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## Shoals Library grant

The Martin County Community Foundation recently presented a \$1,959 grant to the Shoals Public Library. The grant came from the “donor advised” Paul (Gene) & Ann Shaw Fund. Terry Shaw, Steve Deckard, Dale Brown, and Don Bowling were the founding donors for this endowment fund created in memory of Gene and Ann. Shown above, from left to right, are MCCF Board member Janie Johnson, Library Director Sylvia Albaugh, Terry Shaw, MCCF Director Curt Johnson, and MCCF Board member Garry Smith.

## Commissioners table FSG contract to wait for new council

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, December 27. Auditor Michelle Norris brought forth the 2023 contract with the county’s current financial advisor, FSG, for the commissioners’ approval. The contract is not to exceed \$25,000 per year and the county is not obligated to spend the full amount. It was noted the contract can be cancelled with 90 days’ notice. Norris said the council approved it at their last meeting, but the commissioners also have to approve it. Commissioners Cody Roush and Aaron Summers both agreed that they were not bringing the contract up for a vote. Roush said four new county council members were taking office in a few days and they should be the ones to decide on the contract. Summers agreed. The contract was tabled until after the next county council meeting.

Sheriff Josh Greene reported they had one deputy who was in an accident and one who was bitten by a dog, so they have two worker’s compensation claims out. Greene said they haven’t heard yet if the deputy’s truck would be totaled but he said it has substantial damage. He discussed with the commissioners

about purchasing a replacement truck. It was decided to add another Ford F250 to those already ordered.

Sheriff Greene said they currently have 79 inmates in the jail with 40 of them from Vigo County and three with the department of corrections.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals and a Brian Fleck, with USI Consultants, provided the commissioners with a list of roads that were slated to be a part of the Community Crossings grant application for 2023. The four roads at the top of the list were sections of County Farm Road, Cherry Road, Powell Valley Road and Rama Dye Road. Fleck also gave alternatives to include Sherfick School Road, W.R. Cemetery Road, County Road 159 and another section of Rama Dye Road, dependent on costs and what the commissioners want to do. The commissioners will review the proposal and decide at a later date.

The commissioners approved the highway department switching phone service to RTC Communications. Highway Clerk Teresa Ray said they are currently paying around \$300 a month for phone service and the new plan will cost \$115 per month. She said there are one-time charges for the phones for \$1,139 and possible lines to be installed for \$539.

## Headlines from the past year

### JANUARY

A total of 20 Martin County residents have died due to COVID-19

Commissioners debate COVID leave policy

City council approves new firearms, body cams

County council discusses financial advisor need

Street’s Accounting Service, Inc. recently moved to their new location

Shoals Town Council makes appointments, discusses ordinances

Shoals School Board approves staff changes, upcoming events

22nd resident dies due to COVID

Martin County LCC awards \$14,452 in grants to area organizations

COVID-19 cases reach all-time high in the county

Sheriff’s office serves search warrant in north Shoals

Commissioners hear COVID update, split timber money between fire departments

23rd resident dies due to COVID

### FEBRUARY

Deadline is Friday to run for office in Martin County

County’s jobless rate down to 0.9 percent for December

INDOT prepares for major winter storm statewide

Rox Robotix on to State

County council again split over financial advisor

Mary Wildman named new Martin County historian

Primary Election candidates are final

Commissioners discuss ARPA, FSG

Town of Shoals receives \$700,000 to improve wastewater treatment

Tippery second LHS student ever to be chosen for All-State Band

Resident concerned about response from

Loogootee Fire Department

Shoals School makes staff changes, gives updates

Shoals Town Council discusses projects, grants

Martin County provides new option for proper disposal of worn flags

Lions Pre-Sectional Banquet welcomes Mark Riggins

24th Martin County resident dies due to COVID-19

### MARCH

Townships roll over \$1.2 million in unused funds

Lions end season in Sectional, Jug Rox compete Friday night

County council hears community corrections report

Commissioners discuss whether to offer Air Evac to employees

Shoals students learn to operate a business with new coffee shop

LHS students connect with high-tech industry

COSMOS receives \$14,274 grant from Duke Energy Foundation

Shoals School Board approves personnel changes, graduation date

Jug Rox Robotix compete at state

Loogootee Council decides on website, tables equipment, Pride Month requests

Martin County EMT arrested

Martin County jobless rate at 1.8 percent for January

Commissioners ask residents to watch out for highway employees, call in controlled burns

Shoals School enrollment catching up to Loogootee

Martin County Sheriff’s Office stepping up patrols to enhance school bus safety

### APRIL

Economic Development Director leaving position

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## Gone but not forgotten

The following people passed away in 2022. Their obituaries were published in the Martin County Journal and they either lived in Martin County or had some connection to Martin County.

Keary Len Lundy 1/18/73-1/3/22  
Zachary Thompson Arvin 10/13/96-1/5/22

Velma Jeanne Edwards 9/5/25-1/7/22  
Thomas E. Layton 10/10/36-1/7/22  
Aurora Belle Shaw 1/7/22-1/7/22

Mary Sue Hembree 5/17/36-1/8/22  
Wilma Kathleen Kidwell 11/28/24-1/8/22

George W. Carrico 4/16/42-1/9/22  
Neal Emery Catt 12/10/43-1/9/22  
Carl Dale Baker 10/19/56-1/11/22

Robert Lee “Bobby” Sherfick 12/4/49-1/11/22  
Dwayne Alan “Spider” Padgett 10/23/61-1/13/22

Kathleen Diane (Craney) Fritchie 3/15/54-1/14/22  
Janet Louise Waggoner 5/31/41-1/15/22

Vicki Lynn (Parish) Williams 6/3/50-1/15/22  
Harold Ray Thomas 8/22/45-1/18/22

Dale Edson Abel 9/13/36-1/19/22  
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David Estel Abel 3/9/71-1/22/22  
Nancy J. Lampert 10/25/41-1/23/22

Francis M. Matthews 10/4/25-1/26/22  
Elizabeth Allegra Arvin Byrer 5/28/42-2/2/22

Alicia Ann Keith 7/3/80-2/3/22  
Linda Faye Courtright 3/3/49-2/4/22  
Charles T. Fields 2/17/33-2/7/22

Katrina L. Jones 7/10/81-2/7/22  
Edna Ruth (Abel) Jackman 5/24/29-2/8/22

Earl Leroy Shoults 11/14/36-2/11/22  
Donald “Robert” Bateman 6/14/42-2/12/22

Robert R. “Bob” Williams 3/19/56-2/13/22  
Dwayne G. Walton 2/22/38-2/14/22

John J. McGrath 2/10/30-2/18/22  
Thelma Ruth Silvers 6/20/58-2/18/22  
Sue Ann (Evans) Fisher 6/5/38-2/21/22

Roxie Mae Stone Catt 5/2/27-2/22/22

Dawneen E. Hall 1/28/46-2/22/22  
James L. “Jim” Walton 1/8/37-2/24/22  
Wanda Mae Bradley 2/13/38-2/25/22

Yvonne Stone 11/25/38-2/26/22  
Emma Lou Engleman 2/11/37-2/27/22  
Michael Rex Pannell 4/4/66-3/4/22

Ruth Ann Chandler 2/23/33-3/7/22  
Wilma Maxine Qualkenbush 12/16/27-3/7/22

Norman Darrell Mundy 1/24/44-3/9/22  
Theresa Lynn (Peters) Mace 7/30/59-3/12/22

Phyllis Waddle 1/19/47-3/12/22  
Billy Lee Terry 8/28/49-3/18/22  
Donald L. Rayhill 9/6/31-3/19/22

Myrtle Mae (Herndon) Rutledge 11/21/27-3/19/22  
Donald Richard “Dick” Johnson 4/29/39-3/21/22

Janice Kay Courter 10/13/45-3/22/22  
Judy Wolven 9/20/58-3/22/22  
Betty Marie Sutton 10/17/31-3/23/22

Raymond Reed Zeigler I 12/22/42-3/25/22  
Deloris Ann (Hall) Pendley 1/31/47-3/26/22

Jason D. Wathen 8/3/75-3/26/22  
Thomas J. Fischer 4/19/54-4/1/22  
Mary Lynnette “Lynn” Smith 3/19/50-4/1/22

Sherry L. Martin 1/28/62-4/5/22  
Deborah Lynne Wells 3/15/66-4/7/22  
Deborah Zigler 11/8/50-4/9/22

Jewel Keith 6/29/37-4/10/22  
Eva June Raney 7/27/39-4/11/22  
Donna Maxine Terry 6/9/50-4/11/22

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Cheryl Ann Chambers 8/30/58-4/25/22

Calvin J. Beasley 5/12/27-4/28/22  
Dianna R. Mills 7/15/42-4/28/22  
Janice V. McGuire 6/27/48-5/1/22

Beulah G. Stafford 9/14/24-5/3/22  
Billie Kay Terwiske 5/30/52-5/6/22  
Billie Maureen Brassine 11/27/54-

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# HEADLINES

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Martin County Sheriff's Office partners with 525Foundation to prevent drug abuse  
Additional early warning siren being installed in West Shoals

Martin County route chosen for Mid-States Corridor

Pride Month decorations prompt religious debate at council meeting

New fountain on the square in Loogootee

CALL group gets Loogootee into Indiana Main Street program

Shoals Volunteer Fire Department has a new first responder truck

County receives only \$189,238 in grant funds for road paving

Shoals School Board approves staff changes, new classes

Bobbie Abel resigns as Martin County Auditor

Hundreds turn out to oppose Mid-States Corridor project

Solid waste wants to increase property tax fee

### MAY

Only 20 percent turn out to vote in Primary

Council approves salary increases

Plane engine failure leads emergency landing on Wood School Road

Caucus for auditor

Pride decorations debate again tops council meeting

Commissioners discuss roads, funds

Roush leaving as Shoals Superintendent

Loogootee Eye Center receives state grant for mural project

Residents oppose doubling solid waste fee

Two commissioners against giving stipend to employees

Mid-States Corridor comment period extended to June 14

Loogootee to graduate 64, Shoals 52

Loogootee Tennis win Sectional

### JUNE

Commissioners discuss paving, corridor, library funds request

Loogootee Tennis falls in Jasper Regional

County council discuss tax abatement, corridor

Fatal accident in Martin County claims a life

City employees walk out, Pride argument

continues at Loogootee Council meeting  
Shoals School Board finishes up business for past school year

Solid waste user fee increase dead for now

Shoals man dies in ORV accident in Martin County

Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow night

Loogootee City Council holds special meeting to discuss salaries

Hovis hired as new Shoals Superintendent

Michelle Norris appointed as new Martin County Auditor

Commissioners approve bids, hire new human resources director

Shoals Town Council approves purchasing equipment, several ordinances

Shoals Catfish Festival starts tomorrow

"Trooper of the Year" goes to Loogootee grad

Commissioners discuss highway grant, ambulance service

### JULY

Patrick Summers named 2022 Loogootee Schools Outstanding Alumni

First West Nile virus case of 2022 reported

Hoosier Uplands once again helps the animals

Council, commissioners discuss salaries, ambulance service

Commissioners hear about landbank initiative, county attorney says no to ambulance purchase

Sheriff Roush resigns

Caucus for sheriff to be held July 27

Shoals School Board hires new principal, dean of students

4-H Livestock Auction brings in more than \$37,000

FNP Tina Troutman joins Martin County Health Center in Shoals

### AUGUST

Commissioners discuss ongoing ambulance issue

SSI Ribbon Cutting held last Thursday

Mid-States Corridor Project adjusting operating hours at Jasper office

Shoals School Board names middle school principal

City council discusses pool, prayer

Jessica Potts named Martin County Alliance Executive Director

Commissioners powering forward to get

ambulance service up and running

Tucker Walton presented at the grand drive at the Indiana State Fair and brought home the Grand Champion title

Indiana farmland prices soar to record highs in 2022

Martin County farm recognized with Hoosier Homestead Award

MCCF gives Shoals \$130,000 for park improvements

Shoals Council goes over water systems, road work updates

Joint meeting held to discuss ambulance service salaries

Ambulance director provides commissioners with detailed salaries for EMTs, paramedics

### SEPTEMBER

County council debates new tax

Commissioners discuss loan program, ambulance service

Duke Energy gives grant to Jug Rox Robotics

Constituents question 2023 county budget

City Council looks at police department for cuts

Commissioners approve purchases for ambulance service

Loogootee Mayor backtracks on dispatch changes

Shoals Library trying for grant for \$892,000 expansion

Commissioners approve credit card limit increase, discuss PERF and hero's benefit

Shoals Council discusses meeting date change, ballpark

Solid Waste Board looking for new director

Community Foundation awards \$84,000 in grants to 11 entities

### OCTOBER

Commissioners hear about drainage, property issues

Second Annual Hindostan Days was held this past Saturday,

Residents petition against county budget

Loogootee City Council discusses pi-goons, police, pool, pickleball

Commissioners form drainage board

Martin County under burn ban

Lady Lions Volleyball fall in Sectional

Public hearing, approval held on Shoals sewer rate changes

Shoals Fire Department receives grant

from DNR

Shoals Council approves speed limit sign, new funds

Public hearing on new ambulance tax cancelled

### NOVEMBER

Greenwell Hardware, on Church Street in Loogootee, partially collapsed

Loogootee, Shoals to perform at Festival of Bands; event to honor former LHS Band Director

Vincz, George hold onto seats, Gregory defeats Summers in Martin County General Election

House fire on Wood Street in Loogootee

Loogootee Zoning Board approves request to house chickens in the city

Commissioner Roush questions mileage claim

Loogootee Park receives \$125,000 vision grant

Martin County Alliance launches new program to support local businesses

Shoals students present solar lighting research to town council

Martin County's jobless rate bumps up to 2.5 percent for October

NRC approves new nature preserve in Greene County, doubles Martin County's Bluffs of Beaver Bend

Shoals Robotics compete at USI

County insurance to increase by 22 percent next year

Steiner files for recount

### DECEMBER

County council holds last meeting of the year (Plaques were presented to the four outgoing Martin County Council Members (Sherri Bowling, Barb McFeaters, Randy Winger and Buck Stiles)

Recount dismissed

City council discusses new subdivision

Logan Davis named 2023 Lilly Scholar

Drainage board must decide blockage dispute

County receives \$810,761 in road funding

Judy Kluesner honored as 50-year member of Tri Kappa

Current county council debates FSG contract with new council members

Shoals Council discusses CCMG road grant, ongoing town projects

Several commitments of READI \$24.6 million to benefit Martin County

Tiny houses in Loogootee approved

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# OBITUARIES

## NANCY FERGUSON

Nancy L. Ferguson passed away, surrounded by her loved ones, on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, in Vincennes. A resident of Loogootee, she was 68.



**NANCY FERGUSON**

She was born June 19, 1954, in Sullivan; daughter of Harvey J. and Selma R. (Archer) Faith. Nancy married her husband of 52 years, Edward A. 'Ed' Ferguson on March 6, 1970.

Nancy was a member of the 2nd Mt. Olive Baptist Church. She enjoyed working in her flower garden and reading.

Family left to cherish the memory of Nancy include her daughter, Julie (Travis) Pearson of Plainville and son, J.R. Ferguson of Loogootee; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, David (Debbie) Faith of Washington and Frank Faith of Elnora and sister, Rosa (Carl) Mischler of Vincennes.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ed Ferguson; one son, Louie Ferguson; brother, George Faith and sisters, Elaine Faith and Mary Cissell.

Funeral services to honor the life of Nancy were held Friday, December 23 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Pastor Adam Cissell officiating. Nancy was laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

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](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## MAXINE SMITH

Maxine Lee Smith passed away December 21, 2022, with her daughter, Lesa, at her side. A resident of Odon, she was 77.



**MAXINE SMITH**

She was born May 8, 1945, at home in rural Odon, to Helen Esther Byrer. Her father was William "Bill" Byrer. Maxine attended Raglesville School and Odon High School.

As a young woman, Maxine worked as a farm hand. She, then, worked at RCA in Bloomington for thirty-seven years. After retiring from RCA at the age of fifty-five, she went to work at the Odon JayC store. After working at JayC, Maxine found her true calling as a home healthcare giver. For around twelve years, she took care of many in Odon, Washington, Elnora, and Loogootee -all of her charges held a special place in her heart.

Although Maxine worked hard all her life, she enjoyed life in her free time. She loved to dance and listen to music, especially bluegrass and country. She liked wearing rings and usually had one on every finger. Maxine loved to dine out and go shopping. But, of all her hobbies, she loved traveling the most. She enjoyed going to Nashville, Tennessee, whenever she could, and traveled to Alaska for her retirement trip, as well as trips to Hawaii, New York, Las Vegas, the US Virgin Island and Niagara Falls.

Maxine was a member of the Shoals Eagles, Loogootee American Legion Auxiliary, Odon VFW Auxiliary, and the Moose Lodge. She also attended the Shiloh Church of God.

Maxine was a loving mother and friend to many. She always had a kind smile, laugh, or joke for anyone who needed it. Many times, you would see her pitching in to help her daughter at her job, or giving

people rides who otherwise had no transportation. She was a survivor of kidney cancer, but later was diagnosed with dementia which she could not defeat.

Maxine leaves her daughter, Lesa Smith of Odon; a sister, Violet (Norman) Fitzgerald of Pinellas, Florida; nephew, Ronald Veller of Washington; niece, Beverly (Jr.) Taylor of Loogootee; half-siblings: Edith Knight of Odon, Cheryl Holcomb, Jerry Byrer, and Richard Byrer all of Elnora.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Helen Esther Byrer; her father, William "Bill" Byrer; grandparents, Earl and Fern (Resler) Byrer; sister, Rhoda Sue Byrer; half-brother, Billy Byrer; and her companion of seventeen years, Roscoe Wilson Brown, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Maxine's memory to the American Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46209-4830.

Visitation for Maxine L. Smith will be 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, December 28 AND 12-2 p.m., Thursday, December 29 at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary, 620 East Viola Avenue, Washington.

Funeral services for Maxine L. Smith will be 2 pm, Thursday, December 29, also at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary. Pastor

Mark Hammaker will officiate.

Burial will be in the Sugarland Memory Gardens.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com).

The staff of the Ed L. Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with Maxine Smith's arrangements.

## ALAN SCHEPERS

Alan R. Schepers passed away at 5 a.m. Monday, December 20, 2022, at home. A resident of Celestine, he was 64.

He was born in Celestine on October 5, 1958; son of Roman and Leona (Fromme) Schepers. He married Phyllis Hopf on May 9, 1981, in Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper.

He was a 1977 graduate of Northeast Dubois High School. He worked at Stens in Jasper for several years.

Alan was a member of St. Isidore Parish in Celestine and the Celestine Community Club. He enjoyed cutting firewood, going to races, going to the grandchildren's sporting events, and spending time with friends and family, especially his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Schepers of Celestine; two sons, Nathan Schepers and Daniel Schepers, both of Celestine; one daughter, Rachel (Aaron) Reckel-



**ALAN SCHEPERS**

hoff of Birdseye; two grandchildren, Logan and Lexi Reckelhoff; six sisters, Sr. Mary Ann Schepers, O.S.B. of Ferdinand, Dorothy Lents of Loogootee, Roselyn Brinkman of Ferdinand, Bertha (Jerry) Merkley of Jasper,

Henrietta "Susie" Baglan of Jasper, and Virlee Harris of Jasper; one brother, Jerry (Diana) Schepers of Newburgh; brother-in-law, Wilfred Brinkman of Jasper; one sister-in-law, Annette Schepers of Celestine; several nieces and nephews, and four godchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents, one sister, Darlene Brinkman; one brother, Bob Schepers; two brothers-in-law, Leonard Brinkman and Pete Baglan; one niece, Angela Buschkoetter; and one nephew, Wayne Hopster.

A Memorial Mass for Alan R. Schepers was held this morning, Wednesday, December 28, in St. Isidore Catholic Church in Celestine.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Celestine Fire Department or the Celestine Community Club.

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- 5/7/22
- Evelyn F. Sipes 4/24/32-5/8/22
- Susan Kay (Hack) Johnson 8/27/62-5/10/22
- Frank Horsting 12/8/47-5/11/22
- Roxanne Lents 2/27/56-5/13/22
- Cathy Herron 7/6/56-5/14/22
- Christie M. Bollier 5/13/74-5/15/22
- Dianna Ruth Thompson 11/7/46-5/15/22
- Terry Shawn Truelove 2/26/52-5/15/22
- Richard "Ric" Stoll 5/30/55-5/18/22
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- Myron Joseph Slaubaugh 3/1/55-8/15/22
- Clifford L. Mauder 6/9/46-8/16/22
- Carol Elisabeth (Smith) Richer 6/13/67-8/17/22
- James Dean "Ike" Eichmiller 12/14/69-8/19/22
- Deloris J. (Smith) Kieffner 9/26/32-8/20/22
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- Michael E. Sluder 4/4/49-8/25/22
- Carolyn Ann (Carol) Baldwin 12/31/45-8/27/22
- Marlene Boyer 5/24/33-8/27/22
- Kathryn Irene (Robbins) Johnson 2/26/38-8/27/22
- Cara Lynn Allen 2/7/54-8/30/22
- Carolyn Jane Norris 5/15/45-8/31/22
- Tammy Sue Taylor 1/4/63-9/2/22
- Janice Reynolds 7/11/43-9/5/22
- Robert D. "Bob" Prather 7/28/28-9/8/22
- Carole Ann Smith 9/28/42-9/10/22
- Doris Ann Russell 4/15/40-9/12/22
- William Michael Crays 6/1/71-9/13/22
- Clyde Steven Trambaugh 5/21/49-9/15/22
- David M. Livers 11/11/51-9/17/22
- Ruth A. Adams 2/19/67-9/18/22
- Leon Baker 3/2/28-9/18/22
- James "Jake" V. Parsons 6/26/37-9/19/22
- Charles William "Bill" Henry 12/29/55-9/21/22
- Ralph Dean Dobson 5/22/43-9/22/22
- Robert Maxine Lewis 7/19/28-9/22/22
- Donald Edward Neukam 11/23/47-9/22/22
- Daniel J. Renneker 2/26/34-9/27/22
- Colten James Davis 9/20/93-9/28/22
- James Whitman Marshall 6/15/40-9/28/22
- Eleanor R. Smith 8/24/29-10/2/22
- Tennis A. Tinkle 2/1/40-10/3/22
- Mark Deckard 3/10/55-10/9/22
- Henry Joseph Lauders 10/24/45-10/10/22
- Robert Wadsworth 3/20/67-10/14/22
- Charles A. Freyberger 3/12/62-10/15/22
- John S. Simmons 7/13/45-10/15/22
- Rodney Eugene Sipes 11/14/51-10/15/22
- Helen (Divine) Massey 3/26/1922-10/17/2022
- Joan O'Connor Bitler 7/24/51-10/21/22
- Tonya Renee Bullock 6/28/73-10/21/22
- Pamela Jo Hamilton 3/20/48-10/21/22
- Ruby Wilcoxon 9/20/32-10/21/22
- Debra Rae Clark 4/14/51-10/22/22
- Estella A. Toler 11/11/26-10/23/22
- Timothy E. "Tim" Mattingly 3/20/38-10/29/22
- Patricia "Pat" Ann Tow 3/25/39-10/31/22
- George L. "Peanut" Raney 8/5/62-11/1/22
- Adam Maurice Arvin 2/12/80-11/5/22
- Brenda Lucas 4/27/59-11/5/22
- Mary L. (Parsons) Spaulding 5/6/35-11/5/22
- Robert G. Ellis 7/9/30-11/6/22
- Louise S. Freyberger 9/19/49-11/7/22
- Betty Jean Osborn 1/19/33-11/11/22
- John D. Stoll II 9/14/54-11/11/22
- Brian L. Wade 11/3/66-11/11/22
- Millie Zehr 5/2/57-11/11/22
- Ellen Diane Mathies 6/28/50-11/12/22
- Mary "Joyce" Bowman 3/3/38-11/18/22
- Ethan Raymond Fields 8/30/92-11/21/22
- Joan Wade Hyslop 2/19/31-11/21/22
- James A. "Jim" Buechlein 8/25/56-11/25/22
- Barbara Hillenburg 4/28/35-11/25/22
- Elizabeth I. "Betty" Stahl 6/23/33-11/25/22
- Charles M. Butcher 2/12/50-11/26/22
- Mary Catherine (McAtee) O'Connor 9/29/25-11/26/22
- Marilyn J. Wagner 10/22/42-11/26/22
- Heather Anne Fox 12/14/76-11/27/22
- James E. Day 11/11/37-11/29/22
- Delbert Eugene Roach 12/20/35-11/29/22
- Karen Marie "Sophie" Burris 3/4/63-12/5/22
- Norma Jean Harding 8/14/25-12/5/22
- Mark A. Traylor 2/3/58-12/5/22
- Mary Louise Peek 4/11/28-12/6/22
- Vera Jean (Jeffers) Lyon/Hamilton 12/8/24-12/7/22
- Tracy William Moore 3/18-63-12/14/22
- Nancy L. Ferguson 6/19/54-12-20-22
- Alan R. Schepers 10/5/58-12/20/22
- Maxine Lee Smith 5/8/45-12/21/22

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

1:18 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:42 a.m. - Received a call reporting cows out south of Loogootee. Sheriff Greene responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a call requesting animal control check on a possible stolen dog. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:50 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

12:57 p.m. - Had a request for a vehicle identification number check. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:49 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident without injuries in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Big John's responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Sergeant Gibson, Indiana Conservation Officer Mann, Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. No transport was needed.

7:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Long and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident. Sheriff Greene responded.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

4:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Caller advised they were in Dubois County. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

5:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident. Caller advised they were in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

9:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Call was transferred to Daviess County 911.

9:58 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

10:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:36 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Daviess County EMS responded.

1:13 p.m. - Notified Animal Control Deputy Hughett of a report of a stolen puppy.

1:55 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to remote court.

3:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting a missing person in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Corporal Wells responded.

9:47 p.m. - Received a call from QSI Monitoring reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Advised Crane and Monitoring company that it is on Crane Base.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

2:05 a.m. - Received a call reporting an aggressive driver on US 231 South, heading north. Loogootee Officer Long responded.

2:55 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible misconduct with two juvenile females. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a young juvenile had shown up at a residence in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:00 p.m. - Corporal Wells transported two inmates to remote court.

2:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check southeast of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

09:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:27 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

9:36 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 North, heading south. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

3:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Rayhill and Corporal Wells responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

4:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Corporal Wells responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a stalled vehicle north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

5:04 p.m. - Received a call requesting animal control pick up an animal before the weather gets bad. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

7:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries west of Shoals. Corporal Wells, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells, Haysville Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

9:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an individual had locked themselves out of their home in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

9:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:19 a.m. - Received a call requesting

a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:12 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that slid off the road in Lawrence County. Called Lawrence County with the information.

11:22 a.m. - Received a call from Martin County Medic 1 advising they will be transporting one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital per a private call.

3:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver heading east on US 50. Corporal Wells, ISP Trooper Beaver and Deputy Pressley responded. Lawrence County was also advised.

7:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Corporal Wells and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a stalled vehicle on US 231 North. Corporal Wells and Big John's Towing responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a water leak in Shoals. Town of Shoals was notified.

11:09 p.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection advising of a residential burglar alarm East of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

11:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Big John's Towing responded.

11:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible stolen vehicle from Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

1:58 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection advising of a residential burglar alarm east of Shoals. Homeowner was notified and all was clear.

2:38 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:55 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible impaired driver in Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

10:08 a.m. - Received a call reporting frozen water lines in Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities was notified.

1:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Daviess County Medic and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital with Daviess County Medic on board.

11:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a house fire south of Shoals. Martin

County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Branham, Martin County Civil Defense and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. No one was transported.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

12:22 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a hit-and-run northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

5:36 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting burst water lines in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County.

7:08 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Lost River Fire Department, Sergeant Gibson, Chief Deputy Keller, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:39 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Sims, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1 and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

8:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same accident.

8:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:25 p.m. - Jon Perry, 43, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

11:54 a.m. - Kerry Lewis, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Pressley on a petition to revoke. She is being held without bond.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

9:32 p.m. - Gregory Stroud, 57, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Sims and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

11:55 p.m. - Matthew Newkirk, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

December 19

Ryan J. Sipes, convicted of failure to return to unlawful detention, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 324 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 162 actual days previously served plus 162 Class A credit days.

December 20

Shawn M. Horock, convicted of five counts of conversion, Class A Misdemeanors. Sentenced on the first count to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation. Sentenced on the other four counts to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Each count defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

December 20

Shawn M. Horock, theft, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

December 7

Citibank vs. Martin Lewis, civil collection.

December 9

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Michael Schlaegel, civil collection.

December 16

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. David Merkley, civil collection.

December 19

Wells Fargo Bank vs. Amanda Miller, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS



The Queen-Lee Chapel has served the Shoals and Martin County community for nearly a century. Carrying on the tradition of quality and compassionate service started by the Queen and Lee family is Derek and Abby George along with their two boys, Hudson and Kellen. They have been a part of the community since 2016 and have now solely purchased the funeral home. Derek will continue to manage the day-to-day operations serving you. We look forward to the privilege of our family serving yours for the years to come.

December 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Jordan VanMeter in the amount of \$2,905.54.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 16

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Dirk M. Fahey, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Milan T. Eckert, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jacie Moffatt, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jonie R. Day, complaint.

December 19

Family Dental Care vs. Jodi Lengacher, complaint.

December 20

Brian and Jacqueline Esch vs. Dave Wilson d/b/a Clydes Pools, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

December 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Property Sure and against the defendant Jessica Crane for eviction in the amount of \$2,956.

December 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jonathan S. Holt in the amount of \$3,121.43.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Kimberly A. Blackwell in the amount of \$3,132.62.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Cody A. Willis in the amount of \$5,009.13.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Vicki L. Cramer in the amount of \$7,613.67.

## Real estate transfers

**James S. Mundy**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jessica Courtright and Seth Kell**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 28 and 31 in Section II of Sawmill Ridge.

**George William Carrico, Jr. and Sheila M. Chambers**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Coy Leon Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.78 acre.

**Sheryl L. Ogg, Robert D. Abel and Anthony C. Abel**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Anthony C. Abel and Bobbie L. Abel**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 33, 34 and 35 in the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

# Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

1:18 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to an alarm at Dairy Master.

2:19 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a civil complaint on North Line Street.

3:51 p.m. - Officer Seymour assists with a traffic accident in Shoals.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:47 p.m. - Officer Long responded to an alarm in Crane Village.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

2:05 a.m. - Received a call of a possible impaired driver on Highway 231 South.

9:41 a.m. - Officer Seymour responds to an accident on Church Street.

9:42 a.m. - Received a call of a child on Main Street.

2:21 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a civil call in Mt. Pleasant.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle. Officer Erwin responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

3:34 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a civil disturbance on North Line Street.

4:14 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a medical assist on Jackson Street.

7:05 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a slide off on Highway 50, near Shoals.

8:26 p.m. - Officer Erwin assisted with a slide off near Haysville Bridge.

9:35 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a house lockout on Hill Street.

11:21 p.m. - Officer Erwin provided a welfare check in Dover Hill.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:29 a.m. - Received a report of the smell of gas at Old National Bank. Contacted Loogootee Fire Department.

11:07 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical issue on Doyle Avenue.

7:51 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a request for lift assistance.

11:17 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a slide off on Highway 231 North and Fairview Street.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

1:40 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Vine Street.

7:16 p.m. - Received a call for a welfare check on a driver at Soap Opera Laundry.

10:23 p.m. - Officer Sims investigated an abandoned vehicle on Highway 231 South.

11:15 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Shoals Fire Department with traffic control at a house fire.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

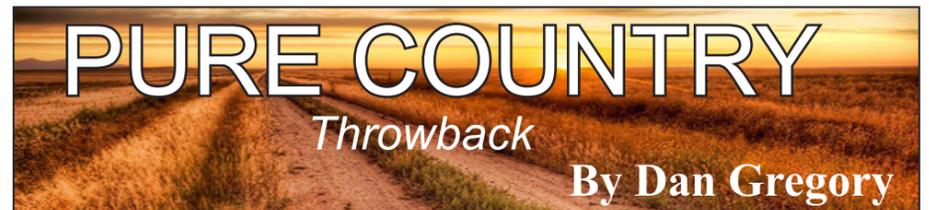
9:14 a.m. - Officer Erwin investigated an accident on Rusk Road.

12:54 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol on Hill Street.

8:39 p.m. - Officer Sims received a request for assistance with traffic control in Shoals.

8:54 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol due to a suspicious vehicle outside their home.

10:53 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted a stranded motorist on Highway 231 North.



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Last year I titled the last Pure Country of the year as "That's a wrap", borrowing from a theater production saying of when the product is declared finished. Declaring a wrap on any year seems a little simple. 2008 certainly has had its share of moments on many stages. Let's revisit some.

Internationally, there was the usual mix of good news and bad news. War seems to always be occurring somewhere, often enough in my own lifetime to make me wonder if man will ever learn how to get along with his neighbors. Yet as this year's release of "The War" documentary suggests, there have been necessary wars and ones to which there were really no alternatives.

Nationally, well what can we say? I think it is safe to say that 2008 was dominated by the national election. Now that it is over, there is sense of relief that all the powers that be will appreciate the advantage of a new beginning and act on issues that confront us all. At the ripe old age of 56, I too am beginning to take more notice of health care issues and the rapidly approaching Baby Boomers that threaten to overwhelm our health care and retirement systems. The other glaring national and international news is the state of the economy and devaluation of many companies and stocks. Having lived through the burst of the dot com bubble of the early nineties, I feel a little more confident that this will straighten out, although it is a very tough thing for people that depend on investment income.

Statewide, we also experienced leadership elections, but not any big changes. Indiana seems to be in a somewhat better economic position than other states, but unpopular choices will need to be made here as well when the General Assembly meets next month.

Martin County had its share of local elections and after many days of thought I decided to give politics a try. At the statewide training for county commissioners, I attended a few weeks ago, they kept hammering away at how we would be asked

to do more with less... without any suggestions on how to accomplish that. As a brand-new county commissioner, I have much to learn. I remember setting a goal for the Martin County community to have a new food bank in 2008, and Saint Vincent de Paul once again answered the call, and we have one. Now we can work on minimizing the need for it.

Moving on into the family area of life, our family had much to celebrate in 2008. Our two new grandchildren that joined us this year bring us much joy and added to the two veteran grandchildren give us a sense of continuity for life and family. We did not experience any serious illness in our family this past year and everyone enjoys careers that makes them feel satisfied and productive. My mom, who will turn 83 this next summer, has seen much worse times than these. She says, "tough times don't last, tough people do." I like her attitude.

2008 will soon be history. Another year with its many ups and downs. At the end of the year as this case may be, there is much to celebrate in our daily lives. Faith, family, friends, and community are things which are always in style and things that we have at least some control over. Rather than focus on all the negative chatter and doomsday scenarios which seem to dominate the news we consume, why not recognize and state some of the truth. And the truth is we are blessed..... in many, many ways.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### West Boggs executive meeting

The Daviess-Martin Joint County Park Board will meet in executive session on Friday, December 30, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boggs Park Activity Center at 16117 US Highway 231 Loogootee IN 47553. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel matters. The meeting is closed to the public.

#### Free community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, January 5 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month they will be having sandwiches, finger foods, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

#### Mental Health Task Force

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

#### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

#### St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

#### 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

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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 second Wednesday of each month at noon at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

#### Soil and Water meetings

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

#### 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.

## Martin County Community Foundation awards \$98,000 in Impact Grants

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded over \$98,000 in Impact Grants to six local nonprofits in the most recent quarterly round of grants in the new Open Application Grant Cycle. With this new grant process, grantseekers can apply online year-round; applications are pulled and evaluated quarterly.

The Community Foundation is governed by a volunteer board whose mission is to improve the quality of life in Martin County for this generation and generations to come.

The Community Foundation accepts and manages individual and business contributions made to permanent endowments, some of which fund the annual grant cycle.

Alan Lagree is chairing the MCCF Grants Committee, "I am very excited that MCCF has executed two quarters of grants after historically providing grants once a year. This is tremendously important in enabling us to be responsive to the charitable organizations in our communi-

ty and meet the needs of our residents."

The Martin County Community Foundation is a public charity recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to be proactive in creating and growing an enduring source of charitable assets, and to identify and respond to the changing needs of Martin County. For more information, contact Curt Johnson at (812) 295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

Grant Recipients:

City of Loogootee, *City and Town Youth Council*, \$5,000

Loogootee Musical, *Louder Please*, \$1,878

Loogootee Musical, *When the Show is Over*, \$10,000

Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, *Grow Martin County*, \$5,000

Martin County Solid Waste Management District, *Facility Upgrade & Equipment Repair*, \$35,000

Shoals Community School Corporation, *Rox Center*, \$40,000

Youth First, *Youth First Social Work in Martin County*, \$2,000

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To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726. Resumes may be sent to [mbeaver@martincounty.in.gov](mailto:mbeaver@martincounty.in.gov).

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We have had the coldest weather in several years and a light snowfall is on the ground. Could there possibly be any garden chores that need to be done? Actually, this is a good time for an important preventative measure that could save some of the new plants that went into your garden in the fall. One of the biggest causes of failure with fall-planted perennials and shrubs is that our alternating periods of freezing and thawing results in heaving. The roots of young plants do not go as deeply in the soil as established plants and the heaving often results in pushing the roots out of the ground. That may cause the plant to dry out or may cause the exposed roots to freeze during the next cold spell.

You may approach this in a couple of ways. One solution is to take a walk through your garden each time it thaws to inspect the plants, especially those that were planted in the fall. If you find heaved roots, you may place your foot on the base of the plant and push the roots back into the soil. However, if roots heave one time, they are likely to heave again, so this has to be repeated after each thaw.

The better solution is to not let the ground thaw. Mulch acts as insulation, and if it is applied on frozen ground, the ground will stay frozen longer. That pre-

vents heaving. The problem is getting mulch. Garden centers often have a big sale in the fall and get rid of mulch so they do not have to store it for the winter. Even if they have some bagged mulch, it likely is stored outside and may be frozen. Bulk mulch may also be frozen in a mound. If you can find loose mulch, apply a four-inch layer around perennial plants, shrubs and trees. That should be enough to take care of heaving. In most cases, it can remain in place come spring, but you may need to rake it back from the plant crowns once the weather warms. It could hold too much moisture on the plant and result in rotting. Once again, even in winter, the gardener's shadow is the best thing one may add to a garden.

Other winter chores are mostly in the realm of preparations. Many small-engine repair shops offer special winter rates for servicing equipment, so take advantage of the opportunity to get equipment in running order. You may also use the time to sharpen hoes, pruners and other blades. You may also apply a light coat of oil.

Finally, cold snowy days are especially suited for thumbing through seed and nursery catalogues or looking at some gardening books. Let your mind wander to a warm spring day. It will be here before you know it.

## Get ready for Eagles over Monroe

Monroe Lake's Eagles over Monroe event celebrates the reintroduction of bald eagles in Indiana with six days of eagle-related activities.

The event starts with a virtual interview with Lola Nicholson on Thursday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m. She is the director of Raptors Rise Rehabilitation Center. The event will include a tour of the facility, "hospital" building, and raptor enclosures and can be watched at [bit.ly/eom2023-facebooklive](https://bit.ly/eom2023-facebooklive).

The International Crane Foundation will discuss cranes in Indiana on Friday, January 27, with indoor presentations at Paynetown State Recreation Area (SRA) at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Register at [bit.ly/cranes-jan2023-afternoon](https://bit.ly/cranes-jan2023-afternoon), for the afternoon session and [bit.ly/cranes-jan2023-evening](https://bit.ly/cranes-jan2023-evening) for the evening session.

Take Flight Wildlife Education will host two live raptor presentations on Saturday, January 28 at Paynetown SRA. Each is limited to 40 attendees and the cost is \$5 per person. Registration is at [bit.ly/liveraptor-jan28-1pm](https://bit.ly/liveraptor-jan28-1pm) for the 1 p.m. session and [bit.ly/liveraptor-jan28-3pm](https://bit.ly/liveraptor-jan28-3pm) for the 3 p.m. session.

Children can also stop by the Activity Center between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 28 to make free, eagle-themed crafts.

Sunset eagle watches will be both Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28 from 5 to 6 p.m. at Paynetown SRA. Monroe Lake volunteers will have spotting scopes set up to help visitors see eagles and other birds. This is in addition to the self-guided driving tour, which is

available every day of Eagles over Monroe. The tour will direct visitors to the best locations around the lake to see bald eagles. Information about the tour is at [bit.ly/eom2023-drivingtour](https://bit.ly/eom2023-drivingtour).

Free cocoa and tea will be available at Fairfax's Big Oak Shelter from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday, January 29 for those attending birding walks participating in the self-guided bald eagle driving tour.

A guided hike to the remnants of the bald eagle hacking tower, where eagles were released during the reintroduction program, will be on Monday, January 30 at 1 p.m. Registration for the hike is at [bit.ly/hackingtower-jan2023](https://bit.ly/hackingtower-jan2023).

Al Parker, a wildlife biologist, will discuss the history of Indiana's bald eagle reintroduction program on Tuesday, January 31 at 12:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 18, 1800 W. Third Street, Bloomington.

After Eagles on Monroe, join experienced guides for birding walks in different habitats at Fairfax SRA. Woods and fields will be at 9 a.m., register at [bit.ly/woods-fields-jan2023](https://bit.ly/woods-fields-jan2023), and lakeshore will be at 10:30 a.m., register at [bit.ly/lakeshore-birds-jan2023](https://bit.ly/lakeshore-birds-jan2023).

A complete guide to Eagles over Monroe programming can be found at [bit.ly/eaglesovermonroe2023](https://bit.ly/eaglesovermonroe2023). Be sure to check this site for event updates, including any weather-related cancellations.

For more information about Eagles over Monroe programming, call the Paynetown Activity Center at 812-837-9967 or email Jill Vance at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

## Ring in the New Year with a First Day Hike

Usher in 2023 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes offered January 1 at Indiana's state parks, forests, and lakes.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2023. They offer a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature, and connect with friends. Nearly all state parks and lakes, as well as some state forests, will offer hikes. Find one near you at [on.IN.gov/INStateParkEvents](https://on.IN.gov/INStateParkEvents).

The hikes are organized by Indiana State Parks in cooperation with America's State Parks. They will take place in all 50 states. First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts. The program was launched to foster healthy lifestyles and promote year-round recreation at state parks. For more information, visit America's State Parks website at [stateparks.org](https://stateparks.org).

In addition to the hikes, six Indiana state park inns and the Indiana Dunes Pavilion at Indiana Dunes State Park will be open for meals.

The Garrison at Fort Harrison State Park will host a Sunday brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Indiana Dunes Pavilion will have brunch from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County State Park, Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek State Park, Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park, Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park, and Turkey Run Inn at Turkey Run State Park will have breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. and brunch beginning at 10 a.m. More information can be found at [IndianaInns.com](https://IndianaInns.com).

Some First Day hikes are listed below. More may be added, so check the website if your favorite place is not listed. Make sure to wear sturdy, comfortable shoes on all hikes and dress for the weather.

-Brookville Lake. Meet at the Campground Shelter at Mounds State Recreation Area at 4 p.m. to hike the Wildlife Wander Trail, a .75-mile hike that should take approximately 45 minutes. There will be a campfire for hikers to warm themselves after the hike.

-Brown County State Park. This self-guided hike will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will start at the Nature Center. It is 2 miles long and should take about 1.5 hours. There will be interpretive stops along the way, including a hot chocolate stop.

-Clifty Falls State Park. Meet at the Nature Center at 1 p.m. for a 2-mile rugged hike along trails 1 and 3. It should take 1½ to 2 hours to complete. Drinks and cookies will be available before the hike. Parking at the Nature Center is limited. You may also park in the overflow lot across from the inn and walk over.

-Deam Lake State Recreation Area (SRA). Meet at the Lake Vista Trailhead at 10 a.m. This hike is rugged with some short, steep stretches that lead to rock outcroppings and the property's highest point. Refreshments and prizes will be provided after the hike. At noon, there will be a trail ride beginning at the Oak Barn in the Horse Campground along the 6-mile Deam Horse Trail loop around the property.

-Ferdinand State Forest. Meet at the Sycamore Shelter at 9 a.m. to hike a 1.7-mile loop on a moderately rugged trail. See Fossil Lake and stop by the Civilian Conservation Corps Shelter along the route. Hot refreshments will be provided.

-Fort Harrison State Park. Meet at the Delaware Lake Shelter at 1 p.m. for a 2-mile hike on a paved trail. Dogs are permitted on leash. Hot chocolate will be provided while supplies last.

-Greene-Sullivan State Forest. Meet at the Reservoir 26 Shelter at 8 a.m. Hot chocolate will be available.

-Harmonie State Park. Meet at the pool parking lot at 1 p.m. CT for a 2-mile hike on a paved bike trail to Rush Creek and back. A shorter hike will also be available at the same time. Stay after for hot cocoa and cookies provided by the Friends of Harmonie.

-Indiana Dunes State Park. Meet at the Nature Center for a 2-mile moderate to rugged loop along Trail 9 from 10 a.m. to noon CT. See the park landscapes and learn about park history. Enjoy snacks and a cozy campfire provided by the Friends of the Indiana Dunes.

-Lincoln State Park. Meet at the Nature Center at noon CT for a 2-mile hike through Mr. Lincoln's Neighborhood Walk. Dress like Abe or your favorite historical character and then enjoy snacks and hot chocolate after.

-Martin State Forest. Meet at the Hardwood Lake parking lot for a guided one-half-mile hike beginning at 10 a.m. CT.

-McCormick's Creek State Park. Meet at Canyon Inn at 2 p.m. for a hike to the waterfall. There will also be a photo contest that day from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Multiple age categories will be judged anonymously by a volunteer panel. Each winner will receive a 2023 Annual Entrance Permit. Registration card will include submission instructions.

-Monroe Lake. Meet at the Bay View Shelter in Fairfax State Recreation Area for the annual First Day Trail Run/Walk. Registration/check-in runs from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. and the untimed run/walk starts at 3:30 p.m. Participants can choose from a 1.3-, 2.9-, or 3.7-mile course. Advance registration is available through Dec. 30 for \$15 at [bit.ly/firstdayrun2023](https://bit.ly/firstdayrun2023) and includes a hot foods station, event patch for the first 300 registrants, and an entry to the prize drawing. Same-day registration is \$20, cash or check only.

-Morgan-Monroe State Forest. Meet at the Walls Shelter at 8 a.m. for a 1-mile hike on an accessible trail.

-Mounds State Park. Meet at the Nature Center at 4:30 p.m. for light refreshments and to fill out a "Nature's New Year's Resolution" card. At 5:30 p.m. the naturalist will lead a luminary walk to the Great Mound. The hike is easy to moderate and will last approximately 1 hour.

-Owen-Putnam State Forest. Meet at the park office at 8 a.m. for a guided hike on Poplar Top Trail.

-Patoka Lake. Meet at the Nature Center at noon for a trivia game based on the history of the park while hiking 3/4-mile Trail 4. Hot chocolate will be available after the hike, as well as a drawing for a 2023 Annual Entrance Permit.

-Shakamak State Park. Meet at the Group Camp Mess Hall at 1 p.m. for a hike on Trail 2. Hot chocolate, coffee, and cookies will be provided after.

-Spring Mill State Park. Two hikes, one long and one short, will be available. The long hike begins at 9 a.m. at the Lakeview Activity Center. It is moderately rugged and should take about one hour to complete. The short hike is a 20-minute, 1/4-mile hike and begins at 9:30 a.m. at Trail 6 near the Grissom Memorial. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served at the activity center after both hikes.

-Turkey Run State Park. Meet at the Nature Center at 11 a.m. for a guided hike through Rocky Hollow Nature Preserve. Learn about some of Turkey Run's geology along the way on this 2-mile very rugged trail. Bring plenty of water.

-Yellowwood State Forest. Meet at 4523 T.C. Steele Road in Nashville for a 2-mile hike along an access road with some off-trail hiking. To get to the location turn left, or east, at the 4523 mailboxes onto a gravel road and travel about a 1/2 mile. Park at the green gate.

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