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## Commissioners talk bridges, opioids, highway trucks

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners decided to go the federal aid route on bridge 58, on Brickyard Road, at their meeting Tuesday night, October 23. At the last commissioners meeting, Tim Hunt, with HWC, explained that the commissioners had two options to replace the failing bridge – use the Community Crossings grant or apply for federal aid. The estimated cost of the bridge replacement using Community Crossings money would be \$1.3 million. Since the county can only apply for a maximum of \$1 million each year, Hunt said that would be a drawback of using the grant. The county would have to have the matching \$333,000 that would pay for the remainder of the project. But, no roads or other bridges could be fixed that year because the grant money would be maxed out. Using federal aid would cost around \$1.6 million due to extra federal requirements and could take years before work would begin. Hunt had also noted that the county was not guaranteed to get \$1 million through the Community Crossings grant and any money that wasn't received, the county would have to have on hand or borrow.

The current bridge on Brickyard Road is one lane - 12 feet wide and 150 feet long. Hunt said the proposed replacement bridge would be 28 feet wide and 200 feet long. It would stay in the same place as the current bridge, it would just be wider and a bit longer. Also, easements would have to be purchased from landowners. The bridge was originally built in 1848 and reconstructed in 1913. It is considered a historically non-select bridge which means it can be removed and replaced. If it was considered historically select, it could not be removed.

The current load limit on the bridge is 12 tons. The commissioners discussed whether they should lower that limit to 10 ton to help extend the life of the bridge, which is not in good shape. It was discussed that some log trucks and other oversized vehicles are ignoring

the load limit and crossing the bridge threatening to compromise the structure. The highway department contracted CLR to do repairs to the bridge several months ago, to re-stabilize the concrete but it is only a temporary fix. The commissioners also discussed having the sheriff's department patrol the area and write tickets to oversized loads going over the bridge to help deter others.

The last time a count was done on the road, daily travel was estimated at 430 vehicles per day. Padgett said they plan to do another count this week to see how many people are using the bridge.

The commissioners agreed Tuesday night that doing federal aid would be the better way and the more popular way. Commissioner Paul George said that the county council really wants Community Crossings grant funds to go toward roads so if they used an entire year for one bridge, it would not go over well. Hunt explained that the 20 percent match required going the federal aid route, would not be due for several years so the highway department could penny pinch over the next few years. He said the application for federal aid are due on November 23 and he would start working on it. The county will know in February of next year whether they are approved.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett asked the commissioners for permission to purchase a 2011 International 4400 with a snow plow for \$60,500. It has 130,000 miles. Padgett said he called around and purchasing this model of truck new would be around \$100,000 and that would be without a snow plow. He said that he has about half of the \$60,500 in his equipment budget but would need the county council's approval to move the rest from their stone account. The commissioners approved the purchase as long as the county council was on board with the transfer.

The commissioners also approved Padgett to have a new mower deck installed on one of the department's tractors for \$22,165 from Reynolds Farm (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

## Warrant service leads to foot chase

In Eastern Martin County, at approximately 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 18, Sheriff Travis Roush arrived at a residence to serve an Orange County warrant, for methamphetamine offenses, on Michael Allen Sluder, 41, of Shoals. Sluder was working under his vehicle, when the sheriff pulled into the driveway. Initially, Sluder acted without suspicion, until the sheriff informed him of the warrant and was preparing to handcuff and search Sluder. At that time, Sluder took off, at a dead sprint, east on Stiles Road, towards U.S. Highway 50. The sheriff pursued on foot for nearly a quarter mile before Sluder entered the woods. Shortly thereafter, the sheriff apprehended Sluder, as he was crossing a stream. Upon searching Sluder, the sheriff discovered a crystal substance, which later field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Sheriff Roush advised dispatch that

Sluder was in custody, and then Orange County advised that Holly Sluder, who was found to be on the property, was also wanted on an Orange County felony warrant. Captain Tony Dant then arrived and arrested and transported her to the Orange County Jail. Sluder was transported to the Martin County Jail without further incident and booked on charges of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, with no bond until initial court hearing.

Charges:

Michael Allen Sluder: possession of methamphetamine; a Level 6 Felony and resisting law enforcement; a Class A Misdemeanor

Holly Sluder: Orange County felony warrant

All suspects are innocent until proven in guilty in a court of law.



Shown above, Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins provides information to the Martin County Commissioners about opioid prescriptions in the county. From left to right are County Attorney Dave Lett, Commissioners Kevin Boyd and Dan Gregory, Kathy Collins, Commissioner Paul George and Deputy Auditor Shari Trepicone-Fry. In the photo on the right is the dump truck the commissioners approved for purchase for the highway department.

-Photo above by Courtney Hughett, photo below provided



## Martin County's jobless rate stood at 2.5 percent in September

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate dropped from 3 percent in August to 2.5 percent in September. The county sat in the 16<sup>th</sup> spot in the state, of the 92 Indiana counties, for lowest jobless rate, tied with six other counties.

In September, the county had 5,141 residents in the workforce and 127 of them were without jobs. In August, there were 5,254 residents in the workforce and 156 of them were unemployed. In September of 2017, Martin County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 5,017 residents in the workforce and 138 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate fell from 3.1 percent in August to 2.3 percent in September. The county had the sixth lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with five other counties.

In September, the county had 16,129 residents in the workforce and 377 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 16,397 residents able to work and 513 of them were without jobs. In September of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.5 percent with 15,704 residents in the workforce and 400 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate also dropped in September to 2.1 percent, down from 2.8 percent the month before. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with Adams County.

In September, the county had 23,231 residents in the workforce and 498 of them were without jobs. In August, there were 23,865 residents able to work and 676 of them were unemployed. In September of 2017, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 2.4

percent with 22,737 residents in the workforce and 549 of them were unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate moved from 4.8 percent in August to 3.8 percent in September. The county had the eighth highest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with Crawford, LaPorte and Clay counties.

In September, the county had 13,504 residents in the workforce and 514 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 13,541 residents able to work and 656 of them were without jobs. In September of last year, Greene County's unemployment rate was 4.2 percent with 13,511 residents in the workforce and 562 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest unemployment rate for September went to: Dubois and Adams counties at 2.1 percent, Tipton, LaGrange and Bartholomew counties at 2.2 percent; and Wells, Steuben, Kosciusko, Gibson, Daviess and Boone counties at 2.3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest unemployment rate for September (See 'JOBLESS RATE' on page 2)



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# COMMISSIONERS

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Equipment in Mooresville. Padgett said VanHoy's will haul the tractor to Mooresville for \$350-\$375.

Highway Superintendent Padgett also requested permission to sell or scrap a inoperable forklift at the highway garage. Commissioner George asked Padgett if they had any other equipment they needed to get rid of

because a surplus auction may be the way to do it. Padgett said that since the commissioners agreed to let him purchase the new dump truck, he would have one to sell and may have a few other pieces of equipment. Commissioner Kevin Boyd said he would like to table a decision until the next meeting. The other commissioners agreed.

Community Corrections Director

Kathy Collins provided information to the commissioners regarding controlled substance prescriptions in Martin County. According to the handout, in the first quarter of 2018, January through March, Martin County residents had 1,090 controlled substance prescriptions filled at pharmacies. That number increased to 3,321 in the second quarter of this year, April-June. Types of prescriptions tracked included acetaminophen+hydrocodone, Tramadol, acetaminophen+oxycodone, buprenorphine+naloxone, and oxycodone. Almost half of the prescriptions filled were for acetaminophen+hydrocodone.

Collins said she wanted the commissioners to know this information, so they could better understand what her department deals with. Collins said that Martin County has a low official overdose count but that is misleading because there is not a hospital in Martin County. She said most often, patients who are victims of drug overdose are transported to a hospital in a surrounding county and those overdose deaths are not contributed to Martin County residents.

The commissioners agreed that if the amount of prescriptions doubled from first quarter to second quarter, they were afraid to see what the third quarter looked like. Collins agreed.

A resident approached the commissioners about creating a private cemetery by Hillside Mennonite Church on Chicken Farm Road. He said he was told that he had to have permission from the commissioners. He said the cemetery would be 10 acres and con-

tain up to 20 plots. County Attorney Dave Lett requested time to do some research so the commissioners tabled the discussion.

The commissioners approved Advantage Fire & Safety to replace the sprinklers in the commissioners' room for \$780.

The next commissioners meeting will be Wednesday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m.

# JOBLESS RATE

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ber went to: Vermillion County at 4.8 percent, Lake County at 4.5 percent, Fayette County at 4.3 percent, Sullivan County at 4.1 percent, Vigo County at 4 percent, Newton and Owen counties at 3.9 percent, and Clay, Crawford, Greene, and LaPorte counties at 3.8 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.5 percent for September and remains lower than the national rate of 3.7 percent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for nearly five years. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 4,564 over the previous month. This was a result of a 337 decrease in unemployed residents and an increase of 4,901 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which in-

cludes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.39 million, and the state's 65.1 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.7 percent.

In addition, the number of Indiana's ongoing regular unemployment insurance claims is the lowest since 1976, when UI claims were first recorded.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has grown by more than 26,400 over the year, and has increased by 2,500 over the previous month, primarily due to gains in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (2,400) and the Other (1,700), which includes Mining and Logging, IT and Other Services sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Manufacturing (-1,300) and the Private Educational and Health Services (-1,000) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,710,900 and is 22,000 above the December 2017 peak.

## Loogootee Elementary Term One Honor Roll THIRD GRADE

High Honors: Jocelyn Craney, Peyton Hager, Lauren Nolan, Mitchell Walton, and Rhett Whitney

Honor Roll: Cami Blanton, Maddux Britton, Toni Browder, Madison Davis, Carter Downey, Alivia Fox, Owen Gilliland, Declan Gormley, Savannah Green, Amelia Hudson, Henry Humerickhouse, Jade Lawson, Alex Merkley, Chase Miller, Gabe Shinn, Kimberlie Stoll, Sophia Toy, Jacob Venters, and Austin Willis

## FOURTH GRADE

High Honors: Peyton Blackwell, Reed Brittain, Alaina Diamond, Noah Hager, Skyler Hudson, Callaway Inman, Ava Jeffers, Isaiah Jones, Aniston Kelso, Brynn Lengacher, Lilly Lottes, Tucker Mayfield, Abigail Miller, Clayton Miller, Jocelynn Sims and Libby Swartzentruber

Honor Roll: Jayda Donnersberger, Zakkery Doyle, Aubrey Gilbert, Emmett Graber, Brendan Green, Erick Resler, Carter Walton, and Anderson Williams

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# Obituaries

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## BRADLEY HARDER JR.

Bradley J. Harder Jr. passed away October 22, 2018 near his home in Martin County. A resident of Shoals, he was 40.

He was born October 10, 1978 in Bedford; son of Bradley and Connie (Wining) Harder Sr. He married Amber May on April 8, 2000 at the Shoals Holiness Church.

He was a graduate of Immanuel Missionary School, attended the Shoals Holiness Church and was employed by Foster Home Improvements in Washington.

He was a dedicated husband, father and friend, always willing to help anyone in need and shared his love of hunting and fishing with his children.

He is survived by his wife, Amber; father and mother, Bradley and Connie Harder of Shoals; two daughters, Jocelyn and Ruby; two sons, Travin and Garrett; one sister, Charmaine Harder of Mitchell, South Dakota; mother-in-law, Leah (William) Edwards of West Baden Springs; father-in-law, Tim (Gale) May of Loogootee and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, October 27 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. Mark Hamaker officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, October 26, 4-8 p.m., at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the funeral home.

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

## BILL STAATS

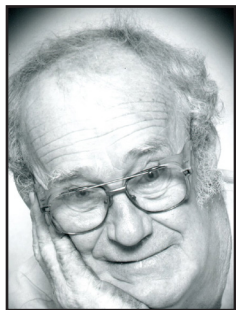
William "Bill" Staats passed away Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at his home surrounded by his family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 64.

He was born December 27, 1953 in Gentryville; son of Charles and Irene (Erment) Staats.

Bill enjoyed camping, fishing, and spending time with his grandchildren. He worked at Midwest Shuttle for nearly 20 years. He was a member of the National Guard in Jasper for 8 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Irene, and his daughter Ann Bratton.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Staats of Loogootee, his sons; William Charles (Angela) Staats of



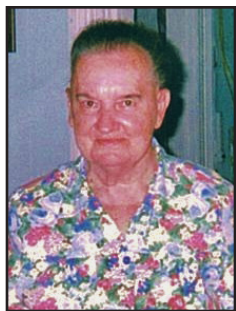
**BILL STAATS** Dubois, John Staats of Loogootee, his grandchildren; Emily Bratton, Chase Bratton, Nick Henry, Brittany Staats, Katie Staats, Matthew Staats, Kendall Staats, and Zackary Staats; his great-grandchildren, Noahh Galas and Grayden Staats; his siblings, Doris Brown (Charles) of Dale, Edna (Charles) Hubert of Tell City, Charles Staats Jr. of Jasper, Sharon Staats of Cannelton, Brenda Meserve of Tell City, and his step-mother Clara Staats of Tell City.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday, October 20 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Bro. Matt Merold officiating. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## NELLIE SHARTZER

Nellie (York) Shartzter passed away at 11:45 a.m. Friday, October 19, 2018 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 78.



**NELLIE SHARTZER** She attended Huron Schools, was employed by the French Lick Sheridan Hotel in the 1960's and babysat several local children. She enjoyed working with her flowers and garden.

She is survived by her companion of 27 years, Tennis Tinkle; a son, Jerry L. Terry of Orleans; one sister, Mary Tinkle of West Baden; one brother, Paul "Smokey" York of Loogootee; and two aunts, Barbara Thomas and Ruth Taylor.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Charles Shartzter; two children, Delores Terry and Danny Ray Brown; and sister, Annebell York.

Funeral services were held today Wednesday, October 24 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. John

Simmons officiating. Burial followed in the Clarks-Ferry Cemetery.

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

## JAMES KRENCESKI

James Krenceski passed away at 11:19 a.m. Friday, October 19, 2018 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 85.

He was born May 12, 1933 in Lowville, New York; son of the late William and Cecelia (Veglarski) Krenceski.

Jim married Ida Fay Sutton on September 13, 1958 and she survives.

He was a 1950 graduate of Lowville Academy and Freeschool. He worked on the farm owned by his father. Jim joined the Air Force on May 23, 1953. After completing the training, he received a commission to Lieutenant as a Line Navigator for the Military Air Transport Command, a position he occupied for three years. He then accepted a position at U.S.N.A.P Crane in Martin County.

He completed his career as an Electronic Technician and retired in 1993.

Jim enjoyed woodworking and made many things for their home. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Cecelia (Veglarski) Krenceski; sisters, Anna Phayer, Sophie Thiffe, Marie Mlacknic and Wanda Berry; brothers, Edward Krenceski and William Krenceski.

He is survived by his wife, Ida Fay (Sutton) Krenceski of Loogootee and one sister, Regina Powell.

Graveside "farewell" service were conducted Monday, October 22 at South Martin Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## GEORGIA WININGER

Georgia Wining passed away at 1:18 a.m. Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 84.

She was born June 7, 1934 in Mont-



## GEORGIA WININGER

gomery; daughter of the late Michael Newton and Hazel (Thompson) Hasler.

She loved bingo and going to casinos. She was member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, and the Shoals Senior Center.

She retired from NSWC Crane after 15 years of employment. She was previously employed by Loogootee Textile, IGA, Nolan's Liquor Store and HR Block.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Wining; sister, Mary Ann Matteson; daughter-in-law, Molly Wining; son-in-law, Randy Hedrick; brothers-in-law, Thomas Mattingly and Ralph Matteson; and special aunt, Wilma "Billie" Bledsoe.

She is survived by her children, Larry (Nancy) Wining of Loogootee, Greg Wining of Indianapolis, Kim Hedrick of Loogootee and Kelly Wining of Loogootee; grandchildren, Rob (Natalie) Wining, Sean (Megan) Wining, Chris Kelley, Brent (Jamie) Kelley, Abby Wining, Parker Boffing, Josh Hedrick, Kallie (Kendrick) Fuhrman and Cassie Dixon-Wining; 14 great-grandchildren; siblings, Margie Mattingly of Simpsonville, South Carolina; Michael (Bonnie) Newton of Loogootee and Carla Jo Frye of Noblesville; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 26 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 25 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of Evansville.

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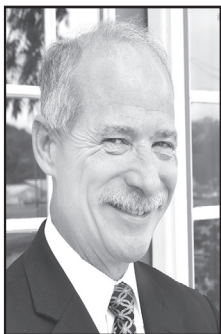
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## PROSECUTOR

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

2:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of debris on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:10 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

2:26 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted the department of child services with a welfare check near Shoals.

3:25 p.m. - Received request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and Sergeant Keller responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:26 p.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

4:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:41 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Shoals. Deputy Reed, Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Sergeant Norris, and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire, Sergeant Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

9:43 a.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

10:34 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

12:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:16 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

12:56 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

1:18 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:29 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:54 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

2:49 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

2:59 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Paoli.

3:54 p.m. - Jailer Lents took one inmate to the hospital.

4:16 p.m. - Sergeant Keller performed a vehicle identification south of Loogootee.

5:46 p.m. - Received a report of cows out west of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded, and the owners were

contacted.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Sergeant Keller responded.

11:33 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

1:03 a.m. - Received a report of a car-cow accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

7:25 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

7:45 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:44 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Wilson responded.

8:45 a.m. - Captain Dant and Jail Officer Gordon responded to court for security.

10:25 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:09 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:25 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

3:40 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

5:49 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:08 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Crane Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Seymour responded.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:11 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

7:30 a.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned car in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:35 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted the department of child services with a welfare check in Shoals.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of dog neglect in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:47 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Beaver assisted with a funeral detail.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:11 p.m. - Received a report of

vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

8:17 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

1:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Wright responded.

8:31 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:58 a.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Civil Defense, Major Burkhardt, Shoals Fire, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

5:39 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50 near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Williams Fire responded.

6:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Williams Fire responded.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:59 a.m. - Received a report of

horses out south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:13 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

1:18 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Shoals. CSX responded.

2:44 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

3:48 p.m. - Received report of a wreck east of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents, Captain Dant, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and Deputy Seymour responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a wreck in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

6:39 p.m. - Nicholas Guy, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:46 a.m. - Al Martin, 25, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of a legend drug. His bond is \$20,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Reed and Loogootee Officer Norris.

4:12 a.m. - Courtney Hawkins, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with battery, battery with bodily waste, criminal mischief, and burglary. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Reed and Loogootee Sergeant Norris.

4:13 a.m. - Jeramie Tharp, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with battery, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Reed and Loogootee Sergeant Norris.

9:45 p.m. - David Mattingly, 57, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of methamphetamine and operating while intoxicated. He is being held without bond.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:44 p.m. - James King, 54, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with driving while

suspended prior and is being held without bond.

11:00 p.m. - Adam Baker, 39, of Odon, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

11:00 p.m. - Joshua Rush was arrested by Deputy Shinn on an Orange County warrant and was transported to Orange County.

11:21 p.m. - Robin Rush, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshall Eckert and charged with possession of methamphetamine. She is being held without bond. Deputy Seymour assisted with the arrest.

11:21 p.m. - Pam Gammon, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with possession of methamphetamine and neglect of a dependent. She is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

11:25 a.m. - Tiffany Compton, 30, of Paoli, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

1:00 p.m. - Michael Sluder, 42, of Mitchell, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with possession of methamphetamine and resisting arrest. He is being held without bond. Captain Dant assisted with the arrest.

1:00 p.m. - Holly Sluder, 34, was arrested by Captain Dant on an Orange County warrant for methamphetamine charges. She was transported to the Orange County Jail.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:30 a.m. - Male came on station to report harassment.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Hennette and deputies from Martin and Daviess counties conducted a random K9 search at Loogootee High School. No contraband was located.

11:35 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Broadway Street.

3:25 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service on JFK Avenue.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a possible shoplifter at Dollar General. Subject checked out okay.

10:23 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:41 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a battery complaint.

1:29 p.m. - Female reported harassment.

1:40 p.m. - Female reported a phone scam.

5:19 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident near Marathon.

8:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US231. Driver was located. He had been reported missing from Jasper. Jasper PD was notified.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

1:16 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

4:59 p.m. - Male reported a reckless vehicle on State Road 550.

6:45 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

10:00 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance at North Line Street and Fairview Street.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:44 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle near JFK Avenue.

10:01 a.m. - Female reported a suspi-

cious item near her residence.

12:10 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

5:15 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

9:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Park Street.

12:39 a.m. - Male reported a possible scam.

1:46 p.m. - Female reported a theft from her residence.

7:14 p.m. - Male reported vandalism to his vehicle.

10:18 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on US 231.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:21 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

8:31 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Cherry Road.

2:10 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious item near North Oak Street.

5:40 p.m. - Caller reported a tree down on State Road 550.

9:24 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a tree down on Mt. Calvary Road.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

1:11 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

3:48 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50 headed towards Shoals.

5:10 p.m. - Female reported a property damage accident on Bloomfield Road.

5:12 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

9:01 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

10:18 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

11:55 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Edward L. Seals**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason McCoy**, of Martin County, Indiana, beginning at the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

**Michael Arvin and Marnita Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jason McCoy**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.9 acres, more or less.

**Charles C. Brown, Jr.**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Jason McCoy**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 12 acres.

**William Roy Russell**, of Martin County, Indiana; **Cynthia Bridges**, of Lawrence County, Indiana; **Thomas J. Russell**, of Daviess County, Indiana; **Gary Thompson**, of Okaloosa County, Florida; **Linda Thompson**, of Martin County, Indiana; and **Melody Leatherman**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **William Roy Russell**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 3 and 14 in Block "F" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Kerry M. Cooper**, f/k/a Kerry M. Sims, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey R. Cooper and Kerry M. Cooper**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 38 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Barbara A. Stoll**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marvin Jay Raber and Ida R. Raber**, of Daviess County, Indiana,

all of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing 33.77 acres, more or less.

**Regina Sue Floyd and Mark A. Floyd**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert L. Spurgeon and Brandee L. Spurgeon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

## Halloween safety tips

The Martin County Sheriff's Office would like to offer the following safety tips for families this Halloween:

-Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.

-Always WALK and don't run from house to house.

-Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

-Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.

-Lower your risk of serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contacts.

-Only walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

-Wear well-fitting masks, costumes and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.

-Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

-Enter homes only if you are with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

-Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

### October 2

Danny R. Bruner, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 52 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

Justin M. Franklin, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

### October 3

Tony K. Allen, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2 years with 718 days suspended and credit for 9 actual days previously served plus 3 Class B credit days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### October 2

Danny R. Bruner, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Justin M. Franklin, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### October 3

Tony K. Allen, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance - controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a schedule V controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### October 12

Cecil E. Canady, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

### October 10

Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Joshua Williams, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kimberly Stroud, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Chelsea Teater, civil collection.

### October 11

Crane Credit Union vs. Jacob Loper, civil collection.

### October 12

Personal Finance Company vs. Christopher C. Bledsoe, civil collection.

Brian S. McCauley vs. Priscilla A. McCauley, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Teneka R. Arvin vs. Anthony M. Arvin, petition for dissolution of mar-

riage.

### October 15

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Linda Rosche, civil collection.

Kristina M. Williams vs. Jeffrey D. Williams, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### October 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Bank of America and against the defendant Brent Dalrymple in the amount of \$5,920.92.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Progressive Paloverde Insurance and against the defendant Patricia A. Jones for civil tort in the amount of \$2,269.73.

### October 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Mattie Hall in the amount of \$2,814.34.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff US Bank and against the defendant Pamela D. VanMeter for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$71,946.06.

### October 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Adria Rohlman in the amount of \$15,075.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### October 11

Crane Credit Union vs. Diana S. Lewis, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kevin W. Parrish, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Justin D. Goeden and Ashley M. Goeden, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Myra Winkel, complaint.

### October 16

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Angela Laswell, complaint.

White River Cooperative, Inc. vs. Joshua D. Sexton, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### October 11

Judgement in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Rodney Helderman in the amount of \$423.21

### October 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Melba Covell and against the defendant Danielle Bough/Murphy in the amount of \$4,002.21.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Nathaniel Crays in the amount of \$764.25.

### October 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Troy Edwards in the amount of \$382.42.

### October 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendants Megan and Michael Martinez in the amount of \$576.94.

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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



A bus full of ugly people had a head on collision with a truck. When they died, God granted all of them one wish.

The first person said, "I want to be gorgeous." God snapped his fingers and it happened.

The second person said the same thing and God did the same thing.

This went on and on throughout the group.

God noticed the last man in line was laughing hysterically. By the time God got to the last ten people, the last man was laughing and rolling on the ground.

When the man's turn came, he laughed and said, "I wish they were all ugly again."

Wife: I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate.

Husband: Why not just throw it in the trash? That's much easier.

Wife: Because there are poor starving people who can really use all the clothes.

Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

Get Well cards can now be sent to husband who is recovering a serious head injury in hospital.

Son: "Dad, I've got a part in the school play. I play a man who's been married 25 years."

Dad: "Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part."

RIDDLES: (answers at end)

1. How does an elephant put his trunk in the alligator's mouth?

### Loogootee Halloween Parade

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Loogootee Community Halloween Parade of Costumes will be held Wednesday night, October 31 leaving promptly at 5:30 p.m. Line-up will start at St. John's Center and walk to the city square (parade route: Church Street to First Street to Main Street to North Line Street at the Square) where judging will be held for scariest, most original, prettiest, and best family group. Judging will begin at 5:45 p.m.

The City of Loogootee has designated October 31 as Trick or Treat night in Loogootee from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. so after the judging, trick-or-treaters can make their rounds. Parents are welcome to walk with the children or meet them at the square.

2. What has a hump, is brown, and lives at the North Pole?

3. What's red, then purple, then red, then purple...?

4. What does décor mean?

5. What do you sit on, sleep on, and brush your teeth with?

6. What has 2,754 seeds and moves by itself?

### THOUGHTS

\*It's a shame nothing is built in the USA anymore. Just bought a TV and it said, "Built in Antenna." I don't even know where that is.

\*Common sense is not a gift, it's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.

\*If you weigh 200 pounds on earth, you'll only weigh 76 pounds on Mars. You're not overweight, you're just on the wrong planet.

\*"When I grow up, I want to marry a grown man addicted to video games," said no woman ever.

\*Can you die from constipation? I'm a little worried with how full of poop some people are.

\*Not to brag or anything but I can forget what I'm doing while I'm doing it.

\*Guess who got a lot done today. Not me, but congratulations to someone out there who did.

\*I finally got 8 hours of sleep. Took me four days, but whatever.

\*If anyone is Christmas shopping for me, I wear a size 7-day Caribbean Cruise.

\*I hate when I think I'm buying organic vegetables and when I get home, I discover they're just regular donuts.

\*Dear Math - I'm not a therapist. Solve your own problems.

\*Why would I pay for a haunted house when I can wake up to my kid silently standing by my bed at 5 a.m.?

\*I'm not the kind of person who should ever be put on speaker phone.

### ANSWERS

1. Very carefully
2. A lost camel
3. A cherry that works at night as a grape
4. It's the part of an apple you throw away
5. A chair, a bed, and a toothbrush
6. A remote-control fig

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Halloween giveaway

The Loogootee Revival Center Church, located on Wood Street, will be giving away craft bags/candy to children on Wednesday, October 31, 6-8 p.m. Also, there will be free hot chocolate, apple cider, and coffee for all.

### Trunk or Treat

St John's Lutheran Church (by the Loogootee post office) is having a Halloween Trunk or Treat at their parking lot on October 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It will be moved to the church social room if it rains.

### SPA Craft/Hobby Show

The Shoals Parent Association (SPA) will be holding their 2nd Annual Craft/Hobby Show on Saturday, November 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Shoals High School in the auxiliary gym. Concessions will be available. If you would like to reserve your 10 x 10 space for \$25, contact Ann Stewart at 812-709-9338; Lorna Troutman at 812-797-1567 or Bobbi Turpin at 812-709-9234.

## Christmas Toy Store sponsored by area Christian churches

The Christmas Toy Store will be held on Saturday December 15, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, in Loogootee. Again this year, the event is being co-sponsored by the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, the Loogootee United Methodist Church, the Hindostan United Methodist Church, the St. John Lutheran Church, New Beginnings, the Shoals United Methodist Church, the Redemption Christian Church, and the Maranatha Tabernacle Assembly of God. If any other Martin County churches are interested in participating, please contact Curt Johnson at 812-296-7013.

The Christmas Toy Store is full of all kinds of toys donated by parishioners and church members, local businesses and the Crane Navy "Toys for Tots" program. Last year toys and "stocking stuffers" were given away to 490 children. There were also 29 bicycles given away to some lucky children.

Eligible shoppers and children - Parents and legal guardians ONLY, who reside in Martin County, are eligible to shop for eligible children. Children are eligible for toys if they are 17 years old or younger on December 25, 2018 and a resident of Martin County.

Sign-up locations and dates - Sign-ups are from October 29 through November 23, 2018 at the following four locations. Do not sign-up more than once.

- St. Vincent De Paul Store, 516 Park Street in Loogootee
- Hoosier Uplands, Main and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Shoals
- Loogootee Library
- Shoals Library
- Loogootee United Methodist Church

Shopping times - Shopping times for the parents or legal guardians are from 8:30 to 2:30. Shopping times will be assigned as 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, etc. until the last shopping time at 2:30. People will select an available shopping time when they sign up.

### Fish fry and silent auction

Parkview Village will host a fish fry and silent auction on Friday, November 9 from 5-8 p.m. Live music will be provided by Barefoot Sunday at 6:30 p.m. All proceeds will benefit their activity department.

### LHS Class of 1978 reunion

The Loogootee High School Class of 1978 will hold their 40<sup>th</sup> class reunion on Saturday, November 10 at the Loogootee VFW. The reunion begins at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Send money to Rick Colvin, 1107 W. Broadway Street, Loogootee IN 47553, by October 19.

### Food pantry hours

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

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

### 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!

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### Humane society meetings

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.

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**Making A Difference**  
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**USI President Dr. Ronald Rochon and NSWC Crane Commanding Officer CAPT Mark Oesterreich signed a cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) in a ceremony on October 22, 2018 hosted at NSWC Crane. The CRADA between NSWC Crane and USI allows both entities to leverage each other's subject matter experts, laboratory space, and high-tech equipment. (Photo by NSWC Crane Corporate Communications)**

## USI, NSWC Crane sign agreement to conduct research on chemical reactions

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) and the University of Southern Indiana (USI) are strengthening their research and development (R&D) partnership through a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA). NSWC Crane and USI will use the CRADA to study chemical reactions. A formal CRADA signing ceremony took place October 22 at Crane.

The CRADA between NSWC Crane and USI allows both entities to leverage each other's subject matter experts, laboratory space, and high-tech equipment. "We are excited to embark on this latest chapter of our partnership with NSWC Crane," said Dr. Ronald Rochon, USI president. "It's this kind of research and project that showcases the breadth of knowledge and talent that our faculty and students have to offer here at USI. We are honored to be part of a project that not only has a regional impact, but the potential to impact the well-being of individuals on a global scale."

Dr. Jonathan Dilger, the Director of Research for NSWC Crane and the Principle Investigator for this CRADA, says this research comes from a military need to study the chemical outputs of special munitions and pyrotechnic reactions.

"We noticed there was research surrounding the sustainable reformulation of special munition and pyrotechnic compositions," says Dilger, "But there wasn't much understanding about the toxic chemical reaction byproducts those devices create. We wanted to research the potential harmful effects these chemical reactions could have on the environment and Warfighters themselves."

Dilger says the experts and capabilities at USI were complimentary to conducting this research. "With their expertise, we are able to relate data from rigorous testing performed at the laboratory-scale to large-scale munition assessments. The partnership is a great fit for both USI and Crane that gets us one step closer to understanding the potential toxicity of these chemical reactions."

"The safe, small-scale characterization of chemical emissions from pyrotechnics should greatly aid in the formulation of next-generation devices that are more environmentally-friendly and sustainable," said Dr. Brian Bohrer, USI assistant professor of chemistry. "I'm excited for the opportunities this collaboration provides for the USI community, including faculty and students, to contribute to this critical field of research."

Brooke Pyne, the Technology Transfer and Small Business Innovation Research Manager at NSWC Crane, says the ongoing partnership with USI continues to grow and impact the region. "This CRADA further expands the R&D climate within the regional ecosystem. Not only do USI and Crane directly benefit by partnering on a critical tech area, the region gains expertise and technology advances that could have a lasting economic impact."

The CRADA is the latest collaboration between USI and NSWC Crane and is part of a relationship that has grown over the last decade. One effort includes the creation of the Innovation Discovery Events (IDE) process that has been adopted by the Department of Defense (DoD) as an Intellectual Property (IP) extraction best practice. This process led to the creation of the USI Technology Commercialization Academy which allows USI students the opportunity to take Crane intellectual property through an exploratory commercialization process.

NSWC Crane's Technology Transfer (T2) Program helps link federal research and development to academic institutions and businesses in the private sector. A CRADA provides the formal mechanism between the federal laboratory and partner collaborator. The NSWC Crane T2 program has partnerships with more than 100 businesses, individuals and universities. Currently, there are 64 active CRADAs and 192 active agreements.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with mission areas in Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. The warfare center is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's Warfighter.

Founded in 1965, the University of Southern Indiana enrolls more than 11,000 dual credit, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students in more than 100 areas of study. A public higher education institution, located on a beautiful 1,400-acre campus in Evansville, Indiana, USI offers programs through the College of Liberal Arts, Romain College of Business, College of Nursing and Health Professions and the Pott College of Science, Engineering, and Education. USI is a Carnegie Foundation Community Engaged University and offers continuing education and special programs to more than 16,000 participants annually through Outreach and Engagement. USI is online at [www.usi.edu](http://www.usi.edu).

**-- WAYS TO HELP --**

So many people in our community find ways to help out another. A lot of people draw upon their skills or talents to find those ways they can help by themselves. Others find that working with others helps them to find their way to contribute and give back. Sometimes you're lucky enough that your skills and talents fit right into an organization whose mission is to help others.

**-- PLACES TO HELP --**

And sometimes that organization is where you work. So, if you are that lucky, your skills and talents match or compliment those of others, and you all work for the same employer. Assuming that using your skills and talents brings pleasure to your life, this is a great way to get up and go to work most every day.

**-- BLAKE FUNERAL HOMES --**

And even with that, sometimes the job isn't during the most joyful times in people's lives. Such may be the job before the folks working at Blake Funeral Homes. That job puts them before people who are quite possibly at a low point in their lives. But it's at a time like this those people need help and someone who cares. Stuart, Mary

Ellen, Valerie and Emma are people who care. They decided to enter this profession because they knew people needed them and the skills and talents that they have to offer.

**-- MCCF SUPPORT --**

I believe Stuart Blake knows that there are many other ways to help, and that the Martin County Community Foundation provides a way to connect donors to service providers who are there to help those in need. I believe that because Blake Funeral Homes is again, and has been for many years, a Gold Level sponsor at the MCCF Annual Dinner. This shows their commitment not only to the Foundation, but also to our community and to those in need. Thank you, Blake Funeral Homes.

**-- MORE INFORMATION --**

For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you help others, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm), follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](http://www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation).



**Pictured is the staff of Blake Funeral Homes, a Gold Level sponsor for the MCCF Annual Dinner. Front row, left to right, are Valerie Hovis and Emma Letterman. Back row are Mary Ellen and Stuart Blake.**

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# Celebrating 19 years of Service Annual Dinner

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**Monday, November 5**

*The Martin  
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Community  
Foundation  
welcomes guest  
speakers*



**KENNY FRYE**



**DAN GREGORY**

We are very pleased and honored to have Kenny Frye (German American Bank) and Dan Gregory (MCCF President) as the special guests for the Martin County Community Foundation Annual Dinner. The event will be held in the Martin County Community Building.

Kenny and Dan both have a long history of serving the county, not the least of which is Kenny being a founding board member for the Martin County Community Foundation and Dan as its first Executive Director. Since then, they have time and again shown that they care about Martin County. During a panel question-and-answer format, each will have opportunities to share a story or a perspective that may give us an insight to themselves and how we, too, can make a difference and improve the quality of life for those around us.

## **Tickets will not be sold at the door!**

*Tickets (\$20) must be purchased by Wednesday, October 31st, and are available at: German American Bank, The Shoals News, The Loogootee Tribune, Old National Bank (both Shoals and Loogootee), or MCCF Board Members: Vicky Bauernfiend, Liz Chattin, Melissa Courter, Brian Esch, Dan Gregory, Jenell Hoffman, Alan Lagree, Candace Roush, Garry Smith, Phillip Smith, Annette Taylor, and Curt Johnson*

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## **Silent auction items include:**

- \*Lakeview Golf Course - 2 passes for 9 holes with cart
- \*Country Oaks Golf Club - 2 passes for 18 holes with cart
- \*Sultan's Run Golf Club - 2 passes for free round of golf
- \*Basket of Homemade jelly, salsa and goodies by Jennifer Lannan
- \*Longaberger Basket
- \*Country Creations by Andrea & Brett Lemond - Cloth Cross on barnwood
- \*Purdue Themed Indiana Cutout sign
- \*"Happiness is Homemade" sign
- \*\*"Laundry Co" sign
- \*Bowl Candle
- \*Little Big Sound DJ - Certificate for up to 6 hours
- \*Otterbox case
- \*2 box seat tickets to Indianapolis Indians (game in April or May 2019)
- \*Basket full of Bath and Body Works Fall products.
- \*Kathie Lee Gifford's book - "The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi"
- \*Wood Wick black cherry candle
- \*Coach Purse
- \*Emilee Summers Massage - \$60 Gift Certificate - 1 hour massage
- \*Jolene's Decorating Events Planning & Formal Attire - Gift Cert.
- \*Basket of baked goods
- \*Wooden "Give Thanks" sign
- \*\*"Thankful" pillow
- \*A Basket Full of Fun: Coke, popcorn, mixed nuts, along with 11 various scratch off lottery tickets:
- \*California Class Wine Basket - Wines, coffees, candies, nuts
- Antique Saddle Change Bank with 1922 Silver Dollar
- West Boggs Park - 2019 Annual Gate Pass
- West Boggs Park - Two Nights of Camping
- And more...





Temperatures fell to the freezing level over the weekend. Many people say that this ends the garden season, but there is still a lot of gardening to do. Most tender plants will quickly turn brown when the mercury drops below 32 degrees, but that does not mean that the garden year is over. Many plants can withstand some cold and we are sure to get warm weather over the next several weeks. Roots will continue to grow until the ground freezes. Growth in the root zone still requires moisture, so plants will need to be watered if there is no rainfall.

In the vegetable garden, the cold has killed many of the summer plants, including tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and peppers. However, there is still a lot going on in my raised beds. Turnips, radishes, kohlrabi, cabbage and broccoli will continue to grow and produce until we have temperatures dropping to the low 20's. Kale, mustard and Chinese cabbages may actually taste sweeter after temperatures cool. Carrots, parsnips, salsify and other root crops may remain in the ground and harvested directly from the garden until the ground freezes hard.

It is a good idea to remove the dead plant material from the vegetable garden. Diseases and insects may over-winter in the debris, so a clean-up is a good way to get ahead of the game for next year's garden. In the flower garden, you may need to make some choices. If the dead plant material is unattractive, remove it. As in the vegetable garden, diseases and insects may inhabit the debris, but some of

those insects are beneficial and beautiful. Some plants will provide winter interest in the garden and many will provide food and shelter for birds and other wildlife. In general, do what is comfortable for you. I like to clear debris near the house, but I often leave patches that are more distant.

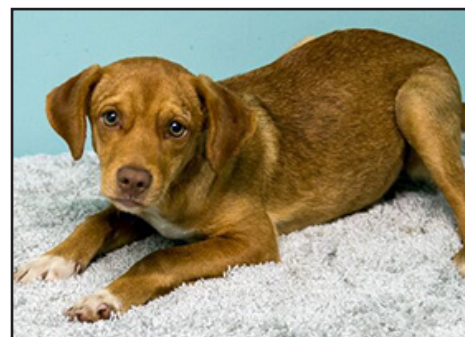
On Saturday, I was able to visit one of the premier botanical gardens of the world. The Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis are the oldest continuously-operated gardens in the United States, originally opening in the 1850's. I have visited many times, but there is always something new to see and to show companions who are experiencing the gardens for the first time. Granted, late October is not the best time for floral viewing, but the garden bones are there and easy to admire. The rose gardens still had many flowers and a wonderful scent. The botanical gardens are home to one of the best Japanese gardens in the country. The Japanese garden includes a lake with an island, an arched bridge and a zig-zag pier. In addition to the plants, garden art and stones, there are koi and ducks to watch and feed.

Even in winter, one may visit the conservatories. One was originally built as an orangerie, to house citrus trees in the winter. It now contains a variety of plants, but still is home to some dwarf citrus trees. A newer and larger glass biosphere houses a vast tropical collection and includes a stream and waterfalls. Yet another building houses a collection of butterflies and host and nectar plants. Special programs during the holidays bring visitors in during the winter months.

The gardens are also used for research and teaching. Several classes are open to the public and libraries of botanical books are available to everyone. There is a building dedicated to home gardening, surrounded by gardens that demonstrate techniques that the average gardener can do. There is also a children's garden and play area.

The Missouri Botanical Gardens are just a few blocks off Interstate 44 and are not far from the St. Louis Zoo. The combination would make for a nice weekend vacation.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**KAYA** is a female hound mix, around 6 months old. She is shy but very sweet. She is up to date on shots and will be spayed soon. Adoption fee is \$80. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info, visit [www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org). Shelter hours are Monday & Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Small business workshop planned

New and existing small business operators and farmers can learn the basics of starting and growing a small business at a conference presented by local organizations.

Small business and farm development will be the theme for the Dubois County Agribusiness Forum, to be held November 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. EST at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Annex, 4157 S. SR 162, Huntingburg, IN. The event is free and open to the public, although registration is required due to limited materials and seating.

Topics will include developing a plan for your business, marketing your business, and the nuts and bolts of business loans and financing. Resources will be available on small farm and business issues, as well as programs available from

local institutions and funding sources.

Purdue Extension Educator Kenneth Eck will present the broader picture on what steps are needed when planning a new or expanding an existing business or farm to increase its chances to grow and succeed. Debra DeCourcy, Indiana Farm Bureau, will explore ways to market a new or existing business, and Brenda Sermersheim, German American Bank, will present financial insights into funding your enterprise.

The forum is being hosted by Purdue Extension - Dubois County, German American Bank, and Indiana Farm Bureau. To register for the forum or for more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782 or [duboisces@purdue.edu](mailto:duboisces@purdue.edu). Registration is open until November 5.

## Celebrate Halloween season at DNR properties

Feeling spooky? Don't wait until the official Halloween on October 31. Celebrate the season at a State Park or State Recreation Area (SRA) near you — or hit the road and enjoy multiple events while enjoying the fall scenery at the same time. The ninth annual Trail of Scarecrows at Prophetstown State Park is in progress and runs until November 3. See [bit.ly/2AdOWbX](http://bit.ly/2AdOWbX).

Here's your trick-or-treat bag of more:

- October 26-27
  - Chain O'Lakes State Park, All Hallows Eve, [bit.ly/2P13N1v](http://bit.ly/2P13N1v)
  - Monroe Lake, Paynetown SRA Ghostly Gathering, [bit.ly/2ykZDba](http://bit.ly/2ykZDba)
  - McCormick's Creek State Park, Fall-o-Ween Festival, [bit.ly/2RWle1M](http://bit.ly/2RWle1M)
  - Patoka Lake, Autumn Getaway II, [bit.ly/2PCZZ3N](http://bit.ly/2PCZZ3N)
  - O'Bannon Woods State Park, Outdoor Adventures Camping Weekend, [bit.ly/2ylSmll](http://bit.ly/2ylSmll)
  - Ouabache State Park, Fall Festival Weekend, [bit.ly/2AdGfOG](http://bit.ly/2AdGfOG)
  - Turkey Run State Park, Halloween Weekend, [bit.ly/2OuceD1](http://bit.ly/2OuceD1)
- October 26-28

-Clifty Falls State Park, Halloween at Clifty Falls, [bit.ly/21YOocC](http://bit.ly/21YOocC)

-Mounds State Park, Hoots and Howls Weekend, [bit.ly/2ynoJq6](http://bit.ly/2ynoJq6)

October 27

-Fort Harrison State Park, Halloween Bash, Haunted Hayride, [bit.ly/2OtVqfG](http://bit.ly/2OtVqfG)

-Hardy Lake Owl-O-Ween, [bit.ly/2pTXbUy](http://bit.ly/2pTXbUy)

-Indiana Dunes State Park, Pumpkin Carving, Trick-or-Treat, [bit.ly/2EsXnEn](http://bit.ly/2EsXnEn)

-Lincoln State Park, Fall Fun Fest (Trick-or-Treat) (watch on [IN.gov/lincolnsp](http://IN.gov/lincolnsp) for details)

-Potato Creek State Park, Halloween Happenings, [bit.ly/2CnKHw7](http://bit.ly/2CnKHw7)

-Tippecanoe River State Park, Halloween Event, [bit.ly/2pVIG2x](http://bit.ly/2pVIG2x)

-Raccoon SRA, Un-BOO-Lievable Happenings, [bit.ly/2OusrTW](http://bit.ly/2OusrTW)

-Pokagon State Park, Halloween Happenings & Spooky Storytelling, [bit.ly/2OueKcr](http://bit.ly/2OueKcr)

-Starve Hollow SRA, managed by the Division of Forestry, Haunt the Hollow, [bit.ly/2NJ7Lr7](http://bit.ly/2NJ7Lr7)

-Versailles State Park, Halloween Trick-or-Treat, Campsite Decorating, [bit.ly/2AdRpDf](http://bit.ly/2AdRpDf)

## Purdue and Midwest Regional Climate Center forecast unpredictable winter

Indiana's winter will be just as unpredictable as every other season this year.

A weak El Nino is forming in the Pacific Ocean, which usually produces a warmer than average start to the winter months of December, January, and February. Temperatures are predicted to return to near average by February. Meanwhile precipitation around the state, according to the Climate Patterns Viewer Decision Support Tool led by Purdue's Useful 2 Useable initiative, is forecasted to be near average until the end of the winter period, with most climate divisions seeing a slightly drier February.

"With harvest continuing, farmers will have to take advantage of any field time remaining," said Posey County Purdue Extension Director Hans Schmitz. "As we head into winter, this may include waiting for wet ground to freeze before finishing the harvest."

The relative strength of the El Nino makes a difference, however, as the El Nino Southern Oscillation is not the only weather oscillation of concern during winter months. The Arctic Oscillation (AO), a wind pattern characteristically located around 55 degrees latitude, can serve to mute or overturn traditional El Nino weather patterns in the winter months. While the Climate Prediction Center at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

gives a 70 to 75 per cent chance for an El Nino to develop by December, the AO is less predictable and functions on a shorter time scale. Positive values of this index result in confinement of cold air to the poles. Negative values mean cold air can travel slightly further south, at times resulting in the new phrase "polar vortex" and the associated extreme cold weather.

With a weaker El Nino predicted for the upcoming winter months, the activity of the AO may define the kind of winter we receive in Indiana. Current NOAA predictions give no signal for most of the state—neither warmer, colder, wetter, nor drier. The far northern area of the state, Michiana to some, is predicted to be drier and warmer than their average conditions, which lines up well with the El Nino expectations. Meanwhile, the AO remains positive in value, as it has since April of this year. That six-month streak has been replicated 19 times since 1950. Positive AO patterns for eight-month streaks or better have only occurred five times over that period, meaning the likelihood of a negative AO value at some point over the winter is high. Indiana exposed to a negative AO index looks average in precipitation but significantly colder from December-February.

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## Candidates on your ballot

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- United States Senator  
Mike Braun (R)
- Joe Donnelly (D)
- Lucy M. Brenton (L)
- Indiana Secretary of State  
Connie Lawson (R)
- Jim Harper (D)
- Mark W. Rutherford (L)
- Indiana Auditor  
Tera Klutz (R)
- Joselyn Whitticker (D)
- John Schick (L)
- Indiana Treasurer  
Kelly Mitchell (R)
- John C. Aguilera (D)
- United States Representative 8<sup>th</sup> District  
Larry D. Bucshon (R)
- William Tanoos (D)
- State Senator District 39  
Eric S. Bassler (R)
- Indiana State Representative District 62  
Jeff Ellington (R)
- Amy Swain (D)
- Indiana State Representative District 63  
Shane M. Lindauer (R)
- Joseph "Joe" Lannan (D)
- Martin County Assessor  
Carolyn S. McGuire (R)
- Martin County Circuit Court Clerk  
Gerald D. Montgomery (R)
- Martin County Prosecutor  
Aureola S. Wright (R)
- Michael Steiner (D)
- Martin County Sheriff  
Travis Roush (R)
- T.A. "Andy" Burkhardt (D)
- Martin County Commissioner District 2  
Paul George (D)
- Martin County Council District 1  
Dean Crandall (R)
- Randy L. Wining (D)
- Martin County Council District 2  
James A. (Buck) Stiles (R)
- Martin County Council District 3  
Barb McFeaters (R)
- Martin County Council District 4  
Sheri J. Bowling (R)
- Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins (D)
- Center Township Trustee  
Charles S. Hamilton (R)
- Center Township Board  
Norma J. Baker (R)
- Kenneth L. Brett (R)
- Larry L. Downs (R)
- Halbert Township Trustee  
Exzelia Montgomery (R)
- Halbert Township Board  
Kimberly L. Albright (R)
- Stephanie (Stevie) J. Horton (R)
- Travis Montgomery (R)
- Lost River Township Trustee  
Mildred C. Brown (R)
- Lost River Township Board  
Alice Dianne Butler (R)
- Keith Emmons (R)
- Bruce Fithian (R)
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- Mitcheltree Township Board  
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- Julie A. Green (D)
- Brandi Hennette (D)
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- Terry J. Street (D)
- Rutherford Township Board  
Jeff Horney (R)
- Danny L. Berry (D)
- Virgil Scott Street (D)
- Crane Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Linda Ann Willoughby (R)
- Crane Town Council --- Vote for 3  
Ronald L. Barker (R)
- David T. Johnson (R)
- Roy E. Vaught (R)
- Bernard Butcher (D)
- Judith A. Harlow (D)
- Dennis W. Hughes (Denny) (D)
- Shoals Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Sierra Rutledge (D)
- Shoals Town Council --- Vote for 3  
Cary D. Albright (R)
- Earl Boyd, Jr. (R)
- Clint D. Hoffman (R)
- Dick Cresgy (D)
- Cecil L. Ragsdale (D)
- Loogootee School Board District 1  
Scott W. Hall
- Nick Toy
- Loogootee School Board District 2  
Debra Jo Neideffer
- Chad Wade
- Mary M. Walton
- Loogootee School Board District 3  
Brent D. Courter
- Shoals School Board District 1  
Marjory "Sam" Boyd
- Shoals School Board District 4  
Eva Nadine George

The following is a list of polling sites for the election:

- Perry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 - St. John's Center, 408 Church Street, Loogootee, IN 47553
- Perry 5 and Rutherford - St. Martin's Church Hall, 524 Whitfield Rd, Loogootee, IN 47553
- Perry 7 and Crane - Bramble Conservation Club, 1024 Bramble Rd., Loogootee, IN 47553
- North Center and Mitcheltree - Dover Hill Church of Christ, 15581 N. State Rd 450, Shoals, IN 47581
- North Halbert, South Halbert, Southeast Halbert, Lost River, East Memphis, West Memphis, and South Center - St. Mary's Church Hall, 128 High Street, Shoals, IN 47581

## Questions at the end of the 2018 ballot

### 1. Shall Judge Robert R. (Bob) Altice, Jr. be retained in office?

About Judge Altice, Jr.: Robert R. Altice Jr. is a non-partisan judge of the Indiana Court of Appeals Second District. Altice was appointed by Governor Mike Pence (R) on July 18, 2015, and took office following Judge Ezra Friedlander's retirement on August 31, 2015. Altice earned his bachelor's degree from Miami University (OH), his master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Central Missouri, and his J.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law. Altice was a judge on the Marion County Superior Court from 2000 to 2015. He previously served as chief deputy prosecutor in Kansas City, Missouri, and as deputy prosecutor in Marion County, Indiana. (Bio information provided by ballotpedia.org)



**JUDGE ROBERT ALTICE**

### 2. Shall Article 10, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Indiana

## Information for voters

The 2018 General Election will be held November 6, 2018. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The last day to submit an application for absentee voting by mail is October 29, 2018. You can call the clerk's office at any time, 812-247-3651, to request an absentee ballot by mail.

Absentee voting in the clerk's office will end on November 5. You will be able to vote in person from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The last full day of absentee voting is November 2. You can also vote absentee from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday October 27, Saturday November 3 and Monday November 5.

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Public Law 109-2005 requires Indiana residents to present a government-issued photo ID before casting a ballot at the polls on Election Day.

Under Indiana Code 3-5-2-40.5, which defines "proof of identification", your photo ID must meet 4 criteria to be acceptable for voting purposes. It Must:

1. Display your photo
2. Display your name, and the name must conform to your voter registration record. Conform does not mean identical. Below are examples of names that would conform to "Robert John Crew"



- Robert John Crew
- Robert J. Crew
- Robert Crew
- R. John Crew
- R. J. Crew
- Bob John Crew
- Bob J. Crew
- Bob Crew
- John Crew
- J. Crew

3. Display an expiration date and either be current or have expired sometime after the date of the last General Election (November 8, 2016)

NOTE: An ID issued by the US Department of Defense, a branch of the uniformed services, the Merchant Marine, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (or Veterans Administration), or the Indiana National Guard is not required to have an expiration date or may state that the document has an "Indefinite" expiration date.

4. Be issued by the State of Indiana or the U.S. government

In most cases, an Indiana driver license, Indiana photo ID card, Military ID or U.S. Passport is sufficient.

A student ID from an Indiana State school may only be used if it meets all of the 4 criteria specified above. A student ID from a private institution may not be used for voting purposes. For more Information for College Students visit <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/2626.htm>.

If you are unable or unwilling to present ID meeting these requirements, you may cast a provisional ballot. If you cast a provisional ballot, you have until noon 10 days after the election to follow up with the county election board and either provide the necessary documentation or affirm one of the law's exemptions applies to you.

*be amended to require the General Assembly to adopt balanced budgets for state government that do not exceed estimated revenues unless a supermajority of two-thirds of the members of the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the member of the Senate vote to suspend the requirement?*

About this question: The general assembly can't plan to spend more money than the State of Indiana expects to generate. The current wording of Article 10, Section 5 says: "No law shall authorize any debt to be contracted, on behalf of the State, except in the following cases: to meet casual deficits in the revenue; to pay the interest on the State Debt; to repel invasion, suppress insurrection, or, if hostilities be threatened, provide for the public defense." This amendment was initially proposed by then-Governor Mike Pence in 2015. But because the Indiana Constitution requires that a proposed amendment be approved in two successive sessions before it can go to the public, and that a general election take place between the sessions in which an amendment is approved, lawmakers couldn't vote on the matter in 2016. The amendment

had to be reintroduced and approved by lawmakers in 2017 to make it to the general election ballot in 2018.

### 3. Shall Justice Geoffrey G. Slaughter be retained in office?

About Justice Slaughter: Geoffrey Slaughter is a nonpartisan judge of the Indiana Supreme Court. Slaughter was appointed the 109th justice in the history of the court by Republican Governor Mike Pence on May 9, 2016, to succeed retired Justice Brent Dickson. Slaughter was Gov. Pence's first appointment to the court. In 2012, Slaughter was a finalist for appointment to the state supreme court. Then-governor Mitch Daniels (R) ultimately appointed Loretta Rush. Slaughter received his B.A. from Indiana University in 1985 and his J.D. from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 1989. He also received his M.B.A. from Indiana University in 1989. (Bio information provided by ballotpedia.org)



**JUSTICE GEOFFREY SLAUGHTER**

# Martin County Sheriff candidates face off

T.A. ANDY BURKHARDT

and

J. TRAVIS ROUSH

**MCJ:** What is your name and list your immediate family members (parents, spouse, children, grandchildren, etc.)?

**Andy Burkhardt:** T.A Burkhardt "ANDY" Parents: William Burkhardt, Betty Burkhardt, and Dorothy Burkhardt. Spouse: Angie Burkhardt, four children and five grandchildren.

**Travis Roush:** My name is Travis Roush. My parents are Dan and Connie (Hoffman) Roush, graduates of Shoals High School, and residents of Martin County. My paternal grandparents are Geneva (Grissom) Bass, formerly married to Everett Roush, and both now deceased. Maternal grandparents are Diane (French) and Donald Jones, who reside in Martin County. Diane was formerly married to the late Jim Hoffman. I have been married to Candace (Sellers) Roush for 14 years and we have two small children, Isaiah and Josie.

**MCJ:** Briefly describe your work background and special training you have received.

**Andy Burkhardt:** Started my LAW ENFORCEMENT career in Loogootee in 1990. I completed the Indiana LAW ENFORCEMENT academy in Plainfield in 1991. 1993-1998, I was the first fulltime Shoals Town Marshal. 1998, I started with the Martin County Sheriff's department and presently still serving Martin County. I have worked under some awesome mentors as SHERIFFS for the past 28-plus years, and they have molded me to truly SERVE Martin County.

**Travis Roush:** I graduated from Shoals High School in 1998. Prior to serving as the current sheriff, I served two enlistments in the U.S. Army, as an Army Ranger and Infantry Drill Sergeant. Following, I worked for three different security corporations deploying overseas more than a dozen times. During and between those years, I earned an associate's degree in history and business from Vincennes University and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana State University. I graduated from the U.S. Army's Infantry Basic Training, Airborne, Ranger, Drill Sergeant, and Combative Schools. Additional education has been a basic jailer's course, a pre-basic law enforcement course, and the Indiana Sheriff's Association's Sheriff School.

**MCJ:** Why Sheriff? What is it about the sheriff position that interests you?

**Andy Burkhardt:** SHERIFF is the position with the help from other county, city, and town positions to SERVE YOU in countless ways. Your SHERIFF is here to fully go out in the county and truly SERVE and show the schools, and the community that with this position, the SHERIFF cares in so many different ways. Your SHERIFF is here to pack a positive impact within every decision.

**Travis Roush:** My interest in being sheriff has changed over the course of my term. Four years ago, I was approached between deployments from overseas by family and friends and asked that I consider the position of Sheriff of Martin County. Out of a sense of obligation, I started investigating what I felt needed improvement in our county. By questioning the locals, I learned there were too many drug deals being made in broad daylight without fear of consequences. Break-ins were occurring while



T.A. ANDY BURKHART

citizens were sleeping at night—and at work during the day. Perpetrators were returning to the same homes time and time again. Farmers' storage tanks were being drained of anhydrous ammonia, a popular ingredient used to cook meth. Lawn mowers, chain saws and weed eaters were being swiped at a rate that was not proportionate for a community of our size or character. Victims felt that calling their insurance agencies to report losses only resulted in an increase of their own insurance premiums—and gave no satisfaction of holding the thieves accountable for their actions. Now, in regard to objectives, traditional Law Enforcement duties, and the community initiatives we've seen come to fruition, my goals are about sustaining all we have implemented these past four years. We hit the ground running in 2015 and haven't looked back! I've talked in-depth in previous campaign ads about our accomplishments, so I'll spare the readers the wordiness of lengthy explanation. Topics including 24/7/365 coverage, GPS installation, the Reserve Deputy Program, two K-9 Units, the increase in effective drug interdiction and the Animal Control Officer can be found on my Facebook page at "Roush for Martin County Sheriff." I encourage all to read and share, to answer any questions one may have. Further topics to be found there for consideration include initiatives that strengthen ties within the community, including the Martin County Safe Community Event, Active Shooter Workshops, the Ladies Shooting Course, Township Meetings, Inmate Drug Programs and the Sheriff's Annual Jeep and Bike Ride. These initiatives were not present when this administration took over in 2015. It matters not, who gets the credit for the ideas—I only care that the plans were implemented. This team is concerned about meeting objectives; all share in the credit. With the help of an eager team, we worked diligently to bring our objectives to successful completion. It is so important that the changes, approaches and attitudes required to accomplish our goals continues to be culturally matured in the Sheriff's Office—and not thrown aside, for the sake of public safety and security. Many of these programs and ideas are only in their infancy. Regarding the changes made specifically within the Sheriff's Office, changes made mid-stream would leave much at risk. The voters elected me to make big changes and they were made. I long to finish the job I was originally hired to do, to ensure the people's directives are not undermined.

**MCJ:** What do you think is the biggest challenge facing Martin County today, right now, in relation to law enforcement?

**Andy Burkhardt:** Our biggest challenge is making a positive impact



TRAVIS ROUSH

towards our addiction epidemic and better unification between the community and in our schools.

**Travis Roush:** I feel the biggest challenge facing Martin County today is the generational acceptance of drug abuse and the lifestyle that so often accompanies it. We want our citizens to lead productive lifestyles and break free from the cycle of drug use that often gets passed down from one generation to the next. Four years ago, I said methamphetamine abuse was the biggest challenge facing the county and it is still an uphill battle—although we have made positive strides in the fight. These past four years, we have been laser focused on illegal drug use and most importantly, we are trying to stop those that have the largest influence over the youth and our future generations. To help stop this generational drug abuse, we must go after the safe havens and breeding grounds of those that think this lifestyle is acceptable. Expecting personal responsibility is a cornerstone of many of our approaches. Tackling the generational issue of drug abuse takes time.

**MCJ:** Do you have a solution to fix the problem in the last question? Explain.

**Andy Burkhardt:** My solution to both is creating outreach programs for our youth, for EVERYONE that has been affected somehow by addictions, and means both the addict and their loved ones. And taking care of our veterans and senior citizens with programs to provide and protect them. I have local and government officials wanting to jump on board to focus on these issues, which will help Martin County thrive.

**Travis Roush:** I don't believe in magic bullets and there is no single solution that will help abusers become productive citizens overnight. Breaking the cycle of generational abuse is a big job for any one organization; it demands a collective approach, and everyone has a part to play. I look at Law Enforcement as the spearhead of stopping our future generations from being exposed to bad behavior—but only the spearhead. It is a painful fact that many of those incarcerated have children also caught in the system of drug abuse. Thankfully, we have many (both paid and unpaid) in our community that need to be applauded for the care and concern shown for our youth on a daily basis. In fairness to my home, this is not just a Martin County problem. Recently, a county only 80 miles away was listed as the third highest producer of meth in the whole state of Indiana. Furthermore, as we work hard on the meth issue, drug abusers have gotten more sophisticated. They have branched out to other drugs equally worrisome and we must be ever vigilant of new substances coming our way. Illegal drugs will always be a factor, as people ex-

perience physical, social and emotional pain—and need their pain (both real and imagined) to go away. The fact that prescription pain medications are being better regulated leads some to seek out illegal drugs. It is a catch-22 situation with no easy solutions. Everyone makes mistakes. I'm not talking about those individuals that make one-time mistakes—we're human and humans make mistakes. It is my goal in office to uphold the law while showing respect to those we are tasked to tend as they make their way through the system. Following is the Vision Statement I presented to the county council some time ago. It remains my firm belief and I present it to you as written: Vision Statement "Our Vision is to improve the quality of life in Martin County. We will endeavor to be the most highly professional, trained and available law enforcement agency operating in the county. We will be a premier agency that strives to keep the peace, and when called upon, will possess the competency and independence to act legally and tactically, while defending the United States and Indiana Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic". I feel we have momentum on our side, but we are talking here about changing a culture; a culture of emotionless disconnect. To me, the solution is found in the daily grind of Law Enforcement. We live in a culture where we expect quick fixes. Our current culture did not get this way overnight; it has taken multiple generations to get here, and it won't be fixed overnight. We are in the process of turning things around. I can see a difference. People tell me they read the sheriff's log and see that drug arrests are up and subsequently, they're making the link to less break-ins and other drug-fueled crimes. We must stay the course; I have seen that promises with quick fixes end up as broken promises. When it comes to politics, we see unrealistic promises made all the time. I would love to offer up picture-perfect solutions to the relevant issues of this campaign, but I can't...and I won't. Just as other successful businesses and organizations can attest, the solution for me, as Sheriff of Martin County, is found in the daily grind of doing the work, and doing it with enthusiasm and an unwavering desire to make our community a better place to live in contentment and peace.

**MCJ:** If you could add anything to the sheriff's office, that isn't already available, what would it be?

**Andy Burkhardt:** Focusing on more than just feeding and housing addicts, creating positive directions for the addiction problems, and finally supplying opportunities and hope.

**Travis Roush:** I know the county has fiscal issues, with extreme budget constraints, but I am answering as if this was a Christmas wish list. I argue my suggestion would be: competitive pay for the deputies. It is well known that we lose too much talent to other agencies. It is always a disappointment to train new employees, at a cost of time and money, only to see them move on to jobs offering better incentives—although I cannot find fault with those making this decision to better provide for their families. But, retaining these officers with competitive pay and benefits would be a tremendous benefit to the public. We would have more experienced employees on the job each day and would be better able to have a compet-

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# SHERIFF CANDIDATES

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itive hiring process and attract the best talents. There are tangible overhead costs to this revolving door that negatively affects the taxpayers—but also affects the level of service to the public and team morale when we lose an experienced officer. The income from out-of-county inmates we are housing substantially adds to the general fund—which offsets the expenses of housing our own county population—which hopefully promotes the value of the sheriff's office to our community. I will continue to champion the cause for my deputies for without them by my side, my office is quickly rendered ineffective.

**MCJ: Do you think police officers should be feared by the public or friends with the public? Or do you think there is a balance there?**

**Andy Burkhardt:** There is a fine line between fearing police and being friends. Fearing police in today's society only causes distrust and division. Creating relationships with law enforcement creates trust and positive rapport with the community and especially our youth. Friends and relationships create so much positivity.

**Travis Roush:** There is a delicate balance to being a Law Enforcement Officer. It is important to be friendly to the public to help build and foster good relationships. I have an open-door policy and allow my personal cell phone number to be given out if someone feels they need to talk specifically to me, as the Sheriff. As time allows, I attend community events to show my support and get feedback from other attendees. Time constraints are always an issue, but my goal remains to be as accessible as possible to serve those who need assistance. I believe there is a big difference between being friendly and actually being a friend. To me, a true friend is someone that would take a bullet for me—or run into a burning building to save me while others are running out. I've witnessed officers encounter dangerous situations, putting themselves at risk for strangers, and without hesitation, jump into action. To me, that is the epitome of being "a friend," and someone you want to have in your corner. Now to address the fear factor. Before someone even thinks about breaking into your house, I want them to fear they will be caught by Law Enforcement before their plans even get off the ground. I want them to think—and realize their actions will be costly and adversely affect their ability to move freely in society. We do not want citizens fearing our officers on the job. They should be seen as a source of help and security—but there should be a fear of the consequences of breaking the law and being apprehended. It is important to remember that the lawmakers, elected by the voters, create the laws. Police officers are tasked with upholding the laws created. Police officers are carrying out the will of the people; we work for you. As a society, we have collectively decided on these laws to protect you and your families. When there are youngsters on the fence, contemplating the practices of a non-productive criminal lifestyle, due to peer pressure or because of generational conditions, I want them to fear the consequences of their decisions, not experience a fear of police officers. Fear of consequences can lead them to do well in school and hang around good peers. As role models, police officers can help them realize that to be productive citizens, they need to be good decision-makers

along their path to adulthood.

**MCJ: Do you believe in alternatives for jail time for non-violent offenders such as those convicted of drug related crimes? Explain.**

**Andy Burkhardt:** We can house and feed offenders all day long, BUT is this helping? YES, some offenders must be in jail to protect themselves and protect the community. So, creating programs to counsel, educate, and reform offenders in positive directions, in hopeful ways will help. If we save ONE, we've helped.

**Travis Roush:** Definitely! I work with Community Corrections often—and consistently! We collaborate and look at the jail roster and analyze who would be suitable clients for the Community Corrections program. With that being said, the Sheriff does not make the final decisions. I make recommendations to the prosecutor. The defense counsel and the court plays a heavy part in that decision-making process too, not to mention the inmate himself—especially if they have a lengthy criminal history and alternatives have previously proven ineffective. Also, I want to add that because offenders may not be violent, does not mean their crimes are victimless. Many people do not understand what drugs can actually do to people. Sadly, drugs can change a person into someone their family doesn't even recognize—and cause issues within the family structure they never thought possible. Illegal drug use can cause unemployment, which has a negative economic impact on the individual families, as well as the employer and community services. When drug abusers and dealers have children involved, there is often child abuse or child neglect associated, requiring the unwelcome assistance of social services and sometimes the heart-breaking removal of children from their home. When the abuser's habits and fees are dragging family members through financial ruin, jail time can sometimes be an effective relief. Although drug users may not use violence as a means to an end, when they don't have money to fund their habit, they are often reduced to stealing from our citizens. The end result is that we all end up paying for the criminal activity within our community—some more than others. The taxpayers often foot the bill(s) in some sort or fashion. So again, yes—I believe in alternatives. For many, these programs are very effective. On the other hand, it is important to remember that jails have been in existence since civilizations came together in biblical times. There are legitimate reasons to remove offenders from the general population for a period of time. Therefore, I think it is important to make clear that the behaviors of even non-violent offenders can have a negative impact on Martin County. Alternatives for individual offenders come at some degree of risk and responsibility. Each case should be given careful thought and evaluation—and not necessarily a "get out of jail" pass.

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

**Andy Burkhardt:** As your SHERIFF, I'm here to SERVE in ways explained above. By giving by best with compassion, with love, within my Faith, I truly care about the direction our county needs to be directed. Your vote IS important for our youth and community programs outreach programs. BURKHARDT FOR SHERIFF.

**Travis Roush:** The community hired me four years ago because they wanted a change. We have a strong community of citizens that want to see a better future for the next generation and they trusted me to make those changes. Before you change an environment externally, you must look internally. We have made changes, and change has been difficult for some,

but overwhelmingly, this administration has the support of the public. We have made progress toward an attainable goal and would like your support in continuing what we started. I have learned a lot over these past four years and I am excited to see what the next four years bring, if I am supported in my bid for re-election to serve the people of Martin County.

## Four of six Crane Town Council candidates answer questions

RONALD BARKER  
BERNARD BUTCHER  
JUDITH HARLOW  
DENNIS HUGHES  
DAVID JOHNSON  
and  
ROY VAUGHT

(choose up to three on the ballot)

**MCJ: What is your name and please list your immediate family members (spouse, children, grandchildren, parents)?**

**Ronald Barker:** Ronald Lee Barker, wife: Elizabeth Barker; sons: Adam Barker and Ronald W. Barker; daughters: Jennifer Harper and Mary Beth Harker

**Bernard Butcher:** Bernard Butcher

**Judith Harlow:** Chose not to respond.

**Dennis Hughes:** Denny Hughes, spouse: Joyce A. Hughes

**David Johnson:** Chose not to respond.

**Roy Vaught:** My name is Roy Edward Vaught. My wife, Wanda, and I have been married for 50 years. We have four children, Regina, Scott, Michael, and Adam; eight grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. My parents, Calvin and Louise Vaught, lived in Bloomington.

**MCJ: Why do you want to serve on the town council?**

**Ronald Barker:** I think I can improve the looks and operation of the town.

**Bernard Butcher:** To keep the town together and keep it a town. There are several issues coming up and we need someone who knows construction such as electric, water lines and sewer lines.

**Judith Harlow:** Chose not to respond.

**Dennis Hughes:** We need leadership, with a purpose and cause, not a reason. This is my home and has been for over 40-plus years.

**David Johnson:** Chose not to respond.

**Roy Vaught:** I have lived in Crane a little over two years. During this time, I have become quite concerned about the infrastructure in our town. There are things that need to be addressed and moved upon.

**MCJ: What is the biggest issue facing the Town of Crane today, right now?**

**Ronald Barker:** The biggest issue facing the Town of Crane today is the poor condition of the roads, and people not being treated equally.

**Bernard Butcher:** Money – same as all other towns. We need some street repairs at the present before winter sets in.

**Judith Harlow:** Chose not to respond.

**Dennis Hughes:** Finances, streets, sidewalks, curbs, etc. A major clean up.

**David Johnson:** Chose not to respond.

**Roy Vaught:** I have talked with several people in town and it seems that a lot of them have the same concerns as I do. The roads need the potholes fixed and they need to be plowed and maintaining in the winter.

**MCJ: How would you solve the issue from the last question?**

**Ronald Barker:** I would work on



RONALD BARKER

Photos not submitted for Bernard Butcher, Judith Harlow, Dennis Hughes, David Johnson or Roy Vaught.

seeing that the roads are patched and making sure that people throughout the town are treated equally.

**Bernard Butcher:** Keep working to make the repairs necessary.

**Judith Harlow:** Chose not to respond.

**Dennis Hughes:** Work with local, county and state government to apply for grants and assistance that is available. Work with local property owners to assist with clean up.

**David Johnson:** Chose not to respond.

**Roy Vaught:** There are grants and assistance that can be utilized.

**MCJ: With you serving on the town council, what could residents expect from you? How will you improve things?**

**Ronald Barker:** If I am elected to the town council, the residents can expect honesty, respect, and honor from me. I will try to work with the other board members for the good of the town.

**Bernard Butcher:** Repair streets and clean town up.

**Judith Harlow:** Chose not to respond.

**Dennis Hughes:** Do my best for what is best for our town. One person cannot change anything. It will take teamwork and joint effort from all.

**David Johnson:** Chose not to respond.

**Roy Vaught:** I may not know all the answers, but I can give my word that I will do my best to find those answers.

**MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to add?**

**Ronald Barker:** My experience includes 15 years of reserve duty deputy, 13 years in the Navy Reserves, and 19 months of active duty. I have also served 14 ½ years as a police officer at NSA Crane.

**Bernard Butcher:** I have spent a lot of my money trying to make the town look decent and clean. I have 25 years of experience on the town board.

**Judith Harlow:** Chose not to respond.

**Dennis Hughes:** Now is the time for change for the forgotten village.

**David Johnson:** Chose not to respond.

**Roy Vaught:** The world continues to change. We must be willing to move and change for the good of our community. It is time for a change.

# 3 of 5 Shoals Town Council candidates respond to questions

**CARY D. ALBRIGHT  
EARL BOYD JR.  
DICK CRESGY  
CLINT HOFFMAN  
and  
CECIL RAGSDALE**

**(Choose up to three on the ballot)**

**MCJ: What is your name and please list your immediate family members?**

**Cary D. Albright:** Chose not to respond.

**Earl Boyd Jr.:** Chose not to respond.

**Dick Cresgy:** Dick Cresgy, wife Linda Deckard Cresgy; step-daughter: Andrea Deckard, son: Chris Cresgy, Vincennes; daughter: Dana Foss, Robinson, Illinois; grandson: Brian Foss, Vincennes.

**Clint Hoffman:** My name is Clint D. Hoffman. I am the son of Dale and Jenell Hoffman of Shoals. My wife Amber (Cook) Hoffman and I live in west Shoals with our two beautiful children-Natalie, 2 1/2, and Sean, 1.

**Cecil Ragsdale:** My name is Cecil Ragsdale. I am married to Dianna Ragsdale. I have three daughters, January Roush, Camille Burnes, and Hannah Jewell. As well as three stepsons, Adam Divine, Alex Divine and Evan Divine. We are also the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren with one on the way.

**MCJ: Why do you want to serve on the town council?**

**Cary D. Albright:** Chose not to respond.

**Earl Boyd Jr.:** Chose not to respond

**Dick Cresgy:** Try and help the town. The Town of Shoals is a wonderful place to live – needs a little help in cleaning up some areas.

**Clint Hoffman:** To answer that question, I should start with a small bit of my background. I am the Lead Diagnostic Technologist at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. My job provides me with a lot of experience in: developing and implementing policies and procedures, training and education of both staff and radiology students from the University of Southern Indiana, communicating among the members of the radiology department staff and different departments throughout the hospital. Most importantly, my job has enabled me to see how every patient I come across has different needs, and they all have their own unique history and backgrounds. I want to continue to use that experience and apply it to my time on the town council to accomplish things that I believe will be to the towns benefit. I'm proud to say I'm from Shoals. I want to do all that I can to make sure Shoals is a place that my children will be proud to say they are from, and a place they will want to live when they are adults.

**Cecil Ragsdale:** I have lived in Shoals all of my life and within the town limits since 1975. I want our town to continue to prosper and work on growing economic development. We need to encourage our young people to return to Shoals after they graduate from college to continue to grow our town. We have a wonderful school system and jobs available both in Shoals and surrounding areas.

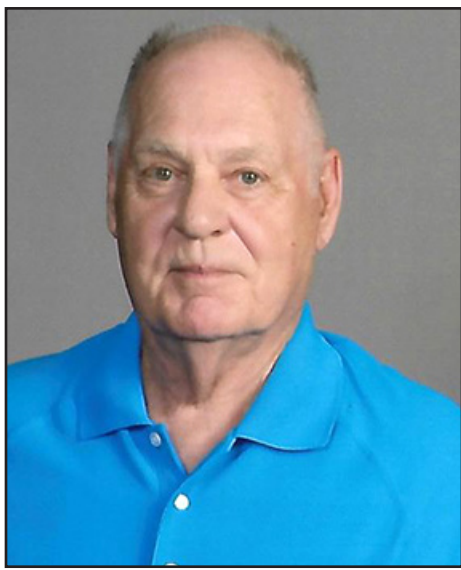
**MCJ: What is the biggest issue facing the town of Shoals right now.**

**Cary D. Albright:** Chose not to respond.

**Earl Boyd Jr.:** Chose not to respond.

**Dick Cresgy:** Lack of communication between council members and employees. The town needs leadership.

**Clint Hoffman:** There are two issues that I see as being equally significant. 1. Utilities. Specifically, water and sewer. Some of our equipment is beginning to show its age, with more of our equipment not too far behind. This needs to



**DICK CRESGY**

be addressed immediately. 2. Communication. Specifically, between our town employees and the council. We currently do not have a town manager/supervisor, and I feel that this creates a poor level of communication that can only cause more problems, not solutions.

**Cecil Ragsdale:** The biggest issue facing the Town of Shoals currently is our sewage and water infrastructure. Our current system is nearing its end of life.

**MCJ: How would you solve the issues from the last question?**

**Cary D. Albright:** Chose not to respond.

**Earl Boyd Jr.:** Chose not to respond.

**Dick Cresgy:** Try and get more town people to meetings. Change the meeting time to a later hour. Ask for suggestions. Get involved with operations of the town employees and their duties.

**Clint Hoffman:** Let's break that down into the two parts I mentioned in my previous answer. Utilities- The council has been recently informed that our current water rates our not sufficient. I currently serve as the council's representative on a three-member panel that is investigating the towns water rates. I have a lot of respect for the other two members of the panel, both of them are intelligent, highly driven individuals. I am confident that the panel will provide good, useful information to the council. The council has already unanimously approved a study to be done on the town's utilities, and that should hopefully get started around the first of the year. Communication- I would like there to be a manager/supervisor among our town employees to improve communication and accountability. I would also like to implement annual, if not bi-annual, employee evaluations to serve as a touch base between each individual employee and the council. I feel this would have a huge impact on communication, and develop a mutual understanding that would bring nothing but positive results to the town.

**Cecil Ragsdale:** Currently the Town Council is working on obtaining grants and conducting a feasibility study on the infrastructure of the Town.

**MCJ: With you serving on the town council, what could residents expect from you? How will you improve things?**

**Cary D. Albright:** Chose not to respond.

**Earl Boyd Jr.:** Chose not to respond.

**Dick Cresgy:** I will work hard to bring the town out of the crises its in, try and keep the cemetery in better condition – with the help of members of the council, and try hard to bring order to the town.

**Clint Hoffman:** When I took office in 2016, the Shoals Community Park had no dedicated playground or playground equipment, a basketball court that literally had weeds growing up through

**Photos not submitted for Cary Albright, Earl Boyd Jr., and Clint Hoffman**

the pavement, and the remains of an old tennis court that was essentially unusable space. I was the lead on a playground project, and within 10 months of taking office, we had \$75,000 worth of funding in place that was used to repave both of the parks parking lots, repave the basketball court, and build a nice new playground. I hope this serves as an example of what I can do and what I will continue to do. In the last 3 years as a council WE (emphasis on we, a good council is a working collaboration) have managed to: \*develop and implement a new employee handbook. \*with public input, develop a comprehensive plan that details short, medium, and long-term goals for Shoals. \*there is currently a storm water drainage project that is being completed. \*a street paving project with the Community Crossings program will begin next year. I would also like to note that I have a perfect attendance record for council meetings, and I have never made a decision based on emotions.

**Cecil Ragsdale:** I hope to continue to work for the betterment of the community. The board will continue to look for ways to upgrade the utilities and roads. The board will be fiscally responsible to the citizens of Shoals while continuing to make improvements. We will continue to look for any grants that we may be eligible for to improve areas such as the Ballpark. A Comprehensive Plan has been completed by the town. This plan shows what the citizens in our town want. We need to facilitate that plan by forming committees. The more people we can get involved in our town the better. We need to make Shoals a place where our younger generations want to return to and raise their family.

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

**Cary D. Albright:** Chose not to respond.

## District 63 State Rep candidates

**JOSEPH "JOE" LANNAN**

and

**SHANE M. LINDAUER**

**JOSEPH LANNAN** was born and raised on a farm in Loogootee. After studying at the University of Evansville, he worked teaching Math and Science at a high-poverty school in Evansville. During the untimely death of his Father in 2012, he returned home and has ran the family grain farm ever since. In 2013, he and his partner, Rick, established eSolve Solutions, LLC, a consulting firm focused on grant-seeking and training for local schools. In 2017, he helped to secure over \$1 million dollars in funding for schools in the region.

Joe and his partner live in Loogootee on his family's farm. They participate in foster-parenting, caring for children impacted by the drug epidemic.

**Platform**  
Pro Life  
Pro 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment  
Advocate for improving funding for rural public schools

**SHANE LINDAUER** is a 1992 Graduate of Jasper High School. He received bachelor's degree from both Indiana State University and Logan College of Chiropractic. He received a Doctorate of Chiropractic degree from Logan College of Chiropractic. He is married to Stacy and the father of two boys.

He is a former member of Indiana and Missouri Army National Guard and a former member of Dubois Coun-



**CECIL RAGSDALE**

spond.

**Earl Boyd Jr.:** Chose not to respond.

**Dick Cresgy:** I'm not a politician – I want to see order and respect restored to the town.

**Clint Hoffman:** I previously mentioned the improvements to the park. I would like to take a moment to mention what a great group of people we have on the park board, and all the great work they are doing at the park. If you haven't been to the Shoals Community Park lately you should definitely check it out! I'm grateful for the time I've had on the council, and would be honored to be reelected. I greatly appreciate your vote and support! I would like to close by saying: I look back and I think about what the town of Shoals means to me, the things the council has been able to accomplish these last 3 years, and the exciting things we have coming. Then I look back at question 2, and in my mind, I word that question a different way. If that question were worded "Why do you want to be a part of this?" my answer would be to simply ask another question-" Why wouldn't I want to be a part of this?"

**Cecil Ragsdale:** Your vote and confidence would be greatly appreciated.



**JOE LANNAN**



**SHANE LINDAUER**

ty Council. He previously owned a chiropractic private practice and is currently part owner of small family owned recycling business.

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# Steiner, Wright vie for Martin County Prosecutor

C. MICHAEL STEINER  
and  
AUREOLA WRIGHT

**M CJ: What is your name and list your immediate family members?**

**Mike Steiner:** My name is C. Michael Steiner. My wife's name is Shelli Steiner. We have four daughters: Charli Steiner, Jenae Jones, Mindi Pace, and Mackenzie Jones. We have a grandson on the way and he is due to arrive in January 2019.

**Aureola Wright:** Aureola Wright, age 33. Mother of two; ages 2 and 5. Kindergartner began this year at the Shoals Elementary.

**M CJ: Briefly describe your work background and any special training you have received.**

**Mike Steiner:** I have been a lawyer for 29 years. Almost all of that time has been spent in criminal law as a prosecutor or defense attorney. I have attended a huge number of training opportunities provided through the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council. I have served on the faculty of a trial advocacy course for IPAC where we help young prosecutors learn how to do trials effectively. I also serve on the faculty of the Indiana Covert Drug Investigation School which is sponsored by IPAC and the Indiana State Police. That is a week-long school where we teach police officers and prosecutors how to safely and effectively build and prosecute drug cases. My best training has been on the job by doing a huge number of jury trials. There is nothing that can prepare a person to do a trial other than getting in there and doing it. I've done it a lot.

**Aureola Wright:** Business Owner, Attorney, and Certified Guardian Ad Litem at Wright Law L.L.C., Martin County Public Defender, internship with the Martin County Circuit Court, Indigent Representative, Disability Clinic at IU School of Law with Attorney Orr and Special Investigator, Haurry Law Office for 2009 Murder Case

**M CJ: Why prosecutor? What is it about that position that interests you?**

**Mike Steiner:** Being prosecutor interests me on a number of levels. Public service has always been important to me and I can think of no better way to use my talents and abilities for the betterment of the public than by being prosecutor. I can do the most good for the greatest number of people in this position. I enjoy the team aspect of banding with a diverse group of people, all with different responsibilities, to protect the public. I think the thing that attracts me most is that I usually get to do what I think is right.

**Aureola Wright:** Months ago, I was approached by many disgruntled county victims with dissatisfied case outcomes. If elected to office, I will strive to consider the individual circumstances and fairly impact how cases are handled, thereby strengthening the integrity of the office. I will strive to diminish the revolving door of offenders, decrease the number of dismissals, and improve the voices of those being victimized. As a Lilly Scholar, I knew I wanted to come back home from college and give back to my community. As an attorney, I've worked diligently in my own law practice. Additionally, I currently represent many citizens, as well as serve offenders as Martin County Public Defender. These separate areas of service give me a unique perspective to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of case management. With this knowledge, I am driven because each case should matter to the prosecutor's office, as much as it mat-



C. MICHAEL STEINER



AUREOLA WRIGHT

ters to all parties involved.

**M CJ: What do you think is the biggest challenge facing Martin County today, right now, in relation to the prosecutor's office?**

**Mike Steiner:** The biggest challenge we face in Martin County, in relationship to my office, are the drug issues we face. It is a problem that has so many levels that dealing with it is complex. Our policy has been that if it is a dealing charge that is a felony the defendant is going to go to prison. We just have to determine for how long. People who are addicts present a much greater challenge. I believe in alternative sentencing for those who want and need help. Some of that creativity is required because of legislation. The penalties for dealing drugs are much more lenient now than in the past. For example, dealing in marijuana or Xanax are now misdemeanors rather than felonies. Also, by statute, we cannot send level 6 felony offenders to prison. Level six felonies and lower are the vast majority of our filings both here and statewide.

**Aureola Wright:** The biggest challenge facing Martin County prosecutor's office is providing appropriate justice, which includes securing convictions, sending people to jail/prison, and providing adequate sentencing/consequences. Prosecutors are entrusted with a large amount of discretion and often get to help choose whether someone goes to jail or not. This discretion must remain unbiased, impartial, and ethical by not allowing personal relationships to interfere, communicating adequately with law enforcement, witnesses, and victims--then following proper legal procedures to prosecute the criminals. The best prosecutor must be a good listener, as well as a good speaker. Ultimately, listening to the victim, and discerning what will make them feel satisfied by sentencing--which may not only mean prison for the offender, but being held satisfactorily accountable for crimes committed.

**M CJ: Do you believe in alternatives for jail time for non-violent offenders such as those convicted of drug-related crimes? Explain.**

**Mike Steiner:** The primary problem with alternative sentencing is the lack of resources provided to us by the State of Indiana. Adequate mental health and addiction treatment facilities simply don't exist. This is a choice the legislature has made. We do the best we can with what we've got. If I could implement programs without restrictions I would ramp up both those services to a level that has never been seen. There is no question that addiction and mental health issues drive a huge part of crime. If we can help the people with those problems everyone--the person involved, their families, and society as

a whole-- would benefit.

**Aureola Wright:** Alternatives to incarceration may be considered when appropriate, but only if they do not cause a direct risk to the community. When an offender has limited funds or transportation, the alternatives become fewer and farther between. For individuals seeking change and rehabilitation, alternatives are encouraged and recommended. The prosecutor has a weighty responsibility in making these decisions, taking into account the individual's criminal history and likelihood of reoffending.

**M CJ: What services/programs does the prosecutor's office need, if you could implement them without restriction?**

**Mike Steiner:** (Mr. Steiner had the same answer here as in the last question.)

**Aureola Wright:** Funding services is always tied to financial constraints. Removing those constraints would make available such programs, such as a Bad Check Program. The Martin County Prosecutor's Office should be concerned about the negative impact of bad checks being passed. These bad checks are an ongoing problem that cause losses every year to our local businesses. The primary goal of the Bad Check Program is to obtain reimbursement to the victim without adding to the financial burden of the criminal justice system. Other beneficial programs would include: Victim/Witness Assistance Program, Truancy Program, Fraud and Abuse Protection, Property Crime Prevention, and Cyber-safety Program.

**M CJ: Why should voters choose you? This is not intended to be negative but what sets you apart from your opponent? What do you have to offer Martin County?**

**Mike Steiner:** I believe I am the best candidate for the office of Prosecuting Attorney simply because of my experience and knowledge. I have been doing this a long time. I have seen so many situations that I can give the police officers of this county guidance and help. I am available to them 24 hours a day and I encourage them to call me anytime they want to. When they are working a case, I have a good understanding of what is needed to make the case solid. This helps them and helps me. Law enforcement is a team effort and I try to be a good leader and team player. Also, because of the sheer number of trials I have done, I have a very good understanding of what will work with a jury and what won't. This is something that can only come from having done it. Lastly, I have been doing this job for almost 16 years. While I will never pretend that I have done it perfectly I do believe I have done it well. I know I can handle the big cases, and the small ones, because I've prov-

en that I can do it.

**Aureola Wright:** Since the latest sheriff's administration came into being in 2015, the number of criminal cases have increased dramatically. The number of individuals going to prison/Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC) grew from 2015-2017 by 151 percent. What is most concerning were the years during the current prosecutor's tenure between the years of 2003-2014. The data shared below is information provided by IDOC and is only found from 2005, which was two years after the current prosecutor took office. This data shows that prior to 2015, the average number of offenders going to IDOC was 4.1 per year. The lack of offenders going to prison was not directly related to dismissal from Pre-trial Diversions or part of "normal" plea agreements; they were simply dismissals allowed by the prosecutor. What becomes obvious from this data is that crimes didn't change--the practices of the prosecutor changed. Those committing felony level crimes were not sent to IDOC, as they should have been. The felons were released back into our community and the revolving door of criminal activity continued. Suddenly, having a major increase in those sent to prison was directly related to the number of arrests made under the direction of the new Sheriff's administration, commencing in 2015. What I offer is a fresh perspective and clear choice when Martin County voters go to the polls. If you wish to see more consistency and fairness from the prosecutor's office, I'm your candidate.

Indiana Department of Corrections (IDOC)/Prison Martin County Adult Admissions (Year)	Male	Female	Total
2003	-	-	-
2004	-	-	-
2005	5	0	5
2006	3	1	4
2007	1	0	1
2008	1	0	1
2009	2	0	2
2010	3	0	3
2011	3	1	4
2012	1	0	1
2013	9	1	10
2014	10	0	10
2015	31	13	44
2016	25	3	28
2017	25	6	31

Site: <in.gov/idoc> statistical data  
**M CJ: Over the past few years, there have been many more criminal arrests in Martin County. What strategies do you have to improve case load processing?**

**Mike Steiner:** Finally, caseload management and processing is simply a function of putting in the hours to manage the cases effectively. That involves evaluating the strength of the case as well as the importance of the case relative to the other cases we handle. Both my deputy and I are in a good position to put in the hours. We have understanding spouses and grown children who know the importance of what we do and make it easier to put in the time necessary to do the job well.

**Aureola Wright:** Efficient case management includes having the necessary documents the court requires from the prosecutor to be prepared and available when necessary, in order for the cases to continue uninterrupted. Inefficient case management causes unnecessary delays and rescheduling which affects all parties involved, including the unnecessary spending of taxpayer dollars. Effective case management can include law enforcement officers providing sufficient evidence to the prosecutor for determination of the appropriate charges that should be filed with the court. Otherwise, victims of crimes are left without justice and law enforcement officers are unsupported in their continued efforts to protect and serve. Cases can die on the court room floor and be dismissed if not properly (See 'PROSECUTOR' on page 15)

# One of two county council district 1 candidates answers questions

DEAN CRANDALL  
and  
RANDY WININGER

**MCJ:** What is your name and please list your immediate family members (spouse, children, grandchildren, parents)?

**Dean Crandall:** Chose not to respond.

**Randy Winger:** My name is Randy Winger. I have been married to Vicki (Harding) Winger for 30 years. We are the parents of an 18-year-old daughter, Calli, who is a senior in high school.

**MCJ:** Why the county council? What is it about the county council that interests you?

**Dean Crandall:** Chose not to respond.

**Randy Winger:** I have been on the county council for several years. It is something that I feel I am very experienced in, and I enjoy the challenges that come with the office. Each year brings a different set of issues to the table and I enjoy working with the other councilors to meet the fiscal needs of the county.

**MCJ:** What is the biggest issue facing Martin County today, right now, as it pertains to the county council?

**Dean Crandall:** Chose not to respond.

**Randy Winger:** I do not feel there is on single biggest issue facing the county at this moment. However, there are three or four issues that are always on our front burner. These are the funding of the county highway department, continuing our efforts in economic development, and expanding our tax base. I think it is also important to continue to support the efforts against illegal drug activity, as this is detrimental to the county in many ways and not what is just on the surface but also with the domino effect it has on families and kids.

**MCJ:** How would you solve the issue from the last question?

**Dean Crandall:** Chose not to respond.

**Randy Winger:** We are currently working on all the above issues and will continue to work with department heads to find viable solutions in the future.

**MCJ:** What do you think the county council could do to help Martin County's population grow?

**Dean Crandall:** Chose not to respond.

**Randy Winger:** I was recently interviewed by one of our local school superintendents for a grant request. One of their questions was, "What can we do to keep our Martin County kids in the Martin County workforce after graduating high school or college?" Without hesitation, my answer was that our juniors and seniors in high school must be educated on what the local Martin County workforce has to offer and what their needs are. My suggestion would be having our youth tour our various employers and businesses to get a first-hand look at the opportunities available. There are currently many good jobs available in Martin County and I personally believe that there will be more to come. On a personal note, it seems to me that lately in my travels throughout the county, I have seen an abundance of "now hiring" ads in our local papers and signs at many local businesses. Also, I would like to mention that the percentage of employees at NSA Crane living in Martin County is around 13-14 percent and I feel we can improve on this.

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

**Dean Crandall:** Chose not to respond.

**Randy Winger:** Once again, I do not see there being any department or issue that would be singled out as being the hardest to fund. There are a few that are always a challenge simply due



**RANDY WININGER**

to their size and number of employees. Some of the largest to fund include the commissioners' budget, sheriff's department, and highway department, along with the health insurance for our employees. The current county council has been a pleasure to work with on the issues listed above and many others and we always work with the department heads to resolve any issue to the best of our ability and to always make budget.

**MCJ:** This comes up time and time again. Would you support a wheel tax? Please explain why.

**Dean Crandall:** Chose not to respond.

**Randy Winger:** The wheel tax has been tossed around for a few years now and yes, I have heard a lot of different comments and welcome more on what we should do. I really do appreciate people sharing their views on this topic with me and I have heard from some that think we need it, some that say no, and other suggest other ways to improve efficiency. At many times when a county wants to have an increase in taxes for different reasons, they must first have a state mandated public hearing for the general public to voice their concerns. Although it is not mandated for the wheel tax to my knowledge, I believe it should be and I would request such a meeting as we are elected to be your representatives and your voice and that I would vote the way my district wishes. I also would like for a state representative to come to Martin County and explain the different levels of the tax to the general public. For example, cars only, buses, big trucks, motorcycles or campers, etc. and how much it would generate. The time to file for the wheel tax will not be until June of next year. On a side note, Martin County has received over \$800,000 between the Community Crossings grant and the Crane timber monies this year to go toward our roads.

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

**Dean Crandall:** Chose not to respond.

**Randy Winger:** In closing, I would like for the voters to know that I have lived here my entire life and have been self-employed since the age of 22 as a grain farmer, turkey producer and truck owner/operator at different times. The future of Martin County means everything to me and as noted in questions 1, yes, I do have a child preparing to graduate high school as many of you have had or will have. It means the world to me to have good jobs for our kids to come home to, now and in the future. Sometimes we all think how much better maybe someone else might have it, however a good friend and I were discussing issues about our county a few evenings ago and after we weighted them all out, we both came to the conclusion that neither of us would trade where we live for anything! I am truly thankful for the trust you have put in me over the years and would appreciate your support again in November.

# Secretary of State candidates

JIM HARPER  
CONNIE LAWSON

and  
MARK RUTHERFORD

**JIM HARPER** is a native of Northwest Indiana. He went on to graduate from Indiana University and received his law degree from Georgetown University. Upon graduating, he completed a federal judicial clerkship in Indianapolis and then served as a public defender in New Orleans. Now, he practices law in Porter County at his family's firm, Harper and Harper. Jim serves on the board of a non-profit law firm that provides free and reduced-cost legal services to veterans, as well as the Hilltop House, a Valparaiso non-profit that provides early-childhood education and other services to Porter County families.



**JIM HARPER**

**CONNIE LAWSON** is the current Indiana Secretary of State. Lawson was appointed by Governor Mitch Daniels in March 2012 to succeed expelled former officeholder Charlie White. At the time of her appointment to the state executive office, Lawson was serving as Majority Floor Leader of the Indiana State Senate, representing District 24. During her last legislative session, she was assigned to the Appropriations, Elections, Joint Rules, Local Government, and Rules and Legislative Procedure committees.



**CONNIE LAWSON**

Before she was elected to the state Senate, Lawson had served as precinct committee person for the Hendricks County Republican Central Committee and vice chair of the Hendricks County Republican Party.

On April 13, 2012, about one month after she was tapped to serve out the remainder of White's unexpired term, Lawson announced her intention to run for a full term as secretary of state in the 2014 election.

Lawson attended Darden School of Legislative Leadership. She went on to receive her diploma from the Association of Indiana Counties in 1995. She then attended the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development in 1998.

Lawson was the co-owner and secretary/treasurer for Lawson Brothers Auctioneers from 1971 to 1980. She worked in a real estate office as a closing agent and office manager from 1970 to 1988. She then worked as a clerk for the Abstract and Title Guaranty Company from 1986 to 1988. She was also circuit court clerk for Hendricks County from 1989 to 1996.

Connie and her husband Jack live in Danville and have two children and six grandchildren.

**MARK RUTHERFORD** is a life-long Hoosier. He was born December 12, 1959 in New Albany, Indiana, he was raised in Clarksville, Columbus, and Carmel. In 1976, he obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Carmel High School in 1978. In 1982, he earned his Bachelor of Arts from Wabash College, then in 1986 was awarded his Juris Doctor degree from Valparaiso University School of Law. He practices business law with Thrasher Buschmann & Voelkel, PC in Indianapolis. He began as an attorney of counsel, then was invited to become a shareholder in January 2007. He previously practiced law with Laudig George Rutherford & Sipes in Indianapolis. As a small-business owner, he practiced at Mark W. Rutherford, Attorney at Law, also in Indianapolis. Rutherford served as a public defender for Marion County Superior Criminal



**MARK RUTHERFORD**

Court V and was a deputy prosecutor with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Both courts are in Indianapolis.

Governor Mitch Daniels appointed Mark to the Indiana Public Defender Commission in 2007 and he was soon elected its chairman and has remained on the commission ever since.

## PROSECUTOR

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litigated, which can enable many offenders to continue on their path criminal activity.

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

**Mike Steiner:** It has truly been a privilege to serve as Prosecuting Attorney for the people of this county. I know that sounds cheesy or trite, but I truly mean it. For me, this job has never been about me being important or about my ego. It has simply been about serving the people of this county to the very best of my ability. I hope to be able to continue doing that.

**Aureola Wright:** Important Memberships and Sponsorship(s): American Bar Association, Indiana Bar Association, National Association For Public Defense, Indiana Public Defender Council, Martin - Daviess County Bar Association, Martin County Chamber of Commerce, Martin County Historical Society, Sponsor of the Loogootee Summerfest, Sponsor of the Martin County 4-H Fair, Sponsor of the Martin County 4-H Fair Queen Contestant, Gold Sponsor of the Loogootee High School Band 5k, and Sponsor of the Shoals Catfish Festival

# Bowling, Hawkins square off for county council district 4 seat

SHERI BOWLING

and

FLOYD LONNIE HAWKINS

**MCJ:** What is your name and please list your immediate family members (spouse, children, grandchildren, parents)?

**Sheri Bowling:** Hello, my name is Sheri Bowling. I am running for county council district 4. My father and mother are the late James and Wanda Stiles. My father and mother-in-law were the late James and Orville Bowling. I have three children, Adam, Alan and Sarah. Adam and Alan Bowling both reside in Loogootee and my daughter, Sarah, passed away in 2005 after a 22-year battle with Cystic Fibrosis. I have five grandsons, Colin, Alexander, Drayden, Jagger, and Kross. I take great pride in Martin County and have lived here my entire life. I moved to Loogootee in 1975 to raise my family.

**Lonnie Hawkins:** I have two children, Jessie "Maelee" Hawkins age 17 and Josephine Ann Hawkins age 9. They were named after my grandmother Jessie Kirkland and my mother A. Josephine Hawkins.

**MCJ:** Why the county council? What is it about the county council that interests you?

**Sheri Bowling:** I have a full-time job working in healthcare. I hold a position that works with facts and figures on a daily basis. I feel the county council would be a great way to start a new adventure in my life. I am interested in county politics and in improving the county as a whole. I would like to represent Loogootee on the county council since this is where I call home. I would be transparent in the position with the rest of the county employees and the residents of Martin County. I would work together and enhance a cohesive team that would be working for the common good. I am interested in how the county council works and makes the decisions for the county. There are a lot of big decisions that have to be made by the county council and I would like to be very involved in the decisions related to budgets, income, spending, etc. I am also interested in the economic development of the county.

**Lonnie Hawkins:** My interest in the county council is that Martin County is my home. Martin County is a beautiful place to make a home and raise a family. Optimally, I would like for my involvement in county government to enhance the atmosphere by supporting continuing efforts and working to create new reasonable situations for the sustainment and well-being of the taxpayer.

**MCJ:** What is the biggest issue facing Martin County today, right now, as it pertains to the county council?

**Sheri Bowling:** I feel the biggest issue facing Martin County right now is the amount of funds available to support our county. I am an assessment support nurse with Trilogy Health Services that oversees all necessary paperwork required for six nursing facilities in southwest Indiana to receive payments through government funding. I feel that my attention to detail is second to none for the accurate and appropriate paperwork needed for the facilities to be paid in a timely manner. I feel this would be a great asset to Martin County when it comes to money matters.

**Lonnie Hawkins:** Infrastructure issues concerning county roads and bridges.

**MCJ:** How would you solve the issue from the last question?

**Sheri Bowling:** I would work diligently to have a balanced budget and to allocate the money appropriately.



SHERI BOWLING

**Lonnie Hawkins:** In this case, the situation stems from a lack of funding opposed to a lack of initiative. Opening a dialogue that includes the county commissioners, the county highway superintendent, other members of the county council and representatives from the Indiana Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) to identify funding sources would be the best way forward.

**MCJ:** What do you think the county council could do to help Martin County's population grow?

**Sheri Bowling:** I feel in order to make Martin County grow would take a collection of items: more good paying jobs, better housing, better internet, improvement in the roads. Martin County needs to grow but also needs to preserve its history. I would like to see the county prosper so the children of the future would want to remain in Loogootee and Martin County.

**Lonnie Hawkins:** County government needs to support the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs that will entice younger members of the community to remain in the area. County's cannot create jobs however, they can and should create situations that are attractive to entrepreneurs, developers or established entities looking to expand.

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

**Sheri Bowling:** There is only so much money that the county has to spend, so to make the most of the money for the betterment of the county is what is the most important thing to me.

**Lonnie Hawkins:** The cost of the operating the court of Martin County. Cost associated with this entity are necessary per directives provided by the Indiana Constitution. Budgeting is hard to estimate for this department as it can fluctuate substantially from year to year. Continue and maintain a course of open conversation with the sitting and presiding judge and the other autonomous department of the judicial system known as the prosecutor's office.

**MCJ:** This comes up time and time again. Would you support a wheel tax? Please explain why.

**Sheri Bowling:** I have mixed feelings related to the wheel tax. With that being said, I would not make any decisions related to a wheel tax lightly and would consult the citizens of Loogootee before making any final decision.

**Lonnie Hawkins:** Any form of tax is not a good measure and should only be instituted after every other available option is exercised. Far too often it is a quick fix or knee jerk reaction to a situation. The residents of Martin County deserve better. I am concerned that once it was "put on the books" that it would never "roll off". In other words, it would continue to burden the



FLOYD LONNIE HAWKINS

taxpayer long after its usefulness had passed. To address this, I will seek to include a sunset provision in any item related to a new tax that comes before me whether I support it or not. At this point, our infrastructure is in need of repair. This is the result of funding as opposed to a lack of desire of initiative. Leaders need to develop a plan and use every resource that is available to them to resolve this issue. There are other funds available within the budget that can be used to address this problem.

## Loogootee School Board District 1 candidates

SCOTT HALL

and

NICK TOY

**MCJ:** What is your name and please list your immediate family members (spouse, children, grandchildren, parents)?

**Scott Hall:** I am Scott Hall. I have been married to Pamela Hall for 28 years. I have two children, Kristan and Kylie and two grandchildren, Zander and Kynzlee. My parents are Margaret Hall and Jesse Hall (deceased). I have served in the Air Force for 6 years, stationed in Spain, Korea, and Scott AFB, IL. After serving in the military, I returned to raise my kids in a small town where they graduated Loogootee High School. I have my Bachelor's degree in Human Resources and I am currently working at NSWC Crane as a Human Resource Specialist.

**Nick Toy:** Nick Toy, spouse-Jaymie, children-Sebastian, age 16, Junior; Anastasia, age 13, 8<sup>th</sup>; Sophia, age 9, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Isabel, age 4, pre-kindergarten. Parents Bill and Gina Toy

**MCJ:** What is it about the school board that makes you want to serve?

**Scott Hall:** I have a passion to be able to provide opportunities for our young people and their future. I was raised in Loogootee, my children graduated from Loogootee, and I hope that my grandchildren and their children will be able to attend Loogootee schools. I feel strongly about being able to improve our school from the past, provide the best education for the present, and strive to become the best provider of education in the future. Working with the administration and the community to improve our reputation as an excellent school district and keep the focus on preparing our students to meet the next stage of life, whether it's college, the workforce, military, or be a stay-at-home parent. I want Loogootee schools to provide the best academic curriculum a student can get. Loogootee schools is quickly becoming one of the best academic schools in Indiana based on what students are able to obtain that other districts do not, including: Loogootee schools have received over \$1,000,000 in grants to provide new technology, school counselors, and security to provide a safe-learning environment for

Elected officials will need to be the problem solvers and thinkers that they, are elected to be. If at some point at the end of the trail (not the beginning) a tax is necessary, I would consider it due to the current state of Martins County's infrastructure.

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

**Sheri Bowling:** I worked for the government for several years before graduating from Vincennes University with high honors as a registered nurse and have worked in the nursing field since 1991. I have been employed with Trilogy Health Services for 14+ years and take pride in the job I fulfill for this company. If I am elected to the county council, I will take the job seriously and fulfill my duties to the best of my ability. I would appreciate your vote in November.

**Lonnie Hawkins:** I like speaking to and more importantly listening to my friends and neighbors that compose my voting district. Anyone can contact me at 812-947-8413 my address is 104 Indiana Ave, Loogootee. Regardless of which political party is your preferred brand take the time to go and vote on Tuesday November 6th. See you at the polls.



SCOTT HALL



NICK TOY

our students. Loogootee's students can now earn an Associate's Degree while attending high school. Loogootee offers far more dual credit classes that students can take. Many of Loogootee's students are saving their parents between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in college expenses. Loogootee offers two foreign languages and a student could actually add a 3rd if they chose the online curriculum we offer. Loogootee has the newest Pathways for the most in demand careers in the 21st century including: a. Computer Science / Cyber Security Program b. Biomedical Program c. Student run Manufacturing Business d. Agriculture Classes and Pathways e. Loogootee has one of the finest Workplace Simulation Programs in Indiana through a partnership with Loughmiller's Machine and Stimulus Engineering. This program brought (See 'DISTRICT 1' on page 17)



# LOOGOOTEE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1

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US Congressman Rep. Larry Buschon and reps from Senators Young and Donnelly's office to our school this past year. f. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) provides transformative learning experience to develop in-demand knowledge and skills needed to succeed. Loogootee is the smallest school in Indiana with a K-12 program.

**Nick Toy:** I have a lot invested in the Loogootee School Corporation with three children currently enrolled and the fourth close to enrolling. I have a lot of pride being a Loogootee graduate and want to see the school achieve greatness.

**MCJ: Do you have any thoughts or ideas on how to increase enrollment at Loogootee?**

**Scott Hall:** a. Making sure that Loogootee's leadership is visionary and committed to providing an atmosphere that inspires an educational experience that is unmatched. Leaders that set goals that These leaders are not only teachers or administrators, but they are role models that work with all young people to become the best they can be. Leaders set high expectations of students as well as teachers. High expectations of students have repeatedly been shown to have a positive impact on student performance. Finally, leaders build trust with all in the community to understand every motive and action is in the best interest of all involved in raising our young people. b. Word of mouth and social media – We have to communicate our successes (i.e. Loogootee school administrators and teachers have been visiting schools that have been proven successful around the country to bring back ideas. Some of these ideas include implementing a manufacturing business within that provides Loogootee students with job skills while making products that will be used on Navy ships.) Letting everyone know what Loogootee has done, doing, and going to do. c. Communicating with parents whose students have decided to leave school providing them alternative classes that will provide them a diploma and also help to provide a job. d. Parent-teacher-administrator focus groups. Community working with the school to fix our failures and make our better the best. e. Upgrading our facilities and curriculum with the best classrooms we can afford. We are constantly evaluating our curriculum and facilities to provide the best opportunities for our students.

**Nick Toy:** We need to invest emotionally and financially back into the school, to create a culture that attracts potential families to choose Loogootee Schools.

**MCJ: What are your thoughts on the recent bond for school renovations that will increase property taxes for residents in the school district? Do you think the bond is too much? Too little? And do you think the renovations discussed are all needed?**

**Scott Hall:** As a school board member, my first and foremost thought is providing the best academics and to do it at the most benefit to the taxpayer. I believe the school must and will do what is in the best interest of the taxpayer and the student. The state legislature has created an environment of competition between school districts through school choice and open borders. Neighboring school districts across the state are doing all they can to attract students from surrounding districts. School funding is based on enrollment – the more students you have, the more money you have to pay

teachers and provide programming. Schools that are losing enrollment are constantly having to cut teaching positions and cut programming. It is critical to be a school district that parents trust and want to send their kids to for a great education. Loogootee's students are educated in two separate buildings. The MS/HS building is now approaching its 50th year in existence. The LES building is well past 50 years in age. Over the years, these buildings have been well maintained by our maintenance and custodial staff. However, things do wear out and things do become outdated. Think about your own homes, businesses or farms ... building systems, even well maintained, begin to wear out and are not efficient any more. Also, think about how our world has changed over that same 50-year period – certainly technology, electrical needs and even how we teach have changed over the years. Some of the items the school is looking to provide with the bond include: a. Science labs that allow students to conduct experiments and learning experiences that our facilities simply do not allow us to do – colleges expect HS students to have these types of experiences. b. Classrooms designed for the current means of technology to be used to deliver education – many of our students will be expected in their work or college career to be up to date with these resources. In order to retain and attract teachers, we need to have these resources to deliver the best education possible. c. Make spaces that allow students to design, create and learn from their own experiences – Loogootee Schools do not have these spaces – These are needed to teach students project-based learning and prepare them with college and career readiness. d. Classrooms that offer an appropriate temperature for the best learning environment. It is common to see some of our students wearing sweatshirts and jackets one classroom while wearing t-shirts in other rooms as our outdated heating and cooling system does not offer consistent temperatures throughout our building. e. PA systems that allow for immediate communication throughout a facility. In today's times, having an up to date and efficient PA system is critical – especially for student safety. Our PA system is inconsistent and has moments that it simply turns off – even in the middle of the Pledge in the morning. f. Bathrooms and cafeterias that are pleasant and attractive for both the students and community to use. It is important that our students and community feel pride in our schools and that they are pleasant to attract and keep students in our district.

**Nick Toy:** I believe the school needs to be updated. If this bond gets the updates that are needed to make our school adequate for the 21st century, if not I am in favor of increasing the bond. So, we are not facing the same problem 5-10 years from now.

**MCJ: If you had the ability, regardless of cost, to choose anything in the school corporation to improve, what would it be?**

**Scott Hall:** I choose to provide a school that is wholly and totally secure and safe. Whatever the cost, whatever it takes, every student and teacher needs to feel safe and able to focus on learning. Every hole, nook, and cranny would be filled to eliminate any and all threats to the safety of our students.

**Nick Toy:** More teaching staff so the classroom sizes would be smaller.

**MCJ: Some have said that Loogootee School lacks transparency. What**

**are your thoughts on that?**

**Scott Hall:** If I am elected, I will work closely with the administration to make sure that the school is meeting its requirements to communicate any and all information that is releasable. As a board member, we have an obligation to make sure that information that should be released is made available.

**Nick Toy:** I agree. I do believe the bond is a positive for the community but I think there could have been more notice or publication on the matter.

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

**Scott Hall:** I want to thank the community for the opportunity to serve

## Loogootee School Board District 2 candidates

DEBRA NEIDEFFER  
CHAD WADE  
and  
MARY WALTON

**MCJ: What is your name and please list your immediate family members (spouse, children, grandchildren, parents)?**

**Debra Neideffer:** Debra J. Neideffer, spouse: James L. Neideffer; children: Cassie England, Clint Kerr, John Neideffer, Mariah Neideffer and Megan Hinkle; 14 grandchildren

**Chad Wade:** Chad Michael Wade – Emily Wade, Junior, Loogootee High; Brenna Wade, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Loogootee Middle School; Kyle Wade, Loogootee Elementary Preschool

**Mary Walton:** Mary M. Walton, husband Terry Walton, son Adam Walton (Julie), daughter Angie Sutton (Chris), grandchildren: Paige, Jace, Wade and Gabe Walton, Katie and Carson Sutton. My parents are the late Willis and Mary Hembree.

**MCJ: What is it about the school board that makes you want to serve?**

**Debra Neideffer:** Maybe make a difference even if it's only on one issue.

**Chad Wade:** I believe that serving on the school board is one of the most important leadership positions within our community. Our community needs a strong school system and many students have benefited from the education they have received from Loogootee High School. I believe our school is the hub of our community and we need school board members who understand what their position and role is within the entire corporation. I know it is not the responsibility as a member of the board to make day-to-day decisions. Our job as school board members is to collaborate with the administration on policy and procedures and future planning for the entire corporation. When I was elected four years ago, I did not have any specific agenda other than helping to make each one of these areas stronger; Financial Strength, Technology & Curriculum, Human Resources, Buildings & Grounds and Alumni. This should be the only agenda of every candidate running for our school board. I believe this is one reason why you have not seen many negative headlines for our school corporation in the past four years.

**Mary Walton:** Being a lifelong resident of Martin County, this community and our schools are very important to me. Myself, husband, son, daughter and four of my grandchildren have or are attending Loogootee Schools. I served The Loogootee Community School Corporation for 31 ½ years retiring in May 2014 from the position of Corporation Treasurer. My experience

on the Loogootee School Board. I do not have an agenda. I only want to be able to work to see our school recognized as the top academic school in the nation and become the "School of Choice" for anyone living in this area. I promise to work for the students, teachers, administration, and parents to provide the best learning environment a small town school can provide that everyone can be proud to attend and work at Loogootee School Corporation. I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Nick Toy:** I feel like the school has made great strides in the last year or two. I would love to serve the community and continue it.



CHAD WADE



MARY WALTON

**No photo submitted from Debra Neideffer**

and work ethic qualify me to serve on the school board.

**MCJ: Do you have any thoughts or ideas on how to increase enrollment at Loogootee?**

**Debra Neideffer:** I have no thoughts at this time. If elected, will research this issue along with the other members and will see what can be done to increase enrollment.

**Chad Wade:** Beginning in 2005 through 2016 Loogootee Community Schools had an annual enrollment decrease in each of those years. The first point of emphasis of our current school board in 2015 was to try and find opportunities to reverse this trend. Our first objective was to let people know about the good things happening in our school system. There were a lot of good things happening, but we were not letting people know about them. We then focused on trying to meet the needs of our parents and supported the beginning of Loogootee Preschool and Paws Club Childcare. Our corporation continued to improve our curriculum offering for our children that gives them as many opportunities in helping them with choosing their future career plans.

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We offer a pathway to achieve an associate's degree, which was not an option four years ago. It will be even more exciting these next four years with the start-up of Lion Manufacturing. This will be a tremendous opportunity for our children who aspire to own their own business or would like to work in a business environment. With these and many other positive enhancements that have been made by our teachers and administrators, enrollment has been on an upward trend in 2017 & 2018. I believe that we will continue to see increased enrollments in the future. I will be supportive of any agenda that continues to make our corporation as strong as we can for our children.

**Mary Walton:** Loogootee Schools is using Twitter and Facebook to help get the word out about the good things happening in our schools. Enrollment has increased in the past two years. I feel we are on the right track and need to continue to work together to find more ways to promote our great schools.

**MCJ:** *What are your thoughts on the recent bond for school renovations that will increase property taxes for residents in the school district? Do you think the bond is too much? Too little? And do you think the renovations discussed are all needed?*

**Debra Neideffer:** I feel any renovations are good and unfortunately, always come with a cost. I think the bond can be enough if used wisely.

**Chad Wade:** The renovations to our corporation have been in discussion and study since 2012. This summer, the school board asked our community to move forward with a portion of that study that focuses on improving areas within our educational areas that need to be addressed. Our buildings have been very good to so many for over 50 years. Our elementary school has original bathrooms that are not only worn out, but they are not ADA compliant. We have a HVAC system in our high school building that is the original to the building and last year cost almost \$30,000 in maintenance costs. Our Science/Biology classrooms are outdated and not up to code. We offer college dual credit classes and these areas need to be improved to enhance the learning environment for our children. We as a board requested that the areas utilized the most by our students are addressed first. We are not spending these monies on extravagant items that are not part of the educational process. I would encourage any taxpayer that would want to visit the impacted areas for a tour to contact our school corporation to arrange one. It's very important for everyone to be educated on what is happening in our school corporation. We as a board wanted to make sure that the tax impact to our community was as minimal as possible, but we also wanted to make sure we were able to make the improvements that would have the biggest impact. The entire bond project will be spent for our children with 95% of the money going to educational areas and 100% of our children being impacted by this renovation. We wanted to make sure that our buildings stayed relevant into the future.

**Mary Walton:** I would like to state that even though our schools have considerable age on them, they have been maintained well throughout the years. The auditorium was added and additions to both elementary schools were made in recent years. I haven't studied all the renovations that are being proposed but do feel some of them are needed.

**MCJ:** *If you had the ability, regardless of cost, to choose anything in the school corporation to improve, what would it be?*

**Debra Neideffer:** Regardless of cost, I would choose to improve always.

**Chad Wade:** If money was not an object, I would spend money on our technology/curriculum and our employees. I believe these two are critical when one determines if our school corporation is either outstanding or mediocre. If we could have the best teachers that have a tremendous passion for what they do and want to be on the cutting edge of teaching techniques and programs, any school corporation would be very successful. If we could hire just one more teacher or one more teacher's aide, just think about how we could help our children excel in their academics. The combination of talented teachers and high-quality technology, used in the right ways, can create an empowering classroom experience for both students and teachers.

**Mary Walton:** I would like to see a bus barn constructed to house the corporation buses. These buses are very expensive and are parked outside 24/7. This would help the maintenance staff be able to maintain them better. These buses transport our students K-12 to field trips, athletic events, band and chorus contests to mention a few activities. In my opinion, the safety of our students in these vehicles is just as important as safety in our school buildings.

**MCJ:** *Some have said that Loogootee School lacks transparency. What are your thoughts on that?*

**Debra Neideffer:** Well, if that is true then if elected, I will try with the other members of the board to keep everything very open.

**Chad Wade:** During the past four years, the school has been more transparent than it has ever been. As with any public or private corporation, there will be things that can't be shared regarding personnel. During our open monthly board meetings, there is an agenda item for patron input if one prefers to ask questions at a meeting in an open environment. Each of our current school board members is easily accessible via email, mobile phone or in-person. Our administrations and teachers are readily available as well to answer any questions that one may have. We have more information accessible via our school website than we ever have. Our corporation has a communication method that allows us to send information out to general public at a moment's notice. We have a Facebook and Twitter page that we try to utilize to provide information to the general public. If anyone has questions regarding the corporation, the superintendent is the first person to contact. Our current Superintendent, Chip Mehaffey, has always been willing to meet with any concerned citizen or newspaper reporter regarding the school corporation happenings. I believe that information sharing is a critical part of success.

**Mary Walton:** I would like to see a more detailed reporting of school board meetings posted on the school website in addition to the local newspapers. Most people cannot attend the 5 o'clock meetings because of work and other commitments.

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

**Debra Neideffer:** If elected, I will work with the faculty, students and the community. Thank you everyone if you vote for me on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Chad Wade:** For the past ten years, I have advocated that Loogootee Com-

munity Schools is the best community and educational option for my children to be raised and educated in. As a Loogootee Community School Board member, I had no agenda when I ran for school board beyond partnering with our administration in moving our school forward in these five key areas; Financial Strength, Technology & Curriculum, Human Resources, Buildings & Grounds and Alumni. I believe every area that I mentioned above, our Corporation is stronger than where we were four years ago. I want to make sure that we continue to improve financially, continue to be on the cutting edge of technology, offer the best classes for our students, employ the best people and continue to improve our buildings for the next 40 years. I really would like to see a robust alumni association that is not only engaged monetarily, but also on a daily basis with our students. We've had some very successful graduates of Loogootee High School and I

want them to share their experiences and knowledge with today's students so they strive to be just as successful and give back to Loogootee Community Schools in the future. In my opinion, my job as a school board member is to work in conjunction with our administration, teachers and my fellow board members to work at achieving shared goals for our children that gives them the best shot to be successful in the future. Every decision that the administration has made, and the board has voted on, will not be popular with 100% of the people, but I believe that our corporation has moved forward successfully these past four years and I am asking for your vote to be re-elected on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Mary Walton:** I will make decisions that are in the best interest of our schools and students in both academics and athletics. I would appreciate the chance to make a difference as your next district 2 school board member.

## Indiana State Auditor candidates

TERA KLUTZ  
JOHN SCHICK

and

JOSELYN WHITTICKER

**TERA K. KLUTZ** was appointed by Gov. Eric Holcomb in January 2017 to serve as the 57th Auditor of State. She has a membership with the Government Finance Officials Association, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Indiana CPA Society.

Before her appointment to Auditor of State, she most recently served as the Allen County Auditor in Fort Wayne, Indiana. First elected in 2010 by earning nearly 70 percent of the general election vote, she was re-elected to a second term in 2014. Prior to serving as Allen County Auditor, Klutz served eight years as Allen County's Chief Deputy Auditor. She also worked as a CPA for a national public accounting firm.

From 2013 through 2016, Klutz was very active with Association of Indiana Counties' Legislative Committee. As Chair, she oversaw and directed the Association's legislative priorities by assisting in the analysis and review of proposed legislation and regularly testified before committees of the Indiana General Assembly.

Born and raised in Fort Wayne, Klutz graduated from Elmhurst High School as the valedictorian of her graduating class. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University - Fort Wayne and passed the Indiana Board of Accountancy CPA. She is actively involved in her community and is a member of Pass the Torch, an organization that provides professional mentoring for women in order to provide networking and leadership development.

Tera is married to Zach Klutz. They have two daughters, Alyx and Julian.

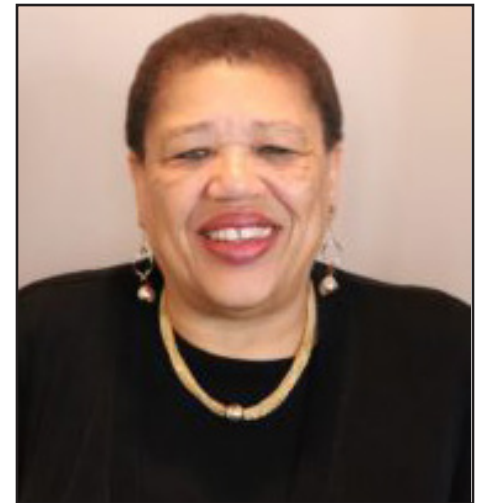
**JOHN SCHICK** was born September 9, 1960. He lives in Chesterton, Indiana with his wife, Melissa, and three children, Andrew, Mark and Cadell. He received a MBA in Business at Indiana University in 1996. He formerly ran for Indiana State Auditor in 2014 and the Indiana House of Representatives, District 3 in 2010.

**JOSELYN WHITTICKER** is a former educator with 35 years of experience as a teacher and administrator. She owns a small business that specializes in instructional curriculum consulting. She served on the Marion



TERA KLUTZ

Photo of John Schick not available.



JOSELYN WHITTICKER

Common Council from 2012-2016 and was elected president of the Council in January 2015. Whitticker is president of the Marion NAACP Branch #3059 and the Marion Grant County Minority Health Coalition.

Whitticker graduated from Tennessee State University with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics and continued her education at Indiana State University, earning two master's degrees in Vocational Home Economics and Supervision. Whitticker taught at Plaza Park Middle School in Evansville for 15 years. She served as Principal at McCulloch Middle School in Marion for 11 years and Wayne High School in Fort Wayne for seven years. She resides in Marion. Whitticker has one son, eight step-children and 15 step-grandchildren.



# Three on the ballot for US Senate

**LUCY BRENTON  
MIKE BRAUN  
and  
JOE DONNELLY**

**MIKE BRAUN** is a former member of the Indiana House of Representatives, representing District 63 from 2014 to 2017. He resigned his seat in the state House on November 1, 2017, in order to focus on his run for U.S. Senate. He is also the founder and CEO of Meyer Distributing, an auto parts distribution company with locations in 38 states.

Mike graduated from Jasper High School in 1972, where he served as senior class president and lettered in football, basketball, and track. Mike went on to graduate from Wabash College where he earned an economics degree, graduated summa cum laude, and served as President of the Student Body. In 1976, Mike married his high school sweetheart Maureen and entered Harvard Business School, earning an M.B.A. in 1978.

After graduation, Mike took a different path than many of his classmates and moved back to Jasper to start his career. In 1979, he co-founded Crystal Farms, Inc. After starting at Meyer Body Company in 1981 and eventually acquiring full ownership, Mike transitioned from the manufacturing sector to the distribution markets, forming Meyer Distributing.

On his campaign website, protecting the Second Amendment, job creation, and healthcare were listed as platform issues. He is also pro-life and is in favor of term limits.

**JOE DONNELLY** is a member of the U.S. Senate from Indiana. He previously was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing Indiana's 2nd Congressional District from 2007 to 2013.

Donnelly won election to the U.S. Senate from Indiana on November 6, 2012.

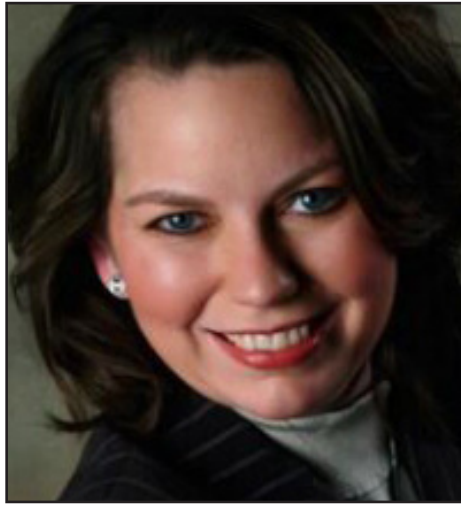
Donnelly was born in Queens, New York. He graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.A. in Government in 1977. Donnelly also graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1981. He married his wife, Jill, in 1979.

He practiced law in Indiana from 1981-1996, served on the Indiana State Election Board from 1988-1989, opened Marking Solutions, a printing and rubber stamp company, in 1996. He served on the Mishawaka Marian High School Board from 1997-2001 and served as president from 2000-2001.

Some issues Donnelly focuses on, per his website, are making higher education more affordable, helping veterans by adding more VA facilities and improving the VA, increasing worker skills to create higher-paying jobs, providing all residents access to healthcare, improving trade, battling the opioid epidemic, and protecting senior citizens and their retirement.

**LUCY BRENTON** is a native Hoosier. From her years at IPS, to the Broad Ripple HS of Performing Arts and even television production at the Center for Instructional Radio and Television, she graduated from Northwest High School in Indianapolis in 1989. After high school she was crowned Miss Indianapolis Teen 1989, winning the college scholarship offered by the Pacers. She continued her education at IUPUI studying French and Economics and earned her degree.

Lucy met her husband, Dorn, at IUPUI. They have seven daughters and



**LUCY BRENTON**



**MIKE BRAUN**



**JOE DONNELLY**

three sons.

She served as Treasurer of the Indiana Notary Association and is herself a Notary and has served in the positions of secretary, vice-president, president and at-large of the Central Indiana Real Estate Investors Association. Lucy is an entrepreneur and works as a business consultant. She has owned, managed and operated mortgage companies.

On issues, per her website, Brenton takes a hard stance that government should not be involved in the lives of Americans – from abortion to job growth. She is in favor of legalizing marijuana and hemp. She is for abolishing the minimum wage and is pro-immigration for those who want to come to the United States to add to society. She is also fully in favor of the 2nd Amendment, protecting the right to own firearms and is in favor of protecting the environment from polluters – individual or corporate.



# District 8 US Rep candidates

**LARRY BUCSHON  
and  
WILLIAM TANOOS**

**DR. LARRY BUCSHON** represents Indiana's Eighth Congressional, which includes all or a portion of 19 counties in Southwest Indiana. Larry was first elected to Congress in 2010, having previously never held or run for a political office.

The son of a coal miner and a nurse, Dr. Larry Bucshon was raised in the small town of Kincaid, Illinois. Larry earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and completed medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He then completed his residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he served as chief resident in surgery and completed an advanced fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. During this time, Larry enlisted with the United States Navy Reserve, serving for almost a decade before being honorably discharged.

Prior to serving in Congress, Dr. Larry Bucshon spent 15 years in the private sector as a practicing physician specializing in cardiothoracic surgery. He was honored as St. Mary's Medical Staff Physician of the year in 2007. Larry also served as President of Ohio Valley HeartCare. Additionally, he served as Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Medical Director of the open heart recovery intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital.

Dr. Bucshon and his wife, Kathryn, who is a practicing physician and anesthesiologist, reside in Vanderburgh County. They have four children and attend Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Evansville.

**WILLIAM TANOOS** was born and raised in Terre Haute. After graduating cum laude from Indiana University in Bloomington in 2005 with a double major in history and political science,



**LARRY BUCSHON**



**WILLIAM TANOOS**

William went on to Indiana University Robert McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis where he received his J.D. in 2008. William then began practicing law. During this time, he also made a feature film, shot entirely in Terre Haute and highlighting the community's rich labor past and vibrant political culture.

William currently lives in Terre Haute with his wife Katie, young son Jack, and lovable dog, Truman. He practices disability law in Terre Haute and Evansville, as well as other areas in and around Indiana. His family are members of St. George Orthodox Christian Church.

# Indiana State Treasurer candidates

**JOHN AGUILERA  
and  
KELLY MITCHELL**

**JOHN AGUILERA** graduated from East Chicago Roosevelt in 1978.

He finished his schooling after a career ending football injury at Calumet College of St. Joseph where he earned two degrees in Business Management and Computer information systems. He is married to Vanessa Lopez Aguilera(esq) primarily practicing family law and have four daughters and two granddaughters. He has worked for four large multi-national companies over his career including Walgreen's, Electronic Data Systems (EDS), Sears, Ameritech and Inland Steel. After working 23 years in Inland Steel, he left in 2005 taking an early retirement to pursue his dream of owning and running his own business on a full-time basis. He has had a consulting company since 1996. He served four terms as an Indiana State Representative and served on Ways and Means, Local Government, and Transportation committees and as Vice President of the National Hispanic Council Caucus of State Legislators (NHCSL) and Vice Chairman of the Transportation Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures



**JOHN AGUILERA**



**KELLY MITCHELL**

(NCSL). He served two terms as a Lake County Councilman, two years as the President of the Lake County Council.

**KELLY MITCHELL** is the Chief Investment Officer for the State of Indiana.

In this role, Kelly also serves on fifteen different boards, and chairs four of them, including the Indiana Bond Bank, the Statewide E-911 Board, the Indiana Education Savings Authority, the ABLE Authority, and as the Sole Trustee of the State Police Pension Trust. Prior to becoming Treasurer, Mitchell worked in the Treasurer of State's Office as the Director of Trust-Indiana, Indiana's local government investment pool. She was a County Commissioner for eight years in Cass County, Indiana. Mitchell holds a B.A. in Political Science from Valparaiso University, a M.A. in Philanthropic Studies from Indiana University – Purdue

University Indianapolis (IUPUI), and a Masters of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. She is an alumna of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series and a recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash. Kelly lives in Indianapolis, with her husband Larry. They have a blended family of four children and two grandchildren.