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County insurance increasing by 8 percent, half of what was expected

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 31.

Civil Defense Assistant Director Andy Ringwald reported the state gave out infrared thermometers that they had in overstock. Civil defense has been handing them out to first responders. They recently learned they will be getting more thermometers but are unsure how many. Ringwald said if they get a large volume of them, they will drop them off at the courthouse to be given out to residents.

Ringwald said the county's multi hazard mitigation plan is coming due, which is redone every few years. The county receives \$20,304 from the state to contract someone to write the plan but the county has to have an in-kind match of \$6,759. Commissioner Paul George said in the past they have used County Attorney Dave Lett's fees to serve as the match. Ringwald said he believes they can do that again. Ringwald also said a representative of each school has to participate in the plan and he will be reaching out to let them know.

Auditor Michelle Norris said Marilyn McCollough, with Thompson Insurance,

reported the county will see no more than an eight percent increase in health insurance premiums for next year. Anthem originally had said it could be 15-20 percent however McCollough negotiated with them to get the increase down.

Commissioner Cody Roush asked if some of the opioid settlement money, given by the state, could be used to pay for the Youth First counselors in each of the county schools. Attorney Lett said they would have to look at the parameters of the grant given to see if that qualifies. Roush said he and Shoals Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge discussed this idea because using the money to help opioid awareness in the schools is the place to start.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported he still has one Gradall down and they are going to move back to working five 8-hour days instead of the four 10 hour days, due to winter.

Attorney Lett opened the annual supply bids for stone, asphalt, and culverts. Bids were received from Rogers Group, Asphalt Materials, US Aggregate, Civil Supply Company, St. Regis Culvert, and Civilcon. Attorney Lett and Highway Superintendent Seals will take the bids under advisement and report back at the next meeting.

The commissioners voted to reschedule their November 28 meeting to November 27 due to Commissioners Roush and Aaron Summers being away at a convention. The courthouse will be closed next Tuesday, November 7 for the City of Loogootee Election and also Monday, November 10 for Veterans Day.

The next commissioners' meeting is Tuesday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Martin County man sentenced to 5 years in federal prison

Timothy Guy, 76, of Martin County, has been sentenced to 5 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to possession of a firearm and ammunition by a felon, receiving stolen U.S. government property, and possession of child sexual abuse material.

According to court documents, from 1966 through 2004, Timothy Guy was employed as an explosive's handler at the Naval Surface Warfare Center – Crane Division. While working at Crane, he falsified documents to make it appear that ammunition had been destroyed, when in reality, he stole the ammunition and smuggled it out of the facility.

In 2018, Guy was found guilty of possessing child sexual abuse material after he was caught viewing the material at a Wendy's restaurant—where he went to utilize the free Wi-Fi.

On April 30, 2021, a community corrections officer found an unregistered computer in Guy's home during a routine sex offender check. Guy admitted to having flash drives that contained child sexual abuse material. A Martin County Sheriff's deputy assisting the corrections officers quickly located over 250,000 images of children under 12 years old, on 875 data storage discs and 60 thumb drives. Guy was again arrested for possession of child sexual abuse material.

Indiana State Police investigators and Martin County Sheriff's deputies began a search of Guy's property following his April 30 arrest and discovered a cellar door. When a deputy checked the cellar, he located a large amount of ammunition and other material. Investigators later obtained a search warrant and recovered 10,000 rounds of ammunition, valued at over \$1,000 and five firearms including three rifles and two pistols.

Guy is prohibited from possessing a firearm due to his previous felony conviction of possession of child sexual abuse material.

"Undeterred by a prior conviction, the defendant possessed an enormous num-

ber of images of the most horrendous traumas inflicted upon countless innocent children, collected over many years, involving countless victims," said U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, Zachary A. Myers. "Even worse, he abused the position he was entrusted with to help keep our country safe, and instead stole an enormous quantity of deadly ammunition, despite being a convicted felon and forever barred by law from having guns or ammunition. I commend the work of the ATF, ISP, Department of Defense, and Martin County Sheriff's Office and our prosecutor for their work to hold this criminal accountable and make our community safer by getting him off our streets."

"I applaud the investigative team and the U.S. Attorney's Office for their commitment to bring dangerous individuals like Mr. Guy to justice, putting an end to his reprehensible actions," stated Special Agent in Charge Darrin K. Jones, DoD Office of Inspector General, Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), Southeast Field Office. "This significant sentencing demonstrates our commitment to root out criminals associated with the DoD and safeguard the most vulnerable among us."

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Department of Defense, Criminal Investigative Service, Indiana State Police, and Martin County Sheriff's Office investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Court Judge, Richard L. Young. Judge Young also ordered that Guy be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for 6 years following his release from federal prison and register as a sex offender wherever he lives, works, or goes to school.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted this case.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.



Shelter house grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) recently granted \$25,000 to the Martin County Alliance for the Hindostan Falls Shelter House. The Alliance had a \$40,000 goal for a 1:1 match from the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority and its CreatINg Spaces grant program. \$10,000 of the MCCF grant was allowed to go toward that match, so it became \$20,000. The other \$15,000 of the MCCF grant is also going toward construction of the shelter house. Shown above, from left to right, are MCCF Director Curt Johnson, MCCF Board member Janie Johnson, Alliance Executive Director Jessica Potts, MCCF President Paula Ringwald, and Community Foundation Partnership Grants Officer Lisa Starr.



The City of Loogootee General Election will be held Tuesday, November 7.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

You can still vote at the courthouse today through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday and Monday from 8 a.m. to noon.



DON'T FORGET to set your clocks back one hour this Sunday, November 5 for Daylight Saving Time.

City of Loogootee leaf pick up schedule

The City of Loogootee Street Department will begin picking up leaves on Monday, November 6 through December 8.

The following is the leaf pick up schedule. Have your leaves raked to the side of the road. They will also pick up bagged leaves but no sticks.

On Mondays: Leaf pick up will be in precinct two (2). This area includes everyone north of State Highway 50/150 and everyone east of State Highway 231 (J.F.K. Ave.)

On Tuesdays: Leaf pick up will be in precinct one (1). This area includes everyone north of State Highway 50/150 and everyone west of State Highway 231 (J.F.K. Ave.)

On Wednesdays: Leaf pick up will be in precinct three (3) and precinct four (4). This area is everyone south of State Highway 50/150 East and the west side of the city.

Sticks cannot be picked up with leaves.



Mayor's Youth Council donation *-Photo provided*

Members of the Shoals and Loogootee Mayor's Youth Council recently raised \$1,100 to go toward uniforms for the Martin County Ambulance Service. Shown above is Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty, Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn (both left), members of the youth council and Youth Civic Engagement Leader Jim Dittoe (right).

Why Support Brian Ader for Mayor?

Not only am I a candidate for Loogootee Mayor, but I'm also a lifelong resident who loves our city and believes that after 12 years it's now time for new leadership that will move Loogootee forward! I look forward to providing a new outlook for Loogootee citizens along with more transparent fiscal accountability.

As I've been out and about in the community, knocking on doors, while campaigning to become the next Mayor of Loogootee, I've enjoyed speaking with people and listening to the ideas, questions, and concerns of many citizens.

Having been Mayor previously, citizens would like to know how things will be different this time around.

My answer is, I have grown as a person from life experiences and I also learned from my experiences of being your Mayor previously. I will bring more patience, diplomacy, understanding, and a team focus by working together with the council and community to solve the issues facing our city by developing strategies for the future.

I understand success as a Mayor and our city happens when everyone is working together, with open communication and transparency, and by networking and building partnerships, which requires leadership.

If I am elected Mayor, I will bring the leadership necessary with a commitment to research issues with full transparency, as taxpayers expect and deserve. For example, I have been asked to examine what happened with the Community Crossings grant.

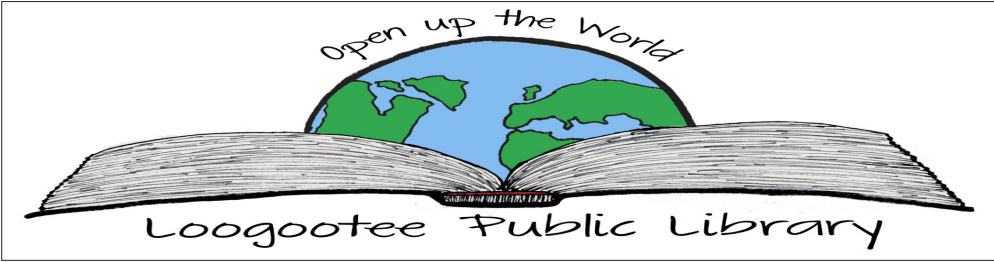
I believe we must be fiscally responsible while focusing on infrastructure needs such as neglected streets, sidewalks, and economic development. We need leadership from a Mayor who is willing to stand up for what is in the best interest of Loogootee. I will also stand up and fight to keep the Highway 231 Corridor from bypassing Loogootee as I know this is a great concern for Loogootee citizens. I believe Loogootee should have a voice that supports a 231 Corridor as an upgraded super two (2) highway of the existing 231 from Haysville to 1-69.

I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead if I am elected as your next Mayor. It's time for change, it's now time to vote Brian Ader for Mayor.



I'm Brian Ader, and I am asking for your vote on November 7th to support transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility, which will help move Loogootee forward. Thank you!

-Paid for by Brian Ader for Loogootee Mayor



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 auction bids are accepted until noon on November 18. A few trees are on display for preview so stop and take a look.

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.

BINGO for 55 years old and up is scheduled for Monday, November 20 at 10:15 a.m.

New: Beginner computer class will be held on Saturday November 11 from 11-1. Bring your laptop, iPad or digital device and meet with Mr. Hamlin to receive instruction.

New Books

Mystery: "The Spy Coast" by Tess Gerritsen and "Dirty Thirty" by Janet Evanovich.

Inspirational Fiction: "Her Secret Hope" by Shelley Shepard Gray and "Knowing You" by Tracie Peterson.

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.



Lucille Fuhrman will be celebrating her 104th birthday on November 6th.

We would like to shower her with cards and birthday wishes.

Cards can be mailed to: Lucille Fuhrman 313 Poplar St. Loogootee, Indiana 47553

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

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BRETT HUMERICKHOUSE

Brett Alan Humerickhouse passed away Sunday, October 29, 2023, at 3:57 p.m. with his family by his side. A resident of Washington, he was 59.

He was born March 12, 1964; son of the late Billy J. and Sharon K. (Sargent) Humerickhouse in Ft. Sills, Oklahoma.

Brett was a happy person to be around. In his younger years, he competed in the Special Olympics several times. He also worked at Red Door and KCARC in Vincennes over the years, which he greatly enjoyed. Brett loved watching the IU Men's Basketball team play and also the Indianapolis Colts. He enjoyed sitting outside in the weather and watching people. Most importantly, he loved his family and spending time with them whenever able. He will be deeply missed.

Surviving is his brother, Brian (Stephanie) Humerickhouse of Washington; his nephews, Cory (Amillia) Humerickhouse of Pueblo, Colorado and Kyle Humerickhouse of Indianapolis; his niece, Libby Humerickhouse of West Lafayette; his aunts and uncles, Jeanette Holt, Sue (Dean) Porter, Larry (Marilee) Sargent, Teresa (Bill) Ward, Joni (Richard) Burch, Steve Sargent; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Billy and Sherry; and his uncles; Duane Sargent, Cal J. Holt, and Bric Parker.

Visitation for Brett will be held on Friday, November 3 from 4-8 p.m. at Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home, 2020 State St., Washington, IN 47501. A funeral service will be conducted on Saturday, November 4, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

The family would like to acknowledge the superior care given to Brett during this time from The Villages at Oak Ridge in Washington, and St. Croix Hospice Care.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Special Olympics, 2600 Virginia Avenue NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20037.

Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home is honored and privileged to be entrusted with the care of Brett and his family.

BEVERLY SHADLE

Beverly Joan (Ritchey) Shadle passed peacefully from this life, on Monday, October 23, 2023, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 85.

She was born February 19, 1938, in Tipton, Indiana; daughter of Vincent Mau-



BEVERLY SHADLE

rice and Anna Laura (Boling) Ritchey. Joan married Jerry W. Shadle on September 1, 2007. She was a very active member of the Odon United Methodist Church, serving in the Feed My Sheep and Children's Church ministries. She was also a member of the Eastern Star, UAW and the Shriner's, taking much joy in being able to donate to such a good cause. Joan worked as an Inspector for Delco/ Remy in Kokomo, retiring after 25 years of service. She was an avid fan of IU Hoosiers and Indiana Pacers Basketball and Indianapolis Colts football. Joan, most of all, loved spending time with her family.

Family left to cherish the memory of Joan include two sons, Mauri Hunter of Sumner, Illinois and Rick Hey of Indianapolis; one step-daughter, Christine McFarland of Greenwood; grandchildren, Nicholas Hunter, Brandi (Hunter) Tressler, Sasha Hunter, Blake Hunter, Christopher Hunter, Megan (Hunter) Martinez, Dagmar (Hunter) Bowman, Cheyenne Hunter, Christina (Hey) Brush and Jenna LeTourneau; great-grandchildren, Shayla (Hunter) Ashley, Austin Hunter, Matthew Morgan, Colin Morgan, Abby Morgan, Aubree Hunter, Remea Hunter, Jordan McGill, Jayleigh Martinez, Jaxsyn Baxley, Lilianna Hunter, Raelynn Hunter and Jordan Brush; step-grandchildren, Andrew Shadle, McKynse Shadle and Rylie McFarland; step-great-grandchild, Hadley Shadle; brother, Donald Lee (Mary) Ritchey; sister, Joyce Schwenk and step-sister, Ginny (Leroy) Shafer.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Jerry Hunter; second husband, Robert Hey; third husband, Jerry W. Shadle; son, Douglas Lee Hunter and sister, Cheryl Ritchey.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 27 at Odon United Methodist Church with Tim Ahlemeyer officiating. Joan was laid to rest in Albright Cemetery in Kokomo.

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

MARY JOHNSON

Mary A. Johnson passed away at 2 a.m. Wednesday, October 25, 2023, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 85.

She was born July 1, 1938, in Loogootee; daughter of the late Carl and Bertha



MARY JOHNSON

(Fields) Dillon. Mary married James Johnson on October 18, 1958, and they shared 60 years together until his passing in 2019. Mary enjoyed taking care of house plants and interior decorating. She was a caregiver to all animals, especially cats and dogs. Mary was a dedicated shopper with QVC. She also enjoyed listening to music from the 50's and 60's. Mary and Jim traveled all over the United States and Europe. They also lived in Spain as newlyweds while in the service. Mary was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Johnson; daughter, Lea Ann McGuire; parents, Carl and Bertha Dillon; and siblings, Tom Dillon, Wayne Dillon, and Shirley Dillon.

Mary is survived by her sons, Chris Johnson of Loogootee, Mike (Todd Cable) Johnson of Phoenix, Arizona; and Steve (Kerrie) Johnson of Portland, Indiana; sister, Terri Williams of Loogootee; grandchildren, Jeremiah Johnson, Jasmine McGuire, Errol (Jessica) McGuire, Allie McGuire, Megan Martin, China Martin, Jacob (Harley) Barker, Taylor Barker, and Paige Barker; and 18 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Saturday, October 28 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Mary Johnson.

DOROTHEA DIVINE

Dorothea Divine died peacefully on Tuesday October 24 with family at her side in Bloomington. She was 93.

Dorothea is survived by her daughters, Nancy Fiscus (Divine) of Martinsville and Margaret LeAnne Sitzman (Divine) of Bloomington; brothers, Russell Burress of Venture, Iowa and Forrest Burress of Burnsville, Minnesota; five grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Orville Burress and Reba Burress (Truelove); her husband, Charles Ellsworth Divine; her brothers Roy Burress and Ronald Burress; her sister, Evelyn Lemke (Burress); her son-in-law, Dennis Sitzman, and her grandchild, Amber Desiree Sitzman.

Dorothea Divine was born on February 4, 1930, or there a-bouts, in Rutherford Township. The Dr. who delivered the home birth could not recall the exact date as he delivered two other babies that week, but knew it was close to Groundhogs Day and chose February 4th for the birth certificate.

She was raised by Noah and Mamie Truelove (her grandparents). Dorothea went to school in a one room schoolhouse on Truelove Road, where she managed to complete the 3rd and 4th grade in one year.

The family moved to Loogootee her freshman year of high school. It was at her graduation in 1947 that she met the love of her life, Charles Ellsworth Divine. After much encouragement from his brother, Elec, Ellsworth asked her out, and after several attempts Dorothea said yes. They were married on February 2, 1952, with John and Juanita (Divine) Workman as their witnesses. They worked and lived on the family farm in Rutherford.

Dorothea worked at NWCS (aka Crane)



DOROTHEA DIVINE

for 28 years as a purchase agent before retiring. Dorothea also enjoyed volunteering within the community, being active with 4-H as a member and a leader. She spent time working with Farm Bureau as a woman's leader for several years. Dorothea had many hobbies as well; she enjoyed crocheting and making blankets for new babies of families and friends. She was always up for a challenge and would try new patterns. She enjoyed baking, cooking, cross-stitch, sewing, and gardening as well. She enjoyed being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren supporting their interests.

Dorothea loved cars, especially her dream car, the 350 hp Z28 Chevrolet Camaro. She drove it like it was on rails and was lucky that she never received a speeding ticket or drag racing ticket!

Dorothea was very quick-witted and always had a story to tell. She was loved by all that met her. She was full of love and didn't have a mean thing to say about anyone. She will be missed by many.

A funeral service was held Saturday October 28 at the Loogootee Methodist Church in Loogootee. Burial followed at the South Martin Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dorothea Divine.

October was National Learning and Development Month

Indiana Connections Career Academy, a tuition-free full-time public virtual school, serves students statewide in grades 6-12. Erica Fair, Indiana Connections Career Academy assistant principal and Martin County resident, says her favorite thing about working in education is the opportunity to inspire children by encouraging them to explore, be creative, have fun learning and believe in themselves.

In its seventh year of operation, Indiana Connections Career Academy provides students a safe, engaging environment that offers STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and career-focused courses to offer specific skill development and career exposure.

"Our students have access to a career portal providing them with opportunities to explore and discover various career pathways," said Erica. "Students gain real-world skills and experience in our career readiness program to help prepare them as they continue their education or join the workforce when they graduate."

Building on an already robust career program, Indiana Connections Career Academy has expanded its courses and career pathways to include Information Technology (IT) and Business for the 2023-24 school year.

"We partner with career centers around the state providing our students hands-on learning in various high wage/high demand careers while doing their core academics online," said Erica. "Our students are given the best opportunities to be career and/or college ready in a virtual setting."

Students will work with a Career Coach who will help guide and support them through interactions with college and industry partners/mentors, keep them on track to earn certifications and dual credit, and help them update their portfolios in preparation for life after high school. New digital tools will include a career portal and career assessments to identify student interests and facilitate exploration.

For more information about Indiana Connections Career Academy, visit IndianaConnectionsCareerAcademy.com.



Derek George
Owner & Funeral Director

"The most dangerous phrase in our language is, "We've always done it this way."

-Admiral Grace Hopper

It may seem strange to plan your own cremation or funeral ceremony, but it's the best way to ensure it's what you want. It also helps your family get everything taken care of in advance, so they know they're doing the right thing for you. Gain peace of mind by preplanning with a name you trust.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:39 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Received multiple calls from an Orange County address. Advised Orange County Dispatch.

1:13 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

1:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

6:41 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1 and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. No transport was needed.

8:22 p.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.

8:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a call from Mytrex Alarm Company advising of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis, Major Reed and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

7:00 a.m. - Received multiple calls requesting to speak with an officer in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:31 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

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

12:30 p.m. - Received a call from Loogootee High School advising they will be doing a fire drill today.

1:50 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

2:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Chief Long responded.

4:28 p.m. - Received a call advising of a vehicle repossession. Notified Loogootee Dispatch.

4:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Still have an issue with phones.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of possible harassment in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident southwest of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

8:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an aggressive driver on US 231 South, heading north. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

9:43 p.m. - Have received multiple calls reporting water gushing from hydrants in Loogootee. Advised callers they are flushing hydrants this week.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

10:30 a.m. - Received a call request-

ing an ambulance in Loogootee. Captain Rayhill and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

5:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting of possible gunshots east of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Conservation Officer Mann responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received a call reporting of a suspicious person west of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

8:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis and Captain Gibson responded.

9:04 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi east of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Jacksons Heavy Haul responded.

10:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious subjects in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

11:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting a fire hydrant gushing water in Loogootee. Advised they are flushing hydrants.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

1:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting Cane Naval Base 911. Transferred 911 call to Crane Naval Base.

2:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

7:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree over the roadway south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

8:01 a.m. - Received a call regarding a road issue in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

2:26 p.m. - Receive a call reporting of someone shooting a gun in city limits of Loogootee. Deputy Doane and Sergeant Wells responded.

2:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Wagoner, Sergeant Wells, and Big Johns Towing responded. No transport was needed.

5:49 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Fire Department.

8:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a field fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

9:59 p.m. - Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm going off in Loogootee. Keyholder was notified.

11:37 p.m. - Received a call reporting a fire hydrant gushing water in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner advised they are flushing the fire hydrants.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

12:32 a.m. - Received a call in regard to a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

4:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call request for Lawrence County 911. Transferred 911 call to Lawrence County 911.

9:00 a.m. - Received a call advising a car off the roadway south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a call requesting vehicle identification numbers check on a boat north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells

responded.

9:54 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:58 a.m. - Received a call advising a fire alarm is going off in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Lawrence County. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

1:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Erwin, and Deputy Doane responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

5:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:24 p.m. - Received a call in regard to a controlled burn south of Shoals. Advised Lost River Fire.

7:21 p.m. - Received a call in regard to a motion detector going off in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

5:46 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:27 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down northeast of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Doane responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. All on duty officers were advised.

1:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Officer Wagoner, Deputy Doane, Deputy Shields, Loogootee Fire Department, and Big John's Towing responded. No transport was needed. Duke Energy was notified.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Loogootee Officer Davis responded. CVS has a glitch in their phone system.

6:48 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a Conservation Officer. Indiana South Region was notified.

8:00 a.m. - Received a call from ADT

advising of a fire alarm in Crane. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:45 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

12:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled semi in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

12:45 p.m. - Received a call advising they will be testing fire alarms at nursing homes in Loogootee.

12:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal domestic dispute north of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded.

2:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible scam in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner, Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Doane responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Doane responded. No transport was needed.

9:01 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Call was transferred to Daviess County 911.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:01 p.m. - Teri Fields, 53, of Mitchell, was arrested By Corporal Hawkins and charged with possession of methamphetamine. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

1:26p.m. - Brandon Lee Bundy, 27, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents on an Orange County warrant as well as local charges for possession of marijuana and violating special driving privileges. He is currently being held without bond.

9:59 p.m. - Vincent Romero, 39, of Crane, was on station to turn himself in on a Martin County Warrant. He is currently being held without bond.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

10:04 a.m. - Darren Bruce Stone, 55, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Greene on a Martin County warrant. He is currently being held without bond.

Friday, October 27

2:33 p.m. - Zacheriah Williams, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Doane and charged with operating a vehicle while never licensed. He is currently being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

6:00 p.m. - Richard Smith Jr. was on station to turn himself in on a commitment.

11:59 p.m. - Lowell Sanders, 53, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Doane and charged with possession of a controlled substance. He is currently being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

Saturday, October 28

11:57 p.m. - Jacob Divine, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Wagoner and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*Wrinkles mean I laughed. Grey hair means I cared. These scars mean I lived, and this fat butt means I love tacos.

*Finally, my bills are washed, laundry is paid, clothes are baking, and dinner is in the dryer. I got this!

*My stomach is flat. The "L" is just silent.

*I sold my vacuum the other day. All it was doing was collecting dust.

*Wanna hear two short jokes and a long joke? Joke, Joke, Joooooeeeeeeeee

*I made a playlist for hiking. It has music from Peanuts, the Cranberries, and Eminem. I call it my trail mix.

*That's a pretty good ceiling. It's not the best, but it's up there!

*I wrote a song about a tortilla. Actually, it's more of a wrap.

*I was sitting in traffic the other day. Probably why I got run over.

*The challenge of retirement is how to spend time without spending money.

*If a woman is chugging chocolate chips straight out of the bag in the baking aisle at the grocery store, I suggest you just let her be.

*It's weird to think people who are 5 feet tall are only 5 Subways long.

SCHOOL THOUGHTS

*Did you hear about the piece of paper who fell in love with the binder on the first day of school? They love each other a hole punch.

*What did the math book say to the calculator on their first day of school. You

can count on me to solve your problems.

*Why did the backpack feel relieved on the first day of school? It finally had a shoulder to lean on.

*Geology rocks, but geography is where it is at!

*Not all math classes are bad. Just sum.

*If you want to cut class, then just bring scissors to school.

*Students have to walk in straight lines because if they walked in circles, they'd never get to class!

*If you want to get straight A's, then use a ruler!

A man walks into a bar and there is a bunch of meat hanging from the ceiling. The man asks the bartender, "What's the deal with the meat?"

The bartender explains that if you jump and slap a piece of meat, you get to drink free for the night, but if you miss, you must buy drinks for everyone in the bar.

The man responds, "No thanks, the steaks are too high."

My daughter just walked into the living room and said "Dad, cancel my allowance immediately, rent my room out, throw all my clothes out the window, take my TV, and stereo, and iPhone, and iPod, and my laptop. Please take all of my jewelry to the Salvation Army or Cash Converters. Then sell my new car, take my front door key away from me and throw me out of the house. Then disown me and never talk to me again. And don't forget to write me out of your will and leave my share to my brother."

"Well, she didn't put it quite like that... she actually said... "Dad, this is my new boyfriend."

Don't forget to roll your scales back 5 pounds this weekend. Oh, sorry, I meant to say, roll your clocks back one hour. My bad.

Make someone smile today!

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.

Turkey dinner

The Martin County 4-H Council will host their annual turkey dinner Sunday, November 5 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building at the fairgrounds. Dinner includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, slaw, gravy, roll, dessert and drink. An adult meal is \$15 and kids aged 12 and under eat for \$7.

Tourism meeting

The Martin County Tourism Board will hold their next meeting Thursday, November 9 at 5 p.m. at the Community Learning Center Building at the fairgrounds. The meeting is open to the public.

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.

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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.

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Freezing temperatures arrived in the Hoosier Hills this week, bringing an end to the growing season. Over the past several weeks, I have been busy moving plants. During the summer, my large collection of houseplants gets moved outside. Some of the most tender tropical plants would be damaged by temperatures in the 40's, so they were moved in first. With the freeze in the forecast for this week, the weekend was a flurry of activity, moving the rest of the tender plants back into the house for the winter. It is not one of my favorite chores, making me vow to refrain from buying any more non-hardy plants. There is little chance of my keeping that vow.

A youngster who visited asked me why I was carrying in the plants. I explained that they would die if I left them out in the cold, and he observed that there are a lot of plants in my yard. I explained most of the plants can survive in the cold, so they do not have to be taken in. That just triggered more questions, and I realized that the same questions may be asked by my readers and their garden helpers.

Water in the plant cells is the cause of the damage when it freezes. If you place a full bottle of water in the freezer, you will notice that the water expands as it freezes, sometimes even bursting the bottle. The same thing happens in plant cells. The freezing water causes the cell walls in the plant to break. When temperatures warm above the freezing point, the ice in the cells changes back to water and leaks out, causing the plant to be limp and turn dark.

All plants are not the same. Some plants make their own antifreeze, using proteins, sugars and other minerals. The strength of the antifreeze determines the planting

zone for a particular plant. The United States Department of Agriculture has created the Plant Hardiness Zone map, with ten zones based on the annual extreme low temperatures in each area. Each zone has temperature minimums about 10 degrees F warmer than the next lower-numbered zone. In Southern Indiana, we are now in zone 6, and a plant rated to survive in zone 6 will be able to survive temperatures as low as 20 degrees below zero. Within any landscape, there are also micro-climates, where temperatures remain a little warmer. Stones heat up on sunny days, so a plant next to a stone may survive a freeze that one in the open would not. Proximity to buildings may also give one a chance to grow a plant that is rated to zone 7.

Plants also have different types of cells, and that also affects how they react to a freeze. Woody parts of plants have thicker cell walls and they do not break as easily. Other's cells are more elastic and will stretch with the freezing water. Plant roots, including bulbs, corms, tubers and other underground plant parts are insulated by the soil, so the top of the plant may die, but the plant will grow again next spring. Not all bulbs have the same hardiness, even if they are under the soil. Again, they may survive a mild winter, but disappear after a hard winter. To be safe, you may dig these less-hardy bulbs after the tops of the plants have been killed by a freeze and store the bulbs in a cool, dry location.

The freeze may have ended the growing season, but certainly not the gardening season. There is still a lot going on at Sandhill Gardens, where the gardens have been planned for interest in all seasons. Stop in and see us sometime.

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The issue also features an article by Indiana First Lady Janet Holcomb promoting the Indiana Hunt for Hunger program, which pays for deer donated by hunters to be processed into healthy venison for hungry Hoosiers.

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PURE COUNTRY *Throwback*

By Dan Gregory

Originally published November 4, 2008

I am writing this Pure Country column after having voted at our small polling location in Rutherford Township, not far from where I went to school for the first seven years of my grade school education, and with all of the election outcomes yet to be known. This is my first venture into the political arena as a candidate for one of our county commissioner seats. I suppose in a way I was destined to try this at least once in my life. Many experiences I have had kept moving me towards an eventual run for public office even though I have harbored misgivings about the whole idea, mostly that I don't want my family to have to bear any of the unpleasantness that may come their way if I am successful. By the same token, there have been times when I felt it a duty to offer my service. I don't have any doubts that I can learn what I need to know to be effective.

Voting for our leaders and representatives was something I was taught to be a citizen's duty at an early age. Both my parents have worked at the polls. The pursuit of an elected position came about after much thought and consultation with people who know me well. Without their encouragement, I would never have given it a go.

I stumbled greatly at the thought of calling my friend an opponent, but since we both agreed to support the other, regardless of the outcome, that made the race a lot easier. I never said anything negative about my friend, and I am glad for that.

There were many days I forgot that I was even running for public office this fall. The date of November 4th seemed

a long way off last spring when I decided to run. Now here it is, my strategy is complete. Time to find out who the voters want to work for them in the next four years.

I decided early on that this would not change me, but seeing your name on signs along the road and in the papers, has a way of elevating and bloating your ego. I have enough family and friends that will help me keep my head on straight though, and if I get too big for my britches, I know someone will remind me of my many flaws. These are the same people who encouraged me that they thought I should go for it, and I trust their judgment maybe more than my own.

I think in retrospect, and regardless of the outcome today, this has been a positive experience for me and my family. If successful, the hard work will start soon and the decisions I make will be in good faith and hopefully fair. If not successful, then I will simply have one more experience. I will still be happy, and I will have done something that a very small percentage of the people ever attempt or get the chance to do.

Whatever the election outcome for our local, state, and national offices, I am satisfied that one of our greatest freedoms is the opportunity for citizens to choose their leadership. Disagree we might about the selection of our leaders, but I feel this way: Freedom is a precious commodity and privilege and has been provided to us at great cost by the veterans and the hard-working citizens of our country. Veterans Day is next Tuesday, let's pause and celebrate the many freedoms we all enjoy as Americans.

Christmas Tree Jubilee

A FUNDRAISER to benefit the Loogootee Public Library and Community Action Leading Loogootee.

Decorate and Donate


Decorated trees, wreaths and lanterns will be accepted from community members and businesses.

See the Trees


The donated trees, wreaths and lanterns will be on display at the library the week of November 11th.

Silent Auction Bidding

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“Moving Loogootee Forward!”

Loogootee City Council District 3 candidate answers questions

(Editor's Note: Loogootee City Council candidate Tim Hudson contacted the Martin County Journal after last week's election preview issue and explained that he had technical difficulties getting his responses to The Journal questions on time. Those responses are below. Hudson is running against Carroll Rayhill.)

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

Tim Hudson: Hi, my name is Tim Hudson, and I am running for District 3 City Council. I would appreciate your vote in November. I was born, raised and have lived my whole life in Loogootee. I married Rachel Blackwell, and we have three kids, Amanda Johnson (Derek), Adam Hudson (Morgan)and Aaron Hudson (Jovanna). We have 5 grandchildren, Emma, Katlyn, Brantlee, Colten and Cheyanne. I served in the National Guard for 8 years. I have owned and operated T & R Mechanics for over 30 years and I am currently, and for over 20 years, a Loogootee Community School Bus Driver. I also served as building commissioner for over 4 years.

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

Tim Hudson: My reason for running for the city council is to start putting our citizens and our town's needs above all else. While in my capacity as the building commissioner, I was able to learn a lot and make several contacts to ensure we were following the rules and guidelines set out to be in compliance. I learned not only how the office of the building commissioner should operate but also how other departments within the city were operating. I felt, at times, it was just chaotic and a lack of understanding and support for all departments was apparent. It was not a TEAM effort in my opinion, it was a competition and sides were drawn. I feel like with the knowledge I gained in those 5 years along with owning my own business it would enable me to make sound judgements and hear all sides before making a decision. I could call out specific issues, good old boys or even occurrences but that is not my goal, my goal is to make Loogootee a better place for everyone who lives here.

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

Tim Hudson: I believe the role of the city council is to be the voice of the people. They should work with the citizens to identify problem areas and needs within the city and work to find solutions to fix the issues. They should be involved in the yearly planning and budget process. The council members are elected for a reason, and it is not to vote with the "majority" it was to vote for what was best for the city.

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

Tim Hudson: I believe our biggest issue is the budget and staying within a set budget, so our city does not go broke. I think we can come to an agreement by hearing all sides and setting priorities and not veering from the budget in place. I also believe the way the different departments are run is an issue. This should be uniform across the board not as each supervisor sees fit. I think the employee handbook should be utilized to train the supervisors and employees on the rules and regulations. We need to resolve issues as they come up, not in advance. Department needs should come through the council and not be decided at the department level. We cannot continue to rob from Peter to pay Paul and stay solvent. I believe the roads and the sidewalks are an issue that needs addressed promptly also. I will address these issues by being open,



TIM HUDSON

honest and direct to not only the citizens but also to my peers on the board if elected. I will work effortlessly to fix the issues our great city has.

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 Hudson: I will be open to hearing everyone's views, ideas and resolutions and will work with our "team" to find the best solution for our city. I believe that everyone has a voice and we should all be using that voice for one thing, and that is the good of our city. The voice includes our citizens and would encourage all of them to become more involved by at least attending or listening in on the monthly meetings.

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

Tim Hudson: I would like the voters to know that I will work tirelessly and to the best of my ability to resolve their issues. It's time for a change so we can move forward and keep our city great.



Pickleball grant


Loogootee Pickleball was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Smithville Charitable Foundation. These funds will go toward phase two of the four court pickleball complex project which is laying of the asphalt. The pickleball committee plans to initiate phase two in the spring of 2024.

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