800. Also, Houghton ran a ferry at Hindostan for approximately six to eight years, and this was located up-river from the dam. The elevated water level gave enough depth for the ferry to cross from one side of the river to the other. When the dam was not in operation, the ferry could not cross, therefore, the only way to cross over was to forge the river. At certain times of the year, this was impossible.

# Road closure planned for US 231 near Loogootee

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a road closure for US 231 near Loogootee. Beginning on or around Wednesday, October 5, US 231, north of Loogootee, will be closed. This closure will occur near West Boggs Lake. The closure will allow crews to perform a pipe replacement project. The closure is expected to be complete by the end of the week, depending on the weather.

The official detour is US 50 to I-69 to State Road 58. Local traffic will have access up to the point of closure.



# **Senator visit**

-Photos provided

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth hosted a small roundtable discussion with Senator Mike Braun on Friday September 23 at the Martin County Learning Center. In the group photo, in the front row form left to right, are Dena Held, Jessica Potts, Pam Loughmiller, and Erin Stoll. In the middle row are Noel Harty, Senator Braun, Samantha Nelson, and Jenelle Hoffman. In the back row are Brent Courter, Lonnie Hawkins, Grant Sherfick, Cody Roush, Greg Jones, Jamie Shinabarger, and Phillip Smith.

# LHS Volleyball falls to Barr-Reeve, defeats Hatchets

The Loogootee High School Varsity Volleyball Team was defeated by Barr Reeve last Thursday, in five sets, 25-21, 25-23, 15-25, 12-25, and 11-15.

Brooklyn Summers led in serving points with nine, followed by Breanna Courter with seven and Sydnee Wittmer, Kyleigh Courter and Mallorie Sutton with six each. Summers also contributed 19 assists and 12 digs. Breanna Courter added 13 digs and Wittmer had 21 assists, seven kills and three blocks. Kyleigh Courter led in digs with 24 and Lindsey Nolan contributed 12. Cacia Wilcoxen finished with 11 kills and Madison Ramsey had 10.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also lost to Barr-Reeve, 14-25 and 16-25. Cacia Wilcoxen led in kills with five followed by Ava Fuhrman with three and Cora Consley with two. Fuhrman also contributed five serving points. Addy Lengacher led in assists with 13 and had four digs. Abbi Nonte had a team-high 11 digs and Macy Knepp added eight.

The Loogootee Varsity team defeated Washington

Loogootee Varsity is back in action at the Blue River Valley Tournament on Saturday, September 24.

The Loogootee Varsity beat Washington last Tuesday, September 20 in three sets, 25-13, 25-21, and 25-10.

Mallorie Sutton led in serving points with 12 followed by Sydnee Wittmer with 11 and Madison Ramsey with eight. Wittmer also had a team-high 18 assists and Ramsey contributed eight kills and three blocks. Brooklyn Summers finished with 12 assists and four digs. Kyleigh Courter led in digs with 13 followed by Breanna Courter with six. Cacia Wilcoxen added five kills and three blocks. Alana Hedrick finished with five kills.

The junior varsity team also defeated Washington 25-22 in both sets.

Macy Knepp led in serving points with six, followed by Addy Lengacher and Cora Consley with five each. Knepp also added four kills and eight digs. Ava Fuhrman also had four kills. Abbi Nonte led in digs with 15 and Breanna Eckerle had four. Addy Lengacher finished with 16 assists.



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# MARTIN COUNTY PROSECUTOR

I am an Independent candidate for the office of the Prosecuting Attorney for Martin County in the 2022 General Election. Having previously held the position for sixteen years, from 2003-2018, I believe that I can do the job better, more efficiently, and at a lower cost than it is currently being done.

# I do not typically make a lot of campaign promises, but I can promise you this:

- 1. Upon taking office, I will immediately eliminate the 2nd Deputy Prosecutor position that presently exists in the office of the Martin County Prosecutor. This Deputy position is being funded by the Martin County taxpayers at and is unnecessary. A Chief Deputy and I, both positions of which are paid for by the State of Indiana, can, and will, fulfill the duties of office with maximum efficiency; thereby eliminating any need for a second deputy.
- 2. I will commit myself to the office and to the citizens of Martin County by showing up for work every day, giving you my best effort, and being readily available to address public concerns during business hours. I will also be available, at all times, for our law enforcement officers in service to the public. As elected Prosecutor, it is my duty and obligation to be available at all times to ensure justice is served and the quality of life and safety for Martin County citizens is at the forefront.
- 3. I will oversee the Prosecutor's Office on a shoestring budget to save Martin County taxpayers money just as I did in my prior 16 years as Prosecutor. Prosecution of crime in Martin County is important but frivolous or unnecessary expenses charged to the taxpavers is unacceptable.
- 4. Over the last 15 months, I have taken 8 felony offenders to trial. I will evaluate each case and take the necessary ones to trial. The last felony trial that occurred in Martin County was prosecuted by me in June of 2018, which resulted in 2 Murder convictions and the defendant receiving a sentence in excess of 130 years.

During the last three years of my tenure as Martin County Prosecutor, from 2016 to 2018, 85 criminals were sent to prison for their crimes and in the interest of justice. After I left office, only 20 criminals were imprisoned for their crimes from 2019 to 2021. While not all criminal defendants should be sent to prison - there are people who commit crimes and then there are criminals – I will work hard and put forth the most effort to prosecute and send criminals to prison for their crimes. This will enhance the quality of life and the safety of the citizens of Martin County.

I am looking forward to making rounds in the community and seeing as many citizens as possible between now and Novem-

I would appreciate your support in the upcoming General Election as your **Independent Candidate for Martin County Prosecutor.** 

-Paid for by Mike Steiner for Prosecutor



# **GARAGE SALE**

GARAGE SALE: Friday, September 30th from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 1st from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 1215 SR 550 in Loogootee. Lots of clothes - name brand, young adults, womens and mens clothes, jackets, shoes, CDs, DVDs, decorations, zone-in pitching stand, chairs, barstools, gas dryer with steam, lots of household items, appliances, misc.

# **REAL ESTATE**

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER: Older Ranch-Style Home with full basement in Bellgrade Addition in Loogootee. For inquiries or viewing, please contact us at 812-295-2467 and leave message with name and number and we will get back with

# **HELP WANTED**

# **NOW HIRING Full-Time Soil & Water Conservation District Coordinator**

The Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is seeking to fill a full-time (30 hrs. wk.) SWCD District Coordinator position. This position provides administrative and office management support to the SWCD board.

This position requires a minimum of 3 year's office experience. Proficiency in QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, Publisher, Excel and Word is a must.

Full job description and application can be obtained by emailing (see email below) or visiting the SWCD office during office hours.

Applications with cover letters and resumes will be accepted until October 11th, 2022

Please email application requests and application packets to martinswcd@yahoo.com or mail to

Martin County SWCD, PO Box 142, Loogootee, IN 47553

# **Martin County Extension Office** Full-time Non-Exempt Secretary/Office Manager Position

September 2022

Martin County has an opening for a full-time Purdue Extension Secretary/Office Manager and would like to fill the position immediately. The successful candidate will assist Extension Educators by performing a wide variety of tasks from computer-oriented documents, record keeping and financial processing, filing, copying, light lifting, cleaning, answering phones, directing questions, and all other Extension Office duties necessary to have an impactful Purdue Extension Program. Candidate must have the ability to multitask and be proficient in computer knowledge.

Must be available to work office hours 8 am-4 pm as well as after hour times as duties require. The successful candidate must have excellent computer skills, communication skills, high integrity and trustworthiness. Pre-employment drug screening is required.

To apply, forward a cover letter and resume to Dena Held at heldd@purdue.edu with the subject line "Purdue Extension Secretary/Office Manager Application."

Questions may be directed to Dena Held, e-mail of heldd@purdue.edu or call 812-295-2412.

Interviews may be held and/or filled concurrently with position advertising. Purdue University & Martin County are equal access/opportunity institutions

# The Martin County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications to fill **Full-Time Jail Officer & Dispatcher positions**

Full-Time Jail Officers - \$17.00 per hour Full-Time Dispatchers - \$15.00 per hour Part-Time Jailer or Dispatcher - \$15.00 per hour

Minimum Requirements:

- —Be at least 18 years of age
- —Citizen of the United States
- —High School Diploma or GED —Must not have any Felony or Misdemeanor Battery or

**Domestic Violence Convictions** 

—Be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings,

weekends and some holidays To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726. Resumes may be sent to mbeaver@martincounty.in.gov.

### **RUTH ADAMS**

Ruth A. Adams passed away Sunday, September 18, 2022, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 55.

She was born February 19, 1967, in Washington; daughter of the late Anderson and Sandy Ridge.

Ruth received her associates degree in Human Services from University of Phoenix in 2014. She enjoyed reading romance novels, playing dice, fishing, watching NASCAR and riding motorcycles.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Ruth is survived by her children, Brandon Clark, Jeremy Hall, Lindsey Hall, Andrew Lundgren and Nathan Lundgren; grandchildren, Leiah, Layden, Lorel, Madisyn, Nicteha, Eddie, Grabriella, Jazzlynn, Easton, Anthony, Alayna, Timothy, and Lilian; and siblings, Kerry Ridge, Kathy Ridge, Bill Ridge, Kelly Williams, Mike Clark, Marvin Clark, Mitzi Humphrey and Barb Arnold.

To honor Ruth's wishes, cremation was

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Ruth A. Adams.

### **ROBERTA LEWIS**

Roberta Maxine Lewis passed away Thursday, September 22, 2022. A resi-

dent of Springville, she was 94.



**ROBERTA LEWIS** 

death on November 19, 2015.

She was born July 19, 1928, in Martin County; daughter of Frank and Marie (Bolton) Freeman. She married Merle Eugene Lewis on January 1, 1944, and he preceded her in

She was a homemaker and had worked at Hale's Carriage House Furniture for several years. She was a member of Owensburg Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Leslie (Jim) Lewis and wife, Darlene, of Springville; two daughters, Jeanette Parsley and husband, Clovis, of Bedford and Karen DeFord and husband, Rex, of Vail, Arizona; 13 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren; a brother, John Freeman and wife, Kathleen, of Shelbyville; two sisters, Geraldine Jackson and husband, Jerry, of Bedford and Ruth Wininger of Tampa, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Gene.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, September 30 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary with Leslie Lewis, Clovis Parsley, and Rex DeFord officiating. Burial will follow in the Owensburg Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, September 29 at the Day & Carter Mortuary.

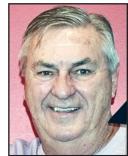
Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Owensburg Cemetery.

# DONALD NEUKAM

Donald Edward Neukam passed away peacefully Thursday September 22, 2022, at 9:59 a.m. at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis, surrounded by his family. A resident of Camby, he

He was born November 23, 1947, in Huntingburg; son of Norman and Dorothy (Hembree) Neukam.

Don was a graduate of Loogootee High School in 1965. He married Bonnie **MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL** 



**DONALD** NEUKAM

Truelove, his high school sweetheart. on April 27, 1968. Don was a United States Air Force Veteran, working for Military AGE -Aerospace Ground Equipment repairing and maintaining aircrafts, and serving in the Viet-

nam War. After 20 years of service, he retired as a Master Sargent from the Air Force. Don continued his service career at CAAA, Crane Army, Ammunition, and Activity and retired after an additional 23 years.

He was a member of the Mitchell Masonic Lodge #228. Don was a man of faith, actively involved in Emmaus as well as Via De Cristo, and a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Loogootee. He loved to cook, especially on chili day. He was an airplane enthusiast and was an avid history buff. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed trips on his motorcycle with friends. He put family first and loved spending time with them. Don will be deeply missed by all.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Dorothy Neukam.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bonnie (Truelove) Neukam of Camby; his daughter, Christina Egan; his son, Jason (Mandi) Neukam; his grandsons, Quentin Egan and Jacob Neukam; his granddaughters, Eva and Haley; his siblings, Norma Kay (Richard) Barber of Loogootee, Robert (Michelle) Neukam of Linton, Bryan (Suszette) Neukam of Washington, and Mark Neukam of Odon, and several cousins, nieces, and neph-

Funeral services and military rights were conducted Tuesday September 27 at the Lutheran Church in Loogootee with Pastor Timothy Fleece officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Shriners, in memory of Don.

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

# **CHARLES HENRY**

Charles William "Bill" Henry passed away on September 21, 2022. A resident of Shoals, he was 66.

He was born December 29, 1955, in Washington; son of John Robert "Bob" and Mary (Emmons) Henry.

He attended school at Shoals High School graduating with the class of 1974. Charles worked as a mechanic/laborer for the Bloomington union. He married arrangements.



**CHARLES HENRY** 

Karla Sanders on May 13, 2013, and she survives.

Charlie Bill was a proud member of the Local Union. He enjoyed arrowhead hunting and various collections.

Charles is survived by his wife, Karla of Shoals;

daughter, Dawna (Derby) Haswell of Florida; son, Ellis (Julie) Haswell of Indianapolis; mother, Mary Henry of Loogootee; siblings, Robert Lee (Louise) Henry of Seymour, Sandy (Brad) Qualkenbush of Shoals, and John (Marylen) Henry of Gwynneville; niece, Lyndsay Qualkenbush of Shoals; nephew, C.J. Qualkenbush of Shoals; and their beloved pup, Millie.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Robert "Bob" Henry and one sister, Rhonda Beth Henry.

A funeral service was held Saturday, September 24, at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care in Shoals with Pastor Caleb Moffatt officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to the Martin County Humane Society.

Online condolences can be given at www.QueenLee.Com.

# **JAMES PARSONS**

James "Jake" V. Parsons passed away September 19, 2022, in Washington. A resident of Shoals, he was 85.

He was born June 26, 1937, in Huron; son of William and Gladys (Bouden) Parsons. He married Wanda Ratliff on January 19, 1969, and she preceded him in death in 2015.

Jake attended Huron Schools, served in the United States Army, retired from Crane Naval Base with 33 years of service and was a maintenance person at the Loogootee McDonalds for 16 years.

He is survived by one sister, Mary Louis Spaulding of Mooresville; children, Sheryl L. (David) Parsons Langdon of Bloomington, Tampa R. Parsons Holt of Loogootee, James R "Bobby" (Debbie) Parsons of Shoals; grandkids, Autumn Holt, Mikeal Holt, James Holt, Jared Langdon, Dakota Langdon, Rachel Horsely; and six great-grandkids.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two siblings, Margie Abel and Donald Parsons.

Simple Cremation was chosen.

Online condolences may be made to www.queenlee.com.

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## RALPH DOBSON

Ralph Dean Dobson passed away Friday, September 22, 2022, surrounded by



his family. A resident of Donalsonville, Georgia, he was 79.

He was born May 22, 1943, in Dover Hill; son of the late Frank Dobson and Betty Catherine Norman Dobson.

RALPH DOBSON

He was a member of Shoals Christian Church in Shoals. Mr. Dobson loved his family, friends, and was a stranger to no one. He loved the outdoors and recreational sports, such as fishing, golfing, basketball and baseball – his teams were always the Indiana Hoosiers and the Cincinnati Reds. He was a lover of his community and founded the Boys and Girls Club in Perry, Florida, later becoming President of the club. He was the President of the Lions Club in Shoals. Music and singing were something he loved and would say Elvis Presley was "the King." He worked for The Post Searchlight for 14 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Paul Gene Dobson.

Survivors include his wife of nearly 29 years, Ann Dobson; son, Michael (Amy) Dobson; daughters, Karen (Alton) Hendry and Janet Dobson Lukens; stepson, Kristopher Ryan Wolff; stepdaughter, Melissa (Andrew) Wolff; grandchildren, Christen Morgan Dobson, Bethany Grace Dobson, Amanda Kai Ying Dobson, Michael Hunter Dobson, Laurel La-Valle, Ben LaValle, Garret Hendry, Casey Lukens, Kelly Lukens, Trey (Robin) Lukens, Lillian Kara Wolff, and Gabriel Ryan Wolff; great grandchildren, Amelia LaValle, Fiona LaValle, Charlie Thomley, Cayden Sadler, Leyton Lukens, Tayven Lukens, and Lowyn Lukens; brother, Rick Dobson; sister, Cheryl (Ray) Norris; nieces and nephews, Curt Dobson, Cheryl Lynn Dobson, Paige Dobson, Brooklyn Dobson, Frank Dobson, Jennifer Bennett and Melissa Klepz; and his fur babies, Piper and Pixie, who were the loves of his life. They were always by his side or in his lap in the recliner. Anything he ate, especially Cheez-It's, he would share with them.

Memorial services for Mr. Dobson will be held Monday, October 3 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Ivey Funeral Home, Bainbridge, Georgia.

The family will receive friends immediately following the service at the funer-

Ivey Funeral Home, 502 S Scott Street, Bainbridge, GA 39819, is assisting the family with arrangements. Please visit iveyfuneral.com to sign the online guest registry.



ommunity for nearly a century. Carrying on the tradition of quality and compassionate service started by the Queen and Lee family is Derek and Abby George along with their two boys, Hudson and ellen. They have been a part of the community since 2016 and have now solely purchased the funeral home. Derek will continue to nanage the day-to-day operations serving you. We look forward to the privilege of our family serving yours for the years to come.

# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

4:30 a.m. - Received a report of a cardeer accident north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:51 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department and the state highway department were notified.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

11:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. No one was

2:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Reserve Deputy Shaw, Lost River Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson re-

6:03 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community

8:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Daviess County Medic 4 responded. Daviess County Medic 4 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:04 p.m. - Received a report of a semi in a ditch east of Shoals. Captain Reed and Briggaman's Towing responded.

# **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

12:22 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

2:13 a.m. - Received an accidental 911

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of a cardeer accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed and Big John's Towing responded.

8:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

11:23 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

12:55 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

1:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of a theft southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic light malfunctioning in Loogootee. INDOT was notified.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report from Greene County of an on-going pursuit heading towards Martin County on US Highway 231 North. Chief Deputy Keller,

Captain Reed, Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded.

# WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

12:25 a.m. - Received an accidental

4:09 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

8:35 a.m. - Received multiple calls reporting a tree down east of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was

1:56 p.m. - Received a call from Life Alert requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

3:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check on a trailer. Deputy Branham responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified. Deputy Branham responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Sheriff Greene, Corporal Wells and Deputy Branham responded. No one was transported.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on a power line southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department and REMC responded.

5:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a call from Convergent Alarms reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Crane, keyholder was notified. Deputy Branham responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US Highway 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of power lines down northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Shoals Fire Department and REMC responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting trees down on US Highway 50 East. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:29 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

7:47 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

9:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:14 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:55 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi southeast of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

3:10 a.m. - Received a report of someone walking in the roadway north of Burns City. Daviess County Dispatch was

5:40 a.m. - Received report of a female walking on the roadway north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:26 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist near Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. No one transported.

7:50 a.m. - Received an accidental 911

9:19 a.m. - Received a 911 call in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson advised accidental call.

two inmates to court.

10:32 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle inspection check east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

10:32 a.m. - Received a call reporting an animal issue in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

10:32 a.m. - Received a report of a low hanging limb west of Shoals. INDOT was advised.

10:33 a.m. - Deputy Pressley returned from court with two inmates.

10:36 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a low hanging limb causing damage to a truck west of Shoals. Caller advised he would come to the jail for a report.

10:58 a.m. - Deputy Pressley returned from court with one inmate.

1:34 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

1:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals, traveling west. Corporal Wells responded.

2:50 p.m. - Deputy Pressley returned from court with two inmates.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a deer that had been hit north of Shoals. Corporal Wells and ICO Mann responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree covering the roadway southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department re-

6:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, ICO MANN, and Deputy Branham responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a disorderly suicidal individual in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Deputy Branham, Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Officer Erwin, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. All Martin County law enforcement were advised.

11:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

12:04 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:58 a.m. - Received a report of a residential fire alarm. Advised Daviess

4:00 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy at the jail. Deputy Branham responded.

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection check. Sheriff Greene responded.

10:31 a.m. - Received a report of two dogs dumped north of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

10:36 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Corporal Wells responded.

12:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, and Shoals Fire Department responded. One patient was transported to IU Health Bedford.

2:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

3:17 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a request for a ed.

9:20 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported deputy southeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

> 5:55 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy by phone. Corporal Wells

> 6:50 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy south of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received report of a low hanging line south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting law enforcement for a domestic dispute. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

10:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour was

# **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**

3:44 a.m. - Received an accidental 911

10:02 a.m. - Received a request for a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Corporal Wells responded.

1:37 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

1:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident northwest of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Trooper Beaver, and Air Evac

4:33 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious substance left at a business in Shoals. Loogootee Officer Seymour re-

10:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Martin County EMS, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Deputy Long, and Loogootee Fire Department

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of racing vehicles in Shoals. Deputy Branham

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a child exchange dispute. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** 9:37 a.m. - Received an animal com-

plaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

9:59 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire and INDOT were advised.

11:24 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

11:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County EMS and Corporal Wells responded. No one was transport-

1:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

2:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy and Animal Control Deputy Hughett per an animal complaint. Corporal Wells and Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Seymour respond-

# CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND **SENTENCINGS** September 14

Tabitha M. Porter, convicted of operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony; and possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 361 days of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 180 days of probation. Sentenced on the third count to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 365 days of probation.

# CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 14

Lester R. Erb III, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Tabitha M. Porter, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

# **CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed** September 14

Beth Connell vs. Kaleb Connell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

September 15

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Trandon Williams, civil collection.

September 19

Mariner Finance vs. Connie Shipman, civil collection.

Mariner Finance vs. Rachel Bruner, civil collection.

# **CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS** September 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Heather Evans in the amount of \$3,040.82.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Heather Evans in the amount of \$7,194.67.

# CIVIL COURT DISMISSED September 16

Kaitlyn Pund vs. Tyler George, civil tort, dismissed.

# SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS September 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hembree's Auto Repair and against the defendant James Ervin Graber in the amount of \$697.88.

# SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED September 14

Jason D. Tinkle vs. Bruce Smith, complaint, dismissed.

# **MARRIAGE LICENSES** September 15

Elisha J. Schlaegel of Shoals and Hannah G. Smith of Shoals.

# September 16

Alan C. Fellers of Loogootee and Kayla R. Abel of Loogootee.

Lori N. Albright of Shoals and Josiah A. Martin of Shoals.

# Loogootee Police

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** 

8:27 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Vine Street.

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

9:15 a.m. - A complainant advised of an individual trespassing at a local apartment complex.

5:40 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Greene County Sheriff's Department with a pursuit of a vehicle on US 231, north of

6:32 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a single-vehicle property damage accident at US 231 and Vine Street.

10:03 p.m. - Officer Seymour and first responders assisted with a medical call at Elm Street and US 50.

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21**

11:00 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with a funeral procession.

8:14 p.m. - A caller reported harass-

9:24 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a property damage accident at the Marathon station.

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

7:11 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an accident.

7:40 p.m. - Officers Erwin, Seymour and Albright responded to assist the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a possible suicidal subject.

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

5:20 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a property damage accident on US 231

# RREST

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:46 a.m. - Billy Mitchell, 47, of Jasonville, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with driving while suspended and possession of marijuana. He is being held on \$10,000, 10% bond.

# FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

11:41 a.m. - Laura Henninger, 50, of Jasper arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with invasion of privacy and driving while suspended prior. Bond set at 30,000/10%.

# **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

11:49 p.m. - Willie Wilson, 40, was arrested by Captain Reed for a parole warrant for armed robbery.

8:21 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

8:26 p.m. - Officers Seymour and Albright responded to a report of a domestic dispute in progress on East Broadway Street.

10:41 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an active alarm at a local business.

10:06 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24** 

11:52 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a suspicious male at a local business.

1:40 p.m. - First responders and Officer Seymour responded to an ATV accident on Dover Hill Road.

4:35 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a suspicious substance found at a business.

8:07 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a deer accident involving two vehicles on US 50 East.

10:03 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Redbud Lane.

11:08 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

## **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

6:14 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a suspicious male.

# Real estate transfers

Scott A. Arvin, of East Carroll Parish, Louisiana to Lynn M. Ziegler, Diane C. Richardson and Mary A. Adamson, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 2 ½ acres, more or less.

Elsie M. Horsting, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cameron R. Ochs**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Dustin David Kettler,** of Martin County, Indiana to Robert Dale Mullis III and Melissia Hayes, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 87 and the east onehalf of Lot Number 88 in the Original Town of Crane.

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A man asked his wife what she'd like for her birthday.

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Five hours later she staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling, and her stomach felt upside down.

Right away, they journeyed to a Mc-Donald's where her loving husband ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a refreshing chocolate shake.

Then it was off to the movies with popcorn, all the Coke she could drink, and her favorite M&M's. What a fabulous adventure!

Finally, she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted.

He leaned over his precious wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, "Well, Dear, what was it like being eight again?"

Her eyes slowly opened, and her expression suddenly changed. "I meant my dress size!"

The moral of the story: Even when a man is listening, he's gonna get it wrong.

# **THOUGHTS**

\*I'm getting quite heavy. Seems I've had a lot on my plate lately.

\*Husbands are the best people to share secrets with. They will never tell anyone because they are not ever listening.

\*I hope we're friends until we die. And then I hope we stay ghost friends and walk through walls and scare the poop out of people.

\*Here's a tip: Ring the doorbell on your way to bed at night. This will clear the dogs off you bed long enough for you to get in and get comfortable.

\*I think I have an urge to get up and clean the house. Wait...no. False alarm.

\*I pick fresh vegetables every day. I feed them to my pig, and he converts them into bacon.

\*We all have choices to make...You can choose to let me drink my coffee or you can choose to suffer the consequences...You pick!

\*Does anyone else wish the manufacturers would write shampoo and conditioner in a bigger font so we can read them in the shower without glasses?

# HOW "MIDDLE-AGED ARE YOU?"

- 1. You can't sleep past 9:00 a.m.
- 2. You can't start a movie past 9:00
- 3. You call your children for tech sup-
- 4. You used to fix typos with White-
  - 5. You've called a 30-year-old a "kid."
- 6. You swap ailment stories with your friends.
- 7. You're on Facebook, but not Snapchat.
- 8. You write appointments on a paper calendar.
- 9. You're not quite sure how you got that bruise.
- 10. You gain weight just by being near
- 11. You go into the bank to make a deposit.
  - 12. You've dialed a rotary phone.
  - 13. You still have a landline.
- 14. You can't find your glasses...that are sitting on top of your head.

# SERIOUSISMS

\*Speak when you are angry, and you will make the best speech you will ever

\*Do a hundred things right and someone will point out the one thing you did

\*The most expensive liquid in the world is a tear. It's 1% water and 99% feelings. Think before you hurt someone.

Make someone smile today!

# CALENDAR

## **Historical Society Bean Dinner**

The annual Martin County Historical Society Bean Dinner will be held at Hindostan Falls on October 1 in conjunction with Hindostan Day celebration. This is the only yearly fundraiser the historical society holds. All society members are asked to donate cookies and or cornbread for this event. For cleanliness and ease of serving, all items are requested to be cut into serving size pieces and individually wrapped in plastic bags. Donations may be left at museum on Friday September 30 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. or may be taken to Hindostan Falls on the day of the dinner. The society is also in need of volunteers to serve beans from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday.

## Aluminum can drive

The Daviess Right to Life will have their aluminum can drive on Saturday, October 1 at the Tractor Supply in Washington from 9 a.m. until noon. No newsprint will be accepted. Martin County Right to Life will have their newspaper/ aluminum can drive also on Saturday, October 1 at the Martin County Recycling Center.

### **SBDC** to visit Martin County

Business Advisor Mande Miskewcyz with South Central Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will visit Martin County Monday, October 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community building on the fairgrounds. The SBDC provides guidance to small and future business owners at no cost. They have a variety of resources with different program opportunities available, including a business plan, accessing capital, startup assistance, and market research. The event is being sponsored by ISBDC and the Martin County Alliance.

# Dog/cat wellness clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter will hold their monthly wellness clinic Friday, October 21, from 5-6 p.m. Low cost services such as vaccinations, microchips and disease testing are offered. No appointment is required.

# **LUMC Food Pantry**

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

# Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health call at 295-3149.

Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@

## 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.

### **Local recovery meetings**

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

# Free lunch for kids

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

## **SOAR Tutoring**

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# Solid waste board

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

# Soil and Water meetings

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

# LETTER TO

# Things you should know before you vote (Revised)

To the editor of the Martin County Journal.

The Martin County Clerk's Office has received many questions regarding the ballot for this election. I thought it would be a good idea to share those questions and answers.

If I did not vote in the Primary, can I vote in the General? Yes, as long as your registration is up to date. Your registration remains active until you don't vote in two General Elections. Deadline to update/register to vote is October 11, 2022.

I am a registered Democrat/Republican and I want to change parties? In Indiana, you are a registered voter. You are not tied to any particular party. You do have a vote history, but you can change your party preference at any time by choosing that party's ballot in the Primary. For the General, all candidates appear on the same ballot. You can choose any party for any race. It does not have to be the same party.

I want to vote a "straight party" ballot but one of the candidates is a different

party. What should I do? At the beginning of the ballot, it asks you if you want to vote straight party. If you choose one of the parties, you will be casting a vote for all the candidates for that party. If there is a particular contest that you want to vote for the other party, you can go to that particular contest and mark your candidate. This will override the "straight party" selection you marked previously for this contest only. All other contests will still coincide with the "straight party" you selected earlier. However, if you choose to vote "straight party" you still need to choose your candidates for school board which is non-partisan.

You will also need to select candidates for Shoals Town Council and Crane Town Council and all the township board offices. Because these contests are a "choose 3 candidates", the "straight party" selection will not include these contests.

I hope this helps you to be a more informed voter. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

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Fall has officially arrived, and actually brought some fall-like weather. The cooler nights and bright days make for a good time to get out and enjoy the garden. Our early frost date is October 10, but in recent years, we have remained frost-free much later, often well into November. Still, we need to make preparations.

If you still have houseplants outside, it is time to begin the process of bringing them in. Move them to a shady location to get them used to the lower levels of light found in most homes. Inspect them. Some may need additional soil, and some may need to be re-potted. Also inspect them for insects and disease. If necessary, use a pesticide. The use of pesticides will be easier done outside than waiting until you have them in the house. I also find that re-potting is easier out on my potting bench than on the kitchen table. Choosing a new home for your green baby should not be a snap decision. If you do not already, get to know your plant and its needs. Most plants are sold in cheap plastic pots that rarely provide the environment that the plant really needs. Succulents and cacti are among the favorite houseplants and plastic pots are simply not the best choice. As pretty as they may be, glazed ceramic pots are really not much better. The roots of succulents need air. They are happiest in terra cotta pots. Pot size also matters. Most experts usually recommend increasing the pot size to the next larger size. A plant in a common four-inch nursery pot will be right at home in a six-inch pot, giving the root ball plenty of room to grow, without making the plant appear lonely in a large pot. The height of a plant also affects the planter choice. Taller plants may become top-heavy and fall over. If necessary, use stones in the pot to increase the weight and balance the pot.

When re-potting succulents, I always seem to knock off some pieces. Consider this an opportunity to increase your plant collection. Allow the pieces to scab over for a few days, then place them in some moist potting medium. While adult succulents do not want a lot of water, these young pieces need some humidity to cause them to develop roots. Making a plastic tent will usually suffice. Place a tray in a plastic bag and use sticks to keep the plastic elevated off the plants. Within three weeks, the plants should be ready to remove from the tent and allowed to grow. Growth will be slow, so they will likely be able to remain in the tray through the winter.

Other plants may also be started in a similar way, and this may offer a way to over-winter certain plants without bringing another big pot into the house. Impatiens, begonias, and many other bedding plants will root easily from cuttings and may be kept inside through the winter. Next spring, they will likely have grown enough to take more cuttings and supply bedding plants for several locations.

Many plants that grow from bulbs, corms and tubers may be over-wintered simply by digging out the root system and saving it in a basement or garage. Wait until the frost has killed the top of such plants to dig them. Allow the tubers to dry a couple of days before taking them in. Peat moss, wood shavings or even shredded paper will be good holding media for keeping the tubers from rotting. I sometimes leave potted tubers in their pots and put them in the crawl space under the house.

My indoor plants provide a lot of benefits. They clean the air in the house and create a peaceful habitat. I can get my gardening fix even in the coldest winter, tending my indoor garden.

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# Indiana farm fatality summary shows positive trends, stresses worker safety

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Purdue University's Agricultural Safety and Health Program released the annual Indiana Farm Fatality Summary with Historical Overview, coinciding with National Farm Safety and Health Week. The annual observance has taken place during the third week of September since 1944.

The program reported 20 work-related on-farm deaths in the state of Indiana in 2021. Data shows that tractors are the most common agent in farm-related fatalities, representing as many as 52 percent of documented cases in the past 10 years, with six reported cases in 2021. Other causes included grain entrapment, equipment runovers and entanglements, and asphyxiation by fumes in confined spaces.

This shows a decrease from the 25 cases identified in 2020 and marks the fewest cases reported in the past eight years. Farm fatalities for the past 50 years continue to trend lower, likely reflecting safer machinery and work practices while also corresponding with a decline in the number of farmers.

Despite this positive trend, program members urge agricultural workers to remain diligent and follow safety protocols. No Indiana agency requires official documentation of farm-related injuries or fatalities, but prior Purdue research has indicated that each year approximately 1 in 9 Indiana farms has a farmwork-related injury incident that requires medical

attention.

Documented incidents involving those age 60 or older account for nearly half of all cases in the past five years, including 40 percent in 2021.

"Historically, farmers over the age of 60, including many who work only parttime, have accounted for a disproportionate number of farm-related injuries. Recent spikes in frequencies of fatalities over the past 10 years make this population of older farmers a special concern," the report states.

Males account for most fatalities, with only one female fatality recorded in 2021. One victim was a child, but historical data shows an overall decline in the frequency of farm-related fatalities involving children and youth.

Ed Sheldon, report co-author and Purdue agricultural safety specialist, said, "It is encouraging that the average number of annual farm-related fatalities continues to decline. That said, in 2021, at least 20 Indiana families and communities felt the devastating impact of losing one of their own to a farmwork-related death.

"That's a very somber reminder that we should never become complacent in our efforts to make our farms safer places to live and work."

As Hoosier farmers begin to harvest, program members remind farmers to keep safety a top priority. Agriculture safety guides, disaster preparedness resources and the Indiana Farm Fatality Summary can be found at www.purdue.edu.

# Department of Agriculture warns of harvest traffic on rural roads

Harvest season is here, and Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) Director Bruce Kettler, Hoosier Ag Today and many other state agencies have teamed up to promote roadway safety this fall encouraging motorists to watch out and slow down for farm equipment on rural roads this harvest season. To kick off the campaign ISDA and Hoosier Ag Today created a Public Service Announcement to inform drivers of what to do when encountering farm equipment on roadways.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture, is a staunch supporter of Hoosier farmers and wants to ensure everyone gets home to their families safely.

"There is nothing more beautiful than rural Indiana in the fall," said Lt. Gov. Crouch. "But, with that beauty comes heightened roadway dangers during harvest season. I am encouraging all Hoosiers to be alert and be patient on rural roads this harvest season."

In 2020 three vehicles were involved in crashes with farm equipment in Indiana which resulted in two deaths, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"Rural road safety is something we all take very seriously. Each year Hoosiers lose their lives unnecessarily," said Bruce Kettler, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director. "I want to continue to encourage roadway safety for motorists and for farmers. These accidents can be prevented if we all slow down and use caution around farm equipment this fall."

Farm equipment during harvest season could include tractors, combines, grain carts, grain wagons and large trucks hauling agricultural products. These vehicles are wide, sometimes taking up most of the road, and often travel at speeds no greater than 25 mph.

The following list includes several safety tips for motorists approaching

large farm equipment:

-Farmers will pull over when they are able to let motorists pass, but it may take time for them to get to a safe place to do so.

-Be patient. Farm equipment is wide, sometimes taking up most of the road.

-Be careful when passing. Do not pass in a designated "No Passing Zone" or within 100 feet of any intersection, railroad grade crossing, bridge, elevation structure or tunnel.

-Do not try to pass a slow-moving vehicle on the left without ensuring that the vehicle is not planning a left turn. It may appear that the driver is pulling over for you to pass when it is actually preparing to turn. You will drive right into its path, endangering yourself and the farmer.

-Please be aware of farmers working near the road and semi trucks and trailers parked alongside rural roads.

-Avoid tailgating, as some farm equipment might have to make sudden stops along the road.

-Allow plenty of time to get to a destination, be aware of alternate routes and avoid distractions.

"Despite encouraging motorists and farmers alike to take extra precaution on roadways during harvest season, crashes still occur every year," said Doug Carter, Indiana State Police Superintendent. "One death is one too many. I want to remind everyone to remain alert and exercise caution as you travel on Indiana's rural roads this fall."

For a list of safety tips, visit isda. in.gov. To view the full Public Service Announcement, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUENXUn\_MnQ. The following organizations will be working together to share this important safety message during planting season: Hoosier Ag Today, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation and Indiana State Police.



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Shown above, from left to right, are Marcia Forston, President & CEO Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana and Kurt Phegley, Government & Community Relations Manager Duke Energy

# **Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana** receives \$10,000 grant from Duke Energy

Indiana (JASWIN) is pleased to announce it has received a \$10,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation, which will support Junior Achievement programs in the following counties in Indiana in the 2022-23 school year: Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Orange, Pike, Posey and Warrick.

"We are deeply grateful for the support of Duke Energy Foundation. Their generous investment in our students and schools allows Junior Achievement in partnership with business and community volunteer mentors to empower a new generation of leaders with the skillset and mindset they need to prepare for their futures, live choice-filled lives, build thriving communities, and make the world a better place," said Marcia Forston, President and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana.

The Duke Energy Foundation's investment supports JA Pathways pro-

Junior Achievement of Southwestern grams for more than 7,500 students in the nine-county service area that Duke serves. JA Pathways is a continuum of progressive learning experiences K-12, each inspiring, preparing, and enabling students to acquire and demonstrate the competencies needed to be financially capable, work and career ready, and/or entrepreneurially minded. A combination of in-school and out-of-school authentic experiences enrich each JA Pathway supporting 10 or more competencies for each JA pillar.

Government & Community Relations Manager Kurt Phegley said, "We support all the innovative programming and educational lessons provided by Junior Achievement of Southwestern Indiana to educate students and prepare them for future careers within the workplace."

In 2021-2022, JASWIN provided JA programs to 19,025 students in 830 classes resulting in 89,077 hours spent between volunteers and the students they inspire.

# Committed to Community, Dedicated to Progress

Under the Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct 2.11, the rule states that a judge has an automatic disqualification if a lawyer in the proceeding is in a third degree relation. The Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct Terminology Section goes on to define Third Degree of Relationship to include great-grandparent, grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, child, grandhild, great-grandchild, nephew, and niece. I am none of those things to the current Judge and I am none of those things to the incoming judge.

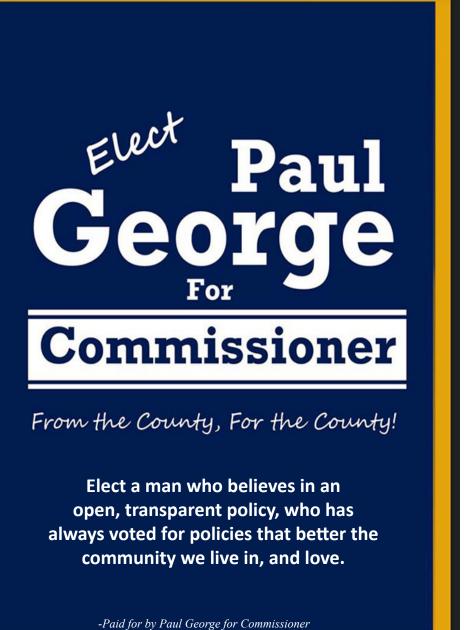
If a judge decides to remove themself from a case for a conflict or for any reason, then a judge from another county can take the case at no cost to our county as that judge is state paid. This is not a new nor unique situation, the state has adequate rules for licensed attorneys, prosecutors, and judges to follow. This is not some hidden away secret, the rules are public and anyone can look them up who wants to. I can only make assumptions as to why someone would go to such lengths to make accusations about me that continue to turn out false, misleading, and unfounded.

The state has many requirements for attorneys to obtain and keep their license to practice law in Indiana. I took the Oath of Attorneys when I was sworn in by the state to become a licensed attorney and I take that Oath very seriously. I will never risk my license to practice as I love being an attorney, and intend to have a long legal career. Being a professional representative of my client in the courtroom, using my skills and training to win my arguments, and working hard to ensure fairness and justice are served, will always be a part of what I do

as an attorney. I do not suddenly change who I am because of who the judge or the defense attorney happens to be. I have three cousins who are attorneys, and I have never treated them any differently than any other attorney when I am in the courtroom. We have gone head to head on hard issues when needed. It has never been a problem in all the years I have been practicing, as I am professional, ethical, and I work hard for the best interest of those I am representing in the courtroom. Martin County, I have been committed to our community, dedicated to our progress, and that will continue if I am re-elected to represent you in the courtroom next year.



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