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Loogootee School Board approves resolutions advancing construction projects

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee School Board met last Thursday, October 19. Superintendent Dr. Brian Harmon was not present for the meeting, so Curriculum Director Shelley Christmas stood in for him.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

- Todd Humerickhouse, Tracie McAtee, Leslie VanHoy, Jordan Dant and Alan Toy for boys' tennis

- Jaymie Toy and Jack Fellers for girls' basketball

- Garrett Fisher, Bruce Wade and Larry Wathen for girls' softball

- Resignation of Katie Moore effective October 6

The board approved resolutions pertaining to the new school building and remodeling projects. School Attorney Dave Lett said the annual payments will be \$917,000 for 22 years beginning June 30, 2024. The total bond is up to \$9.9 million with \$7.1 million in interest payments. One of the resolutions approved was for bids to be

turned into the building corporation board.

The projects will increase the tax rate for those in the Loogootee School District by 0.3013 for a total of 1.0852 per \$100 of assessed property value.

The 22,087-square-foot activities center would have an upper mezzanine level which would include two classrooms/meeting rooms, two bathrooms, and two mechanical rooms. The lower level would include two full-size basketball courts with walking track around them, bleachers to seat 366 people, a storage room, weight room, boys' and girls' locker rooms, and boys' and girls' restrooms.

The bus barn would contain a 3,600-square-foot drive-through shop plus two offices, a restroom, janitor and mechanic areas, storage above the offices for the arts/theater programs, and six bus charging stations. The bus barn will also be fenced in.

The middle school will be completely remodeled including 31 new classroom doors, paint in all areas including the lockers, classroom casework for technology. (See 'SCHOOL' on page 2)

NSA Crane and surrounding communities to benefit from DoD resilience grant

The White River Military Coordination Alliance (WRMCA) has been awarded nearly \$500,000 for a Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR) Grant through the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLD-CC) Installation Resilience program. The Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) was the sponsoring partner for the submission.

MIRR grant funds will be used to implement two initiatives in the southern Indiana region. The development of the Regional Resilience Master Plan will work to identify issues on shared community infrastructure that may impact mission readiness and help to understand shared vulnerabilities and risks both inside and outside Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane and Lake Glendora Test Facility boundaries. In addition, a housing coalition will be created to grow the pool of local development talent to increase residential options for those living near

the local military installations.

The resilience planning program will integrate infrastructure planning, design, construction, and maintenance to identify regional solutions to natural and man-made-related risks that may impact the base. Additionally, it will identify a diversified set of financing tools for advancing targeted actions that result in increased resiliency for both military installations and the surrounding communities.

"Nearly all of the people who work on NSA Crane live in the surrounding community," said Brienne Jerrels, WRMCA president. "Supporting the installation's needs is not just about growing and developing inside the fence line but includes strengthening the community's resilience and programs that impact residents such as housing, infrastructure, emergency services and more."

The rural housing coalition will implement programs that focus on the rural small-town re-development of underutilized downtown properties for both housing and commercial use surrounding

(See 'CRANE' on page 2)



Trick or Treat night in the Town of Shoals will be Friday, October 27 from 6-9 p.m. The Martin County Museum will host a Trick or Treat open house on Friday October 27 from 6-9 p.m. All Trick and Treaters are welcome to stop by the museum for candy and an opportunity for a tour. If you bring a donation of canned goods for the food bank, you can ring the bell. The bell has been used for over a century to notify citizens of a fire in the area, of a bad storm, of meetings, and the time of day.

In Loogootee, Trick or Treat night will be Tuesday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. A costume parade will begin downtown at 5:30 p.m.



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Martin County's jobless rate goes unchanged for September

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Martin County's unemployment rate went unchanged from August to September, standing at 2.9 percent. The county had the 27th lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with five other counties.

In September, the county had 5,377 residents in the workforce and 156 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 5,357 residents able to work and 155 of them were without jobs. In September of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 2.5 percent with 5,458 residents in the workforce and 136 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate edged down slightly from 2.6 percent in August to 2.3 percent in September. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for September.

In September, the county had 17,218 residents in the workforce with 402 of them unemployed. In August, there were 17,156 residents able to work and 439 of them were without jobs.

In September of 2022, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 1.8 percent with 16,758 residents in the workforce and 297 of them without work.

Dubois County also saw a decrease in unemployed individuals with their rate moving from 2.8 percent in August to 2.4 percent in September. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for September.

In September, the county had 21,770 residents in the workforce with 533 of them unemployed. In August, there were 21,962 residents able to work and 611 of them were without jobs. In September of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 1.9 percent with 21,876 residents in the workforce and 426 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate dipped down to 3.8 percent in September, from 4.3 percent the month before. The county had the eighth highest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with Delaware and Elkhart counties.

In September, the county had 13,844 residents in the workforce with 525 of them without work. In August, there were 13,716 residents able to work and 591 of them were unemployed. In September of 2022, Greene County's unemployment rate was 3 percent with 13,857 residents in the workforce and 417 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for September were Daviess County at 2.3 percent, Dubois County at 2.4 percent, Pulaski, Gibson, Clinton and Benton counties at 2.5 percent; and Rush, LaGrange, Hamilton, Decatur, and Boone counties at 2.6 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for September were Lake County at 4.8 percent, Fayette and Howard counties at 4.4 percent, Blackford, LaPorte, St. Joseph and Vermillion counties at 3.9 percent; and Delaware, Elkhart and Greene counties at 3.8 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate in September stands at 3.6 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for September stands at 3.8 percent.

In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate sat at 63.4 percent for September, remaining above the national rate of 62.8 percent. This rate is the percentage of Hoosiers 16 and older that are either working or actively looking for work. Those not in the labor force include, primarily, students, retirees and other non-working populations, such as individuals unable to work due to a disability or illness, or adults responsible for

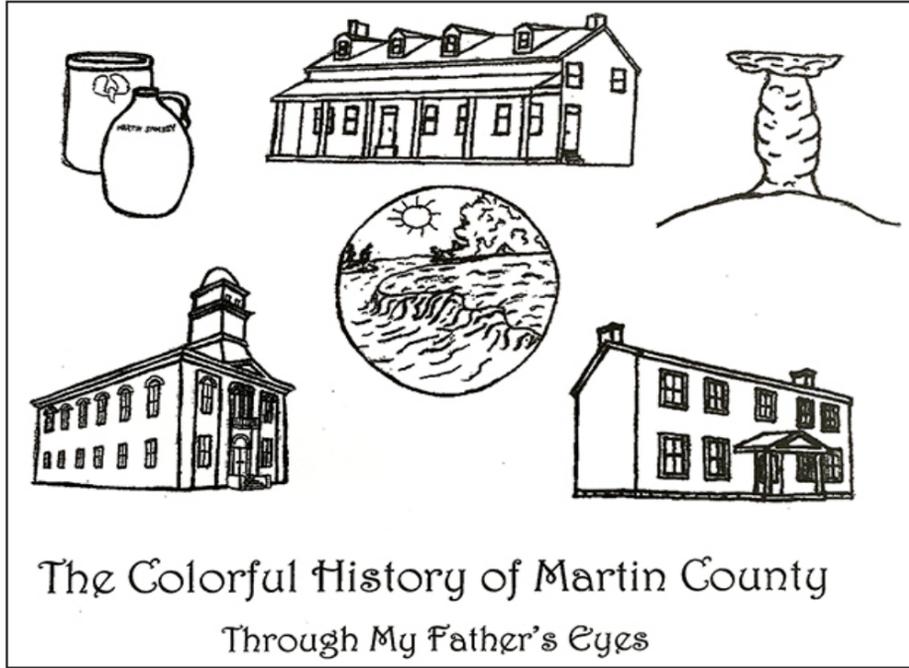
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Art supplies grant

-Photo provided

Art teacher Tyler Walton, on behalf of the Loogootee Elementary and Middle schools, recently received a \$500 Make My Day grant from the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF). This grant is to help get more art supplies to enhance the students' experience and understanding of the arts. Shown above is Tyler Walter receiving the grant from MCCF President Paula Ringwald. The MCCF likes to make someone's day.



The Colorful History of Martin County
Through My Father's Eyes

Historical Society receives grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County Historical Society received a grant from Hoosier Uplands to continue to provide History of Martin County Coloring books to the Loo-gootee and Shoals elementary schools. Any homeschool student that would like coloring books please contact Bill Greene at 812-259-1284 to get your coloring books.



RECENTLY UPDATED: This home boasts an open living & kitchen, updated kitchen has quartz countertops, island, & pantry, Master BR & bath ensuite, plus addnl BR & bath on the main level. Upstairs you will find 2 BR & large attic for stg. Also includes an oversized 2-car grg w/large attic. \$329,900. MLS#202338172

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SCHOOL

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ogy storage, science classroom furniture and casework, addition of trophy cases, complete office remodel, new plumbing fixtures, flush valves and toilet partitions in the bathrooms, new doors on each end of the building and 17 marker and tack boards.

In other business, the board approved allowing the corporation to sell Dell laptops that are out of warranty to the teachers who are using them for \$50.

Curriculum Director Christmas reported on recent activities at the school. New York Times Bestseller Jodee Blanco, who

wrote, "Please Stop Laughing at Me", worked on an anti-bullying curriculum for teachers and held a convocation with students.

On October 30 leaders within the microchip industry, including Reliable MicroSystems, NHanced Semiconductors, Litos and Focus, will be coming to the school to see what they are doing to prepare students for the microelectronics industry. Focus will also be coming next month to learn about the school's PLTW (Project Lead The Way) program. Loo-gootee is one of the only schools in the country offering K-12 PLTW curriculum.

CRANE

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NSA Crane and Lake Glendora. The region's newer housing developments are located predominantly outside of the base's adjacent rural communities, and most existing housing in this area is more than 50 years old. Part of the planning grant includes finding ways to increase housing options for Crane employees, which has been identified as a requirement to continue to increase defense employment and develop a stronger workforce in southern Indiana. The committee will include nonprofit developers such as Habitat for Humanity, tax credit housing developers, local units of government, and economic and community development professionals.

"OLDCC funding could not come at a more opportune time for the region," said Greg Jones, executive director at

SIDC. "Changes in the climate as well as job growth will ask communities to make better, more informed decisions on infrastructure. These funds will assist in making the region more resilient to future vulnerabilities."

OLDCC's Installation Resilience program presents states and communities with the opportunity to partner with their local installations and the Military Departments to support installation resilience. It merges previous installation resilience and compatible use (formerly a Joint Land Use Study, or JLUS) elements into one broader program.

Both WRMCA programs will specifically focus on assessing risks and vulnerabilities, and prioritizing mitigation actions of shared infrastructure and services between NSA Crane, Lake Glendora and the surrounding communities.

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their family's childcare needs.

Indiana's total labor force stands at 3,426,114 - a decrease of 3,237 from the previous month.

"Today's tight labor market is evidence that now is a great time for Hoosiers to find their dream job or get started with training to pursue a new career," said DWD Commissioner Richard Paulk. "Despite these labor market trends, there are also avenues for our employers to build and grow talent they already have, specific to their needs with resources available through our agency or regional workforce offices."

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 7,300 jobs over the last month, resulting in a gain of 44,200 jobs

from this time last year. Indiana's September private employment stands at 2,850,000, which is a new private employment peak. Industries that experienced job increases in September included:

- Trade, Transportation and Utilities (+5,600);
- Leisure and Hospitality (+3,000);
- Financial Activities (+700); and
- Manufacturing (+500).

As of October 17, 2023, there were 106,807 open job postings throughout the state. In September, 14,348 unemployment insurance claims were filed in Indiana.

Individuals looking for work, training or career information are encouraged to visit in.gov/dwd/job-seekers.



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OBITUARIES

RICHARD ROBERTS

Richard Roberts passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family on Sunday, October 22, 2023. A resident of Shoals, he was 65.



RICHARD ROBERTS

He was born October 31, 1957, in Martinsville; son of Charles William and Ila (Rusher) Roberts. Richard married Rita Flinn on January 21, 1977, and she survives.

He retired out of National Gypsum, also working at Goodyear, Simmons Upholstery, a semi-truck driver, and in the logging business.

Richard enjoyed working on his farm and spending time with his family.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 46 years, Rita Roberts; son, Danny Roberts; daughter, Jessica (Steve) Chybinski; three sisters, Louise Wade, Marie Nelson, and Debbie (Jr) Tharp; three grandchildren, Stephen (Allison Anderson) Chybinski, Lynn (Kalib Engleking) Wilson, and Justin Roberts; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Roberts; two sisters, Ida Roberts and Annie Flinn; and two grandchildren, Brittany and Dustin Roberts.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, October 28 at the family's home, with Pastor Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow in Brock Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, October 27, and from 9 a.m. until the service hour on Saturday at the family's home.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, Shoals.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

TIMMY HILL

Timmy "Tim" Joe Hill passed away Thursday, October 19, 2023, at Gateway Deaconess Hospital, Newburgh. A resident of Shoals, he was 55.



TIMMY HILL

He was born June 21, 1968, in Washington; son of John Hill and Elsie (Hembree) Horsting.

Tim attended Loogootee High School before joining the United States Marine Corp in 1986 where he served for

4 years. He was a member of the VFW and ABATE.

He worked as a Supervisor in the Specialty Department at United States Gypsum and then at Kimball in Jasper.

Tim was a biker through and through, attending various biker events throughout the country. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, and being on the river. Tim had a never-quit attitude, even when he was bound to a wheelchair for the last 11 years, he continued to do the things he always had done prior to his accident.

Surviving are his children, Makayla "Mikki" Hill and Jaydon Hill; granddaughter, Lydia Qualkenbush; mother Elsie Horsting; siblings, Tammy Hill, Amy (Brent) Fellers, Nina (Kevin) Byron, Josh Hill, and Marci Hill; significant other, Melissa Wagoner; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Hill; stepfather, Walter Horsting; brother, David Hill; and sister, Joetta Horsting.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, October 24 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

KAREN DYE

Karen Sue Dye passed away at 5:02 p.m. Thursday, October 19, 2023, at her home. A resident of Cannelburg, she was 63.

She was born March 25, 1960, in Washington; daughter of the late Anthony "Tony" and Billie Jo (Thompson) Hollander. Karen married Richard Dye on February 25, 2000.

Karen was a 1978 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School. She then attended Vincennes University. Over the years, Karen worked for Boyd and Sons and then as a personal caregiver for her family. She was a member of the Loogootee Christian Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Tony and Billie Jo Hollander; sister, Toni Kaye Hollander; grandparents, Bill and Helen Thompson and Joe and Mary Schultheis; and father-in-law, Rama Dye.

Karen is survived by her husband, Richard Dye; sister, Debra (John Pat) Hart; niece, Alisa Sergeant; nephews, Lance Dye, Anthony (Liz) Hart, Daniel Petry, and Andrew Petry; great-nieces and great-nephews, James, Ellie, and Thomas Hart and Lilly and Olivia Petry; mother-in-law, Bonnie Dye; sisters-in-law, Debbie Dye and Jeanie Petry; brother-in-law, Darrell (Terri) Dye; dear friend, Judeanne Delaney and many other friends who adored her.

Karen wished to be cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Karen Sue Dye.

HAROLD DANT SR.

Harold Lee Dant Sr. passed away at 3:58 a.m. Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 81.



HAROLD DANT

He was born February 25, 1942, in Daviess County; son of the late James Glen and Mary Juanita (Padgett) Dant.

Harold married Brenda Mae Fisher on April 23, 1960, and she survives.

He was instrumental in helping to grow Martin County Farm Bureau Co-Op into the five-county White River Co-Op by the time of his retirement in 2006.

Harold served for 15 years on the Agri Insurance Exchange Risk Retention Board.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Glen and Mary Juanita Dant; sisters, Helen Ellis and Mary Rose (Bob) McGuire; and grandson-in-law, James Northcutt.

Harold is survived by his wife, Brenda Mae Dant of Loogootee; children, Harold L. Jr. "Sonny" (Nancy) Dant of Odon, Ronnetta Faye Shake of Huntingburg, and James LeRoy (Crystal) Dant of Washington; grandchildren, Audra Mae (Barney) O'Neill, Ashton Lee Northcutt, Deric John Lee (Ashley) Shake, D'Andrea Dawn (Allen) Stoll, Deven Bruce (Alisha) Shake, Alexis Danyelle Dant; 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Marcella (Phil) Flint of Washington; and brother-in-law, Bill Ellis.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, October 23 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial fol-

lowed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. John Catholic Cemetery, St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, or Raglesville Cemetery.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Harold Lee Dant Sr.

PHYLLIS KIDWELL

Phyllis Jean Kidwell passed away Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 84.

She was born August 1, 1939, in Washington; daughter of Everett and Beulah (Ferguson) Allen.

Phyllis was a graduate of Shoals High School with the class of 1957. She worked at the Martin County Courthouse as a deputy recorder for many years.

She married Harold Dean Kidwell on August 4, 1956, and he preceded her in death in April of 1997.

Surviving are her sons, Jeff Kidwell, Kevin Kidwell, and Kirk (Diana) Kidwell; grandchildren, Krystal (Nick) Burns, Michelle (Keenan) Moffatt, Jill Bergbower, Chris Kidwell, Curtis (Vanessa) Kidwell, Courtney (Lance) McKibben, and Kayla Kidwell; 17 great-grandchildren; three step great-grandchildren; sisters, Martha Kidwell and Pauline Tuttle; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Harold; and eight brothers and sisters.

A funeral service was held Friday, October 20 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

8:28 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft south of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

10:31 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

1:08 p.m. - Received a call advising that the burn ban has been lifted.

2:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Loogootee with unknown injuries. Martin County Medic 1, Martin County Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department, Indiana Conservation Officer Mann and Loogootee Chief Long responded. No transport was needed.

4:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Sheriff Greene responded.

4:41 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was advised.

5:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to speak with an officer. Captain Gibson responded.

6:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle northeast of Shoals. Deputy Doane and Big John's Towing responded.

10:24 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment. Major Reed responded.

10:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a missing person from Loogootee. Advised caller that the person is at the Martin County Security Center.

11:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call from same individual about the missing person. Advised they are still incarcerated.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:38 a.m. - Received a call from ADT Security advising of a residential fire alarm in Crane. Major Reed, Loogootee Officer Sims, Loogootee Fire Department and Crane Fire Department responded.

5:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:47 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:47 a.m. - Deputy Erwin transported three inmates to court.

10:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wells, Chief Deputy Keller and Boyd's Towing responded.

10:46 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

12:47 p.m. - Deputy Erwin transported two inmates to court.

12:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting reckless driving east of Shoals. Requesting extra patrol in area. All on duty units were advised.

1:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with a Dubois County medic on board.

1:17 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

1:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Captain Gibson responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

5:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

6:33 p.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a residential burglar alarm in Crane. Captain Gibson, Sergeant Wells, Martin County Medic 1 and Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department and Crane Fire Department responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:58 p.m. - Received a 2nd call from ADT advising of fire alarm in Crane. Advised units were on scene.

7:06 p.m. - Received a 3rd call from ADT advising of the fire alarm. Advised units were on scene and it is a faulty alarm.

10:29 p.m. - Received a call reporting a horse in the road north of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

1:08 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:48 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:39 a.m. - Received landline and 911 calls reporting a vehicle fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:05 a.m. - Received a call reporting a theft north of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting goats in the roadway southwest of Shoals. Owner was contacted.

3:27 p.m. - Received a call advising of a possible traffic hazard east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire south of Loogootee. Indiana Conservation Officer Mann and Haysville Fire Department responded.

4:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal dispute north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a cow in the road southwest of Shoals. Owner was contacted.

7:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

1:04 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner and Major Reed responded.

8:53 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard south of Loogootee. IN-DOT was notified.

9:02 a.m. - Received a call from Or-

ange County Dispatch requesting an ambulance in French Lick. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health Paoli.

10:00 a.m. - Sergeant Wells transported three inmates to court.

10:51 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

10:52 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Wells transported one inmate to court.

1:48 p.m. - Sergeant Wells transported two inmates to court.

3:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Long and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded. No one was transported.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check northeast of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

7:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a call from AT&T for a service impairment they are working to resolve.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries east of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

10:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment northeast of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

11:05 p.m. - Received a call from AT&T for a service impairment they are working to resolve.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

12:12 a.m. - Received a call from AT&T for a service impairment they are working to resolve.

12:15 a.m. - Received a call from AT&T advising that service had been resolved.

1:28 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Deputy Shields and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:56 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

10:52 a.m. - Received a call advising of a disabled vehicle northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Martin County Highway Department responded.

10:59 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

2:19 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check east of Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

5:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check south of Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call. CVS pharmacy has a glitch in their phone system.

8:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a gas smell in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded. Vectren Gas was notified.

10:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a domestic dispute in Crane. Loogootee Officer Wagoner, Deputy Shields and Deputy Doane responded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:45 a.m. - Received a report of a suspi-

cious person southeast of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

7:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Paoli.

9:49 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

1:26 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

1:55 p.m. - Received a call advising of a cable across the road in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

2:36 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded. Daviess County transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner and Deputy Erwin responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received a call advising of a residential burglar alarm in Shoals. Keyholder was notified and advised to disregard.

6:39 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

7:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital with a Daviess County Medic on board.

10:23 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:24 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

3:37 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting livestock in the roadway northeast of Shoals. Lawrence County Dispatch and Deputy Erwin were notified.

2:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Officer Davis, Deputy Erwin, and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:30 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

3:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

7:53 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:55 p.m. - Received a call advising of a verbal domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

10:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

11:07 p.m. - Received a call advising of a verbal domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner and Deputy Doane responded.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

October 12

Danny M. Arthur, Jr., convicted of aggressive driving, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 138 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days and credit for 107 days served on Pretrial Release Program with Martin County Community Corrections plus 27 Class P credit days.

Storm L. Bradley, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days.

October 16

Joselyn R. Souerdike, convicted of battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 268 actual days previously served plus 268 Class A credit days.

Guy C. Hazel, convicted of failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 352 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 176 actual days previously served plus 176 Class A credit days.

Dometry Riker, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 180 days of probation.

October 17

Lucas J. Cunningham, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 599 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 449 actual days previously served plus 150 Class B credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

October 12

Danny M. Arthur, Jr., battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Storm L. Bradley, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

October 16

Joselyn R. Souerdike, domestic battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; failure to return to lawful detention, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Guy C. Hazel, illegal sex offender residency, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

October 17

Lucas J. Cunningham, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

October 12

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Severn Harper, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

October 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant April Hembree in the amount of \$4,658.54.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Co. and against the defendant Ronald L. Walls, State of Indiana Department of Revenue, State of Indiana Tax Warrant, et al, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$79,047.23.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

October 11

Adam Greene vs. William Lucas, eviction.

October 17

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Donna J. McGuire, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Paul J. Moffitt, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kelly D. Hager, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Thomas C. Bledsoe, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kenneth M. Braun, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

October 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Duhevon Shultz in the amount of \$12,367.67.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Kyle D. McKibben in the amount of \$7,445.63.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 11

Logan William Dean Harker of Shoals and Allison Nicole Albright of Shoals.

October 13

Justin Michael Swartzentruber of Loogootee and Anna Marie Wilson of Loogootee.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

6:10 p.m. - Betty Fields, 49, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Doane and charged with domestic battery. She is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

9:22 p.m. - Mitchell Wagler, 40, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Brumett and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:52 a.m. - Lisa Korte-Fraser, 40, of Bloomington, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

8:48 p.m. - Rogiann Jones, 51, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

11:39 p.m. - Winston McPike, 34, of Crane, was arrested by Deputy Shields on a Lawrence County warrant. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:11 p.m. - Sergey Mikhaylov, 42, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Wagoner and charged with driving while suspended-prior. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:44 p.m. - Crystofir Bratcher, 32, of Evansville, was arrested by Major Reed on a Vanderburgh County warrant. He is being held without bond.

Loogootee Police log

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

1:37 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a complaint on Mulberry Street.

9:38 a.m. - Officer Davis performed a VIN check on station.

11:37 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to an animal complaint on Wood Street.

12:11 p.m. - Officer Davis assisted a stranded motorist on East Broadway Street.

2:47 p.m. - Officer Davis assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with traffic control on US 231 South.

4:10 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Davis responded to a medical call on Abel Lane.

7:32 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to an animal call on Butcher Boulevard.

8:31 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Wagoner responded to a medical call on Church Street.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

2:05 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a 911 hangup at CVS.

2:11 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a noise complaint on South Oak Street.

10:31 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Reinhart Road.

11:15 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a report of an erratic driver on West Broadway Street.

11:28 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to an accident in the Ruler parking lot.

4:50 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 231 North.

5:13 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to an animal complaint on North Line Street.

6:29 p.m. - Officer Wagoner performed a welfare check on East Broadway Street.

7:21 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 50 East.

7:58 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a report of road rage on US 231 North.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:25 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on East Main Street.

2:17 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at McDonald's.

6:29 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on East Broadway Street.

7:21 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on US 50 East.

8:10 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call at Family Dollar.

Martin County real estate transfers

Logan Martin Dant and Jacquelyn Leann Dant, of Martin County, Indiana to **Logan Martin Dant and Jacquelyn Leann Dant**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3 acres, more or less.

Jerome B. Walker and Laurinda Q. Walker, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Audubon Acres, LLC**, of Indiana. Tract I: The southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: The northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 28.45 acres, more or less. Tract III: All the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, east of Lost River, containing 46 acres, more or less. Tract IV: All that part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, east of Lost River, containing 2 acres, more or less. Tract V: The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the north half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 60 acres, more or less. Tract VI: The northeast part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, being all on the

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:38 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on McVay Street.

5:46 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Hill Street.

9:45 a.m. - Officer Wells responded to a call near Corner Café.

10:53 a.m. - Officer Wells responded to a call on West Broadway Street.

5:30 p.m. - Officer Davis performed a vehicle unlock at Ruler.

6:33 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Wells responded to a call on McVay Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:56 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Wood and North Line streets.

4:32 p.m. - Chief Long performed a vehicle unlock on Sycamore Street.

5:38 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at Nolley Lane.

7:27 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call near Marathon.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

1:04 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on JFK Avenue.

1:28 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at RJ's.

3:57 p.m. - Chief Long and Officer Sims responded to a call on JFK Avenue.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

2:13 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Vine Street.

5:36 p.m. - Officer Wagoner performed a vehicle unlock at St. John Church.

7:37 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a 911 hang-up call at CVS.

9:05 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on North Oak Street.

10:12 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on McVay Court.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:53 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call at McDonald's and Williams Bros.

12:01 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Southwest Third Street.

1:33 p.m. - Officer Davis performed a vehicle unlock at Lark Ranch.

4:31 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Wagoner responded to a medical call on Clark Street.

5:25 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at the Eldorado Motel.

7:06 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at Lark Ranch.

9:11 p.m. - Officer Wagoner was at the Martin County Jail with a male in custody.



Corner Cafe

201 N JFK Avenue, Loogootee
812-295-4243

Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday (Breakfast Only!) 6:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Sunday (Breakfast Only!) 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*If one door closes and another one opens, your house is haunted.

*I am not an early bird or a night owl. I am some sort of permanently exhausted pigeon.

*October is my favorite time of year to finally turn the central air off and turn the heat on at 5 a.m. then turn it back off at 9 a.m. to open the windows then shut the windows at noon and turn on the central air then turn it off at 7 p.m. then turn the ...

*Worried about dying? Don't. You will live forever. All you have to worry about is location, location, location.

*I'm not fat but I'm not thin either. I'm at that point where you can definitely tell I like chocolate cake.

*People who take care of chickens are literally chicken tenders.

*Deep thought of today: When you clean out a vacuum cleaner, you become a vacuum cleaner.

*Buying groceries is starting to make me wonder what a pinecone tastes like.

*It's officially "try on last year's jeans and pray they still fit season."

*I don't know who needs to hear this, but that box of candy you bought this weekend isn't making it to Halloween.

HALLOWEEN RIDDLES

1. What do ghosts drink?
2. What's a ghost's favorite dessert?
3. How did Dracula learn to be a vampire?
4. What did the zombie mom say when her ghouls asked to take the car?
5. Where do witches go on vacation?
6. What do you call a ghost hornet?

7. Why shouldn't you date a mummy?
8. Did you hear about the tech worker who got turned into a vampire?

Interviewer: Why did you leave your last job?

Me: Because of something my boss said.

Interviewer: It says here you were fired.

Me: That's the thing he said.

THE PENDING COFFEE

We were in a small coffee shop when two customers arrived. "5 coffees, 2 for us and 3 pending." They paid for 5, and only received 2.

"What's a pending coffee?" I asked.

"Wait and see."

Two others got their coffees and paid normally. After a while, 3 more came in and asked for 7 coffees. They drank 3 but paid for 7.

While we were talking a homeless man entered the shop. With a soft voice he asked, "Do you have any pending coffee?"

This type of charity was born in Napoli (Naples, Italy). People pay in anticipation for the coffees, and even meals, for others who can't.

- ANSWERS: 1. Mountain Boo., 2. Ice scream sandwich., 3. He took a crash corpse., 4. Over my dead body., 5. Doesn't matter as long as there's a broom with a view., 6. A boo-bee., 7. They're too wrapped up in themselves., 8. Now he Gigabites.

Make someone smile today!

Christmas Toy Store sponsored by area churches

The Christmas Toy Store will be held Saturday December 9 in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, in Loogootee. Again, this year, the event will be a truly community Christian event and is being brought to you by many churches, organizations and businesses looking to bring some added joy to families in our community.

If any churches, organizations or individuals are interested in helping with the Toy Store in any way, please contact Curt Johnson at 812-296-7013.

The Christmas Toy Store is full of all kinds of toys donated by church members, local businesses and the Crane Navy "Toys for Tots" program.

Last year, toys and stocking stuffers were given away to 145 families and 392 children. There were also 31 bicycles and tricycles given away to some lucky children.

Eligible children and shoppers: Children are eligible for toys if they are 17 years old or younger on December 24, 2023, and a resident of Martin County. Parents and legal guardians who reside in Martin County are eligible to shop for eligible children.

Sign-up locations and dates: Sign-ups are from November 1 through November 30 at the Martin County Health Office, Shoals Library, Loogootee Library, Loogootee Methodist Church, and the WIC

office. Do not sign up more than once.

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

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



DECEMBER is a female tabby and white cat, 2+ years old. She is very sweet, talkative, loving and fine with other cats. She is spayed, up to date on shots and litter box trained. Adoption fee is \$45. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org.

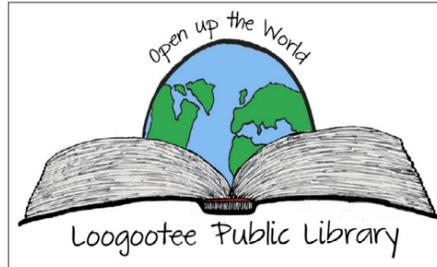
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, November 2 from 6-8 p.m. This month they will have ham and beans, fried potatoes, cornbread, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) and Community Action Leading Loogootee (CALL) have partnered on an upcoming fundraiser. They would like your help. Please donate gently used Christmas Trees or wreaths for their fundraiser or better yet please decorate a wreath or tree for the upcoming Christmas Tree Jubilee held at the library starting on November 11-18. Stop in and look at the trees and place your bid. Silent bids are accepted until noon on November 18.

There will be a Family Movie Night on Friday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m. HalloweenTown will be shown, and snacks, popcorn, and drinks will be furnished. Please pre-register for this event.

Tuesday evening, October 31, the town-wide trick or treat night begins at 6 p.m. Stop by the library for candy and a book (while supplies last).

Dr. Michael Meinhart is offering a Computer Security class for free on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. Pre-register please.

Carolyn's Book Club will be held on Monday, November 6, at 6 p.m.

The library will be closed for Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10.

New Books

Mystery: "Losing Sprint" by V.C. Andrews.

Fiction: "Exchange After the Storm" by John Grisham.

Large Print: "Abducted at Christmas" by Rhonda Starnes, "Bonding Over the Amish Baby" by Pamela Desmond Wright, and "The Cowboy's Christmas Compromise" by Jill Kemerer.

Inspirational Fiction: "Marshaling Her Heart" by Mary Connealy, "Million Little Choices" by Tamera Alexander, and "What a Wave Must Be" by Angela Elwell Hunt.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

hosts a wellness clinic on the third Friday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, nail trims, etc. No appointment needed.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County 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 Fridays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

You are invited to a 90th Birthday Party for Bonnie Jean Dye Sunday, November 5 2-4 p.m. at the Loogootee United Methodist Church

If you cannot attend, we are having a card shower in her honor as well, please mail it to: Bonnie Jean Dye 108 Hill St, Loogootee, IN 47553

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Sullivan (812) 268-5252	Martinsville (765) 342-6623	Linton (812) 847-4494	
Jasonville (812) 665-3969	Bicknell (812) 735-3545	Bloomfield (812) 384-4453	



Last spring, I gave a friend a couple of clumps of New England asters. I saw her a couple of weeks ago and she complained that they had not bloomed, but even after she cut them back in July as I had told her, they had grown nearly six feet tall. I just told her to wait awhile. This week, she sent me a picture of the asters, each stem of which was covered with beautiful purple star-like blooms.

As I walked through my wildflower meadow on Saturday, October 21, I saw several butterflies, including a monarch. I knew the monarch was stopping by to fuel up for the long migration to Mexico. Most of the blooms from which the butterflies were sipping nectar were various types of asters. There are more than 100 species of asters native to North America, and many of them are found in Indiana. They range from about 6 inches tall to more than 6 feet tall. The colors include white, pink, blue and various shades of purple. Most bloom late in the fall and are valuable for providing nectar to butterflies and other insects long after most other flowers have gone dormant.

It is the flower that gives these plants their name. Aster comes from the Greek word for star, and all aster flowers have petals that grow out from a central crown. While the individual flowers are usually small, rarely getting bigger than a penny, they grow in such clusters that one does not really miss showy large flowers. Pollinators seem to appreciate that they may eat from hundreds of individual flowers in a single stop.

If your garden does not have native asters growing, it is pretty easy to get some started. Although garden centers usually have asters in the fall, displaying them with mums and other fall-blooming plants, I recommend planting your asters in the spring. Many of the asters purchased and planted in the fall do not have time to acclimate before winter weather arrives. Spring planting gives the plants a

full season to put out roots to support the tall stems. The tall varieties benefit from a hard trim in July. This results in more branching and more flowers, while making the stems sturdier.

Asters do not suffer from many diseases, although powdery mildew may make the foliage look bad in wet years. They do not require supplemental watering once established, and do not require fertilization. In fact, they seem to prefer poor soil. If you have a wet area, plant New York asters, which tolerate wet feet. Asters combine well with other prairie plants, including iron weed, goldenrod, Joe Pye weed and native grasses and sedges. They just blend into the landscape until their chance to steal the show at the end of the growing season.

My bouquet for church this week included three types of asters and a couple of branches from an autumnal witch hazel. They made a nice arrangement for this late in the season.

The beautiful fall days over the weekend gave me time to work on some landscaping chores. I had long envisioned a row of deciduous holly trees between the wildflower meadow and the county road. I recently purchased some golden-berry deciduous hollies and I dug some red winterberries from other sites and transplanted them. This should make an eye-catching display of berries in a couple of years. Winterberries usually hold on the trees until late winter, when birds and other wildlife begin feasting on the fermented fruit.

The other task was working on my new bosquet. A bosquet is a circle of trees, planted to create a garden room. My bosquet now includes Cornelian cherry trees, a yellow-berried holly, a sourwood tree, a couple of vibernums and a Hinoki cypress. It will take a few years to mature, but I plan to set a decorative piece in the center. From there, I will be able to see the beautiful sunsets over the cliff. Come and enjoy them with me.

DNR to stage Arbor Day poster contest for fifth grade students

Indiana schools are encouraged to have their fifth grade students participate in an Arbor Day poster contest, helping students learn more about the important role of trees in the state's urban and forest communities.

The contest, which is designed to help students discover and foster their understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the trees around them, is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry, through its Community and Urban Forestry (CUF) and Project Learning Tree programs.

The contest theme is "Oak Trees: Superheroes of the Forest."

All Indiana schools and homeschooling families/co-ops are eligible to participate by submitting their winning poster to the statewide contest by March 1. One poster will be accepted per school. Entries must be scanned and sent to urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov.

The student who creates the winning

poster will receive a gift card, a book that will help continue their exploration of trees, and an Indiana native tree planting at their school. The winning student's teacher will receive a kit of educational materials to support their class's further engagement with Indiana trees, forests, and forestry, as well as a full scholarship to the Natural Resources Teacher Institute. Entries may also be featured on DNR social media.

Participating teachers are encouraged to engage with the contest theme in their classrooms to help inspire their students' artwork. Teaching resources and standard alignments are provided on the contest webpage, along with full submission instructions, contest rules, and prizes at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/programs/community-and-urban-forestry/arbor-day-poster-contest.

Please contact CUF staff with questions at 317-234-6741 or urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

NOW HIRING Full-Time Soil & Water Conservation District Coordinator

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

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

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

Applications with cover letters and resumes will be accepted until November 3rd, 2023.

Please email application with cover letter to martinswcdtemp@yahoo.com or mail to Martin County SWCD, PO Box 142, Loogootee, IN 47553

NOW HIRING!

We are currently seeking highly motivated individuals to join our team at H&H Hometown Hardware on Main Street in Shoals, IN. We have multiple positions available, including Full-Time Assistant Manager, Full-Time Cashier, and Part-Time Cashiers. If you are interested in a career in the retail industry and have a passion for providing excellent customer service, this may be the perfect opportunity for you.

Assistant Manager:

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PURE COUNTRY *Throwback*

By Dan Gregory

Originally published September 17, 2011
 This is my favorite time of year. The daily temperature variations allow for comfortable outside activities most of the day. I find myself shedding sweatshirts or jackets as the day progresses and have to try and find them at the end of the week as my supply slowly dwindles when I forget where I take them off and leave them. I will find them in trucks and tractors and meeting places. I once found a jacket that I left hanging in the food bank at Saint Vincent de Paul two years before.

With harvest moving into a high gear, the sounds of the combines and grain bin drier fans becomes a familiar noise backdrop along with the moving dust storms that surround the huge machines. This fall will find a smaller than hoped for harvest here in Martin County due to many factors. Remember back to last spring when farmers were delayed day-after-day waiting for the rains to stop and the ground to dry into a suitable planting seedbed. We have seen this pattern before and as feared when the rains stopped, they didn't come back as often or as intensely as needed to push the crops to their full potential. I suspect there is a mixture of disappointment as the harvesters are moving through the fields knowing what could have been. But the disappointment is somewhat tempered this year by the record high prices for corn and soybean commodities. Most of our farmers will be back again next year to try their hand at producing some of the most basic needs of our country.

Fall also brings the changing of leaves and this year due to the drought like conditions the leaves will change and fall more rapidly than usual.

The deer hunters will begin soon to stake out their favorite territories. I saw one of our

two resident deer hunters truck parked at the edge of a field today. Bo Hayes is from Dubois County and has full rights to hunt our properties along with Jim Lilly. These two guys have earned hunting privileges by being respectful of our property and are good stewards of the land and game. These gentlemen exemplify what makes a good hunter, and it does my soul good to see them on our land.

Fall also brings year-end planning for county, cities and towns. Budgets are being put together by the various entities and tweaked to gain approval by the state. As one of the Martin County Commissioners, I find it fascinating to observe the process in which tax dollars are gathered and distributed. The local papers around the region share an almost unanimous feeling of anxiety about local officials trying to do the best job in an almost impossible situation. There is a fine line between spending what is needed and appropriate and not taking any more from the hard-earned tax paying public. Ironically some of what is said at these meetings has been said for as long as I can remember: Too much need and too few dollars. I would add that I believe local officials do a better job targeting tax dollars than our more worldly counterparts at the national level.

I have said this before, but I think it bears repeating. Be careful when encountering farm machines on the roadways. The operators are experts at maneuvering these incredible and obscenely expensive machines, but the reality is they move slowly and take up a lot of space not to mention visibility is somewhat limited. Fall is a busy season and sharing the roadways with the farm community is part of country life. Let's be safe this fall.

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ELECTION PREVIEW

Ader, Harty vie for Loogootee Mayor

LOOGOOTEE MAYOR

BRIAN ADER

and

NOEL HARTY

MCJ: Please tell the readers who you are and a little about your personal background.

Brian Ader: I am a lifelong resident of the City of Loogootee. I graduated from Loogootee and chose this city to raise my 3 children. I've volunteered in many organizations like the Jaycees, Optimist Club, and other projects serving the residents of Loogootee. I was on the Board of Works, Loogootee City Council (1996-2000), Martin County Recycling Board, Martin County 4-H Board, and Mayor from 2000-2003. I have been a business owner for the past 33 years.

Noel Harty: I am a 1997 graduate of Shoals Jr./Sr. High School. Throughout my career, I have had many life experiences working as a restaurant manager, realtor, auctioneer, school bus driver, and township trustee prior 2012 when I began my first term as mayor of Loogootee. I have been privileged to be re-elected twice. I attended North Lawrence Career Center (1995-1997), Missouri Auction School (1997), RECP Real Estate Certification Program (1998) and have earned credit hours from VUJC. Simply put, love my faith, family, and community. I am proud of the accomplishments of the last 11 years I have served as mayor and hope to continue moving our city forward for the next four years.

MCJ: What inspired you to run for the position of mayor in Loogootee, and what qualifications or experiences do you bring to this role?

Brian Ader: I decided to run for mayor because I see several issues that simply have not been addressed in recent years. Among those issues are fiscal responsibility, frustration with the status quo of our city, and the lack of effective leadership. Our city is facing a lot of challenges right now and more challenges are sure to come. Our infrastructure is deteriorating and has been for years. Our city is stagnant and has shown very little growth, if any, over the past several years. I have been out and about in other communities and see their commitment and leadership skills that allow their cities to grow and prosper. The citizens of Loogootee deserve this as well. I want to move Loogootee forward in this process. I have owned and operated an asphalt maintenance business since 1990. As a business owner, you must have good communication skills to work with employees, homeowners, property management companies, and city governments. In my previous experience in public office, we were facing a lot of infrastructure issues. We also received over 2 million dollars in grants for the city in that 4-year period. I want to make sure the tax dollars are being spent wisely for the citizens of Loogootee. We have a great city; we need to make sure that our kids and grandchildren want to reside and live in Loogootee.

Noel Harty: In 2006, I decided to run for Perry Township Trustee. I held this role until the end of 2011, assisting residents who were not able to pay items such as rent, utility, or medical bills. While I loved being township trustee, I decided that perhaps I could help the community in an even bigger way by running for mayor of the City of Loogootee. Since becoming mayor, I have attended countless training courses such as the Mayor's Institute and economic development workshops. In addition to training, much of my experience has come from the past



NOEL HARTY

11 years I have served as mayor along with the many organizations I am affiliated with.

MCJ: In your view, what are the most critical challenges and opportunities facing Loogootee, and do you plan to address them as mayor?

Brian Ader: Several issues are critical to our city, but I think first and foremost the most crucial one is making sure we are operating within our budget. We simply cannot keep spending and asking the taxpayers of Loogootee to keep paying more. Infrastructure is going to be one of our biggest challenges. For years, we have storm drains that are failing, we have warning barricades and cones on some of our deteriorating streets, and that's an issue. We need to fix our sidewalks. We have a fire department that (by law) needs to purchase equipment to replace outdated equipment to be in compliance. Another issue is the 231 Corridor. We need a mayor who is going to be vocal for what is best for our community. At times, this may be advocating for the citizens of Loogootee when it may be unpopular with outside people and/or organizations. It may put me in an uncomfortable situation; however, I am not afraid to speak up for our citizens and taxpayers of Loogootee. Being an advocate for this community and prioritizing the well-being of its residents is a fundamental aspect of effective local leadership and I plan on doing just that.

Noel Harty: I feel, as is the case in all communities, fundraising is always a critical and constant challenge, especially to obtain funding for expensive ongoing projects such as infrastructure maintenance and repair. The number one ongoing issue we face in our city, in my opinion, is the storm water situation. While there are funding opportunities for specific projects, these funds are oftentimes highly competitive and require matching dollars which are sometimes hard for small communities to obtain. We will continue to take advantage of every grant opportunity and to address ongoing issues as funds allow.

MCJ: How might you plan to work with the city council to advance the city's interests, and how will you handle disagreements or conflicts when they arise?

Brian Ader: Working with a city council to advance the city's interests involves effective communication, collaboration, transparency and conflict resolution skills. I believe that transparency with the council as well as the citizens of Loogootee, is vitally important. Many conflicts arise due to lack of communication, or misinformation. You build positive relationships by understanding council priorities with effective communication, and conflict resolution as a key component for a successful partnership with the city



BRIAN ADER

council to advance the city's interests. A collaborative, transparent, and adaptive approach is vital to navigate disagreements and conflicts that may arise.

Noel Harty: I have learned patience and working together as a team is how the greatest of accomplishments transpire. Our city council is made up of people with various personalities, backgrounds, interests and priorities and often differences of opinion. In the end, decisions are made by majority rule; but we all benefit from hearing and considering both sides of any discussion leading up to the vote.

MCJ: Are there specific ordinances

or policies you would like to introduce or change as mayor, and if so, what are they, and why do you believe they are necessary?

Brian Ader: We need to review the current ordinances and policies that are in place and ensure that they still meet the needs of our city and citizens. If they do, then it is essential to follow these ordinances and policies. I would like to look specifically at policies that stimulate local economic growth or initiatives that might attract new industries to create jobs. I am looking at policies to prioritize improvements to infrastructure. However, before proposing or changing specific ordinances or policies, (which must be done by the council) it's essential to engage with the community through public meetings, surveys, and consultations to understand their needs and concerns of the community.

Noel Harty: Ordinances and policies are under the preview of the city council.

MCJ: What is your long term vision for Loogootee, and how do you see the city evolving over the next decade under your leadership?

Brian Ader: My vision would be that Loogootee is a vibrant and thriving affordable city that serves as a model for small-town excellence. It's a place where residents enjoy a high quality of life, where businesses flourish, and where (See 'MAYOR' on page 11)

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER:

For the 11 years I have been privileged to serve as Mayor of Loogootee, my goal has always been the same: to diligently run our City and meet the needs of our citizens on a day-to-day basis, to support our City workers and staff who serve the public, to encourage and promote small businesses and nonprofits, to support and promote our schools and school activities, to maintain and upgrade our infrastructure and the equipment our workers (including the Police and Fire Departments) need to do their jobs – and make improvements which beautify our City and make us all even prouder to live here.

Small cities need grants to make essential maintenance and major improvements to infrastructure such as street paving and storm water, and we have successfully applied for and received over \$875,000 in grants for those ongoing projects. More grants will be required and we will continue to pursue them.

Additionally, we have applied for and received approximately \$1,000,000 in grants and donations for housing, the revitalization of our pool, the beautiful mural downtown, the new fountain and benches, improvements to the City Park - including new play-ground equipment, picnic tables, benches, and restrooms, etc.

This calendar year, there will be more enhancements to the City Park, including a walking trail, and even more playground equipment and benches. Another major project will include a downtown pavilion. These are made possible by grants as well as the hard work of our volunteer Park and Rec Board.

Perhaps the most exciting project in our near future is the possibility of up to 40 homes which will be built on the North side of Loogootee and funded in part by a \$600,000 matching grant. The progress of this new development will be an on-going subject of our monthly Council meetings.

I am equally proud of our civic improvements, such as creating the Building Commissioner position, the all-volunteer Beautification Board, the yearly city-wide Thanksgiving Dinner, the Festival of Lights parade at Christmas and also Summerfest, the Halloween parade, and special events at our City pool.

In addition to my tenure as Mayor, I am a member (or President) of numerous Boards which complement our City, such as Chamber of Commerce, Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Daviess-Martin Four Rivers, Martin County Community Corrections, Martin County Solid Waste, Youth Council, Martin County Council on Aging, Head Start Policies and Procedures, etc. And most of you already know, I served five years as Perry Township Trustee prior to becoming Mayor.

My door is always open during business hours and I invite you to stop by City Hall to discuss any issue or idea. Likewise, I appreciate the opportunity to hear and find solutions for problems or situations our residents might have. If I'm not in the office, most everyone knows my phone number and I will answer or return every call, message, or text.

I will also continue to arrange town meetings on important issues which impact our City, such as those recently about the Mid-States Corridor and the future of our Recycling Center.

I am honored to serve the City of Loogootee and blessed to be supported by employees, staff and volunteers who take pride in their jobs and care about our City. Loogootee truly is "a Small City with a Big Heart." I love living here and am proud of the work I have accomplished as Mayor, with more to do.

I promise you I will always do my best for our City and citizens of Loogootee. I humbly ask you once again for your vote.



-Paid for by Noel Harty for Loogootee Mayor

MAYOR

(Continued from page 10)

the community is closely connected and engaged. This vision is just a starting point, and it's important to engage with the community, local experts, and stakeholders to refine and develop a shared vision for Loogootee. The success of such a vision relies on the commitment and collaborative efforts of residents, local businesses, and city leaders to turn these goals into reality over the long term for the betterment of our city.

Noel Harty: I feel very positive about our city's evolution and believe we are taking steps forward with our future in mind, including the new subdivision within city limits which will offer 40 new building lots. With the new CHIPS semi-conductor campus at WestGate, our city is in a prime position to attract a lion's share of new families. We have quality schools and churches of diverse faiths which also attract prospective new homeowners. West Boggs is within close reach as well as Hindostan and we are located about halfway between Crane and West Baden. We are also drawing more small businesses to our community. And we continue to work revitalizing our downtown and park areas as we also work on on-going repairs and maintenance of our infrastructure. The known/unknown factor which could affect our future is the proposed Mid-states Corridor project. Conversations and debate continue at this time, and I will keep everyone up-to-date as updates occur.

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

Brian Ader: I would like to ask the voters to consider this; "If you don't change what we are doing today, all of our tomorrows will look like yesterdays." I would also like to ask voters if they believe we can do better as a city? I believe we can. And with your help on November 7th, we can say "we've had enough yesterdays. It's time to move Loogootee forward!"

Noel Harty: I would like to thank the voters for their confidence in supporting me these past three terms as Mayor of Loogootee and hopefully for the next term. Additionally, I would like to thank the city employees for their commitment to our residents and the work they do for our city. I would also like to thank the nonprofits who have awarded us grant monies for various projects which improve and enhance our city and I appreciate their continued commitment toward our future. And I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the many citizens who answer the call for volunteers without hesitation. We are all so blessed to live in such a caring and giving community. I humbly ask once again for your continued confidence and support for the next four years.



Carrico, Downey in race for Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer

LOOGOOTEE
CLERK-TREASURER
LORI CARRICO
and
ROGER DOWNEY

MCJ: Can you briefly introduce yourself and tell us about your background and experience that make you qualified for the role of city clerk-treasurer?

Lori Carrico: I have lived in Loogootee since 2000. I'm the mother to five kids who motivate me every day to be better and make a difference. I was a stay-at-home mom for several years before rejoining the workforce. I was elected as Martin County Treasurer in 2016 and again in 2020. Prior to that, I had been the Martin County Deputy Recorder and Deputy Assessor. Working in local government is not just a job for me, but a passion. Through my work at the county level, I have gained experience in teamwork, problem-solving, and leadership that I feel will benefit the city if I am elected. I also have experience dealing with state agencies such as the state board of accounts and department of local government finance. I'm also an income tax preparer with over 10 years of experience with personal and business accounting and understanding financial issues from various aspects. After living here over 20 years, raising my family, and getting to know the community, I must say there is no place like this small town and its big heart. Loogootee has always held a special place in my heart, and I hope I'm given the opportunity to give back.

Roger Downey: My wife (Carolyn Parsons) and I both graduated from LHS in 1979. We have been married for almost 43 years. We have two wonderful children and 5 beautiful grandchildren. I served on the city council for four years representing Perry 3 in Loogootee. I have held the clerk-treasurer position for almost the last three years starting in January of 2021. Having the experience of learning all the tasks that have to be accomplished by this office to help protect the citizens' tax money has been very eye opening. I have attended numerous Zoom meetings, state board of accounts schooling, department of local government finance meetings, and accelerating Indiana municipalities training sessions that have continued to prepare me for running this office efficiently into the future.

MCJ: What motivated you to run for the position of city clerk-treasurer, and what do you hope to accomplish if elected?

Lori Carrico: I have a love for public service and want to bring my experience and knowledge to Loogootee. I have a long history of public officials in my family and have grown up with a strong sense of community and a desire to help my community wherever I may be. I have personally worked in local government at the county level for over 10 years. I want the new experience and challenge of working on the city level and I feel like I would be a wonderful addition to the City of Loogootee. I want to use my years of experience to move Loogootee forward with new ideas and new leadership. I believe I can make a difference here locally. If elected, I look forward to working with other departments within the city and citizens in the community because I have a strong belief that teamwork is one of the most important aspects of successful government at any level.

Roger Downey: I really enjoy being the clerk-treasurer of Loogootee and I would like to continue to learn and improve over the next three years in this position. I will continue looking for ways to improve the city's financial situation and find ways to be more proficient in operating the clerk-treasurer's office



LORI CARRICO

in the future. I feel my deputy clerk-treasurer (Barb Ringham) and I have spent time teaching the mayor and department heads on how to read the fund report and the appropriations reports which allows them to better prepare their budgets and spending.

MCJ: The city clerk-treasurer plays a crucial role in managing the city's finances. How do you plan to ensure transparency and accountability in the city's financial operations?

Lori Carrico: I plan to ensure transparency and accountability by running my office with the attitude of public service first. Local government only works effectively when all the parts work together and have all the information that they need in order to run their departments and stay within budget. Each department and those involved with those budgets within our city should be given open access to all the information that they need to run their departments smoothly and within budget. I want everyone to feel welcome in my office and encourage anyone who has questions and concerns about our city's finances to address those questions with the clerk-treasurer's office. The public should also have access to how our city is doing financially. If elected, one goal is to establish an atmosphere of openness in my office to help foster and promote transparency, accountability, and collaboration.

Roger Downey: Since day one in this office, I have respected the fact that transparency is very crucial and beneficial to all city employees and the citizens of Loogootee. If any department head, mayor, or citizen has asked to look at any report, appropriations spent, invoice that we are legally able to share we have provided that information to them. The citizens are able to enter the office and request a public records request to gather information per IC 5-14-3-1. They would fill out the request and it is my responsibility to provide the information requested in a timely manner.

MCJ: How would you approach working with other city officials, including the mayor and city council members, to ensure effective governance and collaboration?

Lori Carrico: If elected, I plan to build a positive working relationship with the mayor, city council members, and other city employees and department heads. Working with others, especially those who you may not agree with, can be a challenge. As elected officials, it is our duty to work together calmly and reasonably to achieve our common goal which is to make Loogootee the best we can. Each department and those involved with those budgets within our city should be given open access to all the information that they need to run their departments smoothly and within budget. I want everyone to feel welcome in my office and encourage anyone who has questions and concerns about our city's finances to address those questions with the clerk treasurer's office.



ROGER DOWNEY

Roger Downey: The clerk treasurer's office primary function is to serve as the fiscal officer of the city. It is also their responsibility to manage the finances and accounts of the city and make investments of the city money. The clerk-treasurer will also prepare the budget estimates of miscellaneous revenue, financial statements, and the proposed tax rate for the city council. What they do with all the info is up to the five city council members, they are the executive board members that vote. I look forward to continuing to work with all council members and the mayor in the future.

MCJ: The city's records and documentation are essential for transparency and accountability. How would you modernize and maintain the city's record-keeping systems? Especially when it pertains to ordinances that are often difficult to find when brought up in city meetings.

Lori Carrico: My experience in the recorder's office, treasurer's office, and in county government in general has taught me the importance of being able to access records quickly. If elected, I would search for a way to digitize our records including meeting minutes, ordinances, and county financial records, both past and future. Finding economical ways to scan, index, and make those documents available will be a priority to me. I understand the importance of access to information. I have personally spent many hours searching for deeds, ordinances, and Indiana code to gain knowledge to service my constituents in the most effective way possible. Finding a way to make the process easier greatly benefits the public.

Roger Downey: I have also started live streaming the council meetings on Facebook recently. We continue to improve the quality and sound of these meetings. I feel all citizens should be able to witness how the town governs its business and how the council members vote on all the issues brought before them. All city ordinances and resolutions are available at any time for any citizen that would like to view them. We also have received some training on how to convert paper records into digital records to free up storage space. We will continue to address this and to work towards making records more readily available to the citizens of Loogootee.

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

Lori Carrico: THANK YOU! Thank you for voting. Thank you for caring for our community. Thank you for learning about your candidates and making the decision that you feel is best. Thank you for challenging me, supporting me, and trusting me in the past. I hope I will continue to have your support with this new role.

Roger Downey: I greatly appreciate the continued support from the citizens of Loogootee. Vote Roger Downey for clerk treasurer. If anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to give me a call anytime @ 812-639-8106.

Engleman, Nolley compete for Loogootee City Council District 1 seat

LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 1

MIKE ENGLEMAN

and

TERESA NOLLEY

MCJ: Please tell the readers who you are and a little about your personal background.

Mike Engleman: My wife, Neina, and I have been married for over 43 years. We have two children: April, who resides in Frankfort, Indiana, with her husband, Kevin, and their two children, Mason and Molly. Our son, Josh, lives in Mitchell with his wife, Chelsey, and they have three children: Jude, Sam, and Crosby, we've been blessed! I am a lifelong born-and-raised resident of the Loogootee Community. I attended and graduated from Loogootee Community Schools in 1975; for a few years afterward, like many young people, I explored multiple career professions and took some college courses before finding my calling. I served the Postal Service in multiple capacities for 30 years until I retired in 2016 from my last assignment as the Shoals Postmaster. The last 16 years of my career were spent in various leadership and management positions, such as serving as Postmaster for four different offices.

Teresa Nolley: Teresa Nolley, member St. John Catholic Church, retired from Loogootee Community School Corp. I have coached in the girls' basketball system for well over 25 years. Have also coached softball and track. Have been an IHSA volleyball and softball official.

MCJ: What motivated you to run for Loogootee City Council, and what qualifications or experience do you bring to the role?

Mike Engleman: After attending several city council meetings as a concerned citizen for the past year or so, I believe now is the time for change to help move Loogootee forward. We must change how we conduct meetings and work on solving the issues facing our community and taxpayers. We need a proactive approach from the city council that grows Loogootee and supports taxpayers. From observing council meetings, I believe we need to improve transparency and practice servant leadership. For example, the council, mayor's office, and clerk-treasurer's office should work together – to create synergy to the community's advantage. That has not been happening for some time now, and that division is to Loogootee's detriment. I believe we have reached a critical point that now requires Loogootee's elected officials to lead the community through the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. If elected, I can bring leadership, professionalism, and fiscal responsibility to the city council. For 28 years, I served in various leadership positions. I served eight years on the Loogootee Community School Board from 1998 to 2006. From 2010-2016, I was honored to serve in the roles of State President, National Vice-President, and Executive National Vice-President of the National League of Postmaster Association. Additionally, I served in multiple volunteer organizations such as the Jaycees, Little League, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Parish Council of St. John's Catholic Church, and Companion for Kids Inc. These opportunities cultivated leadership and fiscal oversight skills that are applicable to and needed for city government. Serving on the school board, Postmaster Management Associations, and being a Postmaster required oversight in managing budgets and operating within those budgets, which has given me valuable experience; if elected, I will leverage it for the city's benefit. I will always consider what is best for all the taxpayers.

Teresa Nolley: I have always been active in community organizations. I have currently served on the council for 8 years. I serve on the oversight committee, the solid waste board, and the Loogootee Main



MIKE ENGLEMAN

St. Board. I represent the city on the White River Military Coordination Alliance and the county redevelopment commission.

MCJ: What do you believe is the role of the city council?

Mike Engleman: The most important role is to oversee spending by practicing fiscally responsible principles. However, that role must coexist with supporting the department heads who manage the day-to-day operations of the city. Moreover, the council must comply, abide by, and work in accordance with state laws and, of course, our own local ordinances and policies---there is no room for double standards. The city council is a governing body that represents the interests of the city and its residents, who are responsible for making decisions about local policies and laws. I also believe the role of the city council is to be fully transparent by promoting and practicing open and truthful communication when working with the mayor's office, clerk-treasurer's office, department heads, and most especially our fellow citizens. We must adopt a decorum that invites public engagement while promoting a positive image of our community.

Teresa Nolley: The role of the city council is both the legislative body and fiscal body of the city.

MCJ: What do you believe are the most pressing issues facing Loogootee, and how do you plan to address them if elected?

Mike Engleman: The most pressing issues are spending practices and the condition of our infrastructure, such as streets and sidewalks. If elected, my focus will be simple and concentrated on economic development, housing, and a city government that works collectively to Loogootee's benefit. Like many small communities, we face challenges with expansion, operating within a budget, marketing available housing, and growing the tax base. However, with challenges come opportunities. That's why we need a proactive approach from the city council to promote the city and grow our tax base. Opportunities for growth and development exist when there is collaboration with key stakeholders of the community. We need forward-thinking that encompasses a vision and a business plan for the next 5, 10, 15 years, and beyond. One way of accomplishing this is by partnering with the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. We need to cultivate a team of forward-thinking individuals to collaborate on ideas, implement strategies, and be willing to adjust those strategies and resources when necessary. We could and should incorporate our schools and county leadership into this team building. Opportunities lie ahead when everyone is working together, not by putting up obstacles but by staying focused on the task at hand.

Teresa Nolley: I have mentioned for many years that the city lacks planning and direction. We have in the past asked the departments to make a five-year plan. It would be equally helpful if the council would also make a five-year plan, including direction and financial support to accomplish those plans.

MCJ: How do you plan to handle dis-



TERESA NOLLEY

agreements or conflicts within the city council or with the mayor, and what is your approach to building consensus on important issues?

Mike Engleman: First, with any governing body that is composed of individuals, there are going to be disagreements. There are disagreements and conflicts within any organization, partnership, or team, elected or otherwise. It is human nature that not everyone is ever going to agree on every issue 100 percent of the time. Disagreements, however, should not shut down discussions on how to find common ground that builds consensus. The sense of collective duty to serve the best interests of our citizens should be stronger than the individual agendas that can work against our citizens. I will capitalize on and promote the common ground- not exploit divisiveness. I believe in establishing continual communication

Doyle, McAtee up for city council district 4

LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 4

KATIE DOYLE

and

MARK MCATEE

MCJ: Please tell the readers who you are and a little about your personal background.

Katie Doyle: I was raised in Loogootee by Joe and Pam Dunn and graduated Loogootee High School in 1999. That same year I went on to become Miss Martin County and then attended Vincennes University where I studied Musical Theater. From there I married Tony Doyle and moved to Texas while he was stationed there with the Navy. In 2006, we moved back to Loogootee. I stayed home with our kids, Alix and Zakk, while Tony worked. When they became old enough, I started working at JoAnn's and quickly moved from team member to assistant manager. I stayed there for a couple of years before I took on that same role at Loogootee Marathon where I currently work.

Mark McAtee: Retired from the Department of Defense, Loogootee Jr/Sr High School graduate, studied at Vincennes University and IUPUI. I live at 402 E Broadway Street, Loogootee. Work history: General Motors Chevrolet Division Indianapolis (Production Supervisor); Department of Defense (Navy/Marine Corp.) Electronic Warfare Div., Sr. Logistics Management Specialist. Supported Electronic Warfare Systems from research and development to production/post, the life cycle of the weapon system; Field support lead: Supported in the installation/repair and logistics support of various Electronic Warfare Systems.

MCJ: What motivated you to run for Loogootee City Council, and what qualifications or experience do you bring to the role?

Katie Doyle: I've thought about running for city council for a while, but it wasn't until I was asked to sit in for the rest of Rick Norris' term, after his passing, that I decided to put my name in. I've always been passionate about welcoming everyone, from all walks of life to our community. As an assistant manager, I have to work with people of all types and beliefs and find an equilibrium with them. It's my

job to help customers who are upset about something and the best way to do that is to really listen to their needs in the moment. I think that's a strong skill to have, especially on the city council. Loogootee is a place of many people with many opinions, and they all deserve to be listened to.

Teresa Nolley: With everyone knowing the direction and being involved in the planning, it should be very helpful in avoiding conflicts and disagreements.

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

Mike Engleman: If elected, I look forward to serving and working for the people of Loogootee in a positive, professional, and proactive manner. I will pledge always to put the needs of the city, residents, and taxpayers first. I've been knocking on a lot of doors while seeking the people's support, and one common theme has been consistent; "We need change; it's time for change." It's the voters who possess the power for change when they vote in the November 7th election; therefore, I respectfully ask for their support to be an agent of that change for the great City of Loogootee.

Teresa Nolley: I would like to thank all the voters for the continued support and encouragement.



KATIE DOYLE



MARK MCATEE

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Mark McAtee: To be honest, I just wanted to find something that I figured I could contribute to and help make our city a place that we want to stay and thrive and attracts others that have the same vision. I think my qualifications listed above speak for themselves. As your councilman, I will not let you down.

MCJ: What do you believe is the role of (See 'DOYLE, MCATEE' on page 13)

Lawrence, Smith on ballot for city council district 2

LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2

TIM "BIGGINS" LAWRENCE
and
DAVE SMITH

MCJ: Please tell the readers who you are and a little about your personal background.

Tim Lawrence: My name is Timothy E. Lawrence, known as "Biggins". I've been a business owner here in Loogootee for 11 years, going on 12. I worked in the labor union for 21 years and drove a truck on and off over my life.

Dave Smith: Loogootee has always been home and probably always will be. I graduated from Loogootee High School in 1981. I attended Vincennes University. Later I attended Oakland City University where I earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and an endorsement in Social Studies. I earned my master's in education from Indiana Wesleyan University. The past 28 years I have been a teacher and coach at Loogootee Community Schools.

MCJ: What motivated you to run for Loogootee City Council, and what qualifications or experience do you bring to the role?

Tim Lawrence: I currently serve on the city council, and I am running again to make a difference. The motivation was that I thought things could be done differently and made better for the people of Loogootee. I still believe that, with the right people in office, and I think I am one of them. I do have the experience of 10 years.

Dave Smith: The decision to seek a seat on the city council is something that I've been considering for the past few years. I feel now is the right time. Things don't change by chance. They change by choice. I have repeatedly been told by city residents, as I've gone door to door, that people now want that change in our city government. Two main things are on their minds. Voters want a council which conducts meetings in an open and professional manner, and where citizens can have their issues listened to respectfully. Our citizens want accountability and strategic planning. They expect, and deserve, councils to work toward improving services and providing a better quality of life. With your support, I will bring 20 years of experience as President of the Loogootee Teachers Association. In that position, I have acquired the skills necessary to listen to all sides to conclude contracts concerning salaries, insurance, staffing issues and many other points of concern to our membership. An open mind, willing to listen and learn, and negotiate in a professional, agreeable manner is paramount to success in seeing Loogootee expand and prosper.

MCJ: What do you believe is the role of the city council?

Tim Lawrence: To handle the money to the best of our ability and to govern the way it's spent. To do these things we have to listen to the citizens of Loogootee and do the best we can.

Dave Smith: The city council has many roles, but I think it starts with being the voice of the citizens, for oversight into the city government and the different departments. The council also approves the budgets, setting ordinances and policies to govern our community and make sure that any current and new laws serve the needs of the people. Oversight includes making sure that the hard-earned tax dollars of the people are being spent in a wise way, and not thrown away on wants. The council must also be a forum where citizens can come and voice their concerns. After all, the mayor and council work for the people, not the other way around.

MCJ: What do you believe are the most pressing issues facing Loogootee, and how do you plan to address them if elected?

Tim Lawrence: Our infrastructure is in need of work. Streets need fixed, storm drains need a lot of work. If elected, I



TIM LAWRENCE

would like to spend the money on these things instead of things not needed.

Dave Smith: I think we have several issues facing our community. The biggest issue I believe is our spending. Wasting a single penny of taxpayer money is wrong. We must address our needs, such as our city streets and sidewalks. We must work with other agencies. The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, the county council and commissioners, and Crane are huge resources for Loogootee that we must fully utilize. We need to focus on economic and affordable housing to help our community grow. As a member of the city council, I hope to work with the other council members and mayor to forge a good working relationship with those agencies and councils to work for the betterment of Loogootee. None of this will be possible without the council and mayor working together

Gilbert, Holland battle for the city council at-large

LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

RON GILBERT
and
BUCK HOLLAND

MCJ: Please tell the readers who you are and a little about your personal background.

Ron Gilbert: I am Ron Gilbert, a retired schoolteacher, after 37 years of teaching. I drive a school bus for Loogootee Schools. I have worked at many local establishments over the past years. I graduated from Indiana University in 1974 and 1976 with a master's degree in elementary education.

Buck Holland: I am a lifelong resident of the Loogootee community. I'm one of four children to Chris 'Hoopo' and Faye Holland, a 1993 graduate of Loogootee Community Schools, and

DOYLE, MCATEE

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the city council?

Katie Doyle: The role of the city council is to make policies that help the citizens of Loogootee. If an issue comes up, we discuss possible solutions and come to an agreement on how to solve those issues.

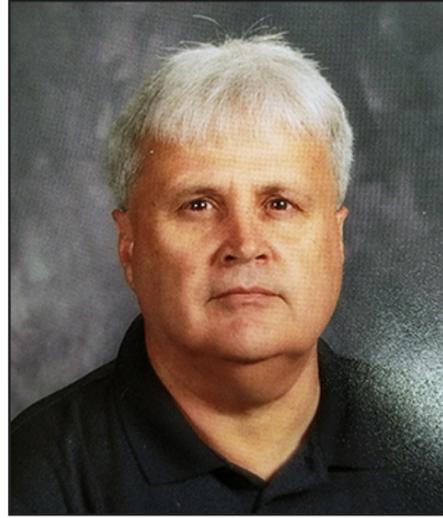
Mark McAtee: What is in the best interest of the City of Loogootee is what I see my role of being on the council will be.

MCJ: What do you believe are the most pressing issues facing Loogootee, and how do you plan to address them if elected?

Katie Doyle: The most pressing issue facing Loogootee is the budget. Finding balance in what the city needs, what the city wants, and what the city can spend is key.

Mark McAtee: I think our most pressing issues are our infrastructure (i.e., lighting, sidewalks, water/sewage, and housing etc.) The City of Loogootee is in desperate need of housing if we have a prayer of growing; there is an urgent NEED now. NAVSEA Crane is in the process of creating new projects that will mean new opportunities for new employment. Our schools, we must strive to maintain the excellence that we have come to expect from our schools.

MCJ: How do you plan to handle dis-



DAVE SMITH

and setting aside any personal agendas.

MCJ: How do you plan to handle disagreements or conflicts within the city council or with the mayor, and what is your approach to building consensus on important issues?

Tim Lawrence: Disagreements are tough, you have to be willing to listen to all involved and try to make the best decision you can if undecided, talk to people to see if you can get the outlook from them on what they want.

Dave Smith: Not everyone is going to agree on every issue 100% of the time. A good leader knows to listen and hear the other side of issues. You talk/discuss the problem in a professional way, not yelling or finger pointing. Gather different views and come up with common ground to solve those issues. Unfortunately, I have not seen much of this on the council in the past year



RON GILBERT

I am a very proud father of my daughter, Chrislynn, who attends Loogootee



BUCK HOLLAND

High School. Most people know me as a chef in local restaurants after completing Culinary School in 2001. I'm currently Chef de Cuisine at the French Lick Springs Resort, with twenty years in supervisory management in the food service industry, where I manage subordinate employees as part of a teamwork structure.

MCJ: What motivated you to run for Loogootee City Council, and what qualifications or experience do you bring to the role?

Ron Gilbert: I have been a city council member for 12 years and feel the city has grown greatly. I am running again to make the city better.

Buck Holland: I've been reading and watching city council meetings for a while now. I believe we need change. People have heard us Republican candidates say we need more proactive engagement from our city council, which is true, I will add that applies to city government as a whole. We need a city government that's focused on growing Loogootee, moving forward with a business plan for the future with infrastructure maintenance, economic development, growth, housing, with a focus on spending, being fiscally responsible. I see many of our streets needing repairs as (See 'GILBERT, HOLLAND' on page 14)

Absentee voting open at the Martin County Clerk's Office

Voter registration for the November 7 City of Loogootee General Election is now closed. Your voter ID being used at the polls will need to have a matching address to your current voter registration record.

You may contact the Martin County Clerk's Office anytime to receive an application to vote absentee by mail. The last day for the Martin County Clerk to receive an absentee ballot application, requesting delivery of a ballot by mail, will be October 26, 2023.

The following Candidates have filed and will appear on the November 7th General Election Ballot:

Mayor: Brian T. Ader (R) and Noel D. Harty (D)

Clerk/Treasurer: Lori D. Carrico (R) and Roger S. Downey (D)

City Council-at-Large: Buck Holland

(R) and Ron Gilbert (D)

City Council District 1: Mike Engleman (R) and Teresa M. Nolley (D)

City Council District 2: David Smith (R) and Tim Biggin Lawrence (D)

City Council District 3: Tim Hudson (I) and Carroll Rayhill (D)

City Council District 4: Mark E. McAtee (R) and Katie Doyle (D)

STRAIGHT PARTY VOTERS: To vote for the CITY COUNCIL-AT-LARGE you DO need to mark your choice in addition to marking the straight party oval on your ballot. Otherwise, the voting tabulator will count it as blank.

In-person absentee voting in the Martin County Clerk's Office will start 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, October 23, 2023, through November 3, 2023. The clerk's office will be open Saturday, October 28 and November 4, 2023, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. On Monday, November 6, 2023, absentee voting in person will be 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Election day is November 7 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Any provisional ballots cast on this date will be reviewed on November 8 at 9 a.m. in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse located at 129 Main St., Shoals, IN 47581.

If you have any questions, please call the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

LOOGOOTEE CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 3
TIM HUDSON
and

CARROLL RAYHILL

Neither candidate chose to answer the questions asked by the *Martin County Journal*.

GILBERT, HOLLAND

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part of infrastructure maintenance. For whatever reason, and for far too long, this issue seems to suffer from neglect. Our local economic growth should be a primary focus. The Mid-States Corridor will certainly impact our community, and we need to be prepared to capitalize on it, to encourage economic development that helps Loogootee, not hinders it. The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is a valuable asset that I feel is currently under-utilized. I am an advocate for cultivating and capitalizing on that partnership, using the same approach with other organizations and leaders that have a focus on growing Loogootee.

MCJ: What do you believe is the role of the city council?

Ron Gilbert: The role of the city council is to look for grants and other ways to bring money to the city and to keep our budget in the black.

Buck Holland: Control spending, by being fiscally responsible. Full transparency. Practice and promote open communication with the mayor, clerk-treasurer, and the community. I also believe the role of city council should practice civility. The city council exercises the legislative powers of city government, including adopting the annual city budget, ordinances, and resolutions; setting appropriate tax levies; establishing sewer and water rates; setting other general tax and service rates.

MCJ: What do you believe are the most pressing issues facing Loogootee, and how do you plan to address them if elected?

Ron Gilbert: If re-elected, I will work with the other council members to keep the budget flowing in the positive.

Buck Holland: Spending, infrastructure, economic development, growth, housing, and a city government working together that promotes Loogootee. Like many small communities, Loogootee's challenges are no different. There are also opportunities. The city council must have a visionary approach that promotes the city and grows our tax base. We create opportunities where there's a vision for partnering with the Alliance, local business leaders, county leaders, even our state government, by incorporating strategies where resources may be available to capitalize on. It will become imperative to continuously network, communicate, and develop a forward-thinking strategy with flexibility to adapt to an ever-changing environment.

We can improve our city with a focus on infrastructure, economic development, and expansion of the tax base, all the while prioritizing those needs with a common-sense approach; because, at the end of the day, we need to be able to afford to live here.

MCJ: How do you plan to handle disagreements or conflicts within the city council or with the mayor, and what is your approach to building consensus on important issues?

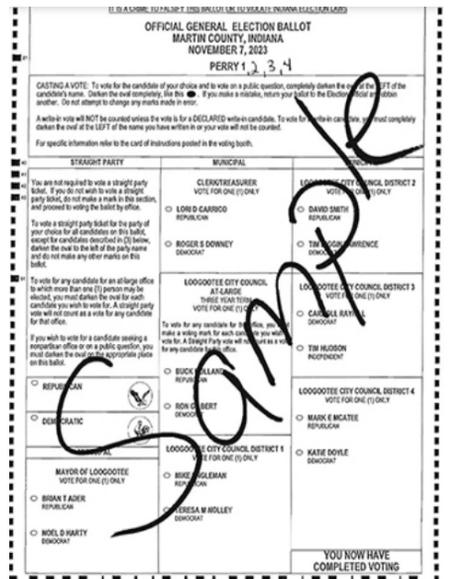
Ron Gilbert: The vote is the final say no matter what the disagreements may be. Discussions are important but the vote is what counts.

Buck Holland: When you have a collection of individuals who have differences of opinions, it shouldn't prevent discussions to proceed on how to find common ground. Consensus can happen even when there are disagreements. But, if everyone involved works together to help bring the city council and the mayor together to help coordinate decisions for the best interests of the city and its residents, everyone wins. Procrastinating on decision making isn't good leadership. Leadership is required for everyone involved. With twenty years of supervisory management, where I had to manage individuals and different personalities as part of a teamwork structure, it provided me valuable experience in forming consensus.

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

Ron Gilbert: I would appreciate your consideration and vote for the November election. Please vote Ron Gilbert for City Council At-Large.

Buck Holland: If elected, it is my sincere and good-faith belief by working collectively with a set of galvanized goals, the opportunities are limitless for our community. It starts with transparency, accountability, open communication, building consensus, and working together, not by creating stumbling blocks and walls of division. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to serve and work for you the great citizens of Loogootee. It's time for change in city government. I've been hearing this sentiment expressed a lot recently whenever talking with people in the community. We all have. But, it's Loogootee voters who control the power for change when you go vote in the November 7th election.




Martin County 4-H Council
TURKEY DINNER
Sunday, November 5
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Limited to serving times or until meals are all served.
at the Martin County Community Building
2668 US Hwy. 50 Loogootee IN 47553

Dinner includes:
Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes,
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Roll, Dessert, Drink

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