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Loogootee City Council discusses pigeons, police, pool, pickleball

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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, October 17 and the mayor read a letter of concern from Hoosier Uplands regarding residents feeding pigeons downtown and the mess the pigeons leave behind. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said there is nothing in the city's current ordinance that prevents the feeding of pigeons.

Council Member Teresa Nolley asked if anyone has talked to the residents about feeding the pigeons. Mayor Harty said he has not, but Hoosier Uplands said they have. Nolley said she thinks the first step would be for the city to ask the residents to stop feeding them. The mayor replied there is no ordinance against it so they can't enforce it. Nolley said they could just start by asking and see if that works.

The mayor said they can have an ordinance made up against feeding pigeons and that can be approved at the next meeting after it is advertised.

Police Chief Aaron Means asked what kind of limitation they were talking about. Downtown or anywhere in the city. He said he has bird feeders in his backyard.

The mayor replied that the issue right now is downtown.

Tim Salsman, who was in the audience, said the pigeons have had their habitat taken away when a downtown building had improvements done and the pigeons couldn't get in there anymore so they are roosting where they can find a place to roost. He said taking away bird feeders is not going to solve the problem because pigeons stay in their home area. He said they are getting food from all over, not just downtown.

Council Member Nolley suggested not putting feeders above the sidewalk. She

said they cannot tell residents not to put bird feeders on their porch. She said many cities have problems with pigeons.

The mayor again said they will draft an ordinance to be approved at the next meeting.

Police Chief Aaron Means gave recommendations to the board of public works and safety to raise police officers' salaries in order to retain employees and encourage more applicants. He requested raising officers' pay by \$2 per hour.

Means gave comparisons from other cities for their starting salaries for officers. He said Vincennes starts at \$50,100 a year, Mitchell starts at \$49,400 with a \$5,000 sign-on bonus, Daviess County starts at \$47,000, Dubois County starts at \$53,000, Bloomfield at \$45,000, Jasper at \$53,500, and Greene County at \$49,000. He said right now, not including the \$1 raise for next year, Loogootee officers are paid \$40,664 starting out.

He would also like to add a \$1,000 new hire bonus, with \$500 given at hire and \$500 after the probationary period. Means said they would be required to pay back a portion of that bonus if they were to leave prior to three years of employment. He said this is to prevent the city from paying for the cost of the Academy and then having officers take employment somewhere else. Means also recommended adding a \$2,000 five-year retention bonus.

The mayor said they would discuss the recommendations during the council meeting however it was not brought up during the salary ordinance approval.

The council also discussed that the pool lost \$33,000 this year. "It's not pretty," said Council Member Teresa Nolley. She said they are going to have to figure out what is going on because last year they also lost \$11,000.

The pool took in \$21,536 in admission

Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn requested the county purchase him a cellular phone and pay for the plan. The commissioners approved.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported the highway department received \$179,201.08 in Crane timber sales.

Jenny Dearwester, with SIDC, talked to the commissioners about the Martin County housing grant that was received from the USDA Rural Development for \$122,000. The grant was for housing preservation in Martin County. Dearwester said they want to take those grant funds and use \$104,353 for matching funds to apply for an OCRA pilot program that is also for housing preservation. The OCRA grant is \$250,000 and if awarded, the total amount would benefit 17 homes in the county. The grant funds can be used for roofs, HVAC units, electric upgrades, water heater replacement and access into a home, such as a ramp. Dearwester said, to qualify, residents must own the home and be living in it and have homeowner's insurance. The grant is designed for low to moderate income households.

It was reported the jail currently has 76 inmates, with 38 of them from Vigo County.

fees, \$10,194 in concessions and \$4,950 in pool parties for a total of \$36,680. The pool had expenses of \$70,623 including \$22,328 for salaries, \$8,487 for chemicals, \$6,566 for purchasing concession items, \$11,841 for water and sewer costs, \$1,397 for various supplies, \$13,238 for new machines, equipment and maintenance; \$3,296 for electricity, \$313.74 for the telephone, \$1,677 for liability insurance, and \$1,029 for sales tax. The expenses for this year were \$21,494 more than last year with the income almost the same.

Park Board Member Don Greene said they do have a leak under the pool. The mayor said the goal is to fix the leak now that the pool is closed for the season.

Mark Fields, who owns M&M Electric, said they are having issues with cars blocking their ability to unload semis, etc., because they are parking in the spot with the curb painted yellow on West Main Street. He said the city police are not responding when called and they have to try to track down the person who parked there, even though it's a no parking zone. He said they had three semis leave last week because they couldn't get access to the building. He said he put cones out, but the cones were taken, and he put his truck in the way but was told he couldn't park there.

The mayor said they can draft an ordinance for that specific area and approve it at next month's meeting.

Teresa Smith, with the Loogootee Pickleball committee, talked to the council about the desire to build four courts on city property. She said a lot of people in Loogootee play pickleball and they are having trouble getting access to the courts they play on at the school, due to other sports. She said they would like the city to provide liability insurance and maintain the courts along with the area around them. She said their group will do the fundraising to build the courts but want to use the city's credentials for grants and have the city set up a bank account to house the funds.

The mayor immediately asked the council for approval for the request.

Council Member Teresa Nolley interjected during the vote and said she had questions. She told the group that it may be a better for them to become a non-profit and then they are free to apply for grants on their own.

Smith said they were told becoming a non-profit would take some time and they want to get started fundraising now.

Nolley said she doesn't believe it takes a lot of time as it's just paperwork that needs to be done. Another member of the pickleball group, who was in the audience, said they do plan to get their non-profit status because there will be more items they need for the courts, but want to start fundraising right away.

The mayor said he understands the group wants to get started with fundraising as the holidays are a good time for people to give. "I think it's going to be a great thing," he said. The council approved what the group requested.

The council held a public hearing for the 2023 budget. No patron comments were received. The budget adoption will be Thursday, October 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Shoals Adult Booster Club



The Shoals Jug Rox Adult Booster Club will host the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$2 or free if wearing a costume.

This year's events and activities include games and inflatables and a haunted house, sponsored by the Shoals Junior Class, from 5-8 p.m.; a cake auction at 5:30 p.m., costume contest at 6 p.m.; the king and queen crowning ceremony at 7 p.m.; a gift basket silent auction at 7:30 p.m. and kids' door prizes announced at 7:45 p.m. You must be present to win a door prize.

Many door prizes, donated by local businesses, will be raffled off throughout the evening.

Costume categories for all ages are funniest, most original, scariest, best costume, and best group. Age divisions are as follows: 0-11 months, 1-3 years, preschool-kindergarten, 1st-3rd grade, 4th-6th grade and 7th grade-adult.

This year, Oinks will be bringing their food truck so there will be plenty of food options.

Martin County under burn ban

The Martin County Commissioners have issued a burn ban for Martin County, effective immediately.

The following activities are prohibited in Martin County:

Campfires and other recreational fires, unless enclosed in a fire ring with dimensions of 23 inches in diameter x 6 inches high or larger;

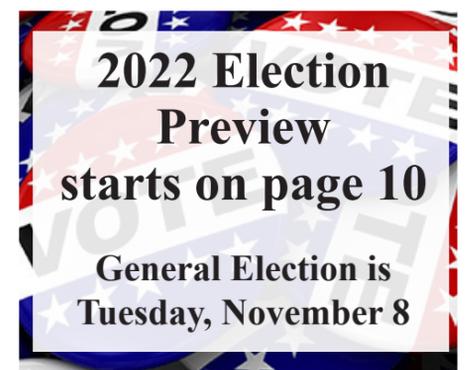
Open burning of any kind using conventional fuel such as wood, or other combustible matter, with the exception of grills fueled by charcoal briquettes or propane;

The burning of debris, such as timber or vegetation, including debris that results from building construction activities and/or windstorm debris; and

The use of burn barrels for any open burning at residential structures.

Charcoal from permitted grills shall not be removed from the grills until the charcoal has been thoroughly extinguished.

In addition, they strongly encourage residents to limit their personal use of fireworks to those that do not leave the ground, and that they refrain from all aerial firework devices.





Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director




Pictured is MCCoA Director Judith Montgomery receiving a \$500 grant from Martin County Community Foundation Board member Annette Taylor.

-- GROWING THE FUTURE --
I have often commented that the youth are our future, and that as capable adults they will be impacting our own lives at a time when we will be relying on them for our care and well-being. We've all been a part of this group, the youth, and have grown or are growing into adulthood. And then comes that group beyond that.

-- THE SENIOR CITIZENS --
Have you thought about that group "beyond"? About our senior citizens who have already been there and helped us grow into those adults? They've lived through youth, adulthood and now to be the ones that have the experience and wisdom of their years. They have that all-knowing smile that speaks volumes.

-- CARING FOR THOSE --
Being a part of their lives now, caring for those that cared for us, can be a wonderful and rewarding experience. Our senior citizens were there for us, and now we can be there for them. Caring for them is as important as it was for them to care for us.

-- COUNCIL ON AGING --
Martin County has an organization that exists to do just that. The Martin County Council on Aging (MCCoA) exists to help our seniors with day-to-day tasks, with meals, and to generally help them to remain independently at home if they couldn't do it otherwise. The MCCoA has 17 employees, with the majority of them providing in-home services and meals for about 70 clients throughout the county.

-- SENIOR CENTERS --
The MCCoA also manages the Shoals Senior Citizen Center where they prepare meals for the majority of those 70 people each day of the week. The Shoals center office is open from 8:00-3:00 Monday through Friday, with the front lobby open 8:00-12:00. The Loogootee Senior Citizens Center (in the building next to City Hall) is currently closed but they are looking forward for a time to reopen it.

-- GETTING THE SERVICES --

The MCCoA works with Generations, Area 13 Agency on Aging and Disability, located on the Vincennes University campus. MCCoA in-home service and meal clients must first contact Generations at 1-800-742-9002. Generations will then notify the MCCoA of new clients. There are also programs available through waivers of the normal Medicaid rules; these can also be used through the MCCoA and with the services they provide.

-- MCCF IS THERE --
The Community Foundation is pleased to be able to help the Martin County Council on Aging care for our elders. You can help too. Just call Judith Montgomery (MCCoA Director) at 812-247-2525 to find out how you can give back for what you've been given by these wonderful people, our elders.

Shown in the picture on the left is Judith receiving a \$500 grant from Annette Taylor, Martin County Community Foundation Board member.

-- MORE INFORMATION --
For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you help our county, please contact the Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022, mccf@cfpartner.org, or PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553.

You are also welcomed to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

Lady Lions fall in Sectional

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Team was defeated by Springs Valley in the first round of Sectional play this past Saturday. The girls lost in three sets, 25-18, 25-16, and 25-17. They finish the season with a 21-11 record.

Madison Ramsey led in serving points with six and also had four kills and four blocks. Sydnee Wittmer led in kills with six and Alana Hedrick had four. Kyleigh Courter had a team-high 17 digs followed by Brooklyn Summers with eight and Lindsey Nolan with seven.

Open House for Dr. James Poirier

The staff of Loogootee Family Medicine invite you to join them for an open house in honor of Dr. James Poirier for his years of dedication and service to Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. The open house will be on Saturday, October 22 from 2-4 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 W. Main Street in Loogootee.

Dr. Poirier moved to Loogootee in 1981 from Nova Scotia, Canada, to establish a medical practice in the area. He received his medical degree from Dalhousie University Medical School in Halifax, Nova Scotia where he also completed a general practice intern-

ship. Over the years, Dr. Poirier has been actively involved in several community service organizations including serving as past Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator for the Loogootee Knights of Columbus, volunteer for Child Protective Services of Martin County, past Parish Council member for St. John's Catholic Church, and an advocate for the American Cancer Society at the state level. In addition, he served as the medical director of Loogootee Nursing Center, president of Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center's Medical Staff, and as the medical director of Memorial Home Care.

Please join Loogootee Family Medicine in celebrating Dr. Poirier and his lifetime of accomplishments and dedication to the community on Saturday, October 22.



DR. JAMES POIRIER

RE-ELECT AUREOLA VINCZ for Martin County Prosecutor



Martin County, I have convicted hundreds and hundreds of cases. I have sent people to prison and I have fought for restitution and justice for our county. Being a department head, I wanted to do even more while still cutting on my own budget. I started many other programs or formed many partnerships with other agencies in Martin County, for Martin County:

- ☑ I started prosecutor participation in the meetings of the Child Protection Team, the Multi-disciplinary Team, the Child Fatality Review Team, and with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.
- ☑ I established with the State Court Services the grant to equip law enforcement with e-ticket technology.
- ☑ I developed with the court and the animal control officer the policy now in use for animal cruelty cases that protects owners' rights and animals' lives.
- ☑ I started the Juvenile Justice Program together with the sheriff, the judge, probation, community corrections, and both superintendents of the schools for policy discussion and change to juvenile matters.
- ☑ I started developing a Compliance Status Program with community corrections, probation, the Drug and Alcohol Program Director and the court to hold accountability hearings
- ☑ I started the "right size order" in child support as a new program to help those implement necessary modifications that had been neglected for years.
- ☑ I started the Community Outreach Program that allows my office to use specific state funds to give back to the community without additional county costs.
- ☑ I advanced the use of the Prosecutor Case Management System to accomplish effective and efficient case management for our county without additional cost.
- ☑ I developed, with the court, the system defendants, attorneys, and witnesses now use to appear remotely and timely without undue cause of delay.
- ☑ I started working with other counties on transfer of appropriate cases to established Veteran's Court, Problem-Solving Court, and Drug Court.
- ☑ I started the "Proffer Deadline" system with the court, that requires the defense attorney to meet with the prosecutor and reports the case status to the court to prevent undue delay in cases.
- ☑ I developed with the court and the sheriff's office the technologically advanced system that law enforcement now uses for applying for search warrants to the court that no longer requires them to leave the scene.
- ☑ I am a part of the Justice Coalition formed in 2019 with the judge, sheriff, community corrections, probation, and we worked to get \$120,000 in grants to Martin County. We distributed it to programs and school programs already in the county, dedicated to helping Martin County residents.
- ☑ I started a Check Deception Program for Martin County business owners who were being taken advantage of by ill-intended customers. Martin County businesses deserve to have this public service, and I am the prosecutor that cares enough to help them to try to stay in business and provide their services to our county.
- ☑ I started a Valid Driving Program, with an attorney that specializes in the area, for eligible people to get back on the road, legally. Martin County residents deserve to have quality help with these issues. I am the prosecutor that believes it is worth the extra effort it takes to help them gain and keep valid driving privilege. Being able to drive, legally, can mean they will then keep employment, will serve their children and community, which in turn is a benefit to us all.
- ☑ I started a Tobacco Cessation Program with both Shoals and Loogootee schools. I started it with Martin County Community Corrections and Hoosier Uplands to help eligible juveniles stop smoking or vaping in the schools. I am the Prosecutor that will work as a team player with other agencies. Martin County residents and their children deserve this public service to help change their lives.

Part of being a strong leader is being able to work well with others. I have reached across many divides for the benefit of our county. Being in a leadership role, also, means there will always be criticism, there will always be big issues, people will always need to vent their frustrations, there will always be misunderstandings, and it's easy to have a target on your back when you put yourself out there as someone willing to take leadership on. A steady and stable leader does not fan the drama and thrive off the conflict, but instead keeps diligently working while staying on mission.

I have no conflict with the incoming Judge under the Indiana Code of Judicial Conduct Rule. The rule states that a Judge has an automatic disqualification if a lawyer is in a third degree relation, and defines cousins as NOT third degree relation.

I have prosecuted hundreds of cases. I have argued for appropriate prison time. I have fought for and won restitution for victims. I have submitted budget cuts. I have won the jury trials we have been allowed to have. I work hard to seek justice for our county

My mission is to be a part of a Criminal Justice System that serves Martin County with quality work, with high standards, with ethics, and with actual integrity. I ask you Martin County to allow me to continue to serve you.

Committed to Community, Dedicated to Progress

-Paid for by the Committee to Re-elect Aureola Vincz for Martin County Prosecutor

You can vote a straight ticket and still vote for me as your Independent candidate for Prosecutor. You will need to fill in the straight ticket oval for your choice of party. Then you can fill in the oval for me in my race for Prosecutor. You will then have voted straight ticket except for my race. I will receive your vote in my race.



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MARTIN COUNTY PROSECUTOR

-Paid for by Mike Steiner for Prosecutor

OBITUARIES

ROBERT WADSWORTH

Robert Wadsworth passed away in the early morning hours of October 14, 2022. A resident of Evansville, he was 55.

He was born in Washington on March 20, 1967; son of Jack Raymond Wadsworth and Mary (Fredrick) James. On February 16, 2011, he married Brenda (Young) Wadsworth, and she survives.

Robert's last employment was with TJ Maxx where he was a warehouse associate. A man of many interests, he loved fishing, NASCAR, motorcycles, and was an avid Tampa Bay Buccaneers fan. A devoted family man, Robert was happiest when he was spending time with his grandchildren.

Those who mourn Robert's passing include his wife, Brenda; children, Richard (Kasey) White of Evansville; Brent England of Missouri; Anna (Bobby) Russell of Mt. Vernon; Jacob (Brittany) Mandabach of Otwell; Daniel (Amber) Wadsworth of Loogootee; and Lacy (Samuel) Sublett of Brownstown. Robert was blessed with twelve grandchildren. Coming from a large family, he leaves nine sisters: Rhonda (Kevin) Heisdorf; Tammy O'Dell; Melissa (Matthew) Rhodes; Tricia (Donnie) Kavanaugh; Laura (Kim) Jones-Madden; Christine Roark; Teresa (Aaron Fox) James; Sandy Roark; Tamara Bott, and one brother, Jack Wadsworth, Jr. Additionally, he leaves his father, Danny James and stepmother, Cheryl Wadsworth.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Jack Raymond Wadsworth and Mary James; two grandchildren; three nieces; and one nephew.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, October 18 at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary. Pastor Brad Rainey officiated. Interment followed in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

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

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

HENRY LAUDERS

Henry Joseph Lauders passed away, with his family by his side, Monday, October 10, 2022, in IU Health Hospice House in Bloomington. A resident of Crane, he was 76.

He was born October 24, 1945, in Cincinnati, Ohio; son of Howard Lloyd and Ruth Susan (McClanahan) Lauders. Henry was married for 55 years to his High School Sweetheart, Annetta Darlene (Clemons) Lauders on April 1, 1967.

Henry attended Odon Christian Church. He was a member of the Sons of Thunder, National Honor Society, Town Council of Crane and was an Elder for New Richmond Church of Christ. Henry worked many years as a machinist before

retiring.

Family left to cherish the memory of Henry include his wife, Darlene Lauders; two daughters, Patricia (Clifford) Hoagland and Nina (Timothy) Perry; three grandchildren, Craig Hoagland, Luke Hoagland and Sean Hoagland; one brother, Howard Joseph (Margaret) Lauders, Jr. and one sister, Cheryl Marie (Ronald) Allgeier.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, October 15 at Odon First Christian Church, Odon.

Arrangements and care were entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

JOHN SIMMONS

John S. Simmons passed away Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 77.

He was born July 13, 1945, in Rutherford Township; son of the late John O. and Melva (Hembree) Simmons.

John married Sandra Pendley on November 10, 1965 and shared nearly 57 years of marriage.

He held many jobs throughout the years. He was a security guard at West Boggs Park and farmed for many years. John drove a school bus for 49 years for the Loogootee Community Schools.

John was the minister of Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church for 35 years until his retirement. He enjoyed his years as a minister and loved to study his Bible. John also was the past Chaplin at the Martin County Security Center.

He was a charter member of the Martin County Coon Club. He also was a member of the Dogwood Coon Club. He loved to coon hunt, going to yard sales and watching Loogootee Lions basketball.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John O. and Melva Simmons; and sister, Martha Kay Blessinger.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra Simmons of Loogootee; children, Stephen Simmons, Lori Moore and John "JD" Simmons, all of Loogootee; grandchildren, Alli Squires, Ryan Simmons, Mandi Simmons, Jake Simmons and Monica Carnell; great-grandchildren, Leeland and Hunter Bays; and sisters, Shelba June (Jim) Cannon and Ruth Ann (George) Ziegler, both of Loogootee. John and Sandra also helped raise, Margie Pendley-Eltzroth.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 20 at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, Oc-

tober 19 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Thursday, October 20 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of John S. Simmons.

CHARLES FREYBERGER

Charles A. Freyberger passed away Saturday, October 15, 2022, peacefully in his sleep. He was 60.

He was born March 12, 1962, in Jasper; son of Joan (Harker) and Darrell Freyberger.

Growing up, Charles worked many hours on family farm, waking up early and

staying up late milking cows and taking care of the land. Charles graduated from Barr Reeve High School in Montgomery in 1980 and started working at Kimball Upholstery upon graduation. Although he worked multiple places, he spent much of this career at Masterbrand (Decora) Cabinets in Jasper. In his free time, you could find him outside riding his four-wheeler and walking through the woods. He had many friends and would occasionally challenge them to a competitive game of Foosball where he would typically win. Charles was an avid sports fan. He particularly enjoyed watching Indiana University basketball and Oakland Raider football. He had a passion for Ford Mustangs and owned many throughout his life. Charles was most known as being a jokester. He had an infectious smile and loved getting a chuckle out of others. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends, and co-workers.

Charles is preceded in death by his father, Darrell Freyberger and his sister, Myrna Freyberger.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Connie (Rudenberg) Freyberger; mother, Joan Harker; sisters, Darlene (Leon) Schmitt, Elaine (Chris) Craney, and Jill Freyberger (Chris Allen); daughters, Rachel (Sam) Fenneman, Ashley (Chad) Schaefer and Lauren Harter (fiancé, Justin Lawson); grandchildren, Karter Lawson, Braxton Schaefer, Aria Lawson, Rose Schaefer, Josie Fenneman, Emmet Schaefer, Fallon Lawson and Grace Fenneman; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, October 21 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Old Union cemetery in Alfordsville.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 20 at Blake Funeral Home, 300 Church St, Loogootee, IN 47553.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Fu-

neral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Charles A. Freyberger.

RODNEY SIPES

Rodney Eugene Sipes passed away October 15, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, after a brief illness. A resident of Shoals, he was 70.

He was born November 14, 1951, in Cale; son of Cecil and Evelyn (Sanders) Sipes.

He married Anna Stroud on June 11, 1971, at the Methodist Church in Indian Springs.

Rodney graduated from Shoals High School with the class of 1969. He worked as a laborer at RCA for 29 years and also at Auto Zone, Bedford, where he retired in 2012. He enjoyed gardening and spending time with his family. Rodney served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era.

Surviving Rodney are his wife, Anna; children, Jennifer (James) Turner of Bloomington and Thomas Sipes of Mission, Texas; four grandchildren, Christopher, Samuel, Jacob, and Rebekah Turner; siblings, Harold (Debbie) Sipes of Shoals, Brenda Lucas of Shoals, and Alusha Sipes of Shoals; brother-in-law, Larry (Shirley) Stroud of Shoals; sister-in-law, Sherry Young of Shoals; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Rodney in death are his parents; mother-in-law, Marie Stroud; brother-in-law, John Lucas; and sister-in-law, Janet Conklin.

A funeral service was held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, October 19 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, Shoals, with Rev. David Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services.

MARK DECKARD

Mark Deckard passed away Sunday, October 9, 2022, at his home. A resident of Mitchell, he was 67.

He was born March 10, 1955, in Bedford; son of Vernon and Louise (Bailey) Deckard.

Mark worked as an assembly worker at Visteon.

Survivors include a brother, Danny Deckard of Bedford; a half-sister, Melissa Evans and husband, Chuck, of Shoals; and two stepsisters, Debbie Stillman and husband, Tim, of Bedford, and Terri Moore of Bedford.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents.

A graveside service was conducted Monday, October 17 at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church Cemetery with Pastor Robert Brown officiating.



JOHN SIMMONS



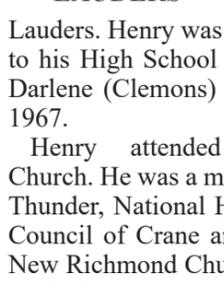
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AUREOLA VINCZ FOR PROSECUTOR

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

3:52 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting suspicious activity in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon was advised.

5:19 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting a VIN check southeast of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

5:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle fire northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Reserve Deputy Harmon, and Loogootee Officers Seymour, Erwin and Sims responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officers were advised.

7:20 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting a road hazard north of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:04 p.m. - Received a call reporting a vehicle accident north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:14 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

1:32 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

2:40 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

3:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a stalled vehicle in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Officer Rayhill and Big John's Towing responded.

5:07 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

5:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:58 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

12:42 p.m. - Received two 911 test calls.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a motor vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

3:49 p.m. - Received a call reporting a motor vehicle accident east of Shoals. Martin County EMS Chief Keller, Sergeant Gibson, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Conservation Officer Mann, Shoals Fire Department, and Air Evac- 17 responded. Transported patient to University of Louisville Hospital.

3:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was advised.

5:51 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check west of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car vs. deer accident with no injuries north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, Sergeant Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car vs. deer accident with no injuries. Sergeant Gibson responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

12:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a business alarm sounding north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

12:40 a.m. - Received a call reporting a business alarm sounding north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:48 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car vs. deer accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:30 a.m. - Corporal Wells transported one inmate to court.

9:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance west of Loogootee. Transferred call to Daviess County Dispatch.

11:21 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to IU Health in Bedford.

1:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a small field fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic disturbance. Call came from Orange County. Transferred call to Orange County Dispatch.

2:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Means responded. No one was transported.

3:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

3:45 p.m. - Corporal Wells transported two inmates to court.

4:21 p.m. - Received a call requesting a VIN check north of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check east of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

12:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transferred to IU Health in Bedford.

4:07 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. No one was transported.

7:45 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car vs. deer accident south of Loogootee. Chief Keller responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting road debris west of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Chief Keller responded.

10:09 a.m. - Received a call requesting a VIN check southeast of Shoals. Chief Keller responded.

10:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee.

Martin County EMS responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded.

1:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person southeast of Shoals. Chief Keller responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Pike County. Transferred call to Pike County 911.

6:40 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:30 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:57 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check southeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

1:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

1:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:03 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car vs. deer accident in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

10:03 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Corporal Wells responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:47 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

11:22 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

1:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

call.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call from a medical alarm requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a trespasser in Shoals. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Chief Means responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a field fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of a cow in roadway northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:57 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:57 a.m. - Received a report of a road hazard north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:57 p.m. - Received a report of a road hazard north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded and advised dispatch to notify INDOT.

1:35 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock northeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Corporal Wells responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer at a home in Indianapolis. Gave caller number to Indianapolis Police Department.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, Dubois Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

4:06 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting a hot spot south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

October 6

Vonda L. Taylor, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, 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 12 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

October 7

Tyler S. Hamm, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, Sentenced to serve 365 days with 153 days suspended and credit for 16 actual days previously served plus 16 Class A credit days. Defendant shall serve 180 of said sentence on electronically monitored home detention through Martin County Community Corrections. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Hayden D. Burton, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Trisel N. Davis, convicted of two counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation which includes the inability to take animals into her care during the duration of probation.

Curtis D. Brown, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 182 days with 180 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Clayton T. Sullivan, convicted of residential entry, a Level 6 Felony and possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 533 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

Steve St. Cois, convicted of false government identification, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

October 6

Vonda L. Taylor, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

October 7

Tyler S. Hamm, forgery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

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

Clayton T. Sullivan, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Trisel N. Davis, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Steve St. Cois, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

October 6

TD Bank vs. Terrin Ball, civil collec-

tion.

Anthony Wadsworth vs. Dylan Bigalke, petition for dissolution of marriage.

October 10

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Josh Lewis, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

October 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Victoria J. Lawson in the amount of \$6,053.36.

October 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendant Dirk M. Fahey in the amount of \$4,803.68.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

October 5

Ricky Heckard vs. Michael Jerry Cross, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

October 7

Property Sure vs. Barbara Payne, eviction, dismissed.

Property Sure vs. Pamela Robbins, eviction, dismissed.

Property Sure vs. Vicki and David York, eviction, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 11

Emily Hoffman of Jasper and Reuben Ritchey of Loogootee.

Real estate transfers

Sandra C. Armstrong, of Daviess County, Indiana to **The Susie Raber Trust**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.163 acre, more or less.

Donna E. Walker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonna D. Walker**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south one-half of Lots Numbered 1 and 2 in the First North Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Joshua Shoemaker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Samuel J. Peek and Ashley E. Peek**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.894 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.983 acre, more or less.



Father Pavone speaks at Right to Life Banquet

(Editor's note: This is a rerun of the same photo from last week due to a person being cut out.) Pictured above is the Right to Life Banquet Speaker Father Frank Pavone (center) along with Right to Life President Louie Kavanaugh Jr. (right) and his son Jim Kavanaugh. From the right side of the picture is son John Kavanaugh and son Louie Kavanaugh III. Louis Jr. had emceed the Right to Life Banquets since the early beginnings of the organization but this past July he was diagnosed with health issues and was unable to emcee the banquet this year. That's when he called on his sons to help him out and they did in a big way with more than 400 in attendance at this year's banquet.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

4:17 p.m. - Officer Joshua Seymour responded to a male causing a disturbance in the area of Mulberry Street.

5:18 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Locust Street.

6:01 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a vehicle fire at Lark Ranch.

6:48 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on North Line Street.

8:17 p.m. - Officer Seymour checked a local business in reference to a report of possible smoke and everything checked secure.

11:04 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a hit-and-run accident on US 231 North.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

11:44 a.m. - Captain Rayhill removed debris from the roadway on US 231 South.

12:46 p.m. - Captain Rayhill checked on a suspicious vehicle in a local church parking lot.

12:51 p.m. - Captain Rayhill spoke with a complainant regarding unauthorized control of their personal property.

3:38 p.m. - Captain Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

3:45 p.m. - Captain Rayhill assisted a stranded motorist on West Broadway Street.

5:27 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Indiana State Police with a vehicle pursuit and arrest.

5:29 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

5:50 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Poplar Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

12:25 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a traffic congestion complaint at a local business.

1:17 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident in the parking lot of a local business.

3:49 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage accident on US 50 East.

9:40 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage accident on US 231 South.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

1:26 p.m. - Chief Means and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a field fire on State Road 550.

2:53 p.m. - Chief Means and first responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

9:07 p.m. - Officer Seymour was dispatched to a residence for possible unlawful entry.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

10:41 p.m. - Officer Erwin took a report of a possible scam by phone.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:25 a.m. - Chief Means was dispatched to a property damage accident at a local business.

2:30 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

2:40 p.m. - Officer Means responded to assist the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a call.

9:56 p.m. - Caller advised of an erratic driver on US 231 North approaching town limits.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:50 a.m. - Caller advised of property damage needing a police report.

11:15 a.m. - Caller advised of a property dispute.

9:26 p.m. - Officer Sims provided a vehicle check.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

6:28 p.m. - Sean Heerdink, 36, of Williams, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with resisting law enforcement with a motor vehicle and reckless driving. Loogootee Officer Seymour assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:03 p.m. - Tyson Winger, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Seymour and charged with operating while intoxicated and operating while intoxicated endangerment.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

2:10 a.m. - Marsha Scott, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Branham and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. ISP Trooper Brummett assisted with the arrest.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



WISDOM FROM KIDS

1. Never trust a dog to watch your food. -Patrick, age 10
2. When your dad is mad and asks you, "Do I look stupid?" don't answer him. -Michael, 14
3. Never tell your mom her diet's not working. -Michael, 14
4. Stay away from prunes. -Randy, 9
5. Never pee on an electric fence. -Robert, 13
6. Don't squat with your spurs on. -Noronha, 13
7. Don't pull your dad's finger when he tells you to. -Emily, 10
8. When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair. -Taylia, 11
9. Never allow your three-year-old brother in the same room as your school assignment. -Traci, 14
10. Don't sneeze in front of mom when you're eating crackers. -Mitchell, 12
11. Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic Tac. -Andrew, 9
12. Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time. -Kyana, 9
13. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. - Sam 8

*Your grandma wore very short mini-skirts, thin panties, high boots, and no bra.

*She listened to Led Zeppelin, The Beatles, Janis Joplin, and Rolling Stones.

*She rode on motorcycles and fast cars.

*She smoked tobacco and other things.

*She drank gin-tonics, whiskey, and whatever...

*She came home at 4 a.m. and left for work in the morning...

Know that you will never be as cool as your grandma. Excuse me but someone had to say it.

DOG THOUGHTS

When you bring a dog into your life, you begin a journey...a journey that will bring you more love and devotion than you have ever known, yet also test your strength and courage. If you allow, the journey will teach you many things about life, about yourself, and most of all about love. You will come away changed forever, for one soul cannot touch another without leaving a mark. -Author Unknown, but sent to me by my friend Scott.

Make someone smile today!

Community foundation now accepts grants all year

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

Applications submitted by October 31 will be pulled for review after the deadline and awards will be presented in mid-December. Applications submitted after October 31 will be considered in the next quarterly review.

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

THOUGHTS

*The secret to surviving the cold is to put on enough layers that you can't fit through the door to go outside.

*My life is like a romantic comedy except there is no romance and it's just me laughing at my own jokes.

*The older I get the tighter companies are putting the lids on jars.

*Just fired myself from cleaning my house. I don't like my attitude and I got caught drinking on the job.

*How to parallel park: 1. Park somewhere else.

*I had a lot of stuff to do today. Now, I have a lot of stuff to do tomorrow.

*I am going to buy some new glasses today. After that I guess I'll see.

*If you have a silly sneeze the world laughs with you, not atchoo.

*Procrastination is totally a good thing. You always have something to do tomorrow, plus you have nothing to do today.

INFO FOR TODAY'S YOUTH: In case you didn't think about it:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, October 20 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

Public hearing on new LIT

The Martin County Council will hold a public hearing Wednesday, October 26 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals School cafeteria. The public hearing is the time for residents to give feedback about the new local income tax for the ambulance service.

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6 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

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

Solid waste board

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

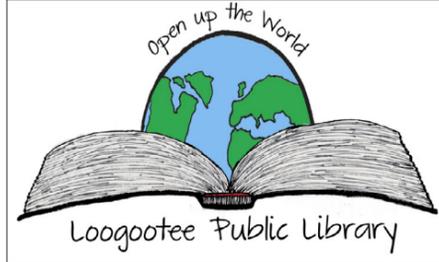
Soil and Water meetings

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

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



KITTENS! The shelter has more than 20 kittens available for adoption - all colors and personalities. An approved adoption application is required to set up an appointment. Adoption fee is \$45 and includes spay/neuter and vaccinations. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Animal Tales Creepy Critters program will be held at the library this Saturday, October 20 at noon. Pre-registration is required. Limit of 65. The library will close at noon, but the community room will be open for the program.

Digital/Computer class taught by VU instructor Mr. Hamblin will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, October 20. This is a free program.

Intro to Beekeeping will be held on Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m.

New Books:

Mystery: "Distant Thunder" by Stuart Woods and "A Heart Full of Headstones" by Ian Rankin.

Fiction: "The High Notes" by Danielle Steel, "The Boys from Biloxi" by John Grisham, and "The Christmas Spirit" by Debbie Macomber.

Inspirational Fiction: "Concrete Evidence" by Diann Mills and "The Baxters" by Karen Kingsbury.

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

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Cold temperatures came to the Hoosier Hills this week, effectively ending the growing season. However, that does not mean an end to the gardening season. You will need to make some decisions about clean-up. If you have had plant diseases or a lot of insect damage, you may want to clear the spent foliage and get rid of it, away from the garden. However, if your garden has been relatively healthy, you may want to delay clean-up to allow the birds and other wildlife to make use of the garden remains over the winter. Many insects, including butterflies, will over-winter in the old leaves and stalks, so delaying clean-up will increase their populations next spring. The garden debris also offers food in the form of seeds and shelter during the cold months ahead.

However, there are other things to consider about clean-up. Do you prefer that the garden look neat during the winter? Would the dry foliage present a fire danger to your home? I usually choose to clean up areas near the house and other buildings but leave wilder areas for the wildlife.

This has certainly been one of the most beautiful autumn seasons in recent memory. We have not had any storms to make the trees lose their leaves before turning colors, and conditions have been favorable for cool color. Get out and do some leaf peeping. With high gas prices, I would suggest combining your trip with some other tasks. I would also recommend sharing a ride with a friend, so you may share in the beauty of creation. My Sunday trips to church (Orleans in the morning and Leipsic in the evening) afforded me a great opportunity to see the beauty. It is one of the times when living in Orange County's Northwest Township is wonderful. Much of the area is National Forest, so there are a lot of trees and shrubs that provide good color. If you wish to share my view, take Sandhill Road off U.S. Highway 150 in Prospect. Continue to Sandhill and keep to the left when

the road forks in the middle of the hill. Enjoy the scenery until the road comes to a T intersection. If you turn left, you will have several options that will take you to Huron or the U.S. Highway 50. Turning right will lead you to State Road 37 in Orleans.

Another of my favorite drives for leaf watching is taking State Road 145 south from French Lick. This highway will lead to Patoka Lake. I am especially fond of the Tillery Hill area, which has a great selection of trees, offering many colors to reflect in the lake. A place you can pull off and see the reflection in the water will be like a picture in a travel magazine. Good leaf watching will continue as you drive on to Interstate 64 to head east to Corydon or west to St. Meinrad or Ferdinand. Whatever destination you choose, you will find some great places to eat, and, at this time of the year, you may happen upon a good arts and crafts show or other shopping opportunities.

New England and the Smokey Mountains are touted as great places to see the beauty of autumn leaves, but I do not think they are really that much better than southern Indiana. Whether you prefer the hills or the plains, you will find a place to view the changing season. I urge you to get out soon. The show will not last long, and it will be another year before it is repeated. Soon you will be out raking or blowing the leaves that have fallen. Take the time to enjoy the beauty.

Foreign investors must report U.S. agricultural land holdings

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kathy Fears in Daviess-Martin County reminds foreign investors with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their land holdings and transactions to USDA.

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) requires foreign investors who buy, sell or hold an interest in U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings and transactions to the USDA. Foreign investors must file AFIDA Report Form FSA-153 with the FSA county office in county where the land is located.

According to the CFR Title 7 Part 781, any foreign person who holds an interest in U.S. agricultural land is required to report their holdings no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction.

"Failure to file a report or filing a late or inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair

market value of the agricultural land," said Fears.

Foreign investors should report holdings of agricultural land totaling 10 acres or more used for farming, ranching or timber production, including leaseholds of 10 years. AFIDA reports are also required when there are changes in land use, such as agricultural to nonagricultural use. Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership.

The information from the AFIDA reports is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress on the effect of foreign land holdings on family farms and rural communities in the United States.

Assistance in completing the FSA-153 report may be obtained from the local county FSA office. For more information regarding AFIDA or FSA programs, contact the Daviess-Martin County FSA office at 812 254-4780 or visit farmers.gov.

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Purdue, USDA release online freeze-date tool for specialty crop growers in 25 states

BY STEVE KOPPE
Purdue University News Service

A new interactive online tool for visualizing and exploring freeze-date trends and other climate patterns is now available, thanks to a partnership between Purdue University's Midwestern Regional Climate Center and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Midwest Climate Hub. The tool covers 25 states in the upper Midwest, the Northeast and Appalachia.

"This tool isn't itself tracking what's happening in the current season. But it helps you put into perspective what has been happening in the past," said Melissa Widhalm, associate director of the climate center.

Climate change has affected agriculture, noted Dennis Todey, director of the climate hub. Among those changes are first fall freezes coming later and final spring freezes happening earlier.

"We talk about that, but we didn't have any graphics, easily accessible data or visualizations to show people at a local level. And agricultural producers like to see something more local," Todey said.

The tool may interest producers of tree fruits, grapes and row crops such as corn and soybeans to help them take advantage of longer growing seasons.

"They want to understand how things

are changing, and they are changing fairly rapidly in the spring and the fall," Todey said.

Agricultural advisors, weather forecasters, university Extension staffers and state climatologists also have expressed interest in the tool.

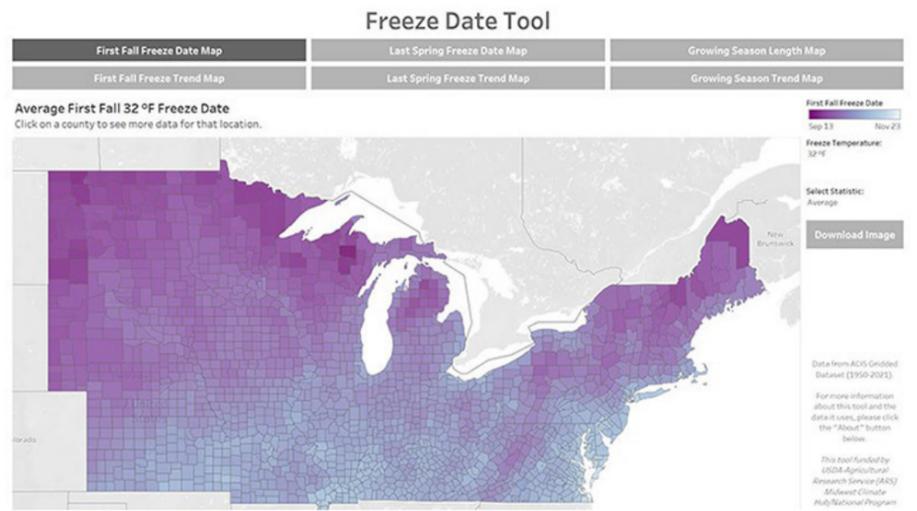
"We've had a lot of interest from National Weather Service and others who are responsible for issuing watches and warnings in real time, so they put that into context with their forecasting of this season compared to previous seasons," Widhalm said. But homeowners may also consult the tool to help them decide when to bring in their plants when fall arrives or begin planting in the spring.

"When you think about freeze, you immediately think 32 degrees. But when it comes to agricultural applications, you might be interested in values that are colder or warmer," Widhalm said.

Corn and soybeans, for example, can survive 28 degrees, while fruit trees are more sensitive to freezing or near-freezing temperatures. And the freeze-date tool allows users to query their desired temperatures.

Although the tool was developed for visualization rather than to explain trends, it does have research potential.

"Just because your fall freeze date changes doesn't mean your spring freeze date is changing, or it could mean both



This interactive, publicly available freeze-date tool is a collaboration between Purdue University's Midwest Regional Climate Center and the USDA's Midwest Climate Hub. The tool contains county-by-county data from 1950 to 2021 and will be updated annually

of them are changing," Widhalm said. "Trends can be revealed in this tool that may indicate areas needing more research."

The Midwest Climate Hub, which funded the tool, uses it to monitor conditions within its eight-state coverage area.

"This tool has helped us not only to display what is happening with changes at a local level but has given us a look regionally at where the trends are a bit different from location to location," Todey said. "It's also provided us a look at the difference in trends at different temperatures because the trends are not the same even at the same location, depending on what criteria you're using."

The tool, which will be updated annually, draws upon Applied Climate Information System (ACIS) data from 1950 to 2021. Weather stations across the U.S. feed data to the ACIS, but there are gaps in the network.

"You can combine data from the individual stations to start filling in those gaps," Widhalm said. "They create a product called a gridded data set, which lets us look at these values for a county. So, if you have a lot of stations in a county, it aggregates them."

Purdue and the USDA had previously teamed with 10 other universities and agencies on the Useful to Usable project. The project's goal was to help farmers

and farm advisors integrate climate information into their decision-making.

"We built a suite of tools that are still in use today to focus on keeping corn production profitable, even in a shifting climate," Widhalm said. "The most popular was the corn-growing-degree-day tool. Farmers could go in and track growing degree days across the season and compare it to the past to understand their vulnerability early in the season and help with timing fieldwork throughout the growing season."

The Purdue Midwest Regional Climate Center (MRCC) and the USDA Midwest Climate Hub (MWCH) have worked well together over the years, said MRCC director Beth Hall.

"The MWCH works with the agricultural community to help them be more cognizant of climate impacts and how variability and extremes might affect their production decisions," said Hall, who also is Indiana's state climatologist. She noted the MRCC's access to historical climate data and its capacity to translate data into usable public information.

"Agriculture is one of the most critical climate-impacted sectors of the Midwest region, so this partnership has been a wonderful way to help convey the trends and risks without overwhelming stakeholders with too much science and raw data," she said.



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With just a few short weeks left in the Martin County midterms, it's refreshing to see good, quality candidates, like Josh Greene for Sheriff, Andrew Beaver, Jim Hamby, and Jordan Dant for County Council, running unopposed on the Republican ballot. We also have a candidate, with a proven record, running for Martin County Prosecutor as an Independent - Mike Steiner. From my observations of the prosecutor election, there are some important questions and considerations for Martin County voters as they head to the polls in November.

Endorsements are nice when running for office, but we need to keep the focus on proven records and agendas at the local level in Martin County. While the office of United States Senator Mike Braun is a respectable position, Senator Braun has nothing invested in Martin County's local election as he is not a member of our community and, thus, the results of our election will be neither advantageous or disadvantageous to him as a voter and taxpayer. With that in mind, the question I have, and the question voters should consider, is: what does Senator Braun have to do with a local election between the incumbent Prosecutor Aureola (Wright) Vincz and Independent Candidate Mike Steiner? Again, big endorsements are nice, but were are the local endorsements for Prosecutor Vincz, like the ones Mike Steiner has received from former members of the law enforcement community, and others?

Prosecutor Vincz's record speaks for itself, as does Mike Steiner's record. Mrs. Vincz was elected four years ago to uphold the justice system in our county and prosecute criminals, accordingly. Had she done what she was elected to do, she would not face such opposition in this election year. With Mike Steiner as prosecutor, there will be no Judge/Prosecutor conflict issues and no soft on crime approach when it comes to prosecuting criminals and keeping our community safe. Our county and our law enforcement deserve a prosecutor who will support them and prosecute the criminals they arrest.

The issues, at hand, with this election are purely local in nature, conflicts (or the perception of), and criminal prosecutions, not just in the final weeks of a contested election, but for the past four years and in the future. So, I ask you to ask yourself these same questions, and see if you have similar concerns.

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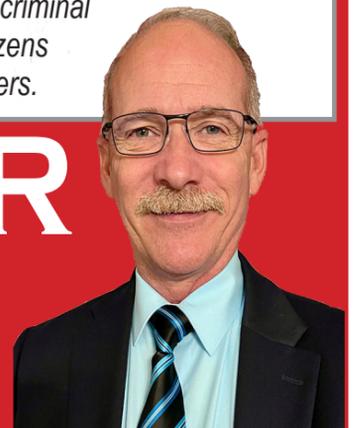
As we head into the final weeks of this election, I am humbled by the amount of support and reception I have received while campaigning. We have received an overwhelming number of requests for signs. Rest assured, we will do everything we can to get signs to those who have requested them.

While there have been endorsements made in this election, I believe those best suited to advocate through recommendations are my fellow community members, whose familiarity with our local criminal justice system and issues are based on personal knowledge and observations. With that, I am honored to have the endorsements of former Martin County Sheriff Tony Dant, former Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill, and former Martin County Community Corrections Advisory Board Chairman Chan Cornett, amongst others. My experience has allowed me the opportunity to work alongside some of the finest in our county, and for that I am grateful.

As your Independent Candidate for Martin County Prosecutor, I will not only continue to be sincere in working to earn your support and vote on November 8th, but after, to ensure Martin County's criminal justice system is held to the highest standards. I will work tirelessly to prosecute criminal offenders, promote collaboration between our criminal justice partners, enhance the safety of our citizens and lessen the financial burden on our taxpayers.

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Dairy producers can now enroll for 2023 signup for Dairy Margin Coverage

Dairy producers can now enroll for 2023 coverage through the Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) Program, an important safety net program from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that helps producers manage changes in milk and feed prices. Last year, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) took steps to improve coverage, especially for small- and mid-sized dairies, including offering a new Supplemental DMC program and updating its feed cost formula to better address retroactive, current and future feed costs. These changes continue to support producers through this year's signup, which began Tuesday and ends December 9, 2022.

"Dairy producers are the backbone of many agricultural communities across rural America," FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux said. "Dairy Margin Coverage provides critical assistance to our nation's small- and mid-sized dairies, helping make sure they can manage the numerous and often unpredictable uncertainties that adversely impact market prices for milk. This year showed why enrolling in DMC makes good business sense. Early in the year, some economists predicted that DMC would not trigger any payments for the calendar year, but then fast forward to now, when we're starting to see payments trigger and a return on investment."

DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

So far in 2022, DMC payments to more than 17,000 dairy operations have triggered for August for more than \$47.9 million. According to DMC margin projections, an indemnity payment is projected for September as well. At \$0.15 per hundredweight for \$9.50 coverage, risk coverage through DMC is a relatively inexpensive investment.

DMC offers different levels of coverage, even an option that is free to producers, aside from a \$100 administrative fee. Limited resource, beginning, socially

disadvantaged or a military veteran farmers or ranchers are exempt from paying the administrative fee, if requested. To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

Supplemental DMC

Last year, USDA introduced Supplemental DMC, which provided \$42.8 million in payments to better help small- and mid-sized dairy operations that had increased production over the years but were not able to enroll the additional production. Supplemental DMC is also available for 2023.

Supplemental DMC coverage is applicable to calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Eligible dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of established production history may enroll supplemental pounds.

For producers who enrolled in Supplemental DMC in 2022, the supplemental coverage will automatically be added to the 2023 DMC contract that previously established a supplemental production history.

Producers who did not enroll in Supplemental DMC in 2022 can do so now. Producers should complete their Supplemental DMC enrollment before enrolling in 2023 DMC. To enroll, producers will need to provide their 2019 actual milk marketings, which FSA uses to determine established production history.

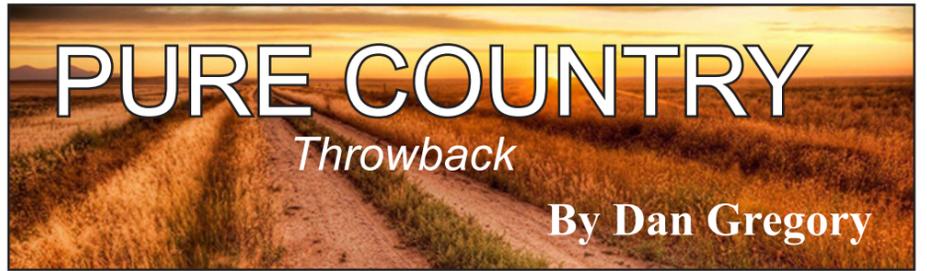
DMC Payments

Additionally, FSA will continue to calculate DMC payments using updated feed and premium hay costs, making the program more reflective of actual dairy producer expenses. These updated feed calculations use 100% premium alfalfa hay rather than 50%. The benefits of these feed cost adjustments were realized in the recent August 2022 margin payment as current high feed and premium hay costs were considered in payment calculations.

More Information

In addition to DMC, USDA offers other risk management tools for dairy producers, including the Dairy Revenue Protection (DRP) plan that protects against a decline in milk revenue (yield and price) and the Livestock Gross Margin (LGM) plan, which provides protection against the loss of the market value of livestock minus the feed costs. Both DRP and LGM livestock insurance policies are offered through the Risk Management Agency. Producers should contact their local crop insurance agent for more information.

For more information on DMC, visit the DMC webpage at www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/dairy-margin-coverage-program/index or contact your local USDA Service Center.



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It doesn't take a genius to know that harvest in Martin County and indeed across the Corn Belt, is in full swing. The trucks on the roadways leave little to the imagination that crops are being harvested and placed into storage bins to be dried and then reloaded sometime in the coming months for delivery to the multitude of end users.

While I do not personally participate in harvest activities anymore, I do take interest in the outcomes of the harvest and its effects on the local and broader economies. I think we as Americans take the agricultural business too much for granted. Many if not most of the consumer goods we purchase and use or consume are directly linked to what you see in those trucks going up and down the back roads and highways. Tucked away in almost every field of any size are the goods that fuel a diverse economy.

Closer to home, my Grandson Eli had the best view of the harvest while riding in neighbor farmer Byron Hoffmann's big Case-IH combine. Byron invited Eli to ride along while he began his harvest season a few weeks ago. The field he was in lies within sight of our home, and Eli didn't miss the signs of dust the big machine was making as Byron began to harvest the fruits of his labor. This particular field was planted in May to popcorn. Believe it or not Indiana ranks high as a popcorn producing state. I drove Eli over to ride along with

Byron on our John Deere Gator past the neighbor Keeven Neukam's farm, and between the sunshine, combine ride, and incredible view from the high elevation we were treated to an afternoon that combined both pleasure and mission. Eli will long remember sitting in the buddy seat alongside one of the true shining stars of agriculture, as Byron (a professional farmer) patiently explained what he was doing and maybe more importantly, why.

The autumn season is a good time to reflect on all that is good. We all benefit from a healthy harvest, one of good yields that will supply us with food and fiber with enough left over to share with other parts of the world.

A recent letter to the editor of our local paper seemed to me to be more than a little negative about our community, its leaders, and decisions. I probably should just let it go...but it bothered me and I imagine others were offended by it too. A friend of mine has used the old "glass half-empty or half full" saying on many occasions, and it does describe how different people can look at the same situation and see it as totally opposite from each other. It's a choice we as individuals get to make, as far as to what is in the glass. I will just point out that it is hard for me to understand how tearing something down contributes to building it up. That's just my opinion.

For me and my farmer neighbors and friends, and especially Eli, Life is Good!

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Vincz, Steiner vie for prosecutor position

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MCJ: Please describe your background (where you grew up, family, children, schooling, etc.)

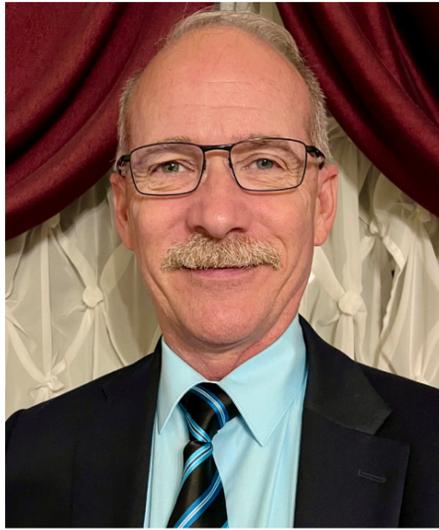
Mike Steiner: I graduated from Barr-Reeve High School in 1982. I then attended Vincennes University for 3 semesters. I transferred to I.U.-Bloomington and finished my undergraduate work in 1986. I went to law school at I.U.-Indianapolis and graduated in 1989. I was sworn in as a lawyer on June 9, 1989. I began my career at Hayes and Dant in Washington. After about 7 years, I opened my own practice in Loogootee. I ran for Prosecutor of Martin County and was elected in 2002. I took office on January 1, 2003 and served for four terms until December 31, 2018. I then worked as a deputy prosecutor in Lawrence County until November of 2020. I accepted the position of Chief Deputy Prosecutor in Knox County and currently retain that position. I am married to Shelli (Waggoner) Steiner and we have 4 daughters and 3 grandchildren. Shelli and I reside in Shoals.

Aureola Vincz: I was born and raised in Martin County. My grandparents, parents, siblings, children, and most of my extended family live in Martin County. I graduated from Shoals High School as Valedictorian with the Lily Scholarship, Hanover College, and Indiana University School of Law – Indianapolis. As a law student, I worked for a Public Defender in Bedford on a murder case, and I volunteered many hours in various law clinics helping real people with real issues. After graduation, I became an intern with the court, and then a temporary court reporter while learning the court system in and out. I went on to open Wright Law, LLC in Shoals. I became a Certified G.A.L., which is an attorney that works closely with the court in matters affecting children. I represented many clients in such legal areas as divorces, wills, trusts, adoptions, child support, child custody, business contracts, and criminal defense for misdemeanors and felonies. As my clientele expanded among the surrounding counties, I was able to work in various court systems. Martin County Court and surrounding counties hired me as a public defender to represent indigent status cases. After the years it took to build my business up, I made the significant decision to become a public servant. I wanted to do my part, to do more to help Martin County become a leader in the modern criminal justice system.

MCJ: Briefly describe and special training, accolades, etc. that you have received related to prosecutorial work?

Mike Steiner: I am proud that I was nominated and served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council and the Indiana Association of Prosecuting Attorneys. I was privileged to be elected to the office of President of the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys by my fellow prosecutors from across the state. I have also been asked by the IPAC to serve as a faculty member of various trainings to teach other prosecutors how to conduct jury trials.

Aureola Vincz: When I was elected last term, I became the first woman ever elected to serve as the Martin County Prosecuting Attorney. Considering women did not always have the right to vote, nor the ability to even go to law school, this holds a significant and special place for me in Martin County history. Once elected, I made many changes and I have been recognized by the State of Indiana



MIKE STEINER

for some of them. For one, the Indiana Child Support Bureau awarded Martin County, under my leadership, the "Most Improved County in the State" for improved performances. Also, the State of Indiana featured Martin County in the Manual for Safe Practices, due to my office procedures during a pandemic. Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush of the Indiana Supreme Court gave her State of the Judiciary speech in front of the governor, legislators, and judges; in which, she recognized my work to reform the criminal justice system with the Martin County Justice Coalition.

MCJ: What is your philosophy of arguing for the sentencing of those found guilty either by plea deal, jury trial, or bench trial to prison?

Mike Steiner: Assuming that the person has been convicted of a felony, I always look at their criminal history as well as the seriousness of the offense. If a person is convicted of a Level 4 felony or higher, I will almost always argue for prison time. If a person is a habitual offender, regardless of the felony level, I will argue for prison time. Prison should be reserved for those who deserve it. There are criminals and then there are people who commit crimes. There is a big difference between those categories of people. The criminals are the ones who need to be removed from society for a specified period of time.

Aureola Vincz: Every case is different. Every case is subject to the relevant Rules of Law. Prison is a sentence that I always seek when appropriate within the law. My philosophy for arguing for prison sentencing is to seek justice for our community by ensuring the evidence is valid, sufficient, and timely for the judge's proper consideration.

MCJ: How important is the support and cooperation of local law enforcement to the Prosecutor's office?

Mike Steiner: The support and cooperation of local law enforcement is absolutely critical to the effective functioning of the prosecutor's office. Effective enforcement and investigations make the prosecution of criminals possible. Without that, the prosecutor's office is unable to adequately prosecute those who commit crimes. On the flip side, local law enforcement also needs the support and cooperation of the prosecutor's office. When police officers lose trust and confidence in the prosecutor's office, the system goes off the rails. I think if you ask any police officer who has been working in any one of the three counties where I have been a prosecutor, that they will tell you I always had their backs and would do anything I could to help them.

Aureola Vincz: The Prosecutor is a licensed attorney that is obligated by rules of law to act ethically while presenting valid evidence to the court. The evidence



AUREOLA VINCZ

is brought to the prosecutor by law enforcement officers, sworn under the penalty of perjury, when the officer believes a crime was committed. Without evidence gathered by law enforcement, the prosecutor doesn't have a case. The law enforcement I work with have received training, have public safety at heart, and understand the need for good communication. I have a professional and personal understanding of that necessity. At one time, my brother was a deputy, and my brother-in-law was a deputy-reserve. I will never forget the mixture of pride and safety concern that a family has when their loved one goes on duty.

MCJ: Since you both served as prosecutor, what new programs, if any, did you implement during your tenure?

Mike Steiner: The best program I implemented was being involved in re-starting the Indiana Covert Drug Investigation school. I am on the steering committee and serve on the faculty. This school is a week-long program designed to teach prosecutors and police officers how to appropriately conduct undercover drug investigations. This is a week-long course involving 10 prosecutors and 50 police officers from across the state as students. Several of our local police officers have been able to go to this school because of my involvement with this program. I believe that drug traffickers are destroying parts of our society and need to be dealt harshly.

Aureola Vincz: I am a part of the Justice Coalition formed in 2019 with the judge, sheriff, community corrections, probation, and we worked to get \$120,000 in grants to Martin County. We gave that money to programs and school programs already in the county dedicated to helping Martin County residents. I started a Check Deception Program for Martin County business owners who are being taken advantage of by ill-intended customers. We recovered thousands in restitution for those victims. I started a Valid Driving Program, with an attorney that specializes in the area for eligible people to get back on the road, legally. I started a Tobacco Cessation Program with both Shoals and Loogootee schools. I started it with Martin County Community Corrections and Hoosier Uplands to help eligible juveniles stop smoking or vaping in the schools. I started prosecutor participation in the meetings of the Child Protection Team, the Multi-disciplinary Team, the Child Fatality Review Team, and with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. I established, with the State Court Services, the grant to equip law enforcement with e-ticket technology. I developed, with the court and the animal control officer, the policy now in use for animal cruelty cases that protects owners' rights and animals' lives. I started the Juvenile Justice Program together with the sheriff, the

judge, probation, community corrections, and both superintendents of the schools for policy discussion and change to juvenile matters. I started developing a Compliance Status Program with community corrections, probation, the drug and alcohol program director and the court to hold accountability hearings. I started the 'right size order' in child support as a new program to help those implement necessary modifications that had been neglected for years. I started the Community Outreach Program that allows my office to use specific state funds to give back to the community without additional county costs. I advanced the use of the Prosecutor Case Management System to accomplish effective and efficient case management for our county without additional cost. I developed, with the court, the system defendants, attorneys, and witnesses now use to appear remotely and timely without undue cause of delay. I started working with other counties on transfer of appropriate cases to established Veteran's Court, Problem-Solving Court, and Drug Court. I started the "Proffer Deadline" system with the court, that requires the defense attorney to meet with the prosecutor and reports the case status to the court to prevent undue delay in cases. I developed, with the court and the sheriff's office, the technologically advanced system that law enforcement now uses for applying for search warrants to the court that no longer requires them to leave the scene.

MCJ: Why should voters choose you? This is not intended to be negative (and please be kind) but what sets you apart from your opponent?

Mike Steiner: I have the experience and drive to do the job. I have been a lawyer for more than 33 years and a prosecutor for more than 20 years. I will do the trials that are necessary to do. I have done 9 felony jury trials in the last 16 months. I did the last felony jury trial in Martin County in June of 2018 which resulted in convictions on 2 counts of murder, 2 counts of burglary, and 1 count of theft. I will send the people to prison who need to go to prison. I will run the office on a shoestring budget just like I did during the 16 years I was prosecutor. This will include eliminating the 2nd deputy prosecutor. My phone is always on, and I respond at any time to do search warrants or otherwise assist our police officers. I have the experience, the temperament, and the talent to do the job very well.

Aureola Vincz: It is a very unique position for me to be in my first term and for my opponent to have previously lost after a 16-year administration. It almost goes without saying that there are so many things that did or did not happen in that time. One person admitted to prison in 2007 and in 2008, 2 people admitted to prison in 2009, 3 people admitted to prison in 2011, and 1 person admitted to prison in 2012 with 0 jury trials for 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016 while maintaining one of the lowest ranking child support divisions in the state. For me, I am in a prime place in my life for this opportunity to serve our wonderful county. I am in a place in my life where I can confidently say I have enough experience and skill to do the job, while acknowledging I have enough years left in my career to continue building on the foundations I have started. I have shown the people I have a balance between grace, humility, hard work, and fierce advocacy that sets me a part in my profession.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to say?

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Magdaleno, George face off for commissioner seat

PAUL GEORGE
and
DEANDRA MAGDALENO

MCJ: Please provide your background, family, schooling, current occupation, etc.

Paul George: I was born and raised in Martin County. I am a graduate of Shoals High School and Oakland City College. My wife, Eva, and I reside on a small farm in Northern Martin County. Our children, Tyler and Taylor George, Reeva and Alan Dorsey, Sistoria, Edmund, and Eleora Neeley are all graduates of Shoals High School, and our youngest, Zafira Neeley, is a student at Shoals Middle School. I am a farmer and owner/operator school bus driver for Shoals Community School Corp. I currently serve as President of the Martin County INS. Board.

DeAndra Magdaleno: I was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, but moved to Shoals, Indiana in 2003 to go to college. I live on North State Road 450, where my maternal family, Cunnington has lived since April 1966. The property has been passed down from generation to generation. My sister, Amanda, and I are the 4th generation to live here. I graduated from both Vincennes University and University of Southern Indiana. I have multiple degrees, one of which is a Master's in Business Administration. I currently work at Monroe County Sheriff's Office as Administrative Coordinator. I previously worked at Martin County Sheriff's Office as 911 dispatcher then transferred to Martin County Clerk's Office as Deputy Clerk. Upon running for Martin County Commissioner, I cannot be a full-time employee working for Martin County due to conflict of interest.

MCJ: What is it about serving as commissioner that interests you?

Paul George: As a lifelong resident of Martin County, serving as a commissioner provides me the opportunity to

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Michael Steiner: (No response to this question).

Aureola Vincz: Martin County, I have prosecuted hundreds and hundreds of cases. I have argued for and gotten prison sentences. I have fought for and won restitution for victims. I implemented community outreach to uplift children's lives. I have submitted budget cuts year after year. I have formed many community partnerships. I work hard to seek justice for our county. I am dedicated to progress and committed to community. My mission is to be a part of a criminal justice system that serves Martin County with quality work, with high standards, with ethics, and with integrity. In 2020 Martin County sent more to prison than Benton (8,695 residents), Carrol (20,137 residents), Crawford (10,582 residents), Fountain (16,456 residents) LaGrange (39,537 residents), Ohio (5,890 residents) Owen (20,854 residents), Pulaski (12,482 residents) Spencer (20,364 residents), Tipton (15,154 residents), Union (7,140 residents), Warrick (62,608 residents) and equal to Sullivan (20,647 residents) and equal to White (24,163 residents) Many county numbers dropped because the Supreme Court of Indiana suspended jury trials. 2019 -8,612 total inmates to prison, and 2020 -5,447 total inmates to prison. However, I worked closely with the court, the jail, and the defense attorneys to find innovative ways to continue our jobs while maintaining safety procedures. No matter your views on the pandemic, you can't deny that it was an obstacle that leaders had to overcome. I'm proud to have served Martin County during such a time and hope to have another term free of such obstacles. However, I am prepared and ready if such a thing were to happen again.



PAUL GEORGE

give back to the community I love, and where my family have been residents for 4-5 generations. I, and my family, have a stake in the community, and I am proud to serve the citizens of Martin County by providing the best services possible to its citizens while being financially responsible and staying within the construct of the annual budget provided by the county council. The county commissioners have the authority to pass ordinances in the following broad areas: controlling, maintaining, and supervising county property including courthouses, jails, and public offices, supervising construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and providing for traffic control. As a commissioner, I strive to maintain and improve our county roads with resources available. The commissioners do not control the finances of the county, only the money/budget allocated to them by the county council. The county council and the county commissioners maintain a close working relationship. I want all county citizens to know they may contact me anytime to discuss issues and provide their thoughts and concerns.

DeAndra Magdaleno: I would like to serve the community and also get to know the people by getting involved. Martin County should serve its residents by putting them first.

MCJ: In your opinion, what is Martin County's biggest issue? And what, if anything, would you do to solve this issue?

Paul George: In my opinion, the biggest issue facing Martin County is financial issues. We are a small county, but still have essential services that must be provided to the citizens. 45 percent of Martin County is nontaxable due to land being owned by the federal government and/or state. This takes a large piece out of the county's tax base. The services must still be provided to the citizens. As a commissioner, I cannot make major financial decisions. That responsibility is the responsibility of the county council. The commissioners only have the responsibility for the annual budget for the commissioners, set annually by the county council. I always vote for the execution of funds with the safety, security, and long term needs of the county's citizens in mind and make sure the funds are used efficiently. That has always been a major priority of mine.

DeAndra Magdaleno: Martin County's biggest issue is the overspending that has been occurring and is still uncontrolled. Financial Advisor Greg Guerrettaz, with FSG, stated Martin County can't afford the ambulance service due to the fact the county is already in the red with all the bills that have not yet been paid and the ambulance service will not be self-sufficient according to the ambulance director Jeramey Osborn. I believe we should be renegotiating with the nearby county hospitals to see if they will take us on and help our county out. It is hard to believe that any hospital will deny us any help when this is an opportunity for them to make money.



DEANDRA MAGDALENO

MCJ: What, if anything, worries you most about the future of Martin County?

Paul George: I feel very hopeful for the future of Martin County. The citizens of Martin County will persevere. One example, the dilemma the elected officials faced was regarding the ambulance service. The county commissioners, county council, and the citizens of Martin County worked hard together to ensure the safety of the county citizens was never in danger, and now the county has 2 state certified ambulances providing services to the citizens of Martin County. The previous provider of those services suddenly stopped providing ambulance service to Martin County, with 10 months left on their contract. The State of Indiana mandates it is essential that each county have ambulance services for its citizens. Currently, the ambulance service is being funded by ARPA funds. I am dedicated to Martin County and its citizens and would like to continue working for all its citizens. I have no doubt that the elected officials and citizens will meet any problem head on to find a solution and ensure the preservation of Martin County. The younger generations have several employment opportunities with NSA Crane, the Gypsum corporation, 2 school corporations, and many farms and small businesses in the county. The 2 schools provide a sound educational foundation, and there are several colleges and universities nearby to continue their education. We may have limited funds, but our citizens are always willing to provide ideas on how to stretch the budget and save money effectively. I feel Martin County has a bright future for many years as long as the elected officials and the citizens listen to each other and work together.

DeAndra Magdaleno: Residents leaving/moving out of Martin County due to higher taxes like the Local Income Tax being raised to pay for the ambulance service. We will be paying 2 times more on taxes than any other county. Losing income that supports Martin County, may cause bankruptcy in which the state may take receivership unless we take control of the spending. Where is the incentive for business owners or entrepreneurs to reside within the county?

MCJ: What, if anything, makes you feel hopeful for the future of Martin County?

Paul George: (Same answer as last question.)

DeAndra Magdaleno: It's good to see residents/taxpayers showing up and questioning the decisions of the county. I am happy to hear and see everyone getting involved. Martin County cannot exist without these voices. Also, we need to get the younger generation active for everyone's wellbeing and future.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to say to the voters?

Paul George: I have served as a Martin County Commissioner for 16 years, I have worked to live up to the needs and expectations of the voters, and I hope you can tell by my voting record that every decision I am involved with, I vote for what I feel is the best for all residents, not

just a certain few. I hope that I can depend on your continued support and vote in the upcoming election. I am dedicated to Martin County, the growth of our communities and to achieving financial stability. I am available for any citizen to contact me with their concerns and ideas for a better Martin County.

DeAndra Magdaleno: "Prudence Demands Your Vote". Please go and cast your vote for this is where your voice will be heard. If I am given the opportunity to be the commissioner, then I will strive to achieve the best results in the interest of the constituents and I will represent Martin County as a whole. Thank you, Martin County for your consideration.

State of Indiana Treasurer candidates



JESSICA MCCLELLAN

Jessica McClellan was raised in Waukegan, Illinois by her mother Annette, a public school teacher, and her father Bill, a chemist at a pharmaceutical company. She came to Indiana University in 1996 and graduated in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. She was elected Monroe County treasurer in 2017. She serves as secretary of the Monroe County Board of Finance and sits on the Monroe County Internal Controls Committee. She is the vice president of the Indiana County Treasurer's Association, a member of the Association of Indiana Counties Education Committee and in her 7th year as a board member of the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, where she has served as treasurer for the past 3 years. Jessica lives in Bloomington with her wife – a human resources administrator, her son – a high school senior, her daughter – a sophomore at Indiana University Bloomington, and their dog. She is a homebody at heart who enjoys reading about ancient Rome, sewing, gardening, and home improvement projects. She is an avid IU Women's Basketball fan.



DANIEL ELLIOTT

Daniel Elliott serves as President of the Morgan County Redevelopment Commission, where he works to create economic development opportunities in Morgan County. He is a former Morgan County Councilman, the owner of a software company in Martinsville, He and his wife Laura, are the parents of four children.

Six candidates running for three open Shoals Town Council seats

ROGER ABEL, JR.,
CARY ALBRIGHT,
MICKY HAWKINS CREW,
RICHARD GIBBS,
WALTER HOLT,
and
CECIL RAGSDALE

MCJ: What is your name and your background including family, schooling, current occupation, etc.?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: My name is Cary D. Albright and I've lived in Shoals all my life. I am married and my wife, Tamara, and I raised four children, Amanda, Brandon, Calli and Danielle in our town, who are adults and on their own now. I'm a graduate of Shoals High School. I have an associate degree in business management and a minor in banking and finance from Vincennes University. I am a graduate of the General Motors School of Merchandising and Management in Detroit, Michigan. I am a graduate of General Motors Acceptance Corporation School of Insurance and Finance in Troy, Michigan. I have over 45 years of business experience owning, operating, and selling various businesses. I have worked in the field of sales, finance, and investment. I am currently the president of the Shoals Town Council.

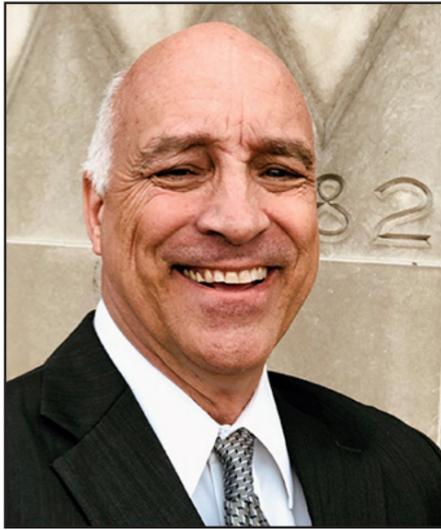
Micky Hawkins Crew: My name is Micky (Hawkins) Crew. I am the daughter of the late Clyde "Whitey" and Helen Hawkins. I am married to Jeff Crew and we have four children and five grandchildren. I am a lifelong resident of Shoals, graduating from Shoals High School. I am a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) as an engineer assistant. I have volunteered for the Shoals Beautification Board, Catfish Festival Queen Committee, and Little League. My involvement in the community includes being an active member of the Shoals American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion Riders (currently treasurer and membership chair), Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, and the Martin County Historical Society.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.

Walter Holt: My name is Walter Holt. I have lived in the area all my life. I went to Shoals High School and went to work in Bloomington, Indiana. When I got laid off from my place of employment, I went back to school. I went to Ivy Tech State College and got my business degree. I worked the entire two years I went to school. Then later, after 5 years, I went back to school at IU Kelley School of Business and got my bachelor's degree in business management. I went to work at Menards in Bloomington. I started there as sales personnel and worked my way up to a department manager. I worked in the Bloomington store for about 4 years and was asked to go to Sandusky, Ohio to help open a new store. I worked there for 2 years before coming back to Shoals to live after my mother got sick. Now, I work at the French Lick Casino as a security guard.

Cecil Ragsdale: My name is Cecil Ragsdale, and I am running for Shoals Town Council. If elected, this will be my 4th term. I am married to Dianna Ragsdale and have 3 daughters and 3 stepsons and together we have 14 grandchildren. I graduated from Shoals High School in 1970 and Northwood Institute in 1972 with an associate degree in business. Over the years, I have farmed and was employed by Jasper Engines for 17 years. I was a business owner in Shoals from 2006 to 2021. Currently, I am self-employed as a bus driver for Shoals Community Schools. I have driven for Shoals Community Schools for a total of 23 years.

MCJ: Why do you want to serve on



CARY ALBRIGHT

the town council?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: We have been blessed with a town that has a strong community spirit. Our town has a natural resource that other cities I've talked with would pay millions of dollars to have and that's the White River East Fork. Our possibilities of continuing to provide a safe and secure place to live are endless. I want to continue to provide those services for our citizens by spending our tax money wisely and not just look at next year but look into the future. The dollars we spend today will not be able to buy as much in the future as I can right now. I think of that every time we start a project.

Micky Hawkins Crew: I am running for town council because I have lived here all my life and love my hometown. As a homeowner and parent, I want to help keep this town a great and safe place to live. I want to be a positive voice on the board to move forward with progress and work with the businesses, school, and community members.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.

Walter Holt: I want to serve on the town council because I think I can make a difference.

Cecil Ragsdale: I would like to serve on the town council to continue working on the projects we currently have in place to improve the town. We, as a Council, have made many positive changes to the Town of Shoals including a recent drainage project, improvements to the ballpark, including lighting and new playground. Other recent projects include improved signage, all sewage lift stations reworked with new pumps and new water lines and booster station for the school.

MCJ: What is the biggest issue facing the Town of Shoals right now? And what are your ideas to solve the issue?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: INFRASTRUCTURE! (Freshwater, wastewater, streets, and roads) This is a can that has been continually kicked down the road for somebody else to take care of for years. Now, we are under multiple warning orders by the State of Indiana to get these improvements and upgrades done NOW or we will not be able to hook up and provide wastewater or freshwater services to new citizens or current citizens wanting to build new. Also, there's a possibility we would have to reduce current services we provide. I started this project, along with the council, 4 years ago. First, we applied for grants (to save tax money), then have an engineering company give us a roadmap so we would spend your tax money in the most conservative and effective way. My goal is to move forward with this roadmap and maximize the use of your tax dollars!

Micky Hawkins Crew: The biggest issue is clean up issues with the property owners. I feel some of the town ordinances need revised and have a penalty/fine for those who do not abide by them. There is also a problem with stray cats and dogs running loose.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.



MICKY HAWKINS CREW

Walter Holt: The biggest issue that the Town of Shoals faces right now is that they don't have a bank and some of the properties in the town are junked up which makes the town look bad. I would do my best to get a bank back in town for the people of Shoals. I think it is important for the town to have a bank, so the older people don't have to drive out of town to do their banking. On the properties that need to be cleaned up, I will have the ordinances enforced, and if the property is not cleaned up after a letter is sent to the property owner, take legal action.

Cecil Ragsdale: The biggest issue facing the Town of Shoals, like all communities statewide, is funding. The current project we have coming up is a sewer project at an estimated cost of \$2.3 million. This includes new wastewater lines across the White River bridge. Due to INDOT owning the bridge, they have mandated the new lines be placed in the middle of the underside of the bridge, resulting in a significant increase to the cost. This project is very important to the infrastructure of the wastewater system.

MCJ: What can the Shoals Town Council do, if anything, to help bring in new business and new residents?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: YES, there is a lot we can do to bring in new businesses and residents to the Town of Shoals. First, we need to start with the basics and that's providing adequate fresh water, wastewater and roads. We do not have a large tax base here to collect money from to do these services. I have seen a trend over the last three decades that we continue to pay more taxes, yet we have less say, locally, on how we can spend the money. I have made it my goal to go after that money aggressively at the federal, state and local level. Washington DC, Indianapolis, or any other locations other than Shoals have no idea what our needs are. We cannot provide and meet state requirements with just our local tax money. Since I've been in office, your council has pursued and received over \$1 million in tax money that you have paid our state and federal government that we would not be spent locally on our infrastructure without continually applying to get this money back locally.

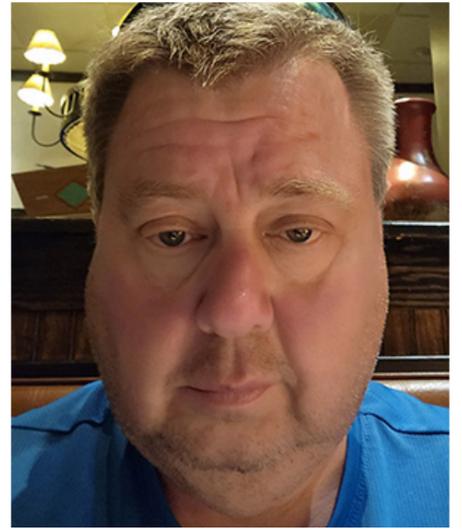
Micky Hawkins Crew: Times are hard right now but I feel it's up to our community to support our local businesses. I feel removal of some of the old, abandoned buildings will give the opportunity for new businesses.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.

Walter Holt: To bring new residents into the Town of Shoals is to offer more apartments and housing. To get new businesses, they need to start with what kind of business they want in town, then go from there.

Cecil Ragsdale: The Town of Shoals has been working with the Martin County Economic Development to develop a plan to guide the council on needed improvements on infrastructure.

MCJ: Is there anything else you



WALTER HOLT



CECIL RAGSDALE

would like to add?

Roger Abel, Jr.: Chose not to respond.

Cary Albright: A few projects I'm particularly proud of include making a wise decision to sell lumber from our wastewater facility property at the height of the lumber sales. With this money, we were able to assist the fire department purchasing an upgraded fire engine and purchase additional land for the parks department to develop in the future. All of this was done by not using tax money! Otherwise, we would've had to take from Peter to pay Paul! This is just one example of spending your tax money smartly and conservatively. Please allow me to continue to be of service to your community. By voting for Cary Albright in the upcoming election.

Micky Hawkins Crew: I enjoy helping people and my community and it is my hope to serve this great community, as was instilled in me by my parents.

Richard Gibbs: Chose not to respond.

Walter Holt: I think that there should be an ordinance for dogs and cats that run loose in the town. Like keeping their dogs and cats up. Keep their dogs tied up and if they get loose, the owner needs to take responsibility for that dog's actions.

Cecil Ragsdale: I hope to continue to work for the betterment of the community. The council will continue to look for funding sources to improve the infrastructure of the town while being fiscally responsible to the citizens of Shoals. We will continue to look for any grants that we may be eligible for to fund projects. As I've said before, we need to make Shoals a place where our younger generation wants to return and raise their families.

Martin County polling sites

The following are the polling sites that will be used for Election Day voting: Perry 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 vote at St. John's Center; Perry 5 and Rutherford vote at St. Martin's Church Hall; Perry 7 and Crane vote at Bramble Conservation Center; Mitcheltree and North Center vote at Dover Hill Church of Christ; South Center, Lost River and Southeast Halbert vote at the Shoals American Legion; and East Memphis, West Memphis, North Halbert and South Halbert vote St. Mary's Church Hall in Shoals.

Gregory, Summers battle for county council district 4 seat

MONTY GREGORY
and
RICHARD SUMMERS

MCJ: Please give your background info, where you were born, raised, parents, spouse, children, job etc.

Monty Gregory: I was born and raised in Daviess County. I graduated from Barr-Reeve High School. I have an Associate Degree from Vincennes University in Banking and Finance. I have lived in Martin County for the past 24 years. I am the son of Bob and June Gregory. I am married to Brooke Wolfe Gregory. We have four children. Three of them have graduated from Loogootee High School and currently live in the county. One is still attending Loogootee Community Schools. I am self-employed.

Richard Summers: I was born in Washington, Indiana to Charles and Viola Summers. I have lived in Martin County my whole life. We have 3 children, Amy who lives in Avon and teaches in Wayne Township; Ali, who lives in Indianapolis and teaches in Warren Township; and Aaron who manages Toy's Auto Parts in Shoals. I have been married to Nancy (Lentz) Summers for 48 years, and retired from Toy's Auto Parts in 2017. I also drove a school bus for Loogootee School Corporation for 10 years.

MCJ: What is it about serving on the county council that interests you?

Monty Gregory: My interest in serving on the county council is to help the community prosper and grow into the future.

Richard Summers: I previously served on the county council for 16 years and feel that I have an excellent understanding of how the budget works. I have always had a good rapport with the citizens of our county, and truly care about our county.

MCJ: In your opinion, what should be the county council's number one priority?

Monty Gregory: The county council's number one priority should be to oversee the balancing of the county budget. The council should have a working knowledge of the numerous budgets for all the county offices that comprise the overall budget.

Richard Summers: The county budget has to be the number one priority of the county council. They are elected to come up with a budget every year and make sure that budget is followed by every department.

MCJ: Of all the costs associated with "running" Martin County, which one worries you the most? And do you have any solutions to fix it?

Monty Gregory: The county highway department budget worries me the most due to the uncontrollable cost of rising fuel prices and equipment. I would strongly recommend contracts with various vendors for supplies that are used on a regular basis. The contractor should purchase items at the lower prices and have them on hand when the prices go up.

Richard Summers: Keeping up with ever changing state and federal regulations that trickle down to the counties and can make a difference in "wants" and "needs" of all departments. We need to be able to be competitive in the job market to keep our trained employees and sometimes it's very difficult to have enough money to do that.

MCJ: Do you think Martin County residents are currently taxed fairly compared to other counties?

Monty Gregory: No. We operate at a higher tax rate than surrounding counties due to approximately fifty percent of Martin County is untaxable. Fifty percent of the county's untaxable land or greatly reduced tax property is NSA Crane, unclassified forest, and the federal and state forestry.



MONTY GREGORY



RICHARD SUMMERS

Richard Summers: I think our residents are taxed fairly in comparison to other counties. Having the large non-taxed base that we have in Martin County makes it more difficult to keep taxes lower, but all in all I think it fair.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

Monty Gregory: I look forward to serving Martin County. We have to learn from our mistakes and move forward with making things better. I would like to look into the time management of all the county employees to see if their time can be used more efficiently. I want to look into eliminating waste of time and resources throughout the county budget. I want to make sure all avenues are explored for grants and funds for all services in Martin County. I want to make sure that taxpayer funds are used wisely and responsibly.

Richard Summers: With my previous years of experience on the county council, I feel I am the best candidate for District 3. If elected, I promise to do my best to represent our taxpayers.

Public Question Number One on the ballot

Shall Judge Nancy H. Vaidik be retained in office?

Nancy H. Vaidik grew up in Portage, Indiana, and is a sixth-generation Hoosier. She graduated from Valparaiso University with high distinction in 1977 and Valparaiso University Law School in 1980. After serving as a prosecutor and trial-court judge in Porter County, Judge Vaidik was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals, where she served as Chief Judge for six years.

Judge Vaidik's early years as a deputy and then chief deputy prosecutor in Porter County provided the grounding for her judicial career. As an attorney, she tried over seventy-five jury trials and founded the Porter County Victims Assistance Unit, the Porter County Sexual Assault Recovery Project, the Domestic Violence Service, and the Valparaiso University Law School Mediation Clinic. She also served on the Porter County Community Corrections Board and led a countywide task force that spearheaded the eventual construction of a new county jail. After serving as a prosecutor, Judge Vaidik went into private practice and specialized in domestic relations, probate, municipal law, and general litigation. She represented Caring Place, Inc., a shelter for battered women in Valparaiso.

From 1992 to 2000, Judge Vaidik served as judge of Porter Superior Court. During

Indiana State Representative District 63

TERESA KENDALL
and
SHANE LINDAUER

Teresa Kendall

Teresa Kendall owns Kendall Creative Studio, a marketing and graphics company that specializes in marketing and advertising services for non-profit and charity organizations. She has been a teacher for over 32 years, and an advocate for fully funding local schools and universities. A graduate of ISU, Teresa holds a master's and bachelor's degree in education and graduated in the top 10 percent of her master's class in 2012. She is a recipient of the Eli Lilly Foundation Teacher's Fellowship in 2004 and 2008 and is published author in two academic education journals. For more than 20 years, Teresa owned a small farm raising hogs, boarding horses, and assisting her daughter and son, both 10-year 4-H members, as well other 4-Hers with animal projects. She lives in Jasper with her husband, Mike Kendall. They have six children, and five grandchildren between them.

Where she stands:

-Fully fund public schools in every town and rural area of each county and pay teachers what they deserve to keep the ones we have and attract new teachers.

-No Mid States Corridor. stop all funding for the new terrain highway through House District 63, improve existing roads to accommodate rural traffic and assist businesses shipping needs, and encourage development and restoration of railways for shipping.

-Improve housing by creating opportunities for first time home buyers with tax credits and down payment assistance through state programs and provide incentives for builders to develop affordable housing.

-Broadband access for all by creating partnerships with local utilities to assure that every household, farm and business has affordable broadband access.

-Better access to healthcare by working with local healthcare facilities to expand locations that will allow every county to have increased healthcare access and establish a rural transportation service for access to healthcare facilities.



TERESA KENDALL



SHANE LINDAUER
Shane Lindauer

Shane Lindauer is a 1992 graduate of Jasper High School. He and wife, Stacy, are the parents of two boys. He received bachelor's degrees from Indiana State University and Logan College of Chiropractic, where he also received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree. He is a former member of Indiana and Missouri Army National Guard, former member of the Dubois County Council, a small business owner with a past chiropractic private practice and currently part owner of small family-owned recycling business

Where he stands:

-Pro Life

-Pro 2nd Amendment

-Favors small government with as much local control as possible

-In favor of the Mid-States Corridor

-In favor of school choice



NANCY VAIDIK

her tenure on the trial court, Judge Vaidik was awarded a wide range of honors, including the 1996 Indiana Domestic Violence Coalition Judge of the Year and the 1997 Indiana Judges Association Special Merit Award.

Judge Vaidik was appointed to the Court of Appeals in February 2000 by Governor Frank O'Bannon and was retained by election in 2002 and 2012. Because Judge Vaidik sees the Court of Appeals as the intersection of theoretical and practical law, she believes the Court should embody the highest degree of fairness and impartiality. This view informs her passion for

teaching, as she feels that Hoosiers, and all litigants, deserve the finest possible legal advocacy on their behalf. Judge Vaidik also believes that legal writing must be distinguished by logical construction and clear, explanatory prose.

She is an adjunct professor at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law and won its 2011 Adjunct Professor of the Year Award. She has served as a visiting professor at the College of Law of England and Wales and taught as an adjunct professor at Valparaiso University Law School. She has also taught at many law schools and organizations, including the Indiana State Bar Association, the Indiana Legal Education Forum, and the Indiana Judicial Center. Judge Vaidik has trained lawyers involved in prosecuting Rwandan war crimes, Mexican lawyers prosecuting drug lords, and solicitor advocates seeking the rights of the audience in the High Courts of Belfast, Northern Ireland. She is particularly proud of her long association with the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, which honored her with its 2007 Robert Keeton Faculty Award. She is the co-author of the book, Point Well Made: Persuasive Oral Advocacy.

Along with her Court of Appeals caseload and teaching, Judge Vaidik is actively involved in diverse community, legal, and judicial organizations. She served on the (See 'QUESTION ONE' on page 13)

United States Congress District 8 candidates

LARRY BUCSHON,
ANDREW HORNING,
and
RAY MCCORMICK

Larry D. Bucshon

Larry D. Bucshon was born on May 31, 1962 and raised in Kincaid, Illinois. His father, Ronald, was a coal miner, Navy serviceman, while his mother, Barbara was a nurse. Dr. Larry Bucshon and his wife Kathryn, who is a practicing physician and anesthesiologist in Evansville, reside in Warrick County. They have four children, Luke, Alexander, Blair and Zoe. The family attends Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Evansville. Bucshon graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and got his medical degree from the University of Illinois Medical School at Chicago. Following medical school, Bucshon completed a residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he served as chief resident in surgery and remained there to complete a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. During this time, he enlisted with the United States Navy Reserve, where he served from 1989 to 1998 when he was honorably discharged. He served as President of Ohio Valley HeartCare, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Medical Director of the open heart recovery intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital.

Where he stands on issues:

- Favors legally hiring women and minorities
- Strongly opposes abortion
- Strongly opposes same-sex marriage
- Strongly opposes Obamacare
- Strongly favors vouchers for school choice
- Strongly favors gun rights
- Strongly opposes higher taxes on the wealthy
- Strongly opposes prioritizing green energy
- Strongly favors stricter punishment reduces crime
- Strongly opposes pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants

(Source of position stance: ballotpedia.com. Analysis using voting records, statements to the media, debate transcripts, or citations from books authored by or about the candidate.)

Ray McCormick

Ray McCormick earned an associate degree from Vincennes University in 1973 and a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in 1975. McCormick's career experience includes working as the president of McCormick Farms Inc. He and his wife of 42 years, Cheryl, are parents of son Nate, daughter Marilyn and have three grandchildren. As a farmer and family man with decades of my hands in the soil and tending to my family, crops and livestock, I believe I can bring a new approach and traditional values to Washington. Where he stands on issues

Reproductive rights

The doctor's office is too small to include the doctor, the patient, and the government. Reproductive health decisions are best left to women. If elected he will support legislation to codify Roe as it stood before being overturned and protect access to family planning medications.

Education

If elected, he will lower federal student loan interest rates to ensure that those seeking an education can afford it. Hold charter schools accountable if they receive funds that would have gone to public schools. Allow more flexibility and creativity to teachers. We should trust them to make the right decisions in their classrooms.

Gun Safety

People should not be afraid to leave their house or send their child to school. I,



LARRY BUCSHON



ANDREW HORNING



RAY MCCORMICK

myself, am a gun owner, but that does not mean that I do not believe there shouldn't be measures taken to ensure that guns end up in the wrong hands. If elected, he will support legislation that increases the age of buying a gun to 21, require adequate training to those purchasing their first firearm, and create a registry requiring that all firearms will be required to be registered in.

Andrew Horning

Andrew M Horning was born in Indianapolis on June 6, 1958. He has studied at both Indiana and Purdue and earned his BA at Indiana University in 1990. In the past Horning has run unsuccessfully for Indiana State House of Representatives District 96 in 1996, Marion County Recorder 1998, Mayor of Indianapolis 1999, Indiana Governor 2000, 2008, and the U.S. House of Representatives District 7 in 2002 and 2004, the Senate in 2012 and the U.S. House of Representatives District 8 in 2014.

He was a clinical engineer in the health imaging division at Eastman Kodak from 1998 to 2000 and a clinical/ technical instructor teaching medical technology from 1994 to present. He has worked at Biosound Esaote Inc. and is also a former freelance cartoonist.

In this election cycle, to date, Andrew Horning has reported zero campaign contributions to the FEC.

Where he stands on issues:

- Stand down our military-industrial

complex and global imperialism.

- Monetary/banking reform.
- End the cronyism/corruption culture.
- Term limits
- Rule of Law
- End "earmarks" (pork)
- End special classes, special deals for

special people –equality for all

- Sunset provision/amendment to refine and reduce the number of laws so that our rules are few enough to actually know, simple enough to actually obey, important enough to enforce without exceptions or special classes

Public Question 2 on the ballot

Shall Judge Leanna K. Weissmann be retained in office?

Leanna K. Weissmann was appointed to the Court of Appeals by Governor Eric Holcomb and began her service on September 14, 2020.

Judge Weissmann graduated cum laude from Indiana University in 1991 with dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Journalism and English. As an undergraduate, she received the Indiana University alumni scholarship and the Louis B. Edwards Award of Excellence in Journalism. She then earned her law degree from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1994, graduating cum laude. From 1994-1995 she served as an appellate law clerk for Justice Robert D. Rucker (then judge for the Court of Appeals of Indiana).

Before joining the Court of Appeals, Judge Weissmann maintained a solo law practice in Lawrenceburg, Indiana for more than 20 years, representing criminal defendants and civil litigants in appellate litigation. In 2018, she participated in a successful petition to the United States Supreme Court to grant certiorari in *Zanders v. Indiana*, 138 S.Ct. 2702 (2018), a case involving a complex Fourth Amendment issue. She is a strong proponent of pro bono representation and ran a pro bono program through her appellate practice website that allowed needy participants to apply for free legal representation. A veteran of appellate advocacy, she briefed more than 400 appeals and participated in more than 20 oral arguments before the Indiana Court of Appeals and the Indiana Supreme Court.

Judge Weissmann served as a part-time judicial referee for Dearborn Superior Court 1 from 2000 to 2006, presiding over tenancy claims, small claims disputes, pro se civil trials, and initial hearings on crim-

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State of Indiana Children's Peak Performance Commission and as the president, vice president, and secretary treasurer of the Indiana Judges Association. She has been chairperson of the Judicial Education and Community Relations Committees of the Indiana Judicial Center and is a member of the American Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, and Sagamore Inns of Court.

She has received many other awards and honors, including the 2004 Indiana State Bar Association's Women in Law Achievement Award, the 2007 Indiana Lawyer Distinguished Barrister Award, the 2003 Paragon of Justice Award from Valparaiso University Law School, the Indianapolis Business Journal's Women of Influence, and the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from two governors.

Judge Vaidik and her husband are the parents of three daughters and a son and have seven perfect grandchildren.

Early voting reminders

If you are interested in voting by mail you can call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651, and request an application at any time. The deadline for the clerk's office to receive an application to vote by mail is October 27, 2022. Voting in person at the Martin County Clerk's Office is from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday until November 7, 2022, at noon. They will also have in person voting on Saturday October 29 and Saturday November 5 from 8 a.m. to noon.



LEANNA WEISSMANN

inal cases. In 2006, she was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels as Trustee on the board of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). She served in that capacity through 2008, helping to administer federal grant funds for criminal justice programs.

Her trial experience as an attorney includes three felony jury trials and hundreds of bench trials in the areas of collections, personal injury, custody issues, and real estate property boundaries. Judge Weissmann has also presided as a hearing officer over two attorney reinstatement cases.

She also served as an appellate advocate for Indiana's Juvenile Defense Project, a program aimed at improving access to justice for juveniles facing potential incarceration. She has been a member of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission since 2013, and, while chair of the Commission, she contributed to and organized the Commission's first ethics advisory opinion. In 2017, she was named a Fellow by the Indiana Bar Foundation for her efforts with the economically disadvantaged. She also authored the article, "An Independent Judiciary, The Shield of a Free Society," published in the American Bar Association Council of Appellate Lawyers' newsletter, *Appellate Issues*.

Judge Weissmann is an active member of the Indiana State Bar Association (ISBA), currently serving as the 1st District Representative for the Appellate Practice Section and past-chair of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee; the Indianapolis Bar Association; Indianapolis Lawyers Club; the National Counsel of Law Disciplinary Board (NCLDB), and the National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC). She is co-chair of Hoosier CLE's Annual Indiana Law Survey; a frequent speaker and facilitator for the Public Defender Council and other organizations; and has presented for the NCLDB. She is a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts and the Indiana University Alumni Association.

A proponent of civics education, Judge Weissmann created a constitutional program for elementary school students in 2001, and she regularly presents it to local Indiana classrooms. Recently, Judge Weissmann researched and authored *Emerging Adults: How Specialty Courts Can Provide Life Changing Intervention*, 55 Ind. L. Rev. 53 (2022).

In her free time, Judge Weissmann likes to read, write poetry, listen to podcasts, spend time with her children, meditate, and teach free aerobics classes. She enjoys running and recently finished her fifteenth half-marathon.

Three running for United States Senate

**THOMAS MCDERMOTT JR,
JAMES SCENIAK,
and
TODD YOUNG**

Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.

Thomas McDermott, Jr. is the 20th Mayor of Hammond, Indiana's 8th largest city. Tom served six years in the United States Navy as a nuclear submariner aboard the USS Hyman G. Rickover (SSN 709) during the Persian Gulf War. He served as a nuclear electrician in the sub's reactor plant and passed the strenuous U.S. Navy Dive School to become the ship's only diver. After the Navy, Tom attended Purdue Northwest, earning high honors in Finance while working full time. Law school took Tom to South Bend, where he attended the University of Notre Dame. There, Tom worked in the school's Legal Aid office, providing legal services for the less fortunate. After receiving his law degree, Tom returned to Hammond to open his own law practice. Tom and his wife, Marissa, are parents to four children. Following 18 years of coaching youth baseball, Tom has recently turned to competing in triathlons. He is also a member of the St. John Bosco parish and numerous boards and community organizations.

Where he stands on issues

Reproductive rights

I have friends and neighbors who disagree on this issue, but to me it's just simple: God gives no one a right to control another person's body. I'm tired of men telling women what they can do with their own body. Women should have a right to choose, especially when their own lives are on the line. By overturning Roe v. Wade, our country has put thousands of women's lives at risk of dying or other harm. That's why I will vote to codify Roe v. Wade as the law of the land. We also must protect resources that go to women's health in other areas through Planned Parenthood and in the U.S. Senate, I will do just that.

Gun safety

Like many Hoosiers, I am a gun owner. I also served in the U.S. Navy. In the military, I was taught to use my weapon responsibly and protect the lives of my fellow servicemen and women. However, we don't need military-style assault rifles like AR-15's in our communities. I believe they are dangerous to society and made for war, not for hunting or protecting your family.

Education

Nothing is more important for Indiana's economic future than ensuring the next generation of our workforce gets the best quality education possible. We must do more to support public education, including parents, teachers, and students. That starts by keeping schools open and giving parents and local school boards the power, not Washington. But that doesn't absolve Congress from the duty of providing funding, innovation, and standards to ensure our kids are ready to compete in the global economy of the 21st Century. As a father of a high school English teacher, I know how hard our teachers work and how important it is that they have the up-to-date facilities and good salaries while they are teaching our students to compete and excel. That's why I supported efforts on referendums to fund the construction of a new high school, make improvements to other school buildings, and increase teachers' pay.

Veterans

Politicians like to talk a lot about veterans, but action to reform veterans' services in this country has been embarrassingly slow. As a Navy veteran who spent six years in service, including the Persian Gulf War, I can tell you firsthand we've got a lot of work to do to ensure our veterans get the care and services they deserve. We need to work to reduce homelessness



THOMAS MCDERMOTT JR.

among veterans, provide better health care and connect veterans to job and educational opportunities. We also should provide better services at the VA, and that bad employees at the VA who mistreat veterans are held accountable.

Small businesses

As mayor, I worked to increase the number of small businesses in Hammond while reducing burdens that hamper growth. We worked to create opportunities for entrepreneurs to thrive and create jobs. In the US Senate, I'll work to ensure that small businesses and the creative economy have the tools they need to succeed. This includes access to capital and eliminating regulations that impede growth and prosperity.

James M. Sceniak

James Sceniak grew up in a conservative family with five siblings in Northern Indiana. His large family taught him to understand the importance of a strong community. His parents instilled in him the ideals of serving his community, empathy for others, and loving your neighbors.

As a young adult, James worked full-time in a nursing home while he pursued higher education. James received his associate degree in Human Services with honors from Ivy Tech Community College. He continued his education at Bethel College (now University) where he received his bachelor's degree in Human Services. James pursued his education in a social service-related profession because his lifelong goal is to serve others and help improve their quality of life.

Today, James serves children with Autism as a Behavior Therapist. He uses his education to help his clients acclimate to their daily environments by building social skills and teaching them how to manage their behavior. This includes helping children develop language skills, whether through a speaking device, sign language, or increasing verbal skills.

Where he stands on issues

Reproductive rights

James considers himself personally pro-life, but government bans and criminalization does not work. Abortions will still be performed and often with greater risk, thus losing more lives. Our end goal should always be to preserve life. This can only be done by increasing society's support for life. James' plan for reducing abortions involves supporting adoption through substantial tax breaks and continuing to subsidize the cost of adoption, supporting foster care, ensuring every individual has the opportunity and freedom to pursue happiness by ensuring we fight inflation and waste, and to ensure we educate young men and women in safe sex practices.

Gun safety

James is a staunch 2nd Amendment supporter. He will not support any further gun restrictions. James is a behavioral therapist and believes 'blaming the guns' misses the mark. Happy healthy people, with futures to look forward to, do not commit atrocities. The root cause of



JAMES SCENIAK

this issue is the lack of support for mental health services and better economic opportunities. We need to stop focusing on *how* they commit these acts of violence and instead look at *why* they commit them. Let's treat the root cause by increasing access to mental health services and creating better economic opportunities for people.

Veterans

The V.A. and Washington have failed their obligations to veterans with their medical care. James believes that we can do better on our promises to veterans and their care. They served us and it is our turn to give them the best available medical care. James' VetCare program allows wasteful funding of the VA to be redirected to the Veterans Personal Care Account (VPCA). The VPCA will function similarly to a health savings account. A portion of VA funds would go directly to the VPCA and allow veterans to get whatever care they need, wherever is most convenient for them, and from a doctor of their choice. The second portion of funds would be allocated to additional long term and substantial medical needs. Examples would include cancer, chronic illnesses, transplants, and other highly expensive or unique medical needs. These funds would be readily available with a doctor submitting a need of care application.

Todd Young

Todd Young is a fifth generation Hoosier who grew up outside of Indianapolis. While growing up in Indiana, Todd delivered newspapers, mowed lawns and mopped floors at his family's small business. After he graduated from high school, Todd enlisted in the U.S. Navy. A year into his service, the Secretary of the Navy appointed Todd to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland where he graduated with honors and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. As a Marine, Todd served on the southern border in Yuma, Arizona, leading fellow Marines as the nation fought against drug and human



TODD YOUNG

trafficking. After a decade of serving in the Armed Forces, Todd was honorably discharged. He pursued graduate study at home and abroad, worked at The Heritage Foundation, and served as a legislative assistant in the U.S. Senate before returning home to Indiana to earn his law degree from Indiana University in 2005. Todd and his family currently live near Indianapolis.

Where he stands on issues

Reproductive rights

Todd believes the federal government should defund Planned Parenthood and has also worked to end taxpayer funded abortions.

Gun safety

Todd has an A+ rating from the NRA, because throughout his time serving our state he has stood up and opposed anti-Second Amendment legislation.

Veterans

Todd has spent a decade serving the country in the military, and helping veterans is something that he takes personally. He has introduced legislation that helps veterans address the opioids crisis, along with bipartisan legislation to curb veteran homelessness. Todd has also worked to ensure veterans receive their proper medals for their service and has always fought to make sure they receive the benefits that they have earned.

Small businesses

Todd has always fought to help Hoosier small business by reducing job-killing regulations, lowering taxes and proudly supported the American Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Through his service on the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, Todd played a role in crafting the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that helped businesses keep their workforce employed during the pandemic. Todd was also helpful in ensuring the Small Business Administration (SBA) handed out over 2,500 loans to religious organizations across Indiana who were also adversely affected.

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Indiana Secretary of State candidates

**JEFFREY MAURER,
DIEGO MORALES,
and
DESTINY WELLS**

Jeffrey Maurer

Jeffrey Maurer is an entrepreneur whose career spans tech, transportation, and budget and finance. He serves as a development officer for Students For Liberty, the largest pro-liberty student organization. Born in New York City, Jeff grew up on Long Island, graduating from Long Beach High School in 2000. He then graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. In 2013, Jeff chose to move to Indiana and currently lives in Carmel. Jeff has always felt called to serve and joined his local volunteer fire department at the age of 16. He served for more than a dozen years as a firefighter and officer. Jeff currently serves his community on his homeowners' association board and was appointed to serve on the Carmel Economic Development Commission and the Home Place Advisory Board. Jeff is currently enlisted in the Indiana Air National Guard and continues to serve the state and the nation.

He wants to:

- Trust, but verify your vote with a receipt
- Better training for election workers
- Certify elections only after a complete audit
- Serve Hoosier small businesses, help them grow
- Hand up, not a handout to entrepreneurs
- Fight inflation with innovation
- Legalize cannabis, grow businesses

Diego Morales

Diego Morales attended high school at Silver Creek in Clark County. He received his bachelor's degree at Indiana University, his MBA from Purdue University, and his master's in international business administration, Global, from Tilburg University in the Netherlands. He has served in the US military, completing numerous military drills with Bravo Company 2nd Battalion, 151st Infantry in Cass County, and the 152nd in Floyd County. Diego previously served as an aide in the Secretary of State's Office, Lieutenant Governor's office, and as a top aide to Vice President Mike Pence (while Governor of Indiana). He has helped coordinate and staff agricultural, business, and chamber round tables, meeting with car dealerships and county clerks across the state. He was adjunct faculty at Ivy Tech Community College, Hendricks and Hamilton counties for years. Diego Morales currently lives in Indiana with his wife Sidi and his family.

He wants to:

- Stand firm in support of protecting the right to VOTE.
- Be vigilant in defending the sanctity of each ballot and election integrity.
- Register eligible Hoosiers to participate in the election process.
- Work with the Indiana business community to attract domestic and international economic opportunities.
- Strengthen all divisions under Indiana's Secretary of State Office.

Destiny Wells

Destiny Wells grew up in a blue-collar family in Morgan County. She is the daughter of eight generations of farmers, whose love for working the land has stayed true even through hardship. She left home to attend Indiana University as a first-generation college student. And in the throes of 9/11, enlisted in the Army National Guard at the age of 19 and later joined Army ROTC. 19 years later, she is a U.S. Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel. Outside of the military, she also became a lawyer and an entrepreneur. As an attorney, she's been Associate Corporation Counsel for the City of Indianapolis and Marion County, and Deputy Attorney General for the State of Indiana.



JEFFREY MAURER



DIEGO MORALES



DESTINY WELLS

In the service she met her husband, Oliver, a military intelligence Lieutenant Colonel in the Indiana Army National Guard. They are raising two sons, Owen (11) and Harrison (2), in downtown Indy.

She wants to:

- Ensure free and fair elections for all Hoosiers
- Ensure that Indiana contributes to national security
- Provide Hoosier entrepreneurs and small business the freedom to thrive

Mitcheltree Township Trustee candidates

**ROSALEE BATEMAN
And
TAMMY JO GORE**

MCJ: What is your name and please give you background, family, schooling, etc.

Rosalee Bateman: Chose not to respond.

Tammy Gore: My name is Tammy Jo Gore and I am the daughter of Joe and Linda Sipes and I am also married to John Gore. My children are Logan Gore and his wife, Katy; Zetta Gore and Corbyn Sipes. I was raised in Martin County, specifically Mitcheltree Township, received my bachelor degree in social work from Indiana Wesleyan University, am licensed as a social worker and currently work for the Lawrence County Public Defender agency.

MCJ: Why do you want to be a township trustee?

Rosalee Bateman: Chose not to respond.

Indiana State Auditor candidates

**ZENAI BROOKS,
TERA KLUTZ,
and
JOHN SCHICK**

ZeNai Brooks

ZeNai Brooks is a CPA, author, pastor's wife and millennial leader with extensive business and civic experience. She has combined her passion for community advocacy and her professional career as the Controller of the Corporate Responsibility function of Cummins, a Fortune 200 company and Treasurer of the related Foundation, which provides funding to grassroots initiatives and strategic programs around the world. ZeNai also serves as a Board Member with the INCPAS and as the Central Region President & National Director with the National Association of Black Accountants, amongst others. In 2021, ZeNai was identified as a 40 under 40 Black CPA Award winner. She's also been awarded the INCPAS' Building Bridges to the Profession, NABA's Frank Ross Outstanding Member, NABA's Dynamic Leadership and Junior Achievement of Indy's Best and Brightest. ZeNai is the author of FINISH! Leveraging career, sport, faith and failure and blogger at ladayspeaks.com.

Tera Klutz

Tera K. Klutz is the 57th Indiana Auditor of State and the first Certified Public Accountant to serve as the state's Chief Financial Officer. She was appointed by Governor Eric J. Holcomb in January 2017 and elected to a four-year term in November 2018. Prior to becoming the Auditor of State, Klutz served as the County Auditor in Allen County, the third largest county in the state by population and the largest geographically. First elected in 2010 and again in 2014. Between 2013 and 2016, Klutz was very active in the Association of Indiana Counties' Legislative Committee serving as the Chairwoman where she oversaw and directed the Association's legislative priorities. In 2016, Klutz was named Auditor of the Year by the Indiana Auditors' Association. Before serving in the public sector, Klutz was as a Senior Accountant at Crowe and PwC in Ft. Wayne. Klutz holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University- Purdue University Fort Wayne. She is a member of the Indiana CPA Society, the American Institute of CPAs, and Cornerstone Lutheran Church. She and her husband Zach have two daughters, Alyx and Julian, along with two Goldendoodles, Margo and Leo.

John Andrew Schick

John Schick and his wife have lived near Chesterton for many years, raising



ZENAI BROOKS



TERA KLUTZ



JOHN ANDREW SCHICK

three sons who are now either attending college or working in Indiana. Schick is a Principal Consultant and North American regional Practice Leader with Compass America, Inc. His clients are among the largest corporations in North America and Europe who seek to improve the management of corporate IT, outsourced IT services, and organization design. Schick has an undergraduate degree in Computer Science and an MBA from Indiana University.

respond.

Tammy Gore: I am currently the incumbent trustee and have held this position since 2015. I would like to be re-elected because I believe my skills as a social worker allow me to be more aware of what the township and its residents personally need now and in the future. I have also developed a working relationship with the residents in regard to who and how to reach out for assistance. I would like to keep the "trust" in trustee.

MCJ: In your opinion, what is the most important duty of a township trustee?

Rosalee Bateman: Chose not to respond.

Tammy Gore: I can't say that there is one duty that is more important than another, but I do know that all duties are extremely important! Some of those duties include making sure the township has fire protection, administering assistance, maintaining cemeteries and parks and be-

ing transparent about township finances and activities. Building relationships between the trustee and township residents is also an extremely important duty as well, in my opinion.

MCJ: What, if anything, do you believe the township trustee's office could do, that is not currently being done, to improve the quality of life for Mitcheltree Township residents?

Rosalee Bateman: Chose not to respond.

Tammy Gore: I don't know of anything that currently isn't being done that doesn't need done but I am always open to suggestions that would be legal to perform and make the township a better place to live and raise families. If reelected, I would like to make residents more aware of other available resources offered and how they can access those resources. I would like to share this information on a social media page for the township, if allowable.