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Shoals works to beautify the town

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Shoals Town Council met Wednesday, April 3.

All three council members Cecil Ragsdale, Cary Albright, and Clint Hoffman were in attendance.

Tim Kinder, with Martin County Alliance, brought a joint resolution between The Town of Shoals, The Town of Crane, The City of Loogootee and Martin County to be signed to become a Broadband Ready Community. The council approved the resolution.

The Dollar General Store, to be built across from Shoals School, is under construction. Crews are currently working to remove tons of fill dirt to level the ground.

Matt Sward, with SIDC., held a public hearing for the town's master utility plan grant. Council Member Ragsdale said they need to know what they are looking at as far as the water and wastewater systems in the town so they can move forward with infrastructure repairs.

If the grant is awarded, the town chose HWC Engineers to do the master utility plan. It will cost the town \$5,600 in matching money which will come from the riverboat fund.

The council spent some time deciding if they wanted to close out the stormwater grant project and submit final payments. Discussion ensued regarding the blueprints not yet received from Midwestern Engineers, despite multiple requests, and the fact that the work on Main Street is not yet complete.

Town Attorney Paul Vogler brought up concerns with the closeout as well with the work not being fully complete. Vogler said he couldn't advise the council to approve the final grant draw at this time. The council ended up deciding to hold a special meeting on Thursday, April 11 at 9 a.m. to discuss it further.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineers, came before the council to update on the Community Crossings Paving Program Grant. Hunt stated the final paperwork has completed and turned in to INDOT and they should have the final contract in the next week. He stated INDOT continues to change rules and regulations that is causing some issues with the program. He stated that Shoals is in a good position and isn't at risk of losing any funding.

Hunt is trying to organize a meeting with legislators and the county for a joint meeting to bring these issues to light.

As soon as they receive the final contract from INDOT, they can start the paving work. The contractor, Flynn and Sons, is ready to start immediately.

Sylvia Albaugh, with the Shoals Public Library, told the council that the library purchased the house and land behind the library to turn into a parking lot. There are three trees on the property that need to come down and two of those trees are between the sidewalk and the highway. Albaugh said she talked to INDOT and they said they are not responsible for the trees – the Town of Shoals is.

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Commissioners weigh whether to close Brooks Bridge permanently

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Commissioners weigh whether to close Brooks Bridge

It was unpleasant news all around at Tuesday night's Martin County Commissioners' meeting. Brent Roberts, with BF&S, told the commissioners that the estimated cost of repairing Brooks Bridge, including the approach, was estimated at \$800,000. The bridge was rehabbed, through a federal aid project, back in 2009. According to Roberts, since the bridge was built in 1894, its historical significance adds a host of new issues including involving the Army Corp of Engineers.

The commissioners weighed the options of fixing the bridge and keeping it open versus closing it and using the county money to repair or replace more well-traveled bridges that are in dire need of repair. Roberts said that when they did a traffic count on the bridge in 2013, an average of 107 drivers crossed the bridge each day. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said that he believes that number has lowered since 2013.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Journal, asked why repairs need to be made on a bridge that was

rehabbed 10 years ago. Roberts said he didn't know the answer to that because he didn't have the company's plans from that rehab. Hughett asked the commissioners if they could go back to the company and see if there was some kind of warranty, so to speak, to see if they are liable for the repairs. The commissioners replied that they are unsure.

The county recently only received \$223,000 in Community Crossings grant funds and the three bridges, none of which were Brooks Bridge, that were put on the application were denied. Only roads were funded. Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, who worked with the highway department

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Residents express concerns with old and new city problems

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The Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety and City Council met Monday night, April 8.

During the board of public works meeting, Loogootee business owners Ed and Alyssa Kerns expressed their frustration with the city's zoning ordinance. According to Alyssa Kerns, they paved their parking lot at Kern's Insurance, on Church Street, and inadvertently left a sign off their building permit. Once the sign was placed, they were told by the building commissioner that the sign was too close to the roadway and therefore in violation of the ordinance. Both Kerns said they felt a big deal was made about

a mistake and felt the city could try to work with business owners and residents better, since the zoning ordinance is very new to the city. She gave Mayor Noel Harty a printout of best practices for zoning enforcement and said she would like to see him work to improve on how future issues are handled.

Alyssa Kerns said would think that Loogootee wants to encourage business owners, not discourage them and with the city being so small, she doesn't think that they need to treat zoning rules like we are in a big city. Mayor Harty said he would read through what the Kerns gave him and thanked them for expressing their concern.

Building Commissioner Tim Hudson
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LHS to present The Little Mermaid this weekend

Loogootee High School will present three performances of The Little Mermaid this weekend in the LHS Auditorium. The first performance will be Friday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m., two performances will be held on Saturday, April 13, at 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and the final performance will be on Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. Cost of tickets is \$8 for adults and \$6 for students.

Prince Eric will be played by Trenton Clark on Friday and Saturday at 4 p.m. and Konner Lyon at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and in Sunday's performance.

Ariel will be played by Trinity Howell in the first two performances and Elly Wagler in the second two.

Ursula will be played by Cassidy Esch on Friday night and Saturday at 4

p.m. and Courtney Burch on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Other cast members include Bryant Eckerle, Garrett Williams, Lawson McCloskey, Michael Arford, Cruse Bridgewater, Tristin Castro, Caden Chandler, Mattox Chandler, Zane Cropp, Austin Edwards, Conner Hedrick, Tyler Swartzentruber, Wayden Wagoner, Chantel Greene, Conner Hedrick, Jake Carrico, Macy McAtee, Hannah Bailey, Cruse Bridgewater, Olivia Winger, Karoline Tedrow, Samantha Cook, Jessie Stoll, Olivia Dant, Jessica Browder, Grace Gingerich, Rachel Robinson, Liz Burch, Shealyn Arthur, Jessica Browder, Cassidy Esch, Madison Esch, Grace Gingerich, Trinity Howell, Macy McAtee, Elly Wagler, Sarah Wagler, Karissa

Hunt, Mattie Milligan and Tristan Tinkle, Caden Chandler, Austin Edwards, Symphony Lantz, Mattie Milligan,

Ensemble- Michael Arford, Shealyn Arthur, Chris Ashby, Tristin Castro, Caden Chandler, Mattox Chandler, Essie Craig, Austin Edwards, Madison Esch, Karissa Hunt, Symphony Lantz, Macy McAtee, Mattie Milligan, Tristan Tinkle, Emily Welker, Cruse Bridgewater, Jessica Browder, Courtney Burch, Trenton Clark, Samantha Cook, Zane Cropp, Olivia Dant, Bryant Eckerle, Cassidy Esch, Grace Gingerich, Conner Hedrick, Trinity Howell, Konner Lyon, Lawson McCloskey, Jessie Stoll, Tyler Swartzentruber, Karoline Tedrow, Elly Wagler, Sarah Wagler, Wayden Wagoner, Olivia Winger, Garrett Williams

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to apply for the grant, said that when they applied, there was no mention from INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) that bridges should not be put on the application. He said since Martin County was denied any bridge repair this grant cycle, he has been on the phone non-stop with INDOT and some representatives have said they don't want to fund bridges.

Commissioner Paul George said they are going to have to have Roberts put together a list of the numerous bridges in the county that need work and go to the county council at their next meeting to try and come up with a plan. He said there are so many bridges and roads that need work and the commissioners don't know where to start or what to do to pay for them.

Hunt said they will be applying for the remaining \$780,000 that was denied in the first round of Community Crossings grant funds this year. The application is due on August 6. Hunt and Highway Superintendent Padgett and Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn will be attending a Community Crossings training session on June 20 to learn any new rules for the application process. Hunt said the only other thing they can do is get residents and elected officials to reach out to their state representatives and let them know that Martin County needs help with this.

Bridge 58, on Brickyard Road, is currently going through the process of getting a historical analysis done in order to get federal aid to have it replaced. It is estimated that it will take up to four years for that project to begin. Work was done last year, by CLR, to keep the bridge stable enough to wait for federal aid funds. The bridge was built in 1848 and reconstructed in 1913 and the concrete arches, original to the bridge, have eroded over time.

Highway Superintendent Padgett said he is still waiting on permits from the Department of Natural Resources to fix West River Road and McBride's Bluff Road. Both roads are eroding away into the river and Padgett said something has to be done immediately. He noted that he cannot move forward without the DNR's approval, however.

EMA Director Monty Wolf told the commissioners that he has been responding to more brush fires since the weather has started to warm. He wanted to remind citizens that they shouldn't burn trash or debris, however if they do, they need to burn in a barrel with a grate on top and not directly on the ground. He also said that any farmer that plans to burn crop waste should contact the sheriff's department to report the controlled burn, to not leave the burn unattended or burn at night.

Jim Johns, a resident of Pike County, asked the commissioners how Martin County was able to have an ambulance service contact for \$210,000 a year while Pike County is paying \$1.4 million. He asked the commissioners if there was any issue with services provided by Knox County EMS. Johns said he is just trying to figure out why Pike County is spending so much. He read statements from the Pike County Commissioners saying they wouldn't use Knox County EMS because it is terrible service. Commissioner Dan Gregory said that they have had complaints about the ambulance service in the past however it's no more than four a year and never because the ambulance service failed to show up to a location. He said it was due to not finding an address and response times. Johns thanked the commissioners for the information saying he wanted something to go back to the Pike County Commissioners with.

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asked the board of public works and safety what he is to do about a trash covered property on Queen Street. He said he needs guidance on how to handle dilapidated properties because he is being approached constantly, by residents, asking why the city isn't doing anything to make property owners clean up. Members of the audience also brought up issues with two properties on John Street as well, noting they have been in this condition for several years with no resolution. Mayor Noel Harty said that with the ordinance in place, letters have to be sent to the property owner. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan added that after a letter is sent and no progress is made on a property, the police have to issue an ordinance violation which includes fines. From there, through court proceedings, if nothing is still improved, a lien can be placed on the property. When asked if the initial letter has been mailed to the property owners in question, Mayor Harty replied that it is the responsibility of the building commissioners. Building Commissioner Hudson said that the letters actually come from the mayor's office, he doesn't write them. Mayor Harty said they can't send letters if they don't know who to send letters to. Ann Ackerman, who was present in the audience, said the properties in question have been an issue for years. She added that since the mayor is in charge of making sure departments do what needs to be done, he needs to oversee the building commissioner. Hudson replied that he was at the meeting to get guidance, to find out what needs to be done today to correct some of the issues with property owners.

Public Works Superintendent Bo Wilson told the city council that the water and sewer department's vac truck is in need of replacing. The current vac truck, which is a 1994 model, would cost \$35,000 to repair. Wilson said he doesn't recommend doing this because

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Town Attorney Vogler said he doesn't see how the trees are the town's responsibility when they are located in the state right-of-way. Albaugh said she doesn't know she just needs to figure out how to get them removed so the library can continue their parking lot project.

Albaugh said the concern is for safety and when the trees are removed the highway will have to be shut down.

Kathy Collins, who is on the library board and was in the audience, asked if the council would be willing to write a letter of support for the library so they can try and get INDOT to come up with a solution. Attorney Vogler said he didn't see a problem with this. The council also agreed to the letter.

Council Member Clint Hoffman said he will talk to the county surveyor about getting a survey done on the property to further assist with getting help from INDOT.

One bid was received from Chase's Lawn Care to handle mowing in the Spring Hill Cemetery. The cost was \$19,800 for 2019 and \$20,000 for 2020. Attorney Vogler said that since the township trustees have excess money in their budget for cemetery care, can they be approached about helping pay for the mowing costs. Kathy Collins said she knows that township trustees are only responsible for taking care of cemeteries in their township that are not owned or operated by a church or city/town/county. She said her crews are out caring for cemeteries often and the township trustees are not complying with this statute.

the truck is too old to keep putting money into. He recommended the council allow him to purchase a 2003 model being sold by Brown Equipment for \$110,000 or a 2007 model through Best Equipment for \$224,000. He also said that he can buy a new model for \$345,000. The council discussed lease options for any truck that is purchased as the city cannot afford to purchase a truck outright. They suggested that Wilson check with local banks to see what interest rates they can offer and report back.

Lynn Bateman presented the council with information on speed humps and expressed her concern with speeding drivers down Walker Street. She also said the four-way stop at Butcher Boulevard and Walker Street has become a hazard due to drivers not stopping at the stop signs. Bateman said that she and her husband recently travelled to the east coast and they came across several speed humps. Speed humps are like speed bumps, but they can be expanded to not hinder the speed of emergency vehicles and school buses. She said the estimated cost of each hump is \$1,000. She suggested the city look into purchasing the humps and installing them on Walker Street before someone is killed. No decision was made by the council.

Fire Chief JD Flynn requested the council approve the first responders to start receiving \$15 each time they respond to a medical run because they are keeping up with certification. When asked how many firefighters are certified, Flynn replied that all are certified in CPR but only 80 percent are certified as medical first responders. Currently firefighters are being paid \$35 per fire run but nothing for medical runs. Council Member Roger Downey made a motion to pay first responders \$10 for medical runs however told Chief Flynn that he needed to monitor the number of first responders that show up for medical calls. He said that there is no need to have dozens of first responders showing

up to minor medical calls just so they can get paid. Flynn agreed noting that the first responders typically radio in when they are responding. The rest of the council approved the \$10 per medical run. There are currently 28 fire fighters/first responders however Flynn said he will be removing some of them soon because they have not contacted him or been a part of the fire department for a long time.

Council Member Downey said that Flynn needed to remove those who are not interested in serving as firefighters and recruit new members who are. Firefighters in Loogootee are also paid \$20 per meeting they attend and a \$200 allowance per year for clothing/gas.

The city council voted to spend \$15,300 to update the electrical wiring at the city park. The work is to be done by M&M Electric and according to Bo Wilson, only one quote was received despite contacting other companies. The money will come from the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) fund. There was discussion about the park using some of the \$10,000 in their donation fund however Karen Slaven, a member of the park board, said that the money donated to that fund was donated for specific reasons, not for upgrading the park's electrical wiring.

Mayor Harty said he has been speaking to Trilogy Health Services about potentially bringing in assisted living housing but currently doesn't have any updates. When asked what happened to Jill's House/House Investments who recommended the city do the feasibility study back in January of 2017 because they were interested in potentially building a facility in Loogootee, Mayor Harty said they have not contacted him, and he deferred to Alliance Director Tim Kinder. Kinder replied that he wasn't sure they had interest in the project anymore. The cost of the feasibility study was \$7,500 with the city paying \$2,500 of the cost.

She is keeping track of the cemeteries that are not being cared for by documenting them to take to the county commissioners.

The council approved the mowing bids for both years.

Zack Brown, president of the Shoals Park Board, requested that Zane Lake be approved for cleaning of the park for 2019. Since Lake is a minor, Attorney Vogler stated the contract would need to be in the name of an adult and Brown stated the contract would go in the name of Tom Lake, who is the parent. Brown stated the pay schedule remains the same at \$200 per month but that an extra payment of \$150 will be made during the Catfish Festival. The council approved. Brown brought up equipment purchases the park board would like to make from their donation fund. Items include a water fountain, trash cans, basketball goals, an air conditioner unit and cooler for the concession that had been approved last year but was never purchased. He also requested permission to have use of a credit card so they could make purchases from their fund. The council approved.

Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge reminded the council that the Jug Rox Make A Difference Clean up day, organized by Audrey Gibson with the high school, will be Friday April 12. Rutledge stated she has a list of projects including cleaning up the street in front of the post office, repainting lines on Main Street, changing trash on Main Street and to power wash the Town Hall Building.

Rutledge asked for approval to cre-

ate a "Beautification Board Donation Fund". The council approved Kathy Collins asked Christy Jenkins, who was present on behalf of the Beautification Board, to send her contact information so that community corrections may assist with projects.

The council approved the clerk-treasurer to purchase cardboard trash cans for the Catfish Festival. They suggested she get prices for bulk rates and report back.

Rutledge asked the council to set a date for the annual Spring Clean Up so the large dumpster could be ordered. After discussion, it was decided to set the date as May 10-13 which will be in conjunction with the date of May 11 that the Beautification Board has set up as a town-wide clean-up day.

Fire Chief Jim Hamby let the council know that the transmitter and radio communication with the tornado siren should be up and running in the next two weeks. He also stated he is still looking into adding a siren in West Shoals.

Town Marshal Todd Eckert brought up the Main Street parking ordinance and asked that it be changed from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. on Friday and Saturday to 11 a.m.-11 p.m. He said that the limited hours are still affecting Faytastic Pizza's business because their customers have nowhere to park. He has had to tow one vehicle since the ordinance went into effect. The council supported the change. Attorney Vogler will draft the change in the ordinance to present at the next meeting.

Obituaries

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KAREN AISHE

Talitha 'Karen' Aishe passed away Friday, April 5, 2019 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 75.



She was born December 11, 1943 at Salem; the daughter of G. Ravenell and Mary E. (Cook) Gilstrap. Karen married Robert Joe Aishe on May 5, 2009.

She was a member of the Odon Nazarene Church. She worked as a lab technician and an over the road truck driver. Karen enjoyed her flowers, gardening, family get-togethers, traveling with her husband and donating to animal shelters and the less fortunate.

Family left behind to cherish the memory of Karen include her husband, Robert Aishe; five sons, David (Vicki) York, Alan Lents, David Aishe, Jim Aishe and Bill Lents; five daughters, Cindy Litherland, Crystal Sorenson, Lisa (Rob) Lorimer, Patti (Dave) Neubert and Gayle Speyrer; twenty-eight grandchildren; thirty-seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, David (Jackie) Gilstrap and Mark (Diana) Gilstrap; and one sister, Paulette (Mike) Baines.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, George Lents; daughter, Teressa Ann Trivett and one

brother, Russell Gilstrap

A memorial service was held today, at noon, at Odon Nazarene Church with Treva Lukens officiating. Karen will be laid to rest in Bramble Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Robert Aishe to help with funeral expenses.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

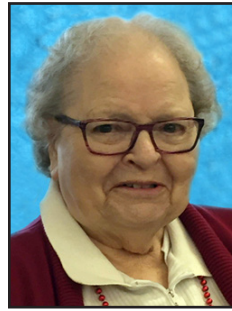
EVELYN HOLMES

Evelyn Jo Holmes passed away peacefully on Monday, April 8, 2019 in Odon. A resident of Loogootee, she was 87.

She was born on January 7, 1932 in Burns City; daughter of Rolla V. and Hildred (Waggoner) Garrett. She became the wife of Don Edwin Holmes on June 29, 1957.

Evelyn was a member of the Burns City United Methodist Church. She loved IU basketball, the Oak Ridge Boys, Elvis and hunting mushrooms. She worked as a clerk typist at Crane until 1969 and then was a devoted housewife, mother and grandmother.

Family left behind to cherish her memory include two sons, Donnie (Jennifer) Holmes of Burns City and Jerry (Sherrie) Holmes of Odon; stepson, James Holmes of Bloomington; one daughter, Lana (Mike) Boyd of Odon; five grandchildren, Michael,



EVELYN HOLMES

Kelly and Lacey Holmes, Brittany (Craig) Carroll and Katie (Raven) Pulis; step-grandchildren, Nicole (Marc) Andrews, Seth (Melissa) Miller, Lane Miller, Michael (Kadottie) Shradler, Dan (Alex) Shrader and Thomas (Emily) Farris; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Vaughn Garrett and one sister, Norma Lee Crane.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Don Holmes; two brothers, Larry and Kenny Garrett and one sister, Marilyn Rollins.

Funeral services are scheduled for noon on Saturday, April 13 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Brother Richard Smith officiating. Evelyn will be laid to rest in Lowder Cemetery in Springville.

Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of service at noon on Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made Ketcham Memorial Center. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

RUTH TAYLOR

Ruth L. Taylor died Wednesday, April 4, 2019, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A long-time resident of Nobles Court in Loogootee, she was 93.

She was born in Lawrence County on August 10, 1925, she was a devoted homemaker, mother, and wife for much of her life.

Ruth was a lifelong member of the Assembly of God Churches, attending the Loogootee Maranatha Assembly of God Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Eva Pearl (Emmons) Johnson; as well as her husband, Ernest Taylor, whom she married on September 10, 1943 in Lawrence County. Mr. Taylor died in June 2001.

Ruth is survived by two children, a son, Larry Taylor of Eckerty, and a daughter, Deretha "Dee" Collins of Loogootee; 11 grandchildren, Robert Taylor, Joe Melton, Ernie Taylor, Amy Salmon, Alisha Troutman, Becca Montgomery, Angie Phares, Toby Taylor, Beau Taylor, and Amber Velazco; 20 great grandchildren, 11 great-great grandchildren; and one sister, Barbera Thomas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, as well as a son, Ernest Taylor; great-great granddaughter, Jessica Troutman; one sister, Francis York and three brothers, Charles Johnson, David Johnson and George Johnson.

Her funeral service was held Saturday, April 6, at the Loogootee Maranatha Assembly of God Church with Pastor Dwayne Smith officiating.

Memorial donations may be made to the family to help defray expenses. Services were under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-

George Family Funeral Homes, Inc., Shoals.

KATRINA PRUETT

Katrina Ann Pruett passed away at her home on Sunday, April 7, 2019. A resident of Trinity Springs, she was 79.

She was born in Dover Hill on April 26, 1939; daughter of Frank and Reva (Sims) Snodgrass. She married Charles O. Pruett on June 5, 1966 in the Dover Hill Methodist Church.

She graduated Shoals High School, was a homemaker and a charter member of the Dover Hill Christian Union Church.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Lorna (Dean) Troutman of Shoals; two grandchildren, Reva and Luke Troutman of Shoals and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Naomi Brassine; and one brother, Vernon "Buddy" Snodgrass.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 11 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Mike Schlaegel officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Union Cemetery. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

FRANKLIN DAVIS

B. Franklin Davis age 91, of Shoals, passed away at his home on April 7, 2019. A resident of Shoals, he was 91.

He was born February 23, 1928 in Martin County; son of Belter and Elizabeth (Emmons) Davis.

He married Hazel Gaddis on August 27, 1950 at the Shoals Christian Church and she preceded him in death.

Franklin graduated in 1947 from Shoals High School. He was employed by Sherfick's Grocery, Wheeler-Foutch Distributors in Bedford, Colonial Bakery in Washington, was manager of the Shoals Jay-C Food Store, manager of Home Outfitters in Loogootee, Heileg-Meyers in Loogootee and Bedford and Englert's in Loogootee.

He was an Elder of the Shoals Christian Church over 50 years, 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge F&AM #332 and Order of the Eastern Star, Past President of the Shoals Lions Club, past leader of the Shoals Boy Scout Troop and a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Korean War.

Survivors include a son, Spencer Allan Davis of Shoals and one daughter, Marsha Lynn Davis Rothrock of Bloomington.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Gladys Davis.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13 at the Shoals Christian Church with Pastor Matthew Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals and one hour prior to the service at the church.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 1

9:50 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:03 a.m. - Received an animal complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:14 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:20 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

3:46 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Deputy Shinn responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and checked the vehicle.

6:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Deputy Lents and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

3:30 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded, and all was secure.

5:29 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Williams Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

11:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

1:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all was secure.

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

1:44 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway on US 231, near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:06 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:48 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded and all was secure.

11:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:23 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was contacted.

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

2:00 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

2:42 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:36 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist on US 231, south of Loogootee.

9:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to

Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

4:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible burglary south of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Corporal Reed, and Dubois County units responded. All was clear.

6:34 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was secure.

8:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:58 p.m. - Deputy Wright and Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

6:44 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded, and all was secure.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

12:58 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:50 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification

check near Shoals.

10:39 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. They secured an unlocked door.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Lents, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

8:18 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and all was secure.

7:39 a.m. - Deputy Gibson assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Shoals.

1:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance North of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Williams Fire, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

2:11 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Gibson responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:10 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

11:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, APRIL 1

8:31 p.m. - Kaitlyn Mills, 18, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of marijuana. She is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

10:10 p.m. - Christian Berk, 18, of Orleans, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating while intoxicated endangerment, driving while never licensed, and possession of marijuana. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

10:10 a.m. - Michael Wagner, 41, of Missouri was arrested by Deputy Wright on a Missouri warrant and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

4:11 p.m. - Victoria Mullens, 30, of Paoli, was arrested by Deputy Wright on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

2:05 p.m. - Al Martin, 26, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with domestic battery and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Keller and Loogootee Officer McBeth.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

1:31 p.m. - Steven Stroud, 38, of Williams, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with resisting arrest, battery on a police officer, auto theft, driving while suspended, and false informing. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd.

4:27 p.m. - Jacqueline Mattingly, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and charged with battery. She is being held without bond. Deputy Gibson assisted with the arrest.

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The Martin County Highway Department is accepting applications for a seasonal employee. Applicants need to know how to operate a tractor/bush hog, work without supervision, and work in various weather conditions, be able to shovel blacktop, have a valid driver's license and pass a pre-employment drug screen. Job would be 40 hours per week until no longer needed. For more information or to pick an application please visit the Martin County Highway Department located at 10753 Sherfick School Rd. For questions call 812-247-2666. Deadline to submit an application is April 22, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

Martin County is a drug free equal opportunity employer.

AG files lawsuit over allegedly deceptive ads claiming recipients have won prizes

Attorney General Curtis Hill is pursuing legal action against yet another promotions company over allegations of deceptive advertising. Once again, the issue involves mailings that allegedly lead Hoosiers to falsely believe they have won valuable prizes.

In a civil lawsuit filed April 4 in Morgan County, Attorney General Hill alleges that Texas-based Hopkins and Raines Inc. sent mailings to 2.1 million Indiana consumers as part of 56 different promotions for car dealers in Indiana between March of 2016 and March of 2018.

The complaint alleges that all the mailings contained game pieces purporting to determine whether recipients had won prizes – which included such valuable items as vehicles, TVs or \$1,000 in cash. Each mailing, however, contained identical game pieces with winning numbers. Thus, each mailing allegedly communicated to all recipients that they had won significant prizes when they had not. Recipients who went to dealerships to claim winnings were awarded “prizes” much less valuable than those advertised – typically such items as a \$5 Walmart gift card, a scratch-off lottery ticket, a cheap MP3 player or a mail-in rebate coupon for \$10 off the purchase of a turkey.

“Always be skeptical of anything that seems too good to be true,” Attorney General Hill said. “Typically, the announcement that ‘you’re a winner’ is merely a ploy to entice you to go listen to someone’s sales pitch. We want Hoosiers to be alert to all varieties of mis-

Harrison County man dies at West Boggs Lake

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating the death of a Harrison County man that occurred at West Boggs Lake in Daviess County last Wednesday, April 3 at around 1:30 p.m.

Herbert Stickler, 79, of Ramsey, Indiana was fishing with a family member when his fishing lure got snagged on a log. While attempting to free his line, Stickler fell in the water. An attempt to rescue him by his fishing partner was unsuccessful.

An autopsy performed today determined the cause of death to be related to a medical condition and not a drowning.

leading advertising so they can avoid wasting their time or, even worse, getting talked into making ill-advised purchases.”

In the lawsuit, Attorney General Hill alleges that the true reason for the mailing was to lure recipients to events where they would be subjected to sales pitches for vehicles.

In addition to the alleged deceptive nature of the mailings, the Attorney General claims the mailings violated the Promotional Gifts and Contests Act in various ways. These allegedly include uniformly failing to identify the name and address of the promoter; failing to state the odds of winning each prize in the appropriate place and size; failing to include the verifiable retail value of each prize in the appropriate place and size; failing to include any disclosure that the recipients may be subjected to a sales pitch; and failing to properly identify the retail value of prizes.

Attorney General Hill has filed similar complaints within recent months against five other promotional firms. They are DBR Integrity Promotions Inc.; Dealer Direct Services Inc.; Prophecy Marketing; Traffic Jam Events LLC; and Xcel Media Group. To date, the Attorney General has obtained judgments against Traffic Jam Events LLC and Prophecy Marketing.

If you believe you have been the victim of any type of scam or attempted scam, the Office of the Attorney General can help. To file a complaint, go to indianaconsumer.com or call 1-800-382-5516.

The depth of the water where the accident occurred was approximately three to four feet in depth. Stickler was not wearing a life jacket when he entered the water.

Responding agencies include the Daviess County Sheriff's Department, Indiana State Police, West Boggs Park Rangers, Daviess County Coroner's Office, and Southwest Medical EMS.

Indiana Conservation Officer strongly encourage wearing a life jacket while boating or near water. For more information on water safety, visit www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/5066.htm.

Loogootee Police log

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

11:44 a.m. – Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

1:44 p.m. – Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:40 p.m. – Female requested a security check on a business.

10:56 p.m. – Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

1:53 a.m. – First responders were requested at Nobles Court for a medical call.

12:18 p.m. – Caller reported a property damage accident on JFK Avenue.

4:29 p.m. – Officer McBeth assisted the county with a welfare check.

6:43 p.m. – Sgt. Norris assisted Daviess County with a domestic dispute.

8:04 p.m. – Sgt. Norris assisted a female in getting into her home.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

9:10 a.m. – Male came on station reporting a civil complaint.

12:14 p.m. – Female reported a theft of a laptop.

3:34 p.m. – Caller a reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

3:42 p.m. – Caller reported a dispute on SW 3rd Street.

6:40 p.m. – Caller reported articles in the road on Hwy 50.

6:24 p.m. – Caller reported a fight between a male and female.

9:15 p.m. – Sgt. Norris assisted the county with an out of control juvenile.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

3:30 a.m. – Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

10:09 a.m. – Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:34 p.m. – Female reported a reckless driver on Park Street.

8:18 p.m. – Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on the Family Dollar lot. Subject checked out okay.

10:40 p.m. – Male reported a civil complaint.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

1:20 p.m. – Caller reported a drug related item in a parking lot.

1:44 p.m. – County advised Chief Rayhill to be on the lookout for a vehicle involved in a theft from Shoals.

4:05 p.m. – Caller reported a low hanging utility line on South Oak Street.

Martin County real estate transfers

Jordan M. Hert and Jessica R. Hert to Isaac D. Copeland and Melodie A. Copeland, a 35-foot strip of even width off of the east end of Lots Number 6 and 7 in the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Jason D. Loughmiller and Pamela J. Loughmiller, of Martin County, Indiana to **JAP Enterprises, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 9 in Brooks Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 13 in Brooks Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Jason D. Loughmiller, of Martin County, Indiana to **JAP Enterprises, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.78 acre.

Jason D. Loughmiller and Pamela J. Loughmiller, of Martin County, Indiana to **JAP Enterprises, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 80 acres, more or less, except a section containing 10 acres, more or less.

Jason D. Loughmiller and Pamela J. Loughmiller, of Martin County, In-

4:55 p.m. – Sgt. Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

6:28 p.m. – First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

6:36 p.m. – Female reported some old tombstones pushed down at St. John's Cemetery.

9:56 p.m. – Caller reported a possible break-in on Lincoln Avenue.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

10:15 p.m. – Female reported a civil complaint.

10:25 a.m. – Caller reported a dispute on Wood Street.

7:13 p.m. – Male came on station for a transient voucher.

9:41 p.m. – First responders were requested on East Broadway Street for a medical call.

11:01 p.m. – Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

4:45 a.m. – Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a residential alarm.

8:40 a.m. – First responders were requested on Harper Hill for a medical call.

9:02 a.m. – Male reported a child custody matter.

9:47 a.m. – Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

4:46 a.m. – Caller reported an out-of-control juvenile. Charges were filed on a juvenile.

8:50 p.m. – Caller reported a suspicious male on Church Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 a.m. – Officer McBeth assisted with a funeral procession.

10:39 a.m. – Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

1:25 p.m. – Officer McBeth assisted the county with a battery complaint.

6:09 p.m. – Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:45 p.m. – Caller reported a child custody matter.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

8:18 a.m. – Sgt. Floyd responded to a business alarm.

12:50 p.m. – Sgt. Floyd assisted Senior Trooper Lents on criminal arrest.

7:18 p.m. – Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

8:35 p.m. – Female reported a scam.

9:10 p.m. – Caller reported a dog complaint.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



With Easter rapidly approaching, I thought you might be interested in some folklore about Easter eggs. Eggs are a common symbol of rebirth in many ancient cultures, including those of Egypt, Persia, China, Gaul, and Rome.

The first concrete historical association of colored eggs with Easter is in the 1200s, when English servants were given painted eggs by their masters as Easter gifts. Today, different countries have different egg-coloring traditions.

*Greece: They're painted red to symbolize Christ's shed blood.

*Germany: They're dyed green and distributed on Holy Thursday, the day of the Last Supper.

*Poland: They're decorated with colored dots, which represent the tears that Mary wept over Christ's crucifixion.

*Armenia: They're hollowed out and decorated with religious scenes.

*Ukraine: Melted beeswax is applied to the shell, and the egg is dipped repeatedly into a series of dyes. The wax peels off to reveal intricate, colorful patterns.

*United States: Plastic eggs have become almost as popular as boiled eggs, if not more popular.

THOUGHTS:

*Hands up if your weekend only lasted 5 seconds too.

*I tried the Marie Kondo method of decluttering where you hold each object you own and if it doesn't bring you joy, you throw it away. So far, I've thrown out all the vegetables, my bra, the bills, and my treadmill.

*When we moved our clocks ahead for Daylight Savings Time, at least we saved an hour of rain.

*I was told to check my attitude...I did...It's still there...it's not gone anywhere. What's the problem?

*To the ladies that gracefully walk around all day wearing high heels, I admire you. To the ladies that somehow manage to fall over their own feet wearing flip flops, you are my soul sisters.

*Everyone should believe in some-

Water department currently flushing mains

The Loogootee Water Department began flushing water mains on Sunday, April 7 and ending Friday, April 12. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and, or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry.

If you experience any problems with your water quality, contact the water office at 812-295-2497 or after 4 p.m. call the Loogootee Police Department at 812-295-2246.

The water department would like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to yourself and water employees.

thing. I believe I should be on a beach drinking margaritas.

*I am not lazy. I am on energy saving mode.

*Dear Math, grow up and solve your own problems.

*Does struggling to put on your jeans count as cardio?

*Unless you fell on the treadmill, no one wants to hear about your workout.

*Mother Nature apologizes for the late arrival of Spring. Father Time was driving and refused to stop and ask for directions.

*Do you ever get up in the morning, look at yourself in the mirror and think, "That can't be accurate."

Dear Indiana Highway Department - Would you kindly fix the road I was already taxed to fix, so I'm not causing damage to the car I am taxed annually to drive, which I purchased with the income you already taxed, which sits in the driveway of my home that is highly taxed. Thank you.

When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them. It may take seconds to say, but for them, it could last a lifetime.

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



IVY is a female tiger stripe and white adult cat, around 2 years old. She has been in the shelter almost a year. She is very sweet, fine with other cats, spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$45. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info or to see all the dogs and cats available for adoption, visit www.humanesocietyofmartin-county.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Community Shred Day

Century 21 Classic Realty is sponsoring a free Community Shred Day the morning of April 13 from 10 to 12. A shred truck will be onsite at Century 21 Classic Realty at 2108 State Street in Washington. All individuals and businesses are welcome at no charge. Any questions, call 812-254-5204.

Chamber of Commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting Wednesday, April 17, at noon, at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant. Anyone interested in activities with the Chamber are encouraged to attend.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'I just want to thank her for her tireless effort'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I want to thank you for the great article in last week's Journal about the lunch program at New Beginnings Community Church. It is hard to be able to thank everyone because it has taken this whole community to make this happen. We live in a great community who do care about other people. But I really need to add something about the lunch program. Even though my wife and I began the program a few years ago, it would be hard with our busy lives to be able to organize, get all the supplies, plan and pick up everything that was needed without the one person who is the center of it all. Ina Patterson is always in the background going to the food bank, to the grocery store, doing the finances, organizing the food supplies, setting up the tables to pack the lunches (her and her husband, Jim), getting the bread out, getting the fresh fruit, then delivering a route on Saturday and keeping records each week so we know what we are to do.

Without this lady we would have a very difficult time being able to do this

enormous task. I just want to thank her for her tireless effort and her great sacrifice. Without her, I don't think this would have become what it has.

Sincerely,
Pastor Ernest Canell
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National unemployment unchanged at 3.8 percent for March

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 196,000 in March, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Notable job gains occurred in health care and in professional and technical services.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate remained at 3.8 percent in March, and the number of unemployed persons was essentially unchanged at 6.2 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.6 percent), adult women (3.3 percent), teenagers (12.8 percent), Whites (3.4 percent), Blacks (6.7 percent), Asians (3.1 percent), and Hispanics (4.7 percent) showed little or no change in March.

In March, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 1.3 million and accounted for 21.1 percent of the unemployed.

The labor force participation rate, at 63.0 percent, was little changed over the month and has shown little movement on net over the past 12 months. The employment-population ratio was 60.6 percent in March and has been either 60.6 percent or 60.7 percent since October 2018.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 4.5 million in March. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In March, 1.4 million persons were

marginally attached to the labor force, little different from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 412,000 discouraged workers in March, about unchanged from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 944,000 persons marginally attached to the labor force in March had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 196,000 in March, with notable gains in health care and in professional and technical services. Employment growth averaged 180,000 per month in the first quarter of 2019, compared with 223,000 per month in 2018.

Health care added 49,000 jobs in March and 398,000 over the past 12 months. Over the month, employment increased in ambulatory health care services (+27,000), hospitals (+14,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+9,000).

Employment in professional and technical services grew by 34,000 in March and 311,000 over the past 12 months. In March, computer systems design and related services added 12,000 jobs. Employment continued to trend up in architectural and engineering services (+6,000) and in management and technical consulting services (+6,000).

In March, employment in food services and drinking places continued its upward trend (+27,000), in line with its average monthly gain over the prior 12

months.

Employment in construction showed little change in March (+16,000) but has increased by 246,000 over the past 12 months.

Manufacturing employment changed little for the second month in a row (-6,000 in March, following +1,000 in February). In the 12 months prior to February, manufacturing had added an average of 22,000 jobs per month. Within the industry, employment in motor vehicles and parts declined in March (-6,000).

Employment in other major industries, including mining, wholesale trade, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, and government, showed little change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 0.1 hour to 34.5 hours in March, offsetting a decline of 0.1 hour in February. In manufacturing, the average workweek was unchanged in March at 40.7 hours, while overtime decreased by 0.1 hour to 3.4 hours. The average workweek for production and

nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

In March, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 4 cents to \$27.70, following a 10-cent gain in February. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.2 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and non-supervisory employees increased by 6 cents to \$23.24 in March.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for January was revised up from +311,000 to +312,000, and the change for February was revised up from +20,000 to +33,000. With these revisions, employment gains in January and February combined were 14,000 more than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 180,000 per month over the last 3 months.

Congressman Bucshon to host office hours

Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. (IN-08) will host office hours in the following counties:

Dubois County Office Hours

When: Tuesday, April 16 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. ET

Where: City Hall (Mayor's Conference Room) - 610 Main Street, Jasper, IN 47547

Sullivan County Office Hours

When: Wednesday, April 24 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ET

Where: Sullivan County Public Library Annex - 100 S. Crowder St. Sullivan, IN 47882

Vigo County Office Hours

When: Wednesday, April 24 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. ET

Where: Terre Haute Office - 901 Wash Avenue, Suite 140, Terre Haute, IN 47807

Clay County Office Hours

When: Thursday, April 25 from 9-10:30 a.m. ET

Where: Clay County Courthouse - 609 E. National Avenue Brazil, IN 47834

Owen County Office Hours

When: Thursday, April 25 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. ET

Where: Owen County Courthouse - 60 S. Main St., Spencer, IN 47460

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For the past two weeks, we have been discussing gardening and disabilities. We have found that any person with a disability can find adaptive ways to garden, and we have learned to design gardens that may be enjoyed by all, including persons with various disabilities.

However, there are many people who have a different type of disability. They are physically able to garden, but they do not know where to start. This week, we will look at some solutions for those with that disability.

Of course, it is my hope that this column has helped some of you with that problem. I try to make it educational concerning gardening practices. Still, some things just cannot be learned reading a column or a book on gardening.

Another option is to take a Purdue Master Gardener class. If that interests you, contact the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service in your county. If your county does not have a Master Gardener program, you may take the classes in another county. The classes are very comprehensive, and I guarantee that you will learn a lot about gardening, especially if you are starting off as a novice.

Probably the best way to learn gardening is to learn from an expert gardener. I was fortunate to have my maternal grandmother to teach me from a very young age. I also had many other gardeners, including my parents, who have taught me over the years. Add to that college botany classes, every gardening seminar I could attend and countless books and magazines, and I have become knowledgeable about gardening. However, I am not alone. There are many wonderful gardeners out there who could teach you.

Some of the very best gardeners are those who have spent a lifetime gardening and now have been forced to cut back. Most of them would love to have someone who would help with some of the physical aspects of maintaining the gardens they have worked so hard to create. Volunteers would likely benefit in other ways. I personally know of several gardeners who have perennials that need to be dug and divided, and anyone who would volunteer would likely be rewarded with plants to take home.

How do you find a gardener who needs such help? Look around your

neighborhood. Perhaps there is a garden that has always been manicured that looks a bit more ragged this year. That could be because the gardener has had some physical problems that keeps him or her from doing some tasks. Ask someone in your church or other organization. Gardeners are usually involved in many other organizations and that may be the way to make a connection. You could contact a local gardening club. The members are probably pitching in to help someone who has had a physical set-back, but they would likely welcome some aid. Go to the local senior citizens center. I am sure that you will find a gardener there who would love to teach you in return for some labor. Call the Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living. You could begin your learning process at the Inclusion Garden SICIL has in Mitchell and the outreach coordinators know people with disabilities in their eight-county area and could match you with someone who needs help.

The important thing is to take action. If you really want to learn, seek out some amazing older gardener who has a lifetime of experience to share. You will learn a lot, likely receive some plants and will make a friend for life.

Dinner and distilling at Spring Mill SP

Have dinner while learning about distilling history at Spring Mill State Park's first dinner in the grist mill of 2019, which will be on April 27 at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Alan Bishop, head distiller at Spirits of French Lick Distillery in West Baden. He has done a lot of research about long-lost distilleries and distillers from the pre-prohibition Hoosier hills because of his family ties to distilling and its culture. He will speak on "The History of Distilling in Hoosier Occupied Northern Kentucky: The Black Forest of Indiana."

The dinner will be catered by the Spring Mill Inn, and the cost is \$50 per person. Make reservations through Spring Mill Inn. Seating is limited.

Watch for information on the upcoming dinners on Saturday, June 8 and Saturday, October 19.

Spring Mill State Park (on.IN.gov/springmillsp) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446

Purdue experts provide spring climate outlook

Meteorological spring technically begins on the first day of March, with astronomical spring following on March 19 or 20, depending on the year. This year, Indiana started to see 70-degree temperatures, however briefly, around March 13, with a return to higher temperatures at the end of the month.

April, May and June constitute the traditional planting season for Indiana's field crops, with potential for a bit of July planting if the first three months do not cooperate. Over this time period, a weak El Niño is predicted to continue. Looking at average conditions for prior El Niño months via the Useful to Usable Climate Patterns Viewer tool, this information unfortunately sends no clear signal about spring temperatures. For precipitation, the tool shows a mild drying for Central Indiana in May spreading through most parts of the state for June.

Meanwhile, the Climate Prediction Center is providing a three-month outlook showing healthy chances for above-average precipitation over April, May, and June, with most of the state also slightly predicted for above average temperatures.

Why the discrepancy?

One reason is the weakness of this El Niño. Temperatures are hanging out in the Pacific just above the 0.5 degree Celsius cutoff. Effects of El Niño are most greatly experienced, thus predicted, on the West Coast and Southeastern

portions of the United States. Indiana being a Midwestern state, this results in less confidence around this particular El Niño.

Hans Schmitz, Posey County Extension director, explains, "Predictions for the spring are more heavily weighted on prior weather than El Niño this year."

This leads to the second reason for the discrepancy.

Indiana is, and has been, rather wet this year. Posey County is about 5 inches of precipitation above their climatic normal. Marion County is 4 inches above. Steuben County is a little under an inch above. All the moisture from the Plains and Mississippi River Basin is currently channeled downstream to our soils, and soils take time to dry. Add to that the active weather pattern we have seen since January, with weekly low-pressure systems and corresponding frontal boundaries traveling across the nation, and we have conditions based on the recent past that suggest slightly higher temperatures, wetter conditions to continue through June.

The National Climate Prediction Center outlook hinges on the continuation of the active weather pattern, particularly when looking at hot, wet predictions for Alaska. If the jet stream and upper air flow return to a more east-west pattern, conditions could vary from the prediction.

Invasive Species Awareness Week and ALB

Gov. Eric Holcomb has proclaimed this week, April 7-13, as Invasive Species Awareness Week in Indiana.

Consider the proclamation as an important reminder for Hoosiers to watch for potentially devastating pests.

"There are several invasive species causing significant damage to Indiana's natural resources at this time," said State Entomologist Megan Abraham, director of the DNR Division of Entomology & Plant Pathology. "Emerald ash borer, Callery pear, gypsy moth, kudzu, hydrilla, and purple loosestrife, to name a few."

Abraham says several more invasive species are close enough to Indiana's borders to concern Hoosiers. One is Asian long-horned beetle (ALB), which has been found as close as Cincinnati.

ALB attacks hardwood tree species. It has the potential to cause significant economic and environmental impacts if allowed to establish and spread throughout the United States. ALB has been confirmed in Bethel, Ohio, near Cincinnati. Signs of ALB start to show about three to four years after infestation. Tree death occurs in 10 to 15 years.

Adult beetles are 1 to 1.5 inches in length with long antennae. Their bodies are black with small white spots, and their antennae are banded in black and white. A photo and more information are at dnr.IN.gov/entomolo/4527.htm.

Adults can be seen from April to December. Trees with round exit holes, approximately 3/8 of an inch in diameter, are signs of ALB presence. Sawdust-like material can be found at the trunk and branch bases of infested trees. Signs of ALB start to show about three to four years after infestation.

"It's the species that we have not spotted in Indiana that we need help

from the public to keep an eye out for," Abraham said. "Watch local forests and natural resources for signs and symptoms of trees or vegetation dying off for seemingly no reason."

The State Entomologist said the DNR would rather answer a call, inspect an area and find nothing to worry about than find out after the fact that someone had spotted a problem and failed to report it.

If you see an ALB or signs of it, call the DNR at (866) NO EXOTIC (866-663-9684) with the date and location. If you can capture the beetle, put in a plastic jar and put it in a freezer to kill it. Members of the public may report invasive species to the DNR through the Report IN website edmaps.org/indiana/ or by downloading the Great Lakes Early Detection Network (GLEDN) app on a smartphone.

For more information on all invasive species that could affect Indiana and ways to help stop their spread, see dnr.IN.gov/3123.htm.

Lady Lions Tennis start season 5-1

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Tennis Team suffered their first loss of the season Tuesday, April 9 against Northeast Dubois, 2-3. The junior varsity swept the Lady Jeeps 5-0, however.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "Northeast Dubois played really well early in the match and we played a nervous and tight. We were never really able to get things going in the doubles positions. Emily and Hope did a good job fighting back in their matches to pull out wins at #2 and #3 singles. Northeast Dubois played better and deserved to win the match."

Varsity results
 #1 Singles Chloe Terwiske (NED) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-1, 6-4
 #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Olivia Rasche 3-6, 6-4, 7-5
 #3 Singles Hope Fischer (L) defeated Courtney Vittitow 6-7(4), 6-2, 6-4
 #1 Doubles Paige Knies/Alexis Stafford (NED) defeated Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick 6-3, 6-0
 #2 Doubles Olivia Schroering/Delaney Rasche (NED) Madisyn Wade/Katie Callison 6-0, 6-2

Junior varsity results
 #1 Singles Sofia Valabrega (L) defeated Alissa Worley 6-0
 #2 Singles Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Shambly Sorrells 6-2
 #3 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Shambly Sorrells 6-4
 #1 Doubles Annalise Powell/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Alissa Worley and Breanna Holden 6-1
 #2 Doubles Olivia Dant/Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Alissa Worley and Breanna Holden 6-1

The Lady Lions Tennis Team won the LHS Invitational this past Saturday, April 6. The Lions defeated Pike Central in the final match, 3-2. In the semi-final game, the girls defeated Bloomfield 3-2.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the tournament, "What a great day to play tennis. We cancelled the tourney last year because it was too cold. Today, the weather was ideal. I was really pleased with the way Melaina played today at #1 Singles. She controlled her points all day and did a lot of things well. Pike Central played really well in the Championship. They had us on our heels. Unfortunately, they had an injury at #2 Singles which turned out to be the deciding point. I would have liked for that match to be settled on the court. Hopefully it is not too serious, and she will be back on the court soon."

Final match results
 Loogootee 3, Pike Central 2
 #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Audrey Keepes 6-0, 6-2
 #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Nat Bohnert 5-7, 2-2 (retired due to injury)
 #3 Singles Meredith Benson (PC) defeated Brittany Potts 6-1, 6-3
 #1 Doubles Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Kirsten Jansen/Shelby Vaughn 6-2, 6-1
 #2 Doubles Chloe Roy/Adair Kabrick (PC) defeated Madisyn Wade/Katie Callison 6-2, 6-1

Semi-finals
 Loogootee 3, Bloomfield 2
 #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Lucia Vicent 6-2, 6-0
 #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Brooklyn Bucher 6-2, 6-3
 #3 Singles E.J. Priest (B) defeated Hope Fischer 6-3, 6-4
 #1 Doubles Malea Toon/Maizy Gilli-

land (B) defeated Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick 6-2, 7-6 (4)

#2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Katie Callison (L) defeated Nicole Kilzer/Ainsley Author 6-0, 6-0
 Pike Central, 5 North Daviess 0
 #1 Singles Audrey Keepes (PC) defeated Shaeanna Knepp 6-1, 6-1
 #2 Singles Nat Bohnert (PC) defeated Macey Wagler 6-1, 6-0
 #3 Singles Meredith Benson (PC) Alexis Knepp 6-0, 6-0
 #1 Doubles Kirsten Jansen/Shelby Vaughn (PC) ABi Giesler/Emily Kemp 3-6, 7-5, 1-0 (8)
 #2 Doubles Chloe Roy/Adair Kabrick Dakota McKnabb/Hannah Lengacher 6-1, 6-0

Medalists
 #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L)
 #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) and Nat Bohnert (PC)
 #3 Singles Meredith Benson (PC)
 #1 Doubles Malea Toon/Maizy Gilliland (B)
 #2 Doubles Chloe Roy/Adair Kabrick (PC)
 The Lady Lions defeated South Knox 3-1 last Thursday at the Washington Sports Complex. The junior varsity Lions also took home the win, 6-1.

Varsity results
 #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Lauren McCrary 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) vs. Mykayla Couchenour 7-6 (3), 3-6, 3-3 (match suspended)
 #3 Singles Ella Hayes (SK) defeated Hope Fischer 6-2, 6-2
 #1 Doubles Leonna Hedrick/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Emily Myers/Madisyn Ziegler 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Katie Callison (L) defeated Morgan Beard/Kaitlyn Williams 6-3, 6-2

Junior varsity results
 #1 Singles Brittany Potts (L) defeated Kaylee Parish 6-3
 #2 Singles Brooklyn Willis (SK) defeated Grace Foddrill 8-6
 #3 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Christine Morris 6-4
 #4 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Susanna Shepard 6-0
 #1 Doubles Sofi Valabrega/Sina Poulsen (L) defeated Delaney Bobe/Desirae Carpenter 6-1
 #2 Doubles Brittany Potts/Madison McAtee (L) defeated Marlie Lindauer/Presley Cleveland 6-2
 #3 Doubles Olivia Dant/Mikenna Jones (L) defeated Allie Hayden/Michaela Sampson 6-2

Last Wednesday, the varsity girls swept North Daviess, 5-0. No junior varsity matches were played.

Varsity results
 #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Shaeanna Knepp 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Macey Wagler 6-0, 6-0
 #3 Singles Hope Fischer (L) defeated Alexis Knepp 6-0, 6-1
 #1 Doubles Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Abi Giesler/Emily Kemp 6-0, 6-1
 #2 Doubles Brittany Potts/Katie Callison (L) Hannah Lengacher/Dakota McKnabb 6-2, 6-0

The Lady Lions kicked off the season with a win against Linton-Stockton, 5-0, last Tuesday, April 2. The junior varsity also defeated Linton, 5-2. "It is always nice to open your season with a victory. We played some good tennis at times today but will need to be more consistent to improve," said

Coach Tippery.
Varsity results
 #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Audrey Moore 6-1, 6-1
 #2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Hayden House 6-1, 6-4
 #3 Singles Hope Fischer (L) defeated Elli Brewer 6-2, 7-5
 #1 Doubles Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Reghan Moody/Kayla Smock 6-4, 6-3
 #2 Doubles Brittany Potts/Katie Callison (L) defeated Emily Hayden/Taylor Riggelman 7-5, 2-6, 6-4

Junior varsity results
 #1 Singles Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Henley House 6-4
 #2 Singles Bailey Neur (LS) defeated Mikenna Jones 6-0
 #1 Doubles Isabel Meek/Kassidy/Eichhorst (LS) defeated Annalise Powell/Grace Foddrill 6-1
 #2 Doubles Olivia Dant/Madison McAtee (L) defeated Kamryn Dailey/Savannah Neal 6-0
 #3 Doubles Annalise Powell/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Angel Gorden/Eryn Bernard 6-0
 #4 Doubles Grace Foddrill/Madison McAtee (L) defeated Lahey Lannen/Olivia Bohnert 7-5
 #5 Doubles Grace Gingerich/Mikenna Jones (L) defeated MaddyHazelwood/Brenda Cartwright 6-2

Lady Lions top Lady Cardinals

BY GREG CLARK
 LHS Head Softball Coach

The Bloomfield Lady Cardinals visited Costello Field Tuesday evening for a varsity only contest, and the Redbirds were sent home suffering a 6-0 setback at the hands of the Lady Lions. Sydney Davis went six strong innings, striking out six and walking one, to pick up her first win of the young 2018-2019 season. Maria Chestnut, one of Loogootee's sophomore pitchers, came on for the seventh, and struck out the side to preserve the lady Lions victory.

Asia Crim had the hot hand at the plate going four for four on base and collecting three singles, driving in a run and scoring two runs. Tyanna Graber doubled and drove in a run. Jaelyn Walker, Makenzie VanHoy, and Isabelle Waggner rounded out the Lady Lions hitting, each collecting a single.

Lady Lions pop Pike Central

BY GREG CLARK
 LHS Head Softball Coach

After placing three runners on base during the first two innings, and having to overcome adversity in the pitching circle as five illegal pitches were called in the first inning, the Lady Lions used the long ball and some small ball to bring home a 12-6 victory over the home standing Lady Chargers of Pike Central High School.

Loogootee had 17 hits on the night, including three home runs, two from Tyanna Graber and one from Adie Nolley, along with a double by Asia Crim, to put runs on the board in every inning after those first tough two innings.

Isabelle Waggner started in the circle for the Lady Lions and went the first four innings, striking out four, and giving up three earned runs. Maria Chestnut went innings five and six, gave up one run, struck out one and earned the win. Isabelle Waggner came back for the seventh and after a leadoff double, Waggner quickly shut the door, getting two ground outs and getting help from Adie Nolley as she gunned down a runner on an attempted steal of second base.

Graber, a first team all-state selection as a Junior, homered twice, singled once, drew two walks, scored four runs, and drove in six runs. Adie Nolley homered in Loogootee's five run fifth inning, after Sydney Davis scored Jaelyn Walker with a squeeze play. Asia Crim doubled, and Sydney Davis went two for four at the plate.

"Our execution was key to setting up the victory," said Lady Lions Head Coach Greg Clark. "Our defense played very well, and our hitting is coming around. I am very proud of the ladies' approach to the game and of how they work hard in practice but have fun as well."

LMS Softball results

The Loogootee Middle School Softball teams took on Vincennes Rivet on Monday night, April 8. The A team lost 1-2 but the B team won 15-2.

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