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## Kids Lunch donation

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Williams Bros., in Loogootee, collected money during the month of October for the New Beginnings Kids Lunch Program. They collected \$1,290.82 during the month and Williams Bros. corporate matched \$500 of that fundraising for a total donation of \$1,790.82. Shown from left to right are Ernie Canell, New Beginnings Church in Loogootee and WB employees Ashley Graber, Carrie Lengacher, Allison Taylor, and Renae Keller.

## Shoals School Board approves staff, athletic changes, raises

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, November 14. Board Members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Samantha Boyd and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Shannon Wagoner, Kindra Hovis, Austin Malone, and April Sutton.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Lori Albright and Cathy Hovis as substitute teachers

-Lisa Taylor as Title I aide

-April Cockerham as pre-school teaching assistant

-Angel Hampton to fill in for Audrey Gibson's maternity leave for period 3-7 beginning December 2 through the end of the school year

-Olivia Jacks to fill in for Jessica Hert's maternity leave beginning January 6 through April 1

-Jill Holt to fill in for the elementary principal during medical leave for nine weeks

-Kyle Wininger, Whitney Andis, Jim Potts, Jace Erwin, Nathan Hoffman, Cody Douglas, Mike Fischer, and Drexel Turpin as boys' basketball volunteers

-Becca Rollins and Charlie Rollins as girls' basketball volunteers

-Alyssa Fithian as elementary cheer coach

-Chris Bauer as volunteer softball coach

-Resignation of Leslie Bauer from elementary cheer coach

-Resignation of Kevin Hert from varsity soccer coach

The board approved a request to increase the current ECA trip bus driver rate.

The board approved the fourth grade boys' basketball team to take a white bus to buy Angel Tree gifts and go out to eat on November 23. They also approved the boys' and girls' basketball teams to hold JBL from November to March.

The board approved the superintendent's recommendation for a \$600 stipend for the principals and non-certified staff, a \$1,000 raise for Doug Wagoner and \$1,000 stipends for the bus drivers.

The board accepted donations from the

Shoals Christian Church for \$500 for the school cafeteria fund, from Community Foundation Partnership, Inc. for \$500 for the school cafeteria fund, from Old National Bank for \$1,500 for t-shirts, from Hoosier Uplands for \$500 for the school nurse, and from the Martin County Alliance for \$1,000 for the school social worker.

The board approved the superintendent's request to prepay 50 percent for the elementary bookworm vending machine.

The board approved an amendment in the corporation owned preschool/route 9 contract to remove preschool.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

The elementary Beta Club requested to partner with Hilltop Photography to provide the community with an affordable opportunity for Christmas pictures of their family. Dates will be November 15, 16, and 17. Funds will be used for convention fees, membership fees, club activities, and community outreach.

The board approved the elected insurance for the 2020 year.

Shoals Rockettes Dance Team and the middle school cheerleaders requested to sell candles from Hilltop Candle Shop beginning November 15 and ending December 2. Funds will be raided for their dance account. They recently purchased new uniform tops and would like to replace those funds spend and be able to purchase new ones that match the dance themes. They would also like to use the account to purchase music. The cheer team would like to raise funds to supply team shirts to the girls.

Shoals Beta Club requested to put on "Cocoa and Canvas" on December 16 in the cafeteria. The funds will be used toward Beta Club trips and activities.

The Class of 2024 requested to sell discounted Big Splash Waterpark tickets. The raised funds will contribute to the class of 2024 funds.

The board approved the Beta Club's request to go to the Beta Convention in French Lick.

The middle school principal reported (See 'SHOALS' on page two)

## Resident concerned about trash covered properties

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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Chan Cornett came before the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, November 19 to discuss issues with junk-littered properties and garbage being burned at properties on Sherfick School Road and an area of Hwy. 150, known as Fuzzy Duck. Cornett said he lives in Indianapolis part-time and Martin County part-time and it is difficult to try to get acquaintances to show interest in relocating to Martin County with the amount of blighted properties located along the county roads. Cornett said he learned that the county should have a sanitation officer, however has been unable to find out who it is. He asked the commissioners who were also unaware. Cornett cited an ordinance pertaining to the county's formation of a solid waste management district in 2005 and the district's obligation to monitor illegal disposal of waste in the county.

Cornett said hundreds, if not thousands, of residents feel the same way he does about the junk piles, abandoned vehicles and filth however are afraid to come forward due to fear of being ostracized. He said that according to the ordinance, no person may establish, operate, or maintain a junkyard or scrap metal processing facility or store junk on any portion of their property which is within 1,000 feet of the nearest edge of the right-of-way of any county road unless it is screened by natural objects, plantings, fences or other appropriate means so as not to be visible from the main travel way.

Cornett said the county sanitation officer is supposed to be designated by the commissioners, per the ordinance, to provide recourse for citizens who have issues.

Cornett provided a list of properties he feels violate the ordinance, along with photos. One property on Hwy. 150, Cornett said trash is hauled in and dumped and burned. His aunt, who lives close to this property, has been having unexplained lung issues.

Cornett finished by saying that the laws should be enforced by the county commissioners even if violations are on a property owned by a county commissioner and he would like resolution.

Commissioners Dan Gregory and Paul George told Cornett that they will be holding a solid waste management board meeting on Wednesday night and will discuss the issue with Director Laura Albertson. All three commissioners serve on the solid waste board.

In other business, the commissioners spent quite a bit of time debating which company to choose for the county's cyber security protection. Two quotes were received, one from Matrix Integration for \$43,000 a year and one from RTC Communications for \$6,000 less. Auditor Bobbie Abel said that RTC is the current internet

service provider to the county and in order to keep the county's business, they have also offered a 10 percent discount but the commissioners had to approve their contract at the meeting or it would expire. Abel said she would not choose to go with RTC because they have "dropped the ball" and are the reason quotes were sought for the service. Matrix, she said, offered more services and around the clock customer support, something they have not had with RTC. The extra expense, she said, includes software changes, hardware and any updates needed from Matrix but RTC's quote required the county to purchase equipment and software outright every three years.

Commissioner Paul George said he didn't understand why so much was needed to cover cyber security when the county has gotten by fine without it for years. Members of the audience and Abel all commented that technology is changing, and cyber security is a need, especially in respect to government entities.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd made a motion to go with RTC Communications however Commissioner Dan Gregory would not second the motion. He made a motion to go with Matrix.

County Attorney Dave Lett said the first motion had to be acted upon before a new motion could be made. Commissioner

Paul George then seconded Boyd's motion and it passed 2-1 with Gregory voting against.

The cost of the RTC contract will be \$34,000 for next year and was only a one-year contract. Abel noted that they will not know the cost of any additional years of service.

Brent Roberts, with BF&S, talked to the commissioners about ongoing issues with Brooks Bridge. Roberts said the bridge has been inspected and the erosion on the west abutment continues to get worse and is the biggest immediate threat to the bridge. The DNR gave the county a permit to do bank work 50 feet from the bridge. Roberts said that the permit is going to have to be expanded as erosion control will have to extend much farther than that to keep the bridge from eventually collapsing into the river. Due to the historic nature of the bridge, it has to be maintained to prevent further damage.

The erosion work is estimated to cost around \$200,000 including engineering and surveys. According to Roberts, specific techniques can armor the area around the abutment to stop the erosion.

Roberts noted that the work on the abutment doesn't include the rusting of the trusses. He estimates that to cost \$500,000 to repair.

The commissioners discussed the need to go ahead and fix the erosion problems however not do anything to repair the actual bridge. They agreed that the bridge will eventually have to be closed once the truss because dan- (See 'RESIDENT' on page two)

# SHOALS

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on the ongoing donations for the Rox Request. They are currently still taking donated items if anyone is interested in donating. This year was the 21<sup>st</sup> annual school safety training in Indianapolis. Upcoming assessments will be the NWEA and ISTEP+. Mr. Malone wanted to thank Doug Wagoner and Roger Wraley for all their hard work this year. He said they work tirelessly and are always quick to respond when needed. Also, Mr. Malone offered a big thank you to Superintendent Dr. Candace Roush saying she is a great leader to all. He also thanked the Shoals family for their wonderful support.

The high school principal reported that the class officers will be doing a coin war to donate to one of the school's security resource officers and his family during their time of need. The principal offered a big congratulations to their Beta winners as there were many first and second place awards. There were champions in the painting division, character performance, and performing arts. The robotics team hosted a college and career fair last month. The principal reported it was one of the best fairs they have had. The high school had community leaders visit the school on November 7 and the principal reported that they were quite impressed with the ag and shop programs. Mrs. Gibson and Mr. Kent's collaboration on the gingerbread houses with the students will be on display beginning December 3 through Christmas break. The ag/shop classes have been very busy, and the outside of the greenhouse is now complete. The ag students will be butchering chickens next Wednesday. If anyone would like a fresh, whole chicken, the cost is \$12. The concrete is being poured on Monday for the walking trail. After this round, there will be only 180 feet left of phase one to complete. The construction class is also prepping and preparing to pour a pad for Danny Roush's memorial bench. Mrs. Sutton is starting a basic needs free store in her classroom for students needing personal hygiene items. Any donations are greatly appreciated. The principal reported that Mr. Weitkamp did an exceptional job with organizing and hosting this year's Festival of Bands. The school hosted seven schools for the event. Cammie Sanders will be doing a staff Christmas countdown activity for anyone who would be interested. Upcoming events include midterm on November 15, NWEA/ISTEP the week of November 18, profile of a graduate on November 21, which includes K-8 teachers and community members interested. Thanksgiving break is November 27 through November 29. The principal gave a shout out to Kevin Holt saying his positive energy and enthusiasm is so appreciated. The principal also thanked Dr. Roush for everything. Mr. Kent thanked Doug and Roger for going above and beyond for him.

The elementary principal reported that attendance has been steady at 95 percent. Upcoming events will be the spell bowl competition on November 28, second and third grade STEM field trip to Crane on November 2 and November 9. They have the elementary Christmas program on December 13 at 1:30 p.m., which includes the first, second and fourth grades. The learning fair will be on December 19, from 5:30-7 p.m. The principal gave a shout out to the elementary students who have been caught caring for others, even if it is a small act of kindness, it does not go unnoticed. Mr. Malone said they truly have a great group of kids who genuinely care. "Our students are amazing, and it is the little

things that help make our school a better place to be. Our teachers are amazing, and we are working so hard with, and for, our students. They have been going above and beyond for our students." Mr. Malone also gave a big congratulations to the elementary Lego League Teams, Roxstars, Roborox and Roxbots. He said they have done an amazing job and their hard work has advanced them to the Evansville State Competition. National Beta members received 31 awards at the State Beta Convention. 14 of the awards were first place. All SES Beta students are invited to the National Beta Convention in Austin, Texas this summer. Mr. Malone thanked Dr. Roush for all she has done and the support she has given.

Superintendent Dr. Candace Roush congratulated the robotics teams on their successful competition and wished them luck at their state competition. She also congratulated the Beta students on all of their awards at their state competition. She wished the board and the community a happy Thanksgiving and thanked the Martin County Leadership group for spending a day of professional development at the school and for taking a school tour. Dr. Roush notified the board of the school improvement plans that have to be uploaded to the state every year, as well as the teacher performance award stipends that will be given out next week from the state. Finally, she discussed a potential grant opportunity to work with the Martin County Community Corrections office on help with the PBIS, CASS and counseling programs at the school.

## 50th Anniversary celebration of the 1970 Loogootee Lions

Loogootee High School will be honoring the 50th anniversary of the 1970 Loogootee Lions team that went to the Final Four at the home game for the Lions against Wood Memorial on Friday, December 6.

It will all start in the high school cafeteria. There will be a reception honoring the team members, student managers, cheerleaders, and coaches from 5-6:30 p.m.

Please come visit with our "idols" from 50 years ago, take photos, and relive one of the greatest years in Loogootee Basketball History.

The honored guest will be introduced later in the evening during the games.

The evening will finish after the games at the VFW. The VFW has been rented and everyone is invited to come visit and party like it's 1970 again. and snacks will be provided.

Organizers have confirmation that every player will be represented. Nine of them in person. Three of the four student managers plan to attend along with all five cheerleaders and their coach, Linda Mehringer. Of course, the leaders of this merry band, Coach Butcher and Coach Nonte will be in attendance.

## Loogootee 6th grade boys start season

On November 14, the Loogootee Lions Sixth Grade Boys' Basketball Team traveled to Forest Park. The Lions won the A game by a score of 37-35. Leading the Lions in scoring was Cam Haywood with 28 points, Paxton Arvin with seven and Daniel Farhar with two.

In the B game the Lions lost a hard fought battle 18-19. The Lions scoring breakdown was Emmett Graber with points, Joe Graber with four points, and Daniel Farhar, Brenden Green, Chase Sidwell, and Wesley Kerns with two points each.



-- WHAT IS PHILANTHROPY? --

I was looking at some goals of the MCCF and one of those is "to teach philanthropy." If you never had a need to understand it, you may just have a general idea. And even then, it is an idea that is put into practice. So, you may be close.

To start with, did you know that "philanthropy" is a Greek term which, directly translated, means "love of mankind." Philanthropy is an idea, event, or action that is done to improve quality of life and usually involves some sacrifice as opposed to being done for a profit motive. Acts of philanthropy include volunteering time to a charitable cause (such as food bank), using your skills and talents to further one of those causes, or donating money to a charity. It's giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure. That definition is pretty simple when you get down to it.

-- A PHILANTHROPIST --

So, it follows that a philanthropist is someone who practices philanthropy. Even though by definition being a philanthropist is "pretty simple", it is not always an easy thing to put into practice.

-- TIME, TALENT, TREASURE --

Of the three philanthropic acts, time is available to everyone. We all have 24 hours in a day. The hard part is finding some of that time to volunteer somewhere. But the time is there to use when volunteering becomes a priority.

And talent? Most all of us have something we are good at. It could be as simple as just listening to people who need someone to talk to. You can use your skills and/or that knowledge you've developed to benefit your community.

And when it comes to your treasure (i.e., money), that can be as hard as any of the three parts of philanthropy. An amount to donate to a charity is one that is right for you and your situation. It can be anonymous, so give what you can. No amount is too small, or too large for that matter; it all adds up over time.

-- NEIGHBORS --

We are fortunate to have many philanthropists in our community, each giving in their own way, most quietly and unassuming. Whether you know it or not, your neighbors are likely to be one of



Pictured are Drs. Jordan and Brooke Hawkins, the 2019 Philanthropists of the Year.

these people. You are likely one of these people as well.

-- RECOGNITION --

Each year the MCCF officially recognizes someone who meets the definition of a philanthropist. Our "Philanthropists of the Year" for 2019 are Drs. Jordan and Brooke Hawkins. They are always working silently to give of their time, talent and treasure to help people in need, making a difference in the lives of those around them. They, and with the help of their staff, are often seen collecting for needs such as school supplies, toys for the Christmas Toy Store, Humane Society items, supporting Backpack Blessings, and many church and youth oriented events.

-- THE HAWKINS --

Jordan and Brooke actively encourage their employees to reflect their same values of love, giving back, and thinking of others. Their commitment to improving our county goes deeper than most know, and in many ways more than most see. They are a young couple who grew up in Martin County, got educated, and came back to ensure that others can also enjoy growing up and living in our community. Their impact will be extending into the county and felt for a long time. They are very deserving of this recognition as our 2019 Philanthropists of the Year. Thank you, Jordan and Brooke.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about how the MCCF can help with your desire to do some more good within our community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cf-partner.org](mailto:mccf@cf-partner.org).

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## RESIDENT

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crushed stone, asphalt, cold mix, culverts and piping. Bids were received from Roger's Group, Asphalt Materials, 37 Pipe & Supply, US Aggregates, Cave Quarries, Civil Supply, and Civilcon. The bids were taken under advisement.

Roberts said it can take six months to get a new permit from the DNR. The commissioners agreed they needed to get started. "We're going to have to bite the bullet and do something," said Commissioner George. Roberts said he would put some numbers together and report back to the next meeting.

County Attorney Lett opened supply bids from various companies for

crushed stone, asphalt, cold mix, culverts and piping. Bids were received from Roger's Group, Asphalt Materials, 37 Pipe & Supply, US Aggregates, Cave Quarries, Civil Supply, and Civilcon. The bids were taken under advisement.

Current Community Planning Liaison with NSA Crane Todd Woods told the commissioners that he is retiring from his position and introduced the new planning liaison, Mark Dobbs. Dobbs introduced himself and told the commissioners that he is looking forward to work with Martin County and their relationship with NSA Crane.

# Obituaries

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## ED LEWIS

Edgar A. "Ed" Lewis passed away November 18, 2019 at the Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. Former resident of Shoals, he was 92.

He was born October 19, 1927 in Lawrence County; son of George W. and Susie (Quinn) Lewis. He married Joyce Lindley on April 14, 1984 in Lost River Township. They were the last couple married by Rev. Lloyd Butler.

He was a graduate of Shoals High School Class of 1945, served in the United States Army during the Korean War and retired from the US Gypsum following 31 years of service.

Edgar loved to hunt foxes, mushrooms and ginseng, enjoyed horse trail riding, and raised and trained Registered Quarter Horses. His favorite story to tell was riding to school in a covered wagon on an old muddy road, pulled by horses on Emmons Ridge. "He could have walked but loved the ride."

He is survived by his wife, one son, David (Rebecca) Lewis of Indianapolis; two daughters, Brenda (Rodney) Kaiser of Bedford and Janet Stroud of Shoals; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Also surviving are one sister, Judy (Richard) Woosley of French Lick; one brother James "Jim" (Shirley) Lewis of Lost River and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding him in death are his parents, one son, Donald Lewis; one brother, Gerald Lewis; and two sisters, Pauline Hodson and Faye Hall.

No services are planned. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery at a later date.

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

## ROBERT ALLBRIGHT

Robert Kenneth Allbright passed

away at 2:23 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, at his home on High Street. A resident of Shoals, he was 88.

He was born June 25, 1931 in Lost River Township; son of Oscar B. Allbright Sr. and Florence (Waggoner) Melvin. He married Patricia Gibson Warren on September 14, 1985 at Waggoner's Chapel in Shoals.

He is survived by his wife and two step-sons, Gregory Lee Warren of Loogootee and James Marshall Warren of Newtonville; one brother, George Allbright and Brenda Smoot of Shoals; and three sisters, Joyce (John) Jones of Shoals, Betty Jo Guthrie of Orleans and Edith Davis of Shoals.

Preceding him in death are his parents, one brother, Ray Allbright; and one sister, Vondale Hopkins.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 15 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. Paul Whiteford officiating. Burial followed in the Waggoner's Chapel Cemetery in Shoals.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the

## Festival of Lights Christmas Parade and Christmas Stroll

"Upon a Star" is the theme for Loogootee's Annual Festival of Lights Christmas Parade and Christmas Stroll to be held on December 1.

The downtown stores will be open for Christmas shoppers as the Christmas Stroll will start at 5 p.m. The lighted Christmas parade will proceed through downtown at 6 p.m.

Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

## MARY ELLEN BATEMAN

Mary Ellen (Graber) Bateman passed away at 9:35 a.m. Monday, November 18, 2019 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 73.

She was born October 22, 1946 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Mahlon and Mattie (Yutz) Graber.

Mary Ellen was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist and attended the Loogootee Christian Church on Sunday evenings. She loved her dog "Bear" and making noodles with her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Bateman; parents, Mahlon and Mattie Graber; brothers, Ervin (Betty) Graber, Ezra (Wilma) Graber and Mahlon Graber Jr; step-daughter, Janet (Bill) Combess; and step-daughter-in-law, Wilma Bateman.

She is survived by her siblings, Mar-

vin (Carolyn) Graber of Loogootee, Amanda Davis of Goshen, Delmar (Vera) Graber of Cannelburg, Delilah Fern (Tim) Sult of Loogootee, Magdalena (Kenneth) Stemen of Loogootee, Dorothy (Jim) Gilbert of Loogootee and Joan (Curt) Yoder of New Paris; 27 nieces and nephews; many great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews; step-children, James Bateman of Loogootee, Anna Bauer of St. Louis and Mike (Kim) Bateman of Loogootee; 12 step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, November 22 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, November 21 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Friday, November 22 from 9 a.m. until the timer of service at the church.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

12:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Daviess County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:40 a.m. - Received a medical alarm near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of animal neglect. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Civil Defense and Deputy Wright responded.

9:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of an attempted break-in near Loogootee. Corporal Reed and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

8:12 p.m. - Received three reports of a tree down east of Loogootee. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

9:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5:56 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Lents responded. All was secure.

9:21 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Wells took three inmates to court.

12:10 p.m. - Corporal Reed assisted a motorist East of Loogootee on US 50.

12:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance East of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Wells took three inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Wells took two inmates to court.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:00 a.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist on US 50, east of Loogootee.

8:14 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. All was secure.

10:32 a.m. - Corporal Reed assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

11:02 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, ISP Trooper Beaver, and ISP Trooper Lents responded. All was secure.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded, and all was okay.

12:47 p.m. - Corporal Reed assisted

a motorist with a vehicle identification check south of Loogootee.

12:55 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Qualkenbush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:59 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance east of Loogootee. Corporal Reed responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:28 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded, and all was okay.

3:09 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Corporal Reed responded.

3:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Loogootee. Corporal Reed responded.

5:15 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

6:42 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:53 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Lents, Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. A vehicle pursuit ensued, and the subject was apprehended.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Barnett took three inmates to court.

10:22 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee Corporal Reed, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Barnett took three inmates to court.

2:15 p.m. - Deputy Barnett took two inmates to court.

4:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:32 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was secure.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a fire alarm call near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:32 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Shoals.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

12:47 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Seymour the department of child services responded.

4:47 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Deputy Seymour, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

No one was transported.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Barnett, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

3:52 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

6:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of an unsecure building near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1:03 a.m. - Received a report of sus-

### Traffic stop results in methamphetamine arrest of Loogootee woman

On Sunday, November 10, at approximately 4 p.m., Martin County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy Josh Harmon was on patrol in Loogootee when he observed a vehicle commit multiple traffic violations. Reserve Deputy Josh Harmon initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver was identified as Joshua A. Phillips, 39, of Crane, and a passenger was identified as Joselyn R. Souerdike, 22, of Loogootee.

Reserve Deputy Harmon requested the assistance of Martin County Sheriff's Office's Corporal Tyler Reed and his K9, Virka. Shortly after, Deputy Andrea Barnett and Loogootee Police Officer Case Cummings arrived on scene to assist. Corporal Reed utilized his narcotics-certified K9 Virka for a free air sniff of Phillips' vehicle; K9 Virka gave positive indication for the odor of narcotics. It was also discovered that Phillips and Souerdike had an active no contact order between the two of them. They were then placed into custody. During the search of Souerdike, at the scene, she was discovered to have a scheduled II controlled substance located inside her pocket. Souerdike and Philips were transported to the Martin County Security without incident.

When Souerdike was searched inside the security center, a bag containing a white crystal-like substance, that field tested positive for methamphetamine, was found with a syringe containing residue that also field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Souerdike was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of syringe, trafficking, possession of scheduled II controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance and invasion of privacy.

Phillips was charged with invasion of privacy.

picious people in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen responded.

1:23 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded and all was secure.

4:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:31 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Crane. Deputy Barnett responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

8:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

10:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

4:25 p.m. - Heather Ditton, 34, of Mitchell, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

4:56 a.m. - Adam Gibson, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with attempted murder, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, driving while suspended, resisting arrest with a vehicle, and theft. He is being held without bond.

3:38 p.m. - Ashlyne Denzler, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Keller on a Maryland warrant and is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:56 p.m. - Jonathan Roush, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with theft and is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

1:40 a.m. - Ashley Luegers, 25, of Jasper, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with operating while intoxicated prior. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:41 a.m. - Daniel Lane, 36, of Boonville, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with possession of methamphetamine. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Town Marshal Eckert and K9 Officer Adelle.



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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

September 24

Mary E. Blanton, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony and convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 139 days suspended and credit for 113 actual days previously served plus 113 Class A credit days. Defendant received 4 months of probation.

Elizabeth D. Grant-Kermode, convicted of false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 241 days suspended and credit for 62 actual days previously served plus 62 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

James D. Raber, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, Level 6 Felony and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 720 days with 716 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 23 months of probation.

Austin D. Schneider, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 16 days with 16 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days.

September 26

Chester H. Clark, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 546 days with 540 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

Braxton Kirk Ford, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Conner Joseph Ryan, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor, amended from operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Casey J. Skelton, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony and resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with 1,095 days suspended and credit for 128 actual days previously served plus 43 Class B credit days and 55 days on Martin County Community Corrections Pretrial Release and 18 Class B credit days. Defendant received 3 years of probation.

October 1

Candida M. Richie, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 510 days with 500 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

October 3

Brian A. Dant, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor or amended from operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

October 8

Amanda P. Krodell, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 176 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

October 10

Damien L. Payne, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor amended from attempted dealing in a schedule III controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

November 6

David Shane Lents, convicted of criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 360 days with 268 days suspended and credit for 46 actual days previously served plus 46 Class A credit days. Defendant received 8 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

September 24

Elizabeth D. Grant-Kermode, battery by bodily waste, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

James D. Raber, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Austin D. Schneider, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

September 26

Chester H. Clark, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Braxton Kirk Ford, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Conner Joseph Ryan, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Casey J. Skelton, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Loren Delmont Hall, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; two counts of operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed.

October 1

Candida M. Richie, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

October 3

Brian A. Dant, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

November 6

David Shane Lents, criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 7

Kendra P. Lents, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

October 30

Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Phillip Walton, civil collection.

M&T Bank vs. Cassidy R. Payne and Diori M. Payne, Jr., mortgage foreclosure.

November 1

Alan Stone vs. Kevin Montgomery and Cesco, Inc., civil tort.

November 4

Christopher R. Stone vs. Candice L. Stone, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Georgia R. Purlee vs. Russell J. Purlee, petition for dissolution of marriage.

November 6

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC vs. Derek D. Holt, Teresa A. Holt, Personal Finance Company, Cavalry SPV I, LLC; and White River Cooperative, Inc., mortgage foreclosure.

Ally Financial, Inc. vs. Paul M. Davis and Mary I. Davis, civil plenary.

November 8

Synchrony Bank vs. Terria Wilcox-

en, civil collection.

Sandra D. Kline vs. Charles Kline, petition for dissolution of marriage.

November 12

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Sandra C. Waid, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

November 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Dennis W. Hughes in the amount of \$3,802.05.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Mariner Finance, LLC and against the defendant Michaela M. Jones in the amount of \$3,208.32.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

November 8

Isha Wright-Ryan vs. Tyler Gibbs, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendants Darren R. Webster and Tracy Webster in the amount of \$546.05.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

November 6

Cole W. Walker of Loogootee and Taylor R. Mallett of Washington.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

10:05 a.m. - Caller reported a possible illegal burn on Hwy 50.

2:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a suspicious person on US 231.

5:35 p.m. - Female reported harassing text messages.

8:11 p.m. - Caller reported a tree over the road on Hwy 50.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:21 a.m. - First responders were requested on Park Street for a medical call.

10:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

12:52 p.m. - First responders were requested on Dover Hill Road for a medical call.

5:48 p.m. - Caller reported a busted waterline.

5:47 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic hazard on Church Street.

8:30 p.m. - Caller requested an officer assist with removing subjects out of their residence.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on Park Street.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:14 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

11:02 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

12:09 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

1:28 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

2:30 p.m. - Female reported harassing text messages.

5:23 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

10:43 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

12:22 a.m. - First responders were requested on Fairview Street for a medical call.

12:53 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a pursuit of a stolen vehicle.

10:22 a.m. - First responders were requested on Reinhardt Road for a vehicle accident.

12:03 p.m. - Female requested a ve-

hicle identification check.

4:43 p.m. - Female reported a phone scam.

5:32 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

8:53 p.m. - Caller reported a barking dog on NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

10:24 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint on US 231.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:27 a.m. - Caller reported a deer in the road on US 231.

8:45 a.m. - Male came on station to file a civil complaint.

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported someone burning trash on US 231.

5:15 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to North Street for smoke in the area.

6:02 p.m. - Officer Allen assisted a person with getting some personal belongings back.

10:08 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5:26 a.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on North Line Street.

1:01 p.m. - Male reported a road blockage.

1:45 p.m. - Male reported a missing handgun.

4:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

6:23 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

8:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1:03 a.m. - Caller reported possible intoxicated persons at Marathon.

11:46 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

2:35 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted a motorist.

3:56 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

4:44 p.m. - Male came on station with a key he found behind the IGA.

4:59 p.m. - Caller reported a male and female fighting in the DQ parking lot.

5:06 p.m. - Female came on station to request a transient voucher.

8:23 p.m. - First responders were requested on Fairview Street for a medical call.

## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### THOUGHTS

\*Fact: Snow in November happens because people decorate for Christmas prematurely. You know who you are. Stop it.

\*I got gas for \$1.39 today. Unfortunately, it was at Taco Bell.

\*"You're not the boss of me," I whisper to my dog as I put her blanket on the "right way."

\*Idiots cause stress.

Stress causes depression.

Depression causes physical ailments.

Conclusion: Stupid people make me sick.

\*I think more about running away now than I did as a kid, but by the time I put my teeth in, my glasses on, and find my keys, I forgot why I'm going.

\*If you're trying to impress me with your truck, it better be a food truck.

### MORE INTERESTING USELESS FACTS

\*Chewing gum stops you from crying while cutting onions.

\*A woman who lost her wedding ring found it 16 years later on a carrot in her garden.

\*Crying can actually make you feel happier.

\*International astronauts must be able to speak Russian.

\*The electric chair was invented by a dentist.

\*At least one of the colors of the Olympic flag appears on all the national flags.

\*Australia has pink and purple lakes.

\*Queen Elizabeth II is a trained car mechanic.

\*The inventor of the Pringles can, is now buried in one.

\*The fastest man in the world (Usain Bolt) has scoliosis.

\*Sunglasses were originally designed for Chinese judges to hide their facial expressions in court.

\*Cotton candy was invented by a dentist.

### RIDDLES

1. What type of sandals do frogs wear?

2. How many politicians does it take to change a light bulb?

3. What did the big chimney say to the little chimney?

4. Why did the chicken cross the playground?

5. What is the color of the wind?

6. What do you call someone without a nose or a body?

7. What nails do carpenters hate to hit?

### SERIOUSISMS

\*If you are a nurse, somewhere there is a patient who holds you in their memory forever because you were kind.

\*Never forget that your grandmother is just a teenager with many years of experience.

\*This is Bob.

Bob wants a dog.

Bob knows millions of dogs are killed in shelters each year so he chooses to adopt.

Bob saved a life.

Be like Bob.

### ANSWERS

1. Open toad
2. Two: one to change it and another one to change it back again.
3. You're too young to smoke
4. To get to the other slide
5. blew
6. Nobodynose
7. fingernails

Make someone smile today!

## Section 8 Housing Vouchers now open for applications for Martin County residents

Effective Tuesday, December 3, Hoosier Uplands on behalf of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) funded by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development will open the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waiting List for Martin County. The Section 8 HCV program is available to income eligible individuals and families and exists to assist with rent payments to provide decent, affordable, sanitary, and safe housing for persons with low incomes.

Hoosier Uplands will accept applications in person at Hoosier Uplands Shoals office.

Application period will be Tuesday, December 3, 2019 and Wednesday, December 4, 2019 only. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The address of the Hoosier Uplands Shoals office is 127 Water Street Shoals, IN 47581.

For questions, call 1-800-827-2219.

Applicants should bring birth certificates, social security cards, photo ids and proof of income for the entire household.

If you need a reasonable accommodation, of any kind please contact Hoosier Uplands at 1-800-827-2219.

For assistance in another language, please call IHCDA at 317-232-7777 to schedule a phone call.

Applicants are placed on the list in order of preference points, then by date and time of application. IHCDA has the following preference points: person residing in institutional setting (nursing facility, long-term rehabilitation center, or other institution), residency or employment in the State of Indiana, homelessness or at risk of homelessness due to domestic violence, working families (persons either going to school or working at least 20 hours per week); elderly status (age 62 and older), non-elderly disabled status (61 and under with disability), having a disabled family member (any age), and person at risk of residing in an institutional setting (nursing facility, long-term rehabilitation center, or other institution)

Placement on the waiting list is not a guarantee that applicants will qualify for assistance. Hoosier Uplands is an equal opportunity housing agency.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, November 21 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

### Local recovery meetings

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

### Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, sec-

ond, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. 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!

### Humane society meetings

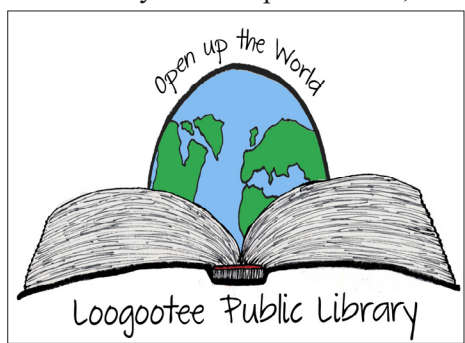
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will begin moving on Friday, November 22 and book shelving will be moved and set up on Saturday, November 23 starting at 8:30. We are in need of volunteers on this day to help with the move. The library will be closed Saturday, November 23-30 to move to the new location on 504 Park Street. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in the future and I will post that date soon.

Midwestern Engineers donated a hardback copy of "Those Kids Deserve Water Too: A History of the Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District" by David L. Dahl. I appreciate the donation and encourage patrons to check it out.

On December 2, 2019 new library hours will be Monday and Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday Closed, Tuesday and Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### New Books:

Mystery: "The Giver of the Stars" by JoJo Moyes, "Twisted Twenty-Six" by Janet Evanovich, and "Guilty Not Guilty" by Felix Francis.

Fiction: "Olive, Again" by Elizabeth Stroud, "The Confession Club" by Elizabeth Berg, and "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim Michele Richardson.

Inspirational Fiction: "In the Cradle Lies" by Olivia Newport.

Nonfiction: "Kill 'Em All" by Ryan Green, "A Killing in Amish Country" Gregg Olsen, and "Becky" by Darren Galsworthy.

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



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Temperatures in the teens last week should have forced most plants into dormancy and caused ground temperatures to fall. Gardeners may now take advantage of this cold snap.

Many shrubs and trees may be pruned during dormancy. Most fruit trees may now be pruned, but peaches are better left until late winter. When pruning, disinfect pruners with solution of bleach or hydrogen peroxide between cuts to keep from spreading any disease spores. If this is your first time to prune fruit trees, I strongly suggest watching a tutorial on-line or at least read the specific instructions on the Purdue website.

When it comes to flowering shrubs, it is important to know what kind of shrub you have before pruning. Do not prune any of the shrubs that flower in the spring, except in the cases where pruning broken branches of where the shrub needs to be pruned for safety reasons. Those shrubs should be pruned right after they finish blooming in the spring. Shrubs that bloom later in the summer usually set buds on new wood, so those may be pruned now. When pruning, it is always best to cut branches back to a branch union and the cut should be right at the collar, that slightly swollen area at the branch union.

I have had calls recently asking about pruning hydrangeas. Most have been about the big-leaf hydrangeas and most of the people have said these bushes have not had blooms for a few years. I can relate, as mine have not bloomed for the past two years, and that is just the way it is with those plants. Do not prune them now, or there will be no chance of blooms next year. They set blooms for next summer on old wood. However, they are prone to damage from late frosts. Our winters often cause them to break dormancy and begin to bud and then the weather turns cold and those flower buds are killed. Some of the new hybrids also set buds on new wood, but those will not come until later in the summer and they are not reliable in our climate. Many people have told me that they are just removing these shrubs, but I like the foli-

age and I will keep mine. Some people have had luck wrapping them with burlap to protect those buds from the late cold spells. The pee-gee and oak leaf hydrangeas may be trimmed now if you need to reduce size, but if they have room to grow, I find that these types rarely need to be pruned at all.

It is now a perfect time to trim hollies and other evergreens to shape them or to control size. You may use those trimmings for holiday decorating. Hollies are very forgiving, usually regenerating within a couple of years even if it is necessary to prune them severely. Sometimes, it is the best thing that can happen for the shrub.

For roses, you need to know just what type of rose you have. Those old-fashioned shrub roses that bloom only once in the spring have already set their buds for next year and pruning now will mean cutting off some of the blooms for next spring. For the shrub roses that bloom throughout the summer, I suggest pruning them back to the size of a large beach ball and then prune out any winter damage in the spring. For tea roses and other grafted roses, be careful to not prune back below the graft. Many tea roses will need some protection from the winter cold, so mound up mulch over the graft area. Remember to rake back that mulch when temperatures warm in the spring.

It is also a good time to mulch the perennial garden. Our typical freeze-thaw cycles cause the earth to heave, and recently-planted plants are often pushed out of the ground and the roots freeze in the next cold snap. Since the ground has been cooled by the very cold temperature, mulching now will help keep the ground cold. This means heaving will not be as problematic and plants will be less likely to break dormancy and sprout early. Be careful not to put the mulch over the growth crowns of perennials. That may cause moisture to build up and the plant will rot, which is the other winter-killer of plants in the Hoosier Hills. That cold snap, while uncomfortable for us, may have really done us a favor!

## Help construct fish habitat at Patoka Lake

You can help DNR improve fish habitat at Patoka Lake during a volunteer habitat structure build day on Saturday, December 7 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Structures are needed because as reservoirs such as Patoka Lake age, the number and type of hiding places for prey fish decrease. The Reservoir Habitat Enhancement Program addresses this issue and works to build fish habitat where natural structure is lacking. Building structures out of pallets is one option to improve habitat complexity.

Pallets and hardware will be provided. Volunteers should bring cordless drills, work gloves, and protective eye-wear if they have them, but tools are not required to attend. Staff and volunteers will work outside so please dress accordingly; long pants and close-toed shoes are recommended. Bring snacks and plenty of drinking water. Volunteers are not required to stay for the entire time.

Register for this event by signing up as a volunteer with the Division of Fish & Wildlife. See on.IN.gov/dfw-volunteer and follow instructions under "Sign up to Volunteer." Once you have a volunteer account, register for the event by clicking "current volunteer opportunities in CERVIS" under volunteer opportunities and selecting Patoka Lake Habitat Build.

The Patoka Fish Habitat Enhancement Plan is available on Indiana's Reservoir Habitat Enhancement Program webpage, see [wildlife.IN.gov/7665.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/7665.htm) for details.

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## Wanted: Hunters to Help Hungry Hoosiers

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry would like to remind ALL hunters and land-owners about their deer donation program. After you've filled your freezer, you can help those in need in your area by donating to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry's "Meat" the Need initiative. Just take your deer in to your local, participating meat processor and tell them you would like to donate it to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. There is NO charge to you. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry partners with 87 meat processors statewide and encourages the donation of large game and livestock to our program, raises financial support to pay processing fees on these donations, and gives this nutritious meat to local hunger relief agencies.

There are many Hoosiers out there who are working, trying to pay their bills, and still can't afford to put enough food on the table to feed their families. Protein is an important component of every cell in the body and one of the most important nutrients for brain and body development in children, it is also the hardest commodity for food banks to obtain. Those affected by food insecurity are often at high-risk for obesity and diet-related diseases due to the lack of quality in the foods that they can afford. Food insecurity can lead to loss of muscle mass and bone frailty, decreased immune system, babies with lower birth weights, and damage to a child's ability to learn and grow - as the lack of healthy food results in people receiving fewer nutrients.

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry's goal is to provide this protein-packed meat to hunger-relief agencies within Indiana to assist those in need of additional food services. Getting groceries at local food banks and pantries guarantees healthy meals for families when they need extra help. This program works to ensure that these agencies have meat,

allowing them to provide fresh nutritious protein for hungry local families. This effort will help build stronger, healthier communities by meeting a basic need - reducing food insecurity and empowering people by getting them back on track to hunger-free, independent living.

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry is always accepting donations to fund their "Meat" the Need initiative and are continuously looking for volunteers to help in their efforts to feed the hungry and reduce hunger issues throughout Indiana. For more information on the Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry program, its services and to find participating meat processors in your area, or to find out how you can help, please visit [www.hoosiersfeedingthehungry.org](http://www.hoosiersfeedingthehungry.org).

### Eagle Watch at Patoka Lake on January 4

Feel the wind of an eagle's wings while experiencing the world of eagles in Indiana with indoor and outdoor programs at Patoka Lake Nature Center on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. E.S.T. during the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Eagle Watch. Featured will be a resident bald eagle and other live raptors. Dana Reckelhoff, DNR Patoka Lake Interpretive Naturalist, will share the life and story of these amazing birds of prey. Join Brian Finch, Patoka Lake Wildlife Specialist and his team on driving tours to hot spots for eagle viewing. Kid's activities and crafts will be available from 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

Cost is \$15/person. Advanced registration is required and can be submitted by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447. Dress for the weather and don't forget to bring binoculars, spotting scopes, and cameras. Have vehicles fueled for the driving tour. This event is limited to the first 90 registered participants.

## DECEMBER AUCTIONS

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- 2. Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ONLINE AUCTION -Estate of Emma McCall, Washington, IN**  
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- 3. Saturday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> ~PUBLIC AUTO AUCTION & EQUIPMENT-**  
 starting at 8:30am. Please have your vehicles and items in by Thurs. 5pm  
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- 4. Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ONLINE AUCTION (Day 1) -Estate of Margaret Lee, Real Estate & Personal Property, 1011 Hwy 257, Washington, IN.**  
*(Real Estate sells on Day 2)*  
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- 5. Tuesday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> ~ONLINE REAL ESTATE AUCTION (Day 2)**  
 Margaret Lee Estate. 1011 State Hwy 257 WASHINGTON, IN  
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- 6. Wednesday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ ONLINE AUCTION -Mrs. Pauline Sellers, Montgomery, IN**  
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