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Shoals School enrollment catching up to Loogootee

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Over the last few decades, Martin County schools' enrollment has changed immensely. Fifteen years ago, Loogootee Schools had almost double the students of Shoals, with 1,053. This past year, Loogootee has 760 students to Shoals' 619, coming closer to closing the enrollment gap.

Each year the Indiana Department of Education releases each schools' performance report for the previous school year. Annual performance reports measure each school's enrollment, ISTEP scores, teacher salary, number of free or reduced lunches, graduation rate and attendance. The IDOE also assigns a letter grade to Indiana schools. In 2013, the Indiana General Assembly added IC 20-31-8-5.4 to the Indiana Code (P.L. 286-2013). This statute required the State Board to establish new A-F categories and new standards of assessing school performance. The new standards were required to be based on a measurement of individual student academic performance and growth to proficiency; and were not to be based on a measurement of student performance or growth compared with peers.

The following are the results of Martin County and surrounding schools of comparable size for the 2020-21 school year. (Due to the widespread impact of COVID-19, the US Department of Education granted Indiana a waiver from annual assessment and accountability requirements for the 2019-2020 school year. Information in this article reflects letter grade determinations from the 2018-2019 school year.)

LOOGOOTEE

The Loogootee School Corporation, as a whole, received a "B" grade for the 2018-19 school year, the same grade as the two years prior. Loogootee Elementary School received a "A" grade, Loogootee Middle School received a "B" grade

Voter registration ends April 4 for Primary

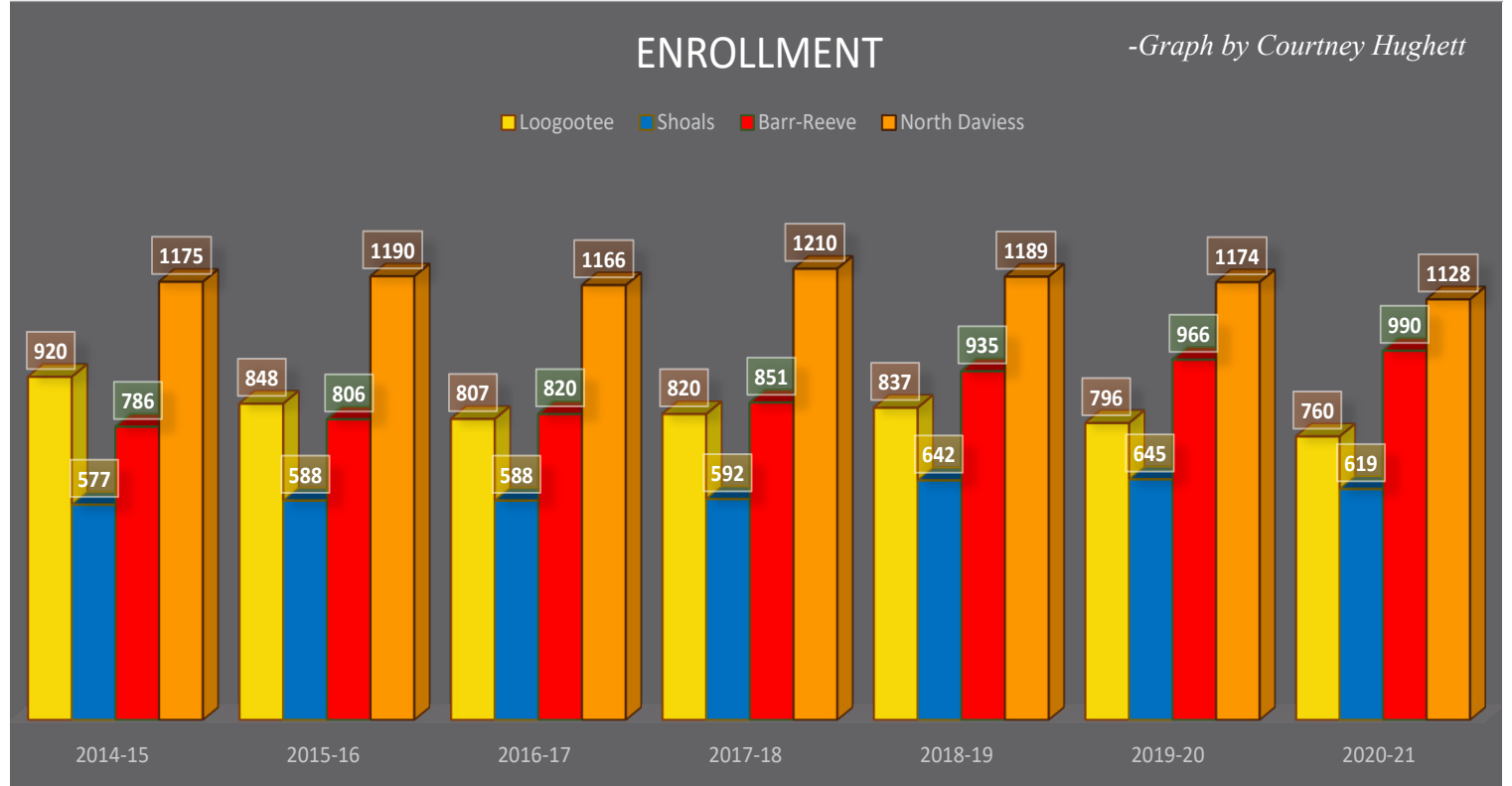
The Martin County 2022 Primary Election will be held May 3, 2022. The last day to register to vote or update your registration is April 4, 2022.

If you are not sure of your registration status, please call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651 and they can look it up.

The first day to vote absentee in person is April 5, 2022. You can vote at the Martin County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday. There will also be in-person absentee voting on Saturday April 23 and Saturday April 30 from 8 a.m. until noon. On May 2, in-person absentee voting will close at noon.

To request an application to vote by mail, call the clerk's office anytime. The last day they can receive an application to vote by mail is April 21, 2022.

The following are the polling sites that will be used for Election Day voting: Perry 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 vote at St. John's Center; Perry 5 and Rutherford vote at St. Martin's Church Hall; Perry 7 and Crane



and Loogootee High School received a "B" grade.

Enrollment reported last school year was 760 students. (796 students in 2019-20; 837 students in 2018-19; and 820 students in 2017-18)

Loogootee School Corporation had 50 certified teachers last school year. The minimum salary of teachers was \$37,550 and the maximum salary was \$66,800.

Loogootee had 137 students in special education last school year – 18 percent. There were 92 students (12.1 percent) in gifted and talented programs. 209 students (27.5 percent) were in career or technical programs last school year and 3.3 percent of students received career and technical diplomas at graduation.

284 students (37.4 percent) of the 760 kids at Loogootee received free or reduced lunches last year.

Loogootee had a graduation rate of 88.4 percent in 2019-20, with a 5.8 percent drop out rate.

SHOALS

vote at Bramble Conservation Center; Mitcheltree and North Center vote at Dover Hill Church of Christ; South Center, Lost River and Southeast Halbert vote at the Shoals American Legion; and East Memphis, West Memphis, North Halbert and South Halbert

vote St. Mary's Church Hall in Shoals.

The clerk's office will be looking for poll workers. You will be required to work from 5 a.m. until about 7 p.m. on Election Day and will need to attend one hour of training before Election Day. This is a paid position and meals are provided.

If you are interested, please contact Millie Brown, Republican Chairman, at 812-639-7733 or Roger Downey, Democrat Chairman, 812-639-8106 or the clerk's office.

If you have questions regarding the upcoming election, call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

The Shoals School Corporation, as a whole, received a "C" grade for the 2019-20 school year, the same grade as the two years prior. Shoals Elementary was graded with a "B", Shoals Middle School as a "B", and Shoals High School as a "B".

Enrollment this year was 619 students last year. (645 students in 2019-20; 642 students in 2018-19; and 592 students in 2017-18)

Shoals School Corporation had 40 certified teachers last school year. The minimum salary for teachers was \$35,817 and the maximum salary was \$62,617.

Shoals had 180 students in special education last year – 29.1 percent. There were 57 students (9.2 percent) in gifted and talented programs. 157 students (25.4 percent) were in career or technical programs last year and 19.1 percent of students who graduated with career and technical diplomas.

379 students (61.2 percent) of the 619 kids at Shoals received free or reduced lunches last year.

Shoals had a graduation rate of 88.7 percent last year with a drop out rate of 5.8 percent.

BARR-REEVE

The Barr-Reeve School Corporation, as a whole, received an "A" grade last year. Barr-Reeve Elementary was graded with an "A", Barr-Reeve Primary as an "A", and Barr-Reeve Middle/High School as an "A".

Enrollment last year was 990 students. (966 students in 2019-20; 935 students in 2018-19; and 851 students in 2017-18)

Barr-Reeve School Corporation had 54 certified teachers last school year. The minimum salary for teachers was \$40,000 and the maximum salary was \$70,000.

Barr-Reeve had 125 students in special education last year – 12.6 percent. There were 43 students (4.3 percent) in gifted and talented programs. 187 students (18.9 percent) were in career and technical programs last year and 25.4 percent of students received career and technical diplomas at graduation.

232 students (23.4 percent) of the 990 kids at Barr-Reeve received free or reduced lunches last year.

Barr-Reeve had a graduation rate of 100 percent last year, the same as the last three years.

NORTH DAVIESS

The North Daviess School Corporation, as a whole, received a "B" grade for the 2019-20 school year. North Daviess Elementary School was graded with a "B" and North Daviess Jr.-Sr. High School received a "B".

Enrollment last year was 1,128 students. (1,174 students in 2019-20; 1,189 students in 2018-19; and 1,210 students in 2017-18)

North Daviess School Corporation had 72 certified teachers last school year. The minimum salary for teachers was \$39,800 and the maximum salary was \$74,449.

North Daviess had 182 students in special education last year – 16.1 percent. There were 72 students (6.4 percent) in gifted and talented programs. 241 students (21.4 percent) were in career and technical programs last year and 15.5 percent of students graduated with career and technical program diplomas.

497 students (44.1 percent) of the 1,128 kids at North Daviess received free or reduced lunches last year.

North Daviess had a graduation rate of 98.6 percent last year, up five percent from the previous year.

NORTHEAST DUBOIS

The Northeast Dubois School Corporation, as a whole, received a "B" grade last year. Celestine Elementary School was graded with a "B", Dubois Elementary School as a "B", Dubois Middle School as an "A", and Northeast Dubois High School as a "B".

Enrollment last year was 838 students. (860 students in 2019-20; 879 students in 2018-19; and 904 students in 2017-18)

Northeast Dubois School Corporation had 55 certified teachers last school year. The minimum salary for teachers was \$39,000 and the maximum salary was \$69,500.

Northeast Dubois had 184 students in special education last year – 22 percent. There were 69 students (8.2 percent) in gifted and talented programs. 241 students (28.8 percent) were in career and technical programs last year and 22.6 percent of students graduated with career and technical program diplomas.

196 students (23.4 percent) of the 838 kids at Northeast Dubois received free or reduced lunches last year.

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Two non-traditional scholarships available

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for two non-traditional scholarships.

There are many paths to higher education... many students choose to postpone college; many move directly into the workforce, bypassing a university education altogether; others put their college careers on hold, choosing the more difficult task of raising a family. It is only later that they decide to pursue a higher education, either to improve their personal and professional opportunities, or to expand their general knowledge. The community foundation is grateful for the donors in our community who have established non-traditional scholarships for returning students. These scholarships give preference to helping a student begin or return to college or trade school, years after leaving high school. The scholarships and criteria are below.

Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship (\$1,179)

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County
- Must have graduated or left high school at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship
- Must seek to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school
- Must demonstrate a need for assistance.

The Second Door Scholarship (\$779) is named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens..."

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County
- Must have graduated or left high school at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship
- Must demonstrate a financial need
- The scholarship cannot be used for GED test fees
- May also be for a class to further their knowledge, not necessarily enrolled for

a degree or certification

-The scholarship cannot exceed the cost of course and course materials

-Applicant must provide evidence of program acceptance

-Program must be administered by a qualified institution/organization, such as an Indiana college, university, vocational or trade school.

Apply online at www.cfpartner.org/scholarships beginning Monday, April 4. Applications must be completed online by 3 p.m. on Monday, May 9.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the MCCF Director Curt Johnson at mccf@cfpartner.org or call 812-295-1022.

Kindergarten, pre-school immunization clinic

The Martin County Health Department Immunization Clinic will be open Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1 for any child who will be attending kindergarten or 4-5-year-olds who will be attending pre-school in the fall. Hours for this special clinic will be from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

In addition to these special clinic dates, the health department conducts immunization clinics every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of each month the clinic remains open until 6 p.m.

Please call 812-247-3303 to schedule an appointment time. Bring your child's immunization record and insurance card for billing purposes.

The health department office is located at 127 Water Street, Shoals (next to the Shoals Fire Station).

SCHOOLS


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reduced lunches last year.

Northeast Dubois had a graduation rate of 88.6 percent in 2019-20.


For more information on IDOE annual reports, visit indiana.gov/doe/it/accountability-dashboard/annual-school-performance-reports/

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OBITUARIES

JUDY WOLVEN

Judy Wolven passed away March 22, 2022. She was born in Washington on September 20, 1958; daughter of Kenneth and Edith (Hedrick) Trayler. She was 63.

On July 1, 1977, she married Gary L. Wolven. He preceded her in death on July 4, 2017.

Judy graduated from the Vincennes University School of Nursing and most recently worked at the Loogootee Nursing Center. She was an avid mushroom hunter and loved gardening and knitting. She was known to be an excellent cook - chili was her specialty. Judy's favorite time was spent being with her family. She was a devoted mom, sister, aunt, and great aunt.

Those who now miss Judy and mourn her passing include her son, Darrell Wolven of Washington; her brother, Brent Trayler; and her sisters, Kathy Bezy and Denise (Pat) Strange.

Judy is now reunited with her husband as well as other loved ones who preceded her in death: parents, Kenneth and Edith Trayler; siblings, Darrell Hedrick, Michael Trayler, Dale Trayler, Deroy Lynn Trayler, and Georgia Catt; infant niece, Shauna Trayler; and nephews Jeremy Wolven and Christopher Strange.

There will be a graveside service for on Friday, April 1, at 11 a.m. at the Oak Grove Cemetery Reeve Township, 9498 East 700 South, Cannelburg. Father Scott Hedrick will officiate.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

REV. RAYMOND ZEIGLER

Reverend Raymond Reed Zeigler, I died Friday, March 25, 2022, at his home. A resident of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, he was 79.

He was born December 22, 1942, in Tyrone; son of the late Sherwood H. "Woody" and Elizabeth Mae "Libby" (Gummo) Zeigler. He was married November 30, 1963, in Tyrone to Mary Rebecca Neff, who survives with four sons, Raymond Reed II (Josephine) of Tyrone, John Sherwood (Leanne) of Shoals, Benjamin Joseph (Sharon) of Hadley, Penn-



REV. RAYMOND ZEIGLER

sylvania; Reuben Romain Zeigler of Salem, Ohio; and daughter, Regina Rebecca Tinkerton (Jim) of Kinsman, Ohio. There are 19 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; sisters, Susan Johnstone of Winesburg, Ohio; Sharon Joy Evans (David) of Middleburg, Pennsylvania; and Rebecca R. Thomas (Robert) of Columbus, Ohio.

He was preceded by a brother, Harry S. Zeigler; brother-in-law, Robert Johnstone; and niece, Sheila.

He was a graduate of Tyrone High School in 1960 and graduate of God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a member of the Alexandria God's Missionary Church and was a Bible school teacher for 50 years. He was a minister of various churches until 1999, then retired in 2011 from Jostens Yearbook in State College after 11 years of service.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, March 30 at the Alexandria God's Missionary Church in Alexandria, Pennsylvania with Rev. Ben Zeigler officiating.

JASON WATHEN

Jason D. Wathen passed away Saturday March 26, 2022, at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 46.

He was born in Washington on August 3, 1975; daughter of Barbara Elaine Wathen and Daniel Joseph Arvin. Jason married Tina on April 22, 2000, and she survives. He graduated with the Class of 1994 from Loogootee High School. He was of the Catholic faith. Jason enjoyed hunting and fishing with his late father-in-law, Mike Chambers. He was a St. Louis Cardinals fan. Most of all, Jason enjoyed spending time with his family and being outdoors.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elaine Wathen and Daniel Arvin and his brother, Jacob Wathen.

Jason is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Tina Wathen of Loogootee; their children, Ashlynn, Macey, and Ruger Wathen; his father, Mark A. Wathen of Loogootee, his mother-in-law, Deana Chambers and several nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A funeral service was conducted this morning Wednesday March 30 at 10 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Mount Zion Cemetery in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made for the family to Blake Funeral

Home.

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

DELORIS PENDLEY

Deloris Ann (Hall) Pendley, formerly of Shoals, passed away March 26, 2022, in Orleans. A resident of Orleans, she was 75.

She was born January 31, 1947, in Shoals; daughter of Claude and Faye (Lewis) Hall. He preceded her in death January 13, 2011.

She was a graduate of Shoals High School Class of 1965. She worked at the French Lick Resort, Agans Market, and was a homemaker. She attended the Natchez Church. Deloris loved being grandma and her grandchildren were her world. She was known for her selflessness, always taking care of others before herself. She enjoyed talking to friends on her phone and doing crossword puzzles.

Surviving are her children, Terri (Terri) Jones of Orleans, Kelly (Allen) Hager of Shoals, and Josh Pendley of Orleans; seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, one step granddaughter, four step great granddaughters; and siblings, Karen (John) Grounds, Phylis (Jim) Goldsberry, Jackie (Jay) Cundiff, Bob (Tracey) Hall and Greg (Joyce) Hall.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Pendley; son, Eric Pendley; parents, Claude and Faye Hall; one sister, Janice Nelson and one brother, Claudie Dean Hall.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 29 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor John Moffitt officiating. Burial followed in Anderson Cemetery.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

JANICE COURTER

Janice Kay Courter passed away at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 76.

She was born October 13, 1945, in Vincennes; daughter of the late Louis and Helen (Meyer) Buckthal.

Janice was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. She played the piano and organ at various churches throughout the years. Her Christian faith and music were a very special part of Janice's life. She loved her family and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Helen Buckthal; brother, Frank Buckthal; and sister-in-law, Diane Buckthal.

Janice is survived by her sons, Brent (Melissa) Courter of Loogootee and Jeff Courter of Lafayette, California; grandchildren, Kyleigh and Breanna Courter and Lily and Noah Courter; brother, Allen Buckthal of Freelandville; and sister-in-law, Vicky Buckthal of Freelandville.

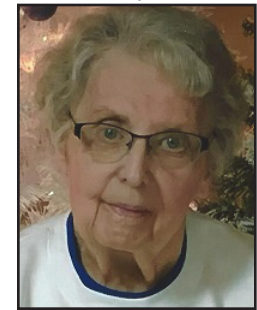
Funeral services were conducted Friday, March 25 at Bethel Church in Edwardsport. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Loogootee United Methodist Church or Bethel Church.

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

BETTY SUTTON

Betty Marie Sutton passed away Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at the La-



peer County Medical Care Facility with her family by her side. A resident of North Branch, Michigan, she was 90.

She was born on October 17, 1931, in Lapeer County; daughter of Glenn Frank and Mildred (Nelsey) Brown. She was a 1949 Lapeer High School graduate. On March 30, 1950, she married John Sutton in Lapeer.

Betty worked at the Lapeer County Co-op, Lapeer Regional Hospital and retired from North Branch Area Schools as a cook. Betty was a very active and community minded person. She was a 4-H Leader, member of the Farm Bureau Home Extension, Order of Eastern Stars, Garden Club, Michigan Association of Retired Personal, member of the First United Methodist. Betty was a talented cook and baker. She enjoyed cooking full course meals for her family. Family meant everything to Betty

She is survived by her children, Larry (Julia) Sutton, Roger (Elizabeth) Sutton, Linda (Ken) Bader, Carol (Richard) Ellis, Glenn Sutton and Nancy (Randy) Richmond; her 15 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, her parents, her daughter-in-law, Colleen Sutton and her brother, Norman Brown.

A funeral service was held Monday, March 28 at Blackburn Chapel-Martin Funeral Home. Pastor Gloria Cox officiated. Betty was laid to rest next to her husband at Stiles Cemetery in Lapeer.

Memorials in Betty's name may be directed to Lapeer County Medical Care Facility-Serenity Room.

You may share an online condolence to the family at www.blackburnchapel.com.

Arrangements by Blackburn Chapel-Martin Funeral Home.



Congressman liaison

-Photo provided

On Wednesday, March 22, Shoals officials had the opportunity to voice and show the town's vision for the future with Ms. Donna Lashley, liaison for Eighth District Congressman Larry Bucshon. The group toured the Town of Shoals while being escorted by Marshal Eckert. Past accomplishments and future projects for the community were discussed. In the immediate future, Congressman Bucshon would like to personally visit Shoals and Ms. Lashley was tasked with doing the groundwork before his visit. Shown above, from left to right, are Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright, Donna Lashley, representing Congressman Larry Bucshon's office and Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 16 at Noon
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- Group #1 - Ages 2-4
- Group #2 - Ages 5-7
- Group #3 - Ages 8-10

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 21

7:08 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

7:47 a.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department was notified.

9:59 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:34 p.m. - Received a report of a fire east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:27 p.m. - Received notification of a controlled burn northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department was notified.

3:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:09 p.m. - Received a report of power-line down west of Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:58 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

4:16 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle west of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

4:19 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:02 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of a water main break east of Shoals. East Fork Water responded.

5:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist northeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:43 p.m. - Received a report of a sus-

picious person southeast of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

9:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

12:26 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

6:48 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:38 a.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check north of Loogootee.

10:00 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:23 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:44 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

1:12 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

4:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Daviess County. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Crane. Captain Reed, Corporal Wells, Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

12:25 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

4:27 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Captain Reed and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:31 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:55 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:19 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:41 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Crane. Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of a fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Flanagan, Corporal Wells, Loogootee Officer Sims, and civil defense responded.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

5:43 a.m. - Received a deer complaint east of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:06 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took one inmate to court.

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

2:22 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

3:30 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took two inmates to court.

4:21 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:35 p.m. - Received a raccoon complaint in Shoals. Indiana Conservation Southern Region and Animal Control Officer Hughett were notified.

5:59 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:24 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

1:27 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:24 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

8:17 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

8:32 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

10:57 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle west of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:17 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification check in Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Flanagan were notified.

1:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:41 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Major Keller, Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Shaw responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin, Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Fire Department and Daviess County Ambulance responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:52 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

10:53 p.m. - Received an accidental fire

alarm at Shoals Community School.

11:29 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

12:07 a.m. - Received a request for a courtesy ride in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour was notified.

12:07 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, Deputy Hawkins and Deputy Long responded.

12:16 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins was notified.

12:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Long and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Hawkins, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of power line down south of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, and Shoals Fire Chief Hamby responded. REMC was notified.

2:48 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:16 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Haysville Fire Department responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:44 p.m. - Deputy Long assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

4:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Seymour and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:57 a.m. - Received an owl complaint north of Loogootee. Indiana Conservation South Region was notified.

7:21 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting an oxygen tank was not working properly in Shoals. Advised Williams Bros. and they are dispatching assistance immediately.

1:31 p.m. - Received a report of a mailbox that was cut down northeast of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

4:04 p.m. - Received a call south of Shoals requesting someone off their property. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:27 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:12 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:58 p.m. - Received a call from Martin County EMS advising they received a call south of Loogootee.



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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 21

7:28 a.m. - Chief Means took a report of a possible theft at a local business.

1:33 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of smoke on Brickyard Road.

3:15 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a brush fire on US 50 West.

3:54 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a brush fire on Killion Mill Road.

4:59 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a vehicle check.

7:47 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of trespassing.

9:10 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop of a possible impaired driver.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

9:42 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with a vehicle unlock.

1:55 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding a property dispute.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MARCH 21

11:05 p.m. - James Nicholson, 43, of Loogootee, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment and operating while intoxicated controlled substance. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

12:49 a.m. - LaRae Nunn, a 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Long and charged with possession of methamphetamine, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held on a \$30,000 10 % bond.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

9:53 p.m. - Justin Boyd, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance, driving while habitual traffic violator, possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

2:06 a.m. - Charles Kline, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Captain Reed on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

11:52 a.m. - Shara Freeman, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with invasion of privacy, and revocation of bond. She is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

7:37 p.m. - Clayton Sullivan, 23, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Long and charged with disorderly conduct, public intoxication, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

4:32 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a property damage accident at a local business.

10:33 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a possible suicidal subject.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

12:05 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle causing property damage with erratic driving on North Oak Street.

5:03 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:26 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted a stranded motorist.

9:30 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a welfare check.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

1:27 a.m. - Officer Sims spoke with a subject regarding a welfare check.

1:35 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Park Street.

3:32 p.m. - Officer Erwin and first responders were dispatched to a medical call in Sunset Trailer Court.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

12:07 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a possible battery.

12:24 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East Washington Street.

10:29 p.m. - A caller reported possible vandalism.

10:44 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted with a vehicle unlock.

SUNDAY, MARCH 27

4:06 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted with a medical call.

8:56 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a domestic dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

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

The Martin County Sheriff's Office will be out in full force this spring to ensure that students remain safe when traveling to and from school. Over the next couple of weeks, officers will be positioned along bus routes and in school zones where they will be on high alert for stop-arm violations, speeding and other forms of reckless driving.

The overtime patrols are part of the state's Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (SAVE) program and funded with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"Every time you see a bus, slow down, be ready to stop and watch for children," said Sheriff Travis Roush. "If the overhead lights flash red and the stop arm extends, you are required by law to stop. Under no circumstances, should you speed up in an attempt to beat the bus. That's beyond reckless and puts every child boarding or exiting the bus in danger."

The office joins more than 200 police agencies for the spring enforcement campaign, as part of an ongoing effort to prevent reckless driving in school zones and around buses. Last year alone, more than 2,700 drivers were cited for stop-arm violations by Indiana law enforcement, according to ICJI.

To address this, officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols in the morning and afternoon hours along routes identified in cooperation with local bus drivers and school transportation officials.

"School buses have several highly visible indicators to let drivers know when to stop," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "The only way you're going to miss those—the activated stop arm and flashing lights—is if you're on your phone or not paying attention to the

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

March 17

Courtney E. Sutton, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,180 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 17

Courtney E. Sutton, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony, dismissed; trafficking with an inmate, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed.

March 21

Gary W. Harper, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dis-

missed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 16

Continental Western Insurance Company and White River, LLC vs. Kimberly Wilkins and David Graham Trucking, LLC, civil plenary.

March 17

Capital One Bank vs. Matthew Clark, civil collection.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

March 18

Samuel Steven Chapin of Loogootee and Deanna Rae Canell of Loogootee.

March 21

Jeremiah E. Jackson of Shoals and Kimberly S. Fisher of Shoals.

Martin County real estate transfers

Angela R. Burkhardt, f/k/a Angela R. Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana to Kendrick Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Angela R. Burkhardt, f/k/a Angela R. Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana to Thomas A. Burkhardt and Angela R. Burkhardt, of Martin County, Indiana, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 30 acres, more or less.

Thomas A. Burkhardt and Angela R. Burkhardt, of Martin County, Indiana to Angela R. Burkhardt, of Martin County, Indiana, the southeast quarter

of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 39.82 acres, more or less.

Ebert T. Zehr and Shirley D. Zehr, of Martin County, Indiana to Marie Wagler, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and also a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 19, and also a part of the west half of the southwest quarter and also a part of the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 20, all in Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 70 acres, more or less.

Randall J. Blakenbaker, of Martin County, Indiana to Jimmy R. Hamby, Jr. and Robin Hamby, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.17 acres, more or less.

James L. Coulter and Blaire Coulter to Sharon A. Balog, the north half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 15 acres, more or less.

Calvin Graber and Katie Graber, of Daviess County, Indiana to Ethan Graber and Charisse Graber, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.638 acre, more or less.

Lora L. Divine, of Rush County, Indiana to the State of Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.308 acre, more or less.

Alan Robert Nonte and Angela B. Smith, of Dubois County, Indiana to Mark Schultheis and Tammy Schultheis, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 2.4974 acres.

Anthony L. Smith and Sherri L. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to Derek D. Worm and Rebecca L. Worm, of St. Joseph County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 4 West.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*What if they close grocery stores and we have to hunt for our food? I don't even know were Little Debbie lives.

*Reading can seriously damage your ignorance.

*I bought satin sheets and satin pajamas. Just went to jump into bed and ended up in the neighbor's flower garden.

*Told my dad I ran out of alcohol and didn't have any money to buy any for the weekend...so he gave me the huge bottle of vodka from the cupboard that I stole and replaced with water when I was 16. Life really does come back to bite you in the butt.

*My ex-wife just texted me, "Wish you were here."

She does it every time she walks through a cemetery.

*Hey Girl, unless he wears a diaper, you can't change him.

*DUST - it's what gives a home a warm and fuzzy feeling.

*Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

George Carlin

*I just saw on the news that they're suggesting that people check on the elderly. I'm usually up by 8 or 8:30. Bring donuts.

SPORTS QUOTES

Town of Shoals again to offer garden tilling

The Town of Shoals will host their 2nd annual garden dig Monday, April 11 through Monday, May 16. Any resident who is located within the corporate town limits who is wanting a small to medium size area tilled up for a garden can call town hall at 812-247-2110. The town will provide the work free of charge. The desired garden area should be clearly marked and must be able to fit a small size tractor to perform the work.

*Doug Sanders, professional golfer: "I'm working as hard as I can to get my life and my cash to run out at the same time. If I can just die after lunch Tuesday, everything will be perfect."

*Tommy LaSorda, LA Dodgers manager: "I found out that it's not good to talk about my troubles. Eighty percent of the people who hear them don't care and the other twenty percent are glad I'm having them."

*Tommy John, N.Y. Yankees pitcher, recalling his 1974 arm surgery: "When they operated, I told them to add in a Koufax fastball. They did, but unfortunately, it was Mrs. Koufax's."

SERIOUSISMS

*Irony: using a device that transmits inordinate amounts of complex information tens of thousands of miles through thin air -via antennas and satellites-to convey to others that you "don't trust science."

*Your beliefs don't make you a better person. Your behavior does.

*Don't offer a lecture to a person who needs a hug.

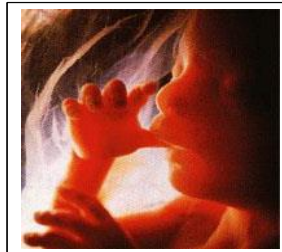
*Losing a parent is so strange because you go through the rest of your life not being able to see or talk to them ever again, but you still feel like you will. Every once in a while, it all just hits you that they are literally never coming back, and you feel the feeling of losing them all over again.

Last night I was walking home and decided to take a short cut past the cemetery...three girls walked up to me and explained that they were really scared to walk past the cemetery at night, so I agreed to let them walk along with me.

I told them, "I understand...I used to be freaked out too when I was alive."

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Pro-abortion proponents and some "Good Christian People" argue that we should not focus on a single issue when voting as they want us to look away from the one million pre-born children being killed each year by abortion. **We feel they do this in order to justify in their own conscious voting for their favorite pro-abortion candidates.**

We Say: No other Life Issue is more important than the issue of abortion. The numbers don't lie! So please, Always Vote Pro-Life!

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Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, April 7 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month they will be having fried chicken, hot and cold sides, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Mustering Elm Park meeting

The Mustering Elm Park Group will have their first meeting of the year Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the park in Trinity Springs. There will be plans made for the year, election of officers, etc. New members are needed. All are welcome to attend.

Cemetery cleanup

In preparation for mowing season, spring cleanup of St. John Catholic, St. Joseph, and St. Martin Cemeteries will take place on Saturday, April 9. All grave blankets and other ground decorations as well as obviously outdated gravestone decorations (e.g. Christmas) must be removed prior to that time. Any ground or outdated decorations remaining will be removed by the cleanup crew. If rain on the 9th the backup date is April 16.

Dog/cat wellness clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter holds a monthly wellness clinic on the third Friday from 5-6:30 p.m. Low cost services such as vaccinations, microchips and disease testing are offered. No appointment is required.

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.

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.

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 echrist-



Ag Day Coloring Contest

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Each year, in conjunction with the Martin County Ag Day, the Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors a coloring contest for the county's 2nd grade students. Winners receive book bags with their school logo. This year's winners were Bennett Baker, Loogootee, Ms. Lawson; Lucy Erwin, Shoals, Mrs. Hawkins; Bailey Esch, Loogootee, Ms. Long; Mason McShane, Shoals, Ms. Johnson; and Falyne Fischer, Loogootee, Mrs. Roach. Shown above are Mason McShane, Bailey Esch, Bennett Baker and Falyne Fisher. Lucy Erwin was not available for the photo.

mas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

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.

Free lunch for kids

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

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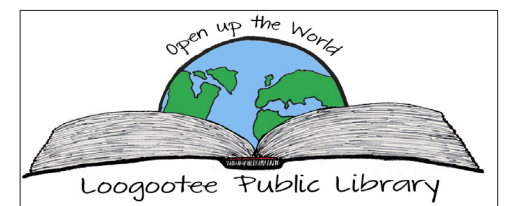
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Solid waste board

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 or call at 295-3149.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a National Library Week book sale starting on Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The books will remain out until Friday, April 8, 2022. There are several nice hardback books, paperbacks, audiobooks, and DVDS. Stop by and enter our special prize drawing. There will be a \$25 gas card, middle school age basket, and juvenile basket to give away. You can register often.

Saturday, April 9 at 11 a.m., is an Easter Story Time. Please pre-register for this fun program.

Carolyn's Book Club is on Monday, April 11 at 6 p.m. The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah will be the book the group will discuss.

NEW BOOKS:

Mystery Fiction: "What Happened to the Bennetts" by Lisa Scottoline.

Fiction: "A Relative Murder" by Jude Deveraux and "fear Thy Neighbor" by Fern Michaels.

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



Several national and regional gardening surveys indicate that the number of new gardeners continues to increase. As the Covid 19 pandemic forced people to stay closer to home, many people took to gardening to fill the time. Now, as people are venturing out again, gardening continues to grow. There are several reasons for the resurgence.

Many people have become locavores, striving to consume foods that are produced locally. There is nothing more local than one's own back yard. Producing one's own fruits and vegetables, or at least buying them locally, means that there has been no use of fuel for shipping. That has ramifications both are price and ecology, not to mention that one's family will enjoy fresher produce.

Concern for what goes into our food is another reason that people have started gardening. Many have opted for organic gardening practices, but even if not going totally organic, a gardener may limit the chemicals that are used in the production of edibles. There is just something comforting about knowing that there were no poisons sprayed on the food we feed our loved ones.

Selection is another reason for raising one's own food. Personally, I love Purple Cherokee tomatoes. I do not think that any other tomato has the flavor of the Purple Cherokee. I love its meatiness and tart flavor. However, I have never seen Purple Cherokee tomatoes at any local grocery store. I have rarely found them offered at the farmers' markets. The only way to be certain I have Purple Cherokee tomatoes to eat is to grow them myself. The same is true of many other specialty vegetables. I have never seen salsify sold at the grocery store. Many of the greens I enjoy in salads do not ship well, so they are not sold in the produce section. I have to plant them in my garden beds. While new gardeners

may not have so many favored varieties, they will develop favorites after a year or two.

Another reason that people are taking up gardening is to get their children to eat vegetables. Involving children in gardening is a great way for a family to enjoy time together. Raising one's favorite fruits and vegetables is rewarding. Children also seem to enjoy raising unusual things. One may hate regular carrots but might be coaxed into at least trying some purple carrots raised in one's own garden. Over the years, I have raised many unusual vegetables, including yard-long beans, blue potatoes, white cucumbers and purple peas. If you are gardening with children, let them pick at least part of the varieties you will grow. You may find that they will develop a taste for what they produce themselves. Theme gardens also may hold interest for children. One popular option is a pizza garden. Grow tomatoes, peppers, onions, garlic and oregano. A taco garden might include tomatoes, onions, lettuce and cilantro. Adding some décor with an Italian or Mexican motif would increase the fun.

While many take up gardening for food, most will find a reason to include some flowers. I suggest growing some edible flowers right in the vegetable garden. The flowers will help attract pollinators to the garden and will add new flavors and colors to the salad plate. Others may opt to simply grow flowers for their ornamental value. Not everyone wants to raise his or her own food, and that is perfectly acceptable.

Gardening should be, above all, fun and relaxing. Grow what pleases you and in the way you find most rewarding. Start small but start soon. Buy some seeds or some transplants. Plant in pots or in the ground. You will find many rewards in gardening, and maybe I will pick up some new readers.

Shoals Bluffs of Beaver Bend Wildflower Walk is April 16

The Daviess-Martin Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) will host a free wildflower walk on Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m. at the Bluffs of Beaver Bend Nature Preserve, in Shoals. Anyone interested is invited to attend to learn to identify the wide variety of rare native plants growing along the roadway at the base of the bluffs and up into the rocks, as well as the invasive garlic mustard that threatens them. No special equipment will be needed. The roadway follows closely along the bluffs so this walk will be accessible for all abilities. The event will take place rain or shine unless severe weather is forecast.

To reach the Bluffs, turn south from Highway 50 at the east end of the White River bridge, onto Water Street in downtown Shoals. Stay on this street/road for exactly one mile, passing the fire station and crossing the bridge over Beaver Creek. Stop immediately and park at Spout Springs. Participants will walk into the preserve from there.

Karen Whorrall will lead the walk, which is expected to last about 45 minutes. For any questions, contact Karen at 812-388-6639. For more information on this nature preserve, visit the Indiana DNR website at www.in.gov/dnr/naturepreserve/files/np-BluffsofBeaverBend.pdf. If you're interested in learning more about invasive species in the area, follow the Daviess-Martin CISMA on facebook at www.facebook.com/Daviess-Martin-CISMA-262962797961644. You can also contact Invasive Species Specialist Emily Finch at Emily.finch@in.nacdn.net, 812-482-1171 ext.3.



-Photo provided

Attendees walk along the entrance to the nature preserve at the 2019 Wildflower Walk.



Map showing the event location just south of Shoals.

Share thoughts on fisheries with DNR on angler survey

Anglers can share their opinions on Indiana DNR's fisheries management using a survey that will be emailed the week of April 11.

The DNR will email the survey to everyone who has a current email address within its electronic licensing system. Anglers can ensure their email on file is correct, update their address, or enter a new one at IN.gov/access.

Survey questions cover broad topics on angler participation, fishing locations, fish stocking, access to fishing spots, and

legal fishing equipment. Information gathered will provide valuable feedback to help the DNR develop programs to better serve Indiana's anglers.

The link each angler is emailed will be unique to that angler. Because it will allow only one survey completion, it should not be shared with other anglers.

For questions about the survey, please contact AnglerSurvey@dnr.IN.gov.

More information about the project is at wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/licensed-angler-survey.

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ABIGAIL SORRELLS

Abigail June Sorrells is the daughter of Tom and Deanna Sorrells. Her siblings are Tanner and Jordan Sorrells. In high school Abigail participated in band, track and field, cheer, Spanish club, SADD club, chess club, beta club, ski and snowboard club, pep club, film club, and student council. Her favorite high school memory is "skiing with my besties in the ski and snowboard club". After graduation, Abigail plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana and major in graphic design.



JACOB BOWMAN

Jacob Brett Bowman is the son of Deanna Smith and Todd Bowman. He has one brother named Nick Bowman. In high school Jacob participated in basketball. His favorite high school memory is "setting off fireworks in the bathroom". After graduation, Jacob plans to work at US Gypsum.



DARCY SOKE

Darcy Blair Soke is the daughter of Kathryn Tredway. She has one sister named Piper Tredway. In high school Darcy participated in cheer, spanish club, media publications, pep club, and was a media business manager. Her favorite high school memory is "Having my car towed out of the parking lot 2 times... wouldn't be surprised if it happens at least one more time before I graduate." After graduation, Darcy plans to attend Tricoci University of Beauty Culture to become an esthetician and start her own business.



VICTOR DILLON

Victor Cole Dillon is the son of Linda and Dennis Dillon. After graduation, Victor plans to have a good paying job.

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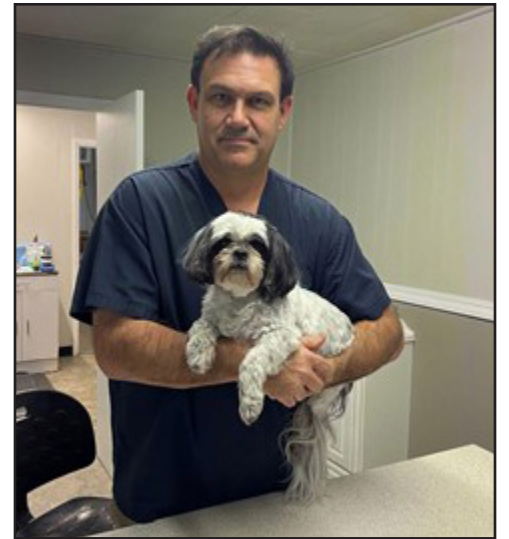
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LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class

The dual-credit junior English class at Loogootee High School is working with the City of Loogootee Recast Team to promote locally-owned small businesses. The class is interviewing business owners in Loogootee and Shoals. Below is their next interview.

Scott Wallace, Wallace Veterinary Clinic
"The purpose of the Wallace Veterinary Clinic is the health and wellness of companion animals, dogs and cats; and production animals such as cattle, sheep, and goats. At this time, we don't deal much with equines or horses and we don't do exotics such as lizards and snakes. My dad was my inspiration, it is kind of a simple thing, but watching him work through the years, seeing what he did, and what kind of impact he had on people, interested me. Whenever I was a child, the clinic mostly did production animals, he did dogs and cats here, but it was probably 80 percent cattle, sheep, goats, horses and pigs. But now the business has transferred to 80 percent dogs and cats and less of the production animal side.

I graduated in 1997 from Purdue, worked at Jasper Pet Clinic, moved here with my father in 2005, and then he stopped working three years ago. I achieved an associate degree after two years at Vincennes, an undergrad from two years at Purdue, and then four more years in a doctorate program. I think that the steepest learning curve was you probably have an aura of arrogance, and you think that you probably know a lot even though you don't have any experience to work off of. It is not a mistake that you made with a pet necessarily like I made a diagnostic mistake, it was probably the personal experience like talking with the owner, handling the pets, getting to know how to read a pet and owner.

Once I got here, mom and dad had such an established clinic and I learned from them and the other plus is Candace, my assistant. She does a wonderful job making sure that I watch what my inventory is and how I am charging people. The day-to-day grind of it is the hardest part, like here we got a lot of variety. It is odd how you will see really bad ears every day and then all of a sudden you will see something totally different. So, the obstacles would be maybe dealing with a variety but that is also a part of the pleasure. So, you will get things that are just mundane such as a dog that has an ear infection, so you go in and treat it the same way you have always treated it and they get better.



On the other hand, you will have something like yesterday which was a happy little fluffy dog with all of the signs of being well but then when you do some internal work, it is devastating. So, you have the challenges of figuring it out, and that is somewhat unique, every day is not the same.

I am satisfied with my business because I believe that each day, we have a relatively full schedule. I feel that if I was faltering with my bedside manner or with getting pets better, we would not be very busy. You would see people that are not satisfied with the way I act, with the way I look or the way I smell. Also, if I wouldn't be interested in the pet, if I would do a poor job in surgeries, then I would probably be less successful. I feel great but there are days, so physically, yes, I have made some sacrifices. Family time is family time and I cut out time for that, so I don't think I am cutting out anything personally, it is probably more of a physical basis.

I think that a support system is very important, and my mom, dad, sisters, and wife have been very instrumental in supporting me. I have no regrets about continuing Wallace Veterinary Clinic because the clientele is great, and I love being located on this side of town.

The most rewarding part of my job is probably by providing the service of people having healthy pets that they enjoy each day and production animals so people can actually help make money. If you are in school or as a high schooler, I would just say don't be intimidated by trying something hard.

In five years, I will probably be doing something similar to what I am doing now. Each year we end up purchasing either a better diagnostic tool or a different type of medicine or venturing into the different aspects of how we treat things. So, I see myself probably in the same location, doing a similar thing, but maybe in a slightly different way."


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