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County's roads in deplorable condition

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

HWC Engineering, of Indianapolis, was hired by Martin County in January to drive the 368.73 miles of roads and give them a PASER rating and also offer an estimate on what it would cost to get each road back up to good condition.

HWC presented a rough draft of the report at a meeting last Thursday. The estimated cost to have all the roads improved back to "good" condition is \$30 million. Present for the meeting were Paul Lincks and Tim Hunt, with HWC; Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett, Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn, Commissioner Dan Gregory and County Council Member Buck Stiles. All com-

missioners and council members were invited to attend, per Clerk Alcorn.

HWC went through the report, page by page, with those in attendance and noted that Martin County had the worst roads of any county they have done to date.

According to a bill in the Indiana House, counties are required to have a road asset management plan. The plan is also needed to apply for the Community Crossings Grant. The plan, while not carved in stone, gives the county a starting point on the road conditions and what is needed to upgrade and maintain each road along with being cost efficient on where funding is being spent.

HWC was the sole bidder when a request for bids was put out. The cost to

HWC was \$26,000.

Martin County has 166.35 miles of gravel roads and 202.38 miles of asphalt roads. The asset plan estimates the cost to get the roads back up to "good" condition. Gravel roads would remain gravel roads and asphalt roads would remain asphalt roads.

HWC used the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) system, a nationally recognized system. The system follows several steps which include checking for any structural distresses, cracking, potholes, patches, age-related distresses, etc.

Asphalt roads and gravel roads had different rating systems. Asphalt roads were rated from one to 10 – one being very poor and 10 being excellent. Gravel roads were rated from one to five – one being very poor and five being excellent.

161.52 miles of the 202.38 miles of asphalt roads were rated as poor or very poor. 40.88 miles of asphalt roads were rated as fair or good and zero miles of asphalt road were rated as very good or excellent.

131.98 miles of the county's 166.35 miles of gravel roads were rated as poor or very poor. 33.1 miles of gravel roads were rated fair or good and 1.56 miles of gravel road were rated excellent.

HWC provided a spreadsheet of every county road and the assessment of each one. Since the spreadsheet is only a draft, traffic counts have not yet been considered. HWC, Highway Superintendent Padgett and Highway Clerk Alcorn will now go to the Martin County Commissioners with the report at their next meeting. Together, they will have to decide which roads to include in the upcoming application for the Community Crossings grant application and also, which roads are top on the priority list.

Three roads were labeled as good on the map provided by HWC and they were Windom Road, Williams Road, and Fire Lane. There was also a "good" section of Inman Cemetery Road and Jacobson Road, Earle Street, East Furlong Street and a small part of East Leahy Street in Crane.

Roads were also labeled on the spreadsheet with their estimated use – whether they are high traffic roads or rarely used. HWC guessed in this section as an official traffic count has not been done, but will be. Some of the roads were noted to be labeled as low traffic when they are used at cut-through roads and are highly travelled. HWC suggested that the highway department go through the list and make changes to their labeling.

The estimates provided by HWC to get the roads to good condition included all the necessary prep work, ditching, culverts, etc. and not just the road itself.

Alcorn said that she understands that many residents think ditching is the key to good roads and she agrees, however, she said that digging ditches is not like it was in the past. Now, she says, before they can even put a shovel in the ground, they have to do locates. Locates are when the highway department has to contact the utility and phone companies to find out where lines are buried. She said this is a timely process.

She also noted that some property owners object to the highway department ditching in front of their property, which often poses another obstacle. She said some residents argue that they want to be able to mow their grass to the road and ditches prevent them from doing this.

Another issue the highway department often faces is that property owners do not want to pay to install culverts at the end of their driveways to help run-

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Mosby takes over West Boggs Park Foundation

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Chadd Mosby, of Loogootee, was recently appointed to serve as the president of the West Boggs Park Foundation.

The foundation was started back in 2013 in order to encourage, promote, benefit and maintain public parks in Martin and Daviess counties. The foundation's current focus will be West Boggs Park. According to Mosby, the foundation will also work to obtain donations, grants, other financial aids to create additional revenue streams for the park and funding for the foundation.



Mosby said, "I consider both an honor and privilege to still be involved with the park after all of the years, it's now just in a different capacity. I will strive to create those funding streams to put revenue into the foundation and the park. If anybody has ideas for events that foundation can host within the park, please let me know."

The West Boggs Park Foundation was the idea of the late Mike Axsom, former superintendent of West Boggs Park. It was set up as a not for profit 501c3 corporation back in late 2013. Axsom and the executive board members, at that time, sat down and devised the plan for (See 'MOSBY' continued on page 2)

Shoals School Board makes staff changes, accepts donations

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, April 13. Board Member Eva George was not present for the meeting.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Retirement of Jean Survance from position of Speech and Hearing Pathologist effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year

-Resignation of Ken Miller and Dana Miller as girls' junior high basketball co-coaches

-Erica Bratton, Heidi Hoffman, Mary Lou Billings, Barb Hager, Jim Bruner and Katie Stone-Payne as substitute teachers

-Jamie Bennington as substitute custodian / maintenance department

-Anita Dixon, Anita Letterman, Sabra Bough, Beth Hembree, Miranda Albright, Kelsey Sellers, Larry Jones, Jessica Hembree, Jamie Bennington, Lexus Bussell, and Pamela McCarty as

summer crew workers during the summer of 2017

-Jeff Gee as boys' varsity soccer coach for the 2017-18 season

-Cody Douglas as boys' junior high soccer coach for the 2017-18 season

-Dave Qualkenbush as varsity and junior high cross country coach for 2017-18

-Dylan Erwin as volunteer baseball coach for 2016-17 season

The board accepted a donation from the Duke Energy Foundation for \$1,500, \$1,000 from the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth to the social worker program, \$600 donation from Jones Oil Company to the Rockettes Dance Team, and a \$490 grant from the Local Coordinating Council.

The board approved the following fundraisers:

-8th grade class to hold a junior high (See 'SHOALS' continued on page 2)



Shoals students compete

-Photo provided

NSWC Crane's Sea, Air & Land Challenge took place Saturday, April 15 at Ivy Tech Community College's main campus in Bloomington. This was NSWC Crane's second year hosting this STEM initiative and garnered over 100 student participants from Shoals, North Daviess, Orleans, Lost River Career Cooperative, Loogootee, Martin County 4-H, The Academy of Science and Entrepreneurship, Washington, West Washington and Eastern. Shoals Jr-Sr High School took home the first place trophy for the sea portion of the challenge for the 2nd year with outstanding performance of their underwater robot. They spent many hours working on the project for the event using programming, engineering, mathematical and design skills. Shown above, with former Navy Seal Dan Cabel, are Jarod Waggoner, Andrew Newland, Mallory Waggoner, Olivia Alcorn, Tristan Peterson, Evan Wagoner, Noah Stoll and Zane Lake. Not pictured was Jocelyn Davis-Berger. Coaches and mentors were Dr. Candace Roush, Dean Troutman and Lorna Troutman.

MOSBY

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the foundation. "An executive director was hired to put the wheels in motion and start building the foundation. The foundation was off to a good start and made some headway in 2014," said Mosby.

Mosby previously served on the Daviess/Martin Park Board for 19 years, being president for 18 of those years. He was on the board when the foundation was formed. Due to a change in his residency, he was not reappointed by the Martin County Commissioners to the park board this year. Mosby said he was approached by the executive board members about taking over the foundation. "No one was really managing it and doing much with it," said Mosby. He added that he had been involved with West Boggs for half of his life and he saw the chance to stay involved. "I really believe it's the best asset Martin and Daviess county has," Mosby said about West Boggs Park.

Mosby said he intends to utilize that 501c3 status of the foundation and follow the vision the park has set forth as far as growth, infrastructure changes, updating facilities and such. He said

the foundation will assist in anyway it can to help create funding means to accomplish that vision either through grants, donations and fundraising events. "I believe the biggest impact is for the foundation is to hold fundraising events in the park. That will create funding for the foundation along with create additional revenue for the park itself," he said.

Current funding to the foundation has come from an investment from West Boggs Park itself and other organizations such as the Martin County Alliance and Daviess County Economic Development Corporation.

A few things the foundation has done so far includes securing funding for a new fishing pier that was installed last year in the park. The foundation also secured funding to host the C.O.O.L Program, which is an internship offered to local college students to work in Park and Recreations.

Anyone wanting to donate to the foundation can mail to West Boggs Park Foundation 16117 US 231, PO Box 7, Loogootee IN 47553. Anyone with questions can email chadd@WestBoggs.com.

My Point of View

By Courtney
Hughett
Martin County
Journal
Publisher



Those who know me know that I take my job as publisher of the *Martin County Journal* very seriously. I got into journalism about 20 years ago and I truly learned from some of the best. I started out my career working at the *Brown County Democrat* newspaper in Nashville and the editor and publisher of that newspaper each taught me so much, I am forever grateful. *The Democrat* won countless awards including third best weekly newspaper in the nation. I, myself, won 13 awards from the Hoosier State Press Association and one year even won for best advertisement in the entire state, of all newspapers, daily or weekly. I am not telling you this to brag – I am telling you this to let you know that I have been in this field for a long time and didn't just wake up one day and decide to own a news publication. I have taken my job seriously from day one, no matter which newspaper I've worked for.

My job is to inform you and give you the facts as presented. My job is to follow what is going on, sit through meetings so you don't have to, do research on budgets, etc. so you don't have to. Then, I compile it all into a story and put it out there for you to read, if you so choose. You can take that information and do what you want with it.

The past few weeks, I have written stories about the proposed library as was presented at the county council meeting on April 3 and then some of the public response. Since that time, supporters of the library have been posting on social media that I lied in my stories. After reading multiple comments, I wanted to clear my name and assure my readers that I have no reason to lie or make up facts. I can provide any documentation that I used in compiling data for my articles, to anyone who would like to see it. I also have a recording of the county council meeting that I would be happy to share. I have nothing to hide and no personal agenda with the library. I support libraries and think they are important.

My job is to inform you on both sides of the issue, not just one, especially

when property taxes may be affected. The public has a right to know what the current library budget is, what they want to spend taxpayer money on, how many people utilize the library, etc. The public deserves to know everything, not just what the library wants you to know. By me getting the public involved in the discussion, I have now become public enemy number one – just because I put the information out there and people responded.

This is my eighth year doing the *Martin County Journal* and if I'm going to do this job, I have to do it all the way. I can't walk around wearing rose colored glasses and only publish what may be deemed as good news. That's not why I got into this business 20 years ago. And I don't charge people to read the *Martin County Journal* so those who say I just want to "sell papers" are very wrong. I don't do this for the money, I just have a passion for it – the same way I feel about my work with the humane society.

One of the things I have heard time and time again is that our elected officials try to sneak things past the taxpayers. This always bothers me. While I am the sole employee of my publication, I try not to miss the big issues. And I always share it when I find out. There have been many occasions when I am the only media outlet present at a meeting. This always causes a lot of pressure for me because I want to get the word out when there is something going on that I know will affect my fellow residents. I am always afraid my readers will miss an important issue.

I can take the criticism to a point and I know I am an easy target but not much upsets me more than for people to say I don't print the truth. I make mistakes and I correct them as quickly as possible and own up to them but I promise you I would never, ever print something that I know is not truthful.

The media gets a lot of negativity but without the media, would you know what was going on in your community? I will continue to take the heat as long as you guys continue to stay involved.

SHOALS

dance on April 28

-Art Department to hold Hwy. 50 Yard Sale on May 20

-SPA to hold Hobby/Craft Show in gym on November 4

Tony Holt, representing the Martin County Health Department, presented a new defibrillator AED system that is being donated to the school. The unit is in a cabinet that can be mounted to the wall for easy access in case of emergency. They also donated a new battery and set of replacement pads for an existing AED system already at the school. The board accepted the donation and thanked the Martin County Health Department.

John Kirtland, Athletic Director, verbally reviewed with the board the annual athletic department report and answered questions they had.

The board held a second reading and approved the athletic department handbook with the addition of the guideline that coaches are responsible for the dress code of their prospective teams.

The board approved a facility usage request from the SHS Alumni Association to hold the 2017 SHS Alumni Banquet in the gymnasium on Saturday, June 24, 2017 beginning at 4 p.m. with set up the evening prior to the event

The board held first readings on the updates to the junior/senior high student handbook, the music department handbook, and the elementary handbook. Second readings and approval is scheduled for the May 11 meeting.

The board held second readings and approved the board policy series 7000 and also approved the revised facility usage request form.

Derek Wiggins, with Midwestern Engineers, presented plans for a parking lot upgrade project. The board approved advertisement of the project for prospective bidders.

Kindra Hovis, junior/senior high school principal, reported on the following:

-Junior High Academic team placed 3rd in ELA category

-High School Academic team placed 3rd in Science category

-Junior High band received GOLD at Tecumseh invitational

-40 students in grade 7-12 had perfect attendance last grading period

-Career Fair was a huge success

-PROM went very well

-Students visited Memorial Hospital Health Fair

-Mayor's Youth Council had a luncheon at Loogootee

-K9 Sweep

-Senior trip to Indy

-New school twitter account - @ShoalsJrSrHigh

-ISTEP + Round 2 – April 17-May 5

-Beta Bingo – April 20 (School Cafeteria)

-Constitutional Talk to SS students - April 21 (hosted by Lions Club)

-Spring Band Concert – May 4 (Main gym)

-Special Olympics – May 4-5

-Beta Induction – May 11

-Thank You to Mr. Larry Sherfick for coordinating ISTEP round 2; Woopheimer's Restaurant for their \$500 donation to the anti-bullying program; all the businesses/universities/individuals who participated in the career fair; junior class sponsors for putting on an amazing prom and junior class parents for putting on a fun, safe post prom; and local businesses for continuous donations for the PRIDE store

Austin Malone, elementary principal, reported on the following:

-Monday, May 15 - Science/Learning Fair

-Friday, May 19 - Field Day!

-Monday, May 22 - Summer sendoff with the Beach Boys

-Tuesday, May 23 - Awards program plus 6th grade breakfast

-Wednesday, May 24 - Last day of school

-Kindergarten round up went very well with 38 kids enrolled. They used a new software that better assessed incoming kids.

-IREAD-3 results are embargoed but he can report that they are very proud of our 3rd grade students as well as teachers and it looks like very few students will need remediation this summer!

-Social media logs show that since Spring Break, they've reached over 7,500 people on facebook alone with their positive message. The Rox Report has had 13,522 views just this semester, not counting views from Twitter and the corporation website.

-Thank you to all the people who helped with Kindergarten Round Up: Jonathan Cropp, Nellie Jones, Donna Haulk, and Melody Turner

Superintendent Roush reported on the following:

-The school received a \$3,000 literacy grant to help with younger grades in the elementary.

-Thank you to Perry Central School Corporation for donating 250 light fixtures to the school.

-They are looking at turning the old high school computer lab into a large weight room later this summer.

-Thank you to Jean Survance for her years of services and dedication to the students in the corporation.

-There are many different grants that the school is in the process of applying for at this time. The school is applying for counseling grants, vocational school grants, outdoor learning classroom grants, technology grants, and grants to help foster simulated labs with French Lick Resorts culinary arts department.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Relay for Life 2017 Survivor Celebration

Big changes have happened for Daviess and Martin Relay for Life events. If you haven't heard they are one event now. The Daviess/Martin County Relay for Life is set for Saturday, June 10 at Eastside Park in Washington.

Even though there are changes, the most important part of Relay is still the focus on survivors. Organizers are going to start the celebration in May with a survivor dinner celebrating the heroes, which is what Relay is all about. It will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at the Martin County Community Building at 6:30 p.m.

The celebration continues the day of the event on June 10. They will have opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. at Eastside Park and ask all survivors to come forward at opening to walk a special lap that is dedicated to them and their fight. Survivors will be invited to attend a special lunch for them in the park Community Building.

If you are a cancer survivor (or know someone who is) and would like to participate in the celebration, call Leslie Doyle 812-296-7152 or Terri Resler 812-295-6524 (leave a message if they don't answer). They have lists from past years and invitations will be sent to those on the list, but if you have never attended and would like to participate, give Leslie and Terri a call.

The theme this year is "We Are United" and will come together from two communities to join in the fight against cancer.

Obituaries

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JULIA ELLIOTT

Julia M. Elliott passed away Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at Good Samaritan Northwood nursing home in Jasper, surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.

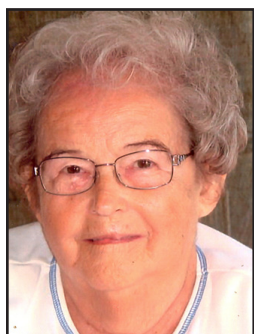
She was born September 30, 1934, in Elwood, Indiana; the youngest of 11 children born to the late Marion L. and Mary Alice (McDannel) Bucci.

She attended school in Elwood and later married Robert (Bob) Elliott. Julia and Bob both enjoyed traveling, and had visited all 50 states, 14 countries and provinces. She was an excellent homemaker and shared her love of baking and cooking with her four daughters.

She was also a great seamstress, making many of her daughters' clothes. Julia made the holidays extra special for her grandchildren with Easter Egg hunts and lots of Christmas goodies and gifts.

She also enjoyed her years volunteering as a Girl Scout leader.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee and was previously a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Montgomery, where she served as a member



of St. Peter's Altar Society.

She is survived by Bob, her loving husband of 63 years; their four daughters, Jane (Scott) Bingham of Bloomington, Linda (Doug) Esmon of Naperville, Illinois; Carolyn Stoll of Washington, and Doris (Tom) Schuler of Evansville; eight loving grandchildren, Elliott (Rachel) Thole, Jordan (Sabrina) Stoll, Casey (Melody) Stoll, Dave Stoll, Brian Esmon, Carissa (Anthony) Gomez, Brandt (Jackie) Showalter and Christy (Kevin) Wnukiewicz; five great-grandchildren, Abigail Gomez, Ava Wnukiewicz, Wesley Showalter, Amya Stoll, and Macee (Josh) Braun; and two great-great-grandchildren, Tessa and Jaxon Braun.

She was preceded in death by her parents; six sisters, Ernestina Kohl, Elizabeth (Liz) Frazee, Lyndelle (Joan) Morse, Anna Pedro, Helen (Hedgecraft) Farley, and Nancy Schwalm; and three brothers, Marion, Orville, and Gerald (Jerry).

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, April 18 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery in Montgomery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or Heart to Heart Hospice.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

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

SHIRLEY MILLER

Shirley M. Miller passed away surrounded by her loved ones, on Sunday, April 16, 2017 at her home. A resident of Odon, she was 58.

She was born in Daviess County on April 9, 1959; daughter of Joseph and Leona (Stoll) Miller.

She was a homemaker and an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. She enjoyed fishing, baking in her younger years, and especially loved to spend time with her nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Shirley liked spending time on Facebook and outside.

Survivors include her mother, Leona Miller of Odon; two brothers, Ronald L. (Deborah) Miller of Odon and Charles (Jeannie) Miller of Elnora; sisters, Brenda (Glen) Lengacher of Loogootee, Karen (Gary) Swartzentruber, Dianne (Steve) Raber and Joann Miller, all of Odon.

She was preceded in death by: her father, Joseph Miller; brother, Clarence Eugene Miller; sister-in-law's, Deborah Miller and Jeannie Miller; and brother-in-law, Glen Lengacher.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, April 20 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with

Pastor Ed Graber officiating. Shirley will be laid to rest in Bethel Mennonite Cemetery in Odon. Family and friends may call from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, April 19 and from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 10 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

All arrangements have been entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and Meng Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

PLAN

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off. Some don't want the culverts at all.

Commissioner Dan Gregory said at the engineers' meeting that he wants the public to know what the county is facing as far as the roads and the need to bring in additional funding. He said that he knows some are not in favor of the wheel tax but it's one of the only options the county has to help get the roads up to par.

He noted that even the wheel tax will not bring in a tremendous amount of money but it's a start. He said it's up to the county council now to reconsider its implementation.

The plan will be discussed at the April 25 commissioners meeting. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 10

5:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:17 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded and all was okay.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Captain Dant and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a protective order violation north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to St Vincent's Hospital in Bedford.

5:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 450, north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

6:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Reed and Deputy Reed responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of threats and harassment in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of cows out west of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded and the owners were notified.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

8:08 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned car in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:23 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:55 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:20 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:42 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

3:16 p.m. - Jail Officer Emmick on station with one inmate from the Rockville Correctional Facility.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Deputy Reed responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:19 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Deputy Reed, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of loud noise east of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

10:42 p.m. - Received a report of a peeping tom in Loogootee. Loogootee

Officer McBeth responded.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

1:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Town Marshal Eckert, and Sheriff Roush responded.

1:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

3:14 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.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a fertilizer spill south of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

4:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:28 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Major Burkhardt responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

1:00 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Deputies Salmon, Shinn, and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of an unruly teenager in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

11:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:52 p.m. - Received report of a drive-off without paying in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Major Burkhardt responded.

5:01 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Major Burkhardt responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

8:42 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Shinn, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

3:44 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:47 a.m. - Received a report of a burning smell in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a car break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:28 p.m. - Animal Control Officer Hughett responded to a dog complaint in Crane.

8:52 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bloomington.

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

10:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:58 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

11:52 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

3:46 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious people west of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:17 a.m. - Received a report of a child protective services situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

12:23 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted child protective services with a welfare check north of Loogootee.

3:32 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded and all was okay.

5:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, APRIL 10

7:47 p.m. - Connie Carlson, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor. She is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

4:02 p.m. - Noah Peyton, 34, of Pe-kin, was arrested by Sheriff Roush for dealing meth, possession of meth, and resisting arrest. He was also wanted on a Harrison County warrant. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Reserve Deputy Harmon, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Reed, K9 Officer Yirka, and K9 Officer Roxy.

4:25 p.m. - Kaelyn Baldwin, 30, of Beech Grove, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with possession of meth, dealing meth, possession of marijuana, and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Reserve Deputy Harmon, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Reed, K9 Officer Yirka, and K9 Officer Roxy.

4:27 p.m. - Jeffrey Raison, 25, of Corydon, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with possession and dealing meth. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Reserve Deputy Harmon, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Reed, K9 Officer Yirka, and K9 Officer Roxy.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

11:49 p.m. - Kirk Baldwin, 44, of Washington County, was arrested by Deputy Shinn on a warrant and is being held without bond.

6:57 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:10 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist near Shoals.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

12:39 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 headed towards Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:31 a.m. - Loogootee Sergeant Norris assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

1:51 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

4:40 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism south of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Captain Dant and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:30 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Floyd assisted child protective services with a welfare check in Loogootee.

4:15 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and all was okay.

6:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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COURT NEWS

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CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 5

Dustin A. Joy, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 5

Duke Energy Indiana, Inc. vs. Van Hoy & Sons Contracting, Inc.

Helen F. Dearwester vs. Clay O. Dearwester, domestic relations no children.

April 6

US Bank vs. Ryan Fromme, Brenda Fromme, and State of Indiana Department of Revenue, mortgage foreclosure.

April 7

US Bank Trust vs. Ryan D. Spencer, Cheryl R. Spencer, and unknown occupants, mortgage foreclosure.

April 10

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Alyssa George, civil collection.

Onemain Financial Group, LLC vs. Kathy Walls and Joey Walls, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Arvest Central Mortgage Company and against the defendant Linda D. Winegar for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$36,276.16.

April 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Caleb Sanders in the amount of \$780.45.

April 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Katrina L. Jones in the amount of \$1,971.03.

Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Camp

Sheriff Roush today announced the 38th Annual Indiana Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Camp will be held in June and July again this year.

There will be two camp sessions this year, the first session will be held June 27-30 at Pine Creek Camp in Pine Village, Indiana (Warren County) serving the northern part of the state. The second session will be held July 5-7 serving the southern part of the state at Waycross Episcopal Camp in Morgantown, Indiana (Brown County).

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Camp is a program provided by the Indiana Sheriffs' Association for boys and girls who are currently in the 7th or 8th grade of school and are interested in learning more about a possible career in law enforcement.

The camp provides a very meaningful experience and relationship with other campers from throughout the state and sheriff officers who serve as counselors and instructors.

Any boy or girl in the 7th or 8th grade of school interested in attending the camp should contact the sheriff's office or your school counselor for an application and additional information.

The sheriff announced that arrangements can possibly be made to provide the camp registration fee through a local business or civic organization for anyone interested.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance and against the defendants Dononique Robinson and Nicole Patterson for civil plenary in the amount of \$1,154.52.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 10

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance vs. Michael Powell and New Prime, Inc., complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoefling Truck and Tractor, Inc. and against the defendants Richard and Charla Ivey in the amount of \$3,504.77.

April 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Daniel J. Jackson in the amount of \$3,560.11.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiffs Tim and Pam Wiscaver and against the defendants Jenny and Allen M. Wiscaver in the amount of \$200.

April 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Cooperative, Inc. and against the defendant Travis Conder in the amount of \$2,897.57.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 4

Kenneth Micky Braun of Loogootee and Lacey K. Dent of Loogootee.

April 7

Jeremy Scott Grogan of Shoals and Jayliene Marie Baylis of Shoals.

April 10

Joshua Michael Graber of Loogootee and Brittany Lynn Parker of Loogootee.

April 13

Brant Colby Brumley of Loogootee and Patti Su Seals of Loogootee.

Accident report

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

5:35 p.m. - Donna Harder, of Loogootee, was operating a 1998 Chevy on Broadway Street when she turned into the path of a 2006 Ford operated by Daniel S. Hahn, of Washington. Captain Hennette investigated.

Real estate transfers

Amy Quinn-Watson n/k/a Amy Moffitt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Melissa Gibson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the west half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing one acre, more or less.

Brooke Wolfe Gregory and Donna S. Wolfe, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nathan Wolfe and Valerie Wolfe**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of Lots 8 and 9 in the town of Hindostan, containing 63 acres, more or less.

Edward W. Rose to Kevin John Moffatt and Carla June Moffatt, part of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, situated in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 28.07 acres, more or less, except 0.37 acres, more or less.

Ellen A. Barrett, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sean Christopher Russell**, of Kitsap County, Washington, Lots Numbered 45, 46, 47, and 48 in the Town of Harrisonville, Martin County, Indiana.

Brian D. Mathies and Sherri K. Mathies, of Martin County, Indiana to **Linda L. Seal**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 10

1:15 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

9:00 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

9:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a panic alarm on Hwy 50.

7:00 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a panic alarm.

10:40 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

5:20 p.m. - Caller reported a disruptive person in the Dollar General Store.

7:20 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a structure fire on US 231.

8:27 p.m. - Female caller reported a theft.

10:24 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious activity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

9:15 a.m. - Male caller requested a vehicle identification check.

12:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

6:06 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

7:04 p.m. - Male caller requested a vehicle identification check.

10:26 p.m. - Caller requested an officer check an unsecured business.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:40 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Bowling Trailer Court. Chief Rayhill sent charges to the juvenile probation department.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:01 p.m. - Caller reported a suicidal female.

6:10 p.m. - Caller reported an anhydrous tank possibly leaking. Loogootee Fire responded.

10:13 p.m. - Caller reported subjects walking in the road on US 231.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

7:47 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Cedar Street in reference to a burning odor.

12:55 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

2:55 p.m. - Female reported a theft from her vehicle.

4:37 p.m. - Male caller requested a vehicle identification check.

8:40 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

8:17 a.m. - Caller reported an unsupervised child. Officer McBeth responded. Child protective services was notified.

10:02 a.m. - Female reported a reckless vehicle on Broadway Street.

8:45 p.m. - First responders were requested on the Public Square due to a medical call.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

1:31 a.m. - Caller reported property damage.

3:40 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

4:15 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

4:28 p.m. - Caller reported a power line down on Sycamore Street.

6:24 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

The City of Loogootee will start tagging abandoned junked vehicles. Vehicles that are inoperable and in public view will be tagged and towed at owner's expense.

Sheriff's department arrests three out-of-county suspects on meth charges

On the afternoon of Tuesday April 11, the Martin County Sheriff's Office executed arrests in a Loogootee restaurant parking lot. Acting on information that a transaction to purchase methamphetamine was going to take place, the sheriff, merit and reserve deputies, and K-9 Virka surrounded the vehicle and extracted suspects. One suspect refused compliance.

A struggle ensued, and the suspect was able to break away from officers and flee for a short distance, until officers terminated the attempt. Multiple officers and a Taser was necessary to subdue the suspect. He was found to have a knife, methamphetamine, and was wanted on a Harrison County methamphetamine-related warrant. The suspect continued to remain combative.

Officers and K-9 Roxy of the Loogootee Police Department responded to assist and transport the suspect to the Martin County Jail. Upon searching the vehicle, at the scene, many precursors to manufacturing methamphetamine was found in the vehicle, along with marijuana and paraphernalia. The other two suspects were arrested and booked into the Martin County Jail without incident.

The following are the individuals arrested and their charges:

Noah R Peyton, 34, of Pekin, Indiana

Conspiracy to commit dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony

Attempted dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony

Possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony

Possession of precursors, a Level 6 Felony

Maintaining a common nuisance, a

Level 6 Felony

Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor

Possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor

Resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor

Jeffery L. Raisor, 28, of Corydon

Conspiracy to commit dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony

Attempted dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony

Possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony

Possession of precursors, a Level 6 Felony

Maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony

Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor

Possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor

Kaelyn M. Baldwin, 30, of Beech Grove

Conspiracy to commit dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony

Attempted dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony

Possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony

Possession of precursors, a Level 6 Felony

Maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony

Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor

Possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



When my friend, Wayne, sent me the following, I nodded my head in agreement with the old expressions in the story. I really don't think he's old enough to remember some of these but I sure did. Oldtimers, enjoy!

Heavens to Murgatroyd! Would you believe the email spell checker did not recognize the word murgatroyd?

Lost words from our childhood: Words gone as fast as the buggy whip! Sad really! The other day, a not so elderly (70ish) lady said something to her son about driving a jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said, "What the heck is a jalopy?" Oh, Oh a new phrase! He had never heard of the word jalopy!! She knew she was old but not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included "Don't touch that dial", "Carbon copy", "You sound like a broken record" and "Hung out to dry".

Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker to straighten up and fly right. Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley, and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China! Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell?

Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A. and of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers. Oh, my aching back. Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, 'Well I'll be a monkey's uncle!' or, 'This is a fine kettle of fish!' we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a no-

tice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff!

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child, each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We, at the other end of the chronological arc, have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory. It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

See ya later, alligator!

PONDERISMS:

1. At our age, we can hide our own Easter eggs, wait a half hour, and have no clue where we put them.

2. I always knew I'd get old. How fast it happened was a bit of a surprise though.

3. I only want two things: (a) To lose weight and (b) To eat.

4. I'm kind of having a fat day. Actually, more like a fat week. OK, I'm fat!

SERIOUSISMS (I made up that word)

1. "You wouldn't worry so much about what others think of you if you realize how seldom they do." -Eleanor Roosevelt.

2. "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not." -Thomas Jefferson

3. Toxic people project their own character onto their victims. They do this by accusing the victim of the exact actions they themselves do but deny.

Make someone smile today!

~ON THE HOME FRONT~

BY LINDA DILLON
Martin Co. Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. I return all phone calls from veterans on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of January, the veteran service officer assisted 11 veterans, had two meetings, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee, Shoals. The veterans' van took seven trips transporting seven veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

During the month of February, the veteran service officer assisted nine veterans, had one meeting and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veterans' van took five trips transporting six veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

During the month of March, the veteran service officer assisted six veterans, had three meetings and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee and Shoals. The veterans' van took six

trips transporting six veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I currently have only three drivers for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

The veterans van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for Veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

For assistance call 812-247-2210, transportation needs call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martin-countyvso2013@yahoo.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, April 20 at 5 p.m. in the high school library. The meeting is open to the public.

AL-ANON meetings
AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

Attention Senior Citizens
The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the Annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate.

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. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

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.

Tourism meetings
The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public 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.



Easter Egg Hunt

-Photo provided

The Martin County 4-H Junior Leaders hosted their annual community Easter Egg Hunt on April 9. Five age groups participated. Special prize winners are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Gabe Walton, Eli Graber, Vince Roach, Harper Tinkle, and Archer McGennis. In the second row, from left to right, are Daigen McCarty, Mylee Crosby, Kaden Gettinger, Emmett Graber, and Bristol Lengacher.

Seeking participants for Great US 50 Yard Sale

The Great U.S. 50 Yard Sale once again comes to Martin County. This is the eighteenth sale held annually, the weekend before Memorial Day weekend.

The sale started in 2000, stretching across most of Indiana. The sale now goes from Ocean City, Maryland to Sacramento, California, 3,073 miles!

Do you have items to sell and need a visible and accessible venue? Locally, the Shoals High School parking lot will be a host site for the Great U.S. Yard Sale, on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

The sale will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Space rental is \$10 for one parking space, and \$5 for each additional space. All proceeds for space rental will benefit the ongoing courtyard/mural project at Shoals

Community Schools.

With plenty of free parking and visibility, this will be a perfect time to sell those spring cleaning items: household, crafts, toys, clothing, etc. Persons or parties interested in participating, or requesting more information, should contact Linda Sherfick, 812-247-3060.

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By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- PRIORITIES --

Lately I've been thinking and talking about goals and plans. We need focus in our lives; goals and plans can help attain that focus. But what do you focus on? What is important to you? The word of the week is "priorities." Your priorities will play a major role in what you set goals for and plan for.

-- BROAD, SPECIFIC --

Your priorities can define the context of how you live, or help define the order or importance of choices before you. I have always tried to keep to five broad priorities before looking at the more specific ones. My five, in order, are God, family, others, myself and work. It's always amazed me how, that by focusing on the higher priorities, the lower ones (though not at all insignificant) tend to take care of themselves.

-- PASSION --

You may share priorities with others. You may have your very own. They are your framework; they, at times, are your passion. To work toward that goal, following your plans and your priorities, takes passion. A priority without passion loses importance and lessens the likelihood of success.

-- FAMILY --

A priority and passion for family is held by many of our friends, family, neighbors and community. One family's passion is expressed with the Carter's Legacy 5K Run/Walk, which is in its third year. Eddie and Alyssa Kerns began this event, and the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund, to remember a loved one and to forever help other families and children in our county.

-- OTHERS --

This year the Kern's passion was felt by others, starting with the Martin County Humane Society. They shared the passion for life, for all living beings. And the West Boggs Park staff saw an opportunity to further their family and recreation focus. From there the passion and excitement spread to area churches with the love of God and life, particularly for the lives and mission of our law enforcement officers.

-- COMING TOGETHER --

All of these people, other business-

es, and many volunteers are coming together for a complete day of fun-filled activities at West Boggs Park on Saturday, May 6. We will be celebrating the love of family, animals, nature, community and our law enforcement officers.

-- CARTER'S LEGACY 5K --

The day will start with Carter's Legacy 5K Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. Online registration at the website runsignup.com/Race/IN/Loogootee/carter5k ends May 3. You can also pickup registration forms at West Boggs Park, Kerns Insurance, Running with Scissors Salon, and Aunt B's Brew HaHa. While there is a fee to participate in the 5K, all of the other activities for the day are FREE.

-- FAMILY FUN DAY --

The day continues with the "Family Fun Day" starting around noon. And thanks to the generosity of West Boggs Park, there will be NO GATE FEES for the entire day. So, enter for free and enjoy these other free activities:

- a live DJ;
- free lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks courtesy of area churches;
- bouncy houses for the kids;
- Humane Society booth with information about the benefits they provide and photos of the shelter and animals;
- Police car tours;
- K-9 units;
- local law enforcement Meet & Greet.

There will also be a coffee and snack vendor to sell donuts, coffee and snacks. Come enjoy the day. Hear how you can help others. Or donate to one or more of the charities at the event.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator



Performing Arts Contest

The Martin County 4-H Performing Arts contest will be held on May 1, 2017 in the Community Building. Any current 4-H member, including mini's, are welcome to participate. Just prepare a skit, speech, musical number, dance number, or any other talent you have and present it that evening. The event will be judged and the winners in each category moving on to the Area III contest on May 6. The categories are musical, non-musical, and group.

4-H Camp

This year's 4-H Camp will be June 12-14. Any 4-Her grades 3-8 are welcome. Applications have been sent out through the mail. You are also able to pick one up at the Extension Office. This year's theme is game boards. This is a great opportunity to meet new people from different counties, learn new things, and have lots of fun! Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis.

Club Meetings

Jolly Juniors—Thursday, April 20; Tuesday, May 2; Thursday, May 18; Tuesday, June 6; Thursday, June 22; and Thursday, June 29 all at 6 p.m. at Truelove Church.

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, April 24;

Tuesday, May 2; Monday, May 22; Thursday, June 6 and Monday, June 19. The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. All meetings are at the Hindostan Church from 6-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Robotics—Every Monday at 5 p.m. through April 15.

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins
Sheep & Goat: May 6, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Swine: May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry: June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.

Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.



-Photo provided

Shown above at the groundbreaking were Kenny Frye, German American Bank; Darlene Stoltzfus, dietary staff; Leo Laughlin, resident; Ruby Chestnut, dietary staff; Glen Apple, resident; Gina Lengacher, dietary staff; Earl Wagler, board member; Barb Abrams, wellness manager; Richard Wagler, board member; Marvin Wagler, general contractor; John Britton, board member; Derl Littrell, office manager; Galen Graber, vice president; Gina Wagler, executive director; Leon Baker, resident, and Charles Maryfield, resident. Not available for the picture were Bill Stoll, president; John Battershell, architect; and Floyd Alsmann, German American Bank.

Parkview holds groundbreaking

Parkview Village Christian Care, Inc., a not-for-profit Senior Living Community in Odon, held a ground-breaking service for their new addition. Parkview will be adding an additional 6,700 square feet to the south of their existing building to improve the overall footprint of the building.

The new kitchen area will be doubled to enable the dietary personnel a larger space for the preparation, cooking and serving in a more efficient manner. There will be an increased number of refrigerators and coolers for storage.

The new chapel will be dedicated in honor of Glen Apple and in Memory of Rose Martin Apple. The chapel will be an area that will seat approximately 75 persons to better facilitate the worship services, concerts and Bible studies that regularly occur. Pews have already been purchased, and there will be an installation of a new sound system, projection screen, communion table, piano and organ all to enhance the worship area to serve and encourage the residents.

The new activity area will include a much larger area for activities. In-

cluded in the new addition will be a much-needed storage area and maintenance office. A large projection screen theater will also be located in the activity area with an area for games, cooking and entertainment.

To complete the new amenities will be the addition of a dedicated area with its own private entry to update and improve the out-patient therapy services provided by the Daviess Community Hospital.

Primary funding for the expansion has been made possible by several contributors with the majority coming from the late Sarah Maysel DeMotte, Parkview's first resident in 2009.

2017 Board Members are Bill Stoll/President, Galen Graber/Vice President, Rebecca Wittmer/Secretary, John Britton, Earl Wagler, Richard Wagler, Terry Lengacher and Executive Director: Regina Wagler.

Parkview has several different funds and opportunities to contribute to the Parkview Village Christian Care, Senior Living Community. Please call 812-636-3000 for more information.

Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: Baked Cheese Tortellini Pasta

Thursday: Roast Beef or Beef Manhattan

Friday: Sloppy Grilled Cheese

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Saturday: Coney Dogs

Saturday night: Smoked Chicken & Smoked Pork Chops

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Aside from a few showers, the weather for Easter weekend was nearly perfect. On Saturday, I joined some old friends and new friends for a wildflower hike at the Feldon Purdue Research Center in Lawrence County. Led by Kay Yatskievych, the author of the *Field Guide to Indiana Wildflowers*, the short hike was educational for all, from novices to the leader herself. It is interesting that Kay manages to learn from everyone she encounters. While she is perhaps the foremost authority on the wildflowers of Indiana, she constantly gleans information from her research and from the anecdotes she hears about the plants and the ways they have been used. Over the years, Kay and I have had many discussions about the plants my mother and grandmother taught me to pick as wild greens. Some of that information will be included in a book she hopes to have completed later this year.

Saturday's group included both novice and experienced wildflower enthusiasts. During the foray, we encountered many plants of interest. The highlight of the hike was a large area covered with bluebells in bloom. Everyone should experience that beauty.

As Kay identified plants along the way, she explained that not all of the "wildflowers" are actually native to this area or even to this continent. Many plants have been introduced. Some were purposely brought by settlers for their food, medicinal or ornamental value. Others have grown from seeds that have arrived in packing materials or attached to clothing. Some of the cultivated plants have escaped from cultivation and have naturalized. In some cases, the plants have colonized, choking out the native flora. These plants are known as invasive species.

In recent years, gardeners have shown great interest in cultivating native species. One reason for so doing is that our native bees and other pollinators depend on the nectar from such plants. Plant breeders have been selectively breeding some of these native

plants and, in some cases, have crossed them with related genera from other parts of the world. The result is a group of plants we now call "nativars" or cultivars of native plants. Sometimes, these nativars have been bred to have larger blooms or bolder foliage or to resist diseases that plague the native selections. However, in some cases, the nectar value or other food value of the nativars has been reduced. If you are establishing a native flower garden to attract pollinators, it is best to stick to the true native plants.

During Saturday's walk, Kay cautioned that she does not recommend removing native plants from their habitats. She recommends collecting seeds or buying plants from specialized nurseries. In some cases, if a particular plant is very common, it would be acceptable to take specimens from the wild, with the permission of the property owner. It is illegal to take plants from public lands.

I have two distinct collections of wildflowers at Sandhill Gardens. One group is the woodland flowers growing in a shade garden. The other is the wildflower meadow that I have been working on for the past couple of years. I have acquired plants by collecting seeds, buying plants and trading with other gardeners. I also have saved some plants from construction sites. In fact, I have frequently walked the grounds of proposed developments to determine if there are plants there that should be removed before construction begins. While not as spectacular as the bluebell dell we witnessed on Saturday, the woodland wildflowers at Sandhill Gardens have been putting on quite a show this week. The bluebells, violets, wood poppies and dwarf irises have brought light to the shady areas. The bright red fire pinks and our native red and yellow columbines have welcomed the return of butterflies and hummingbirds to the Hoosier Hills. The wildflowers are certainly demonstrating the harmony of creation.

If you care about wild animals, let them be

Every spring, kind-hearted Hoosiers "rescue" a seemingly abandoned baby wild animal and try to care for it.

Don't do it.

This time of year, thousands of animals are born in the wild. With the spread of suburban areas into their natural habitats, young animals are increasingly born near humans, who might sometimes discover them without an adult animal nearby.

"Most baby animals are not abandoned," said Michelle Cain, wildlife information specialist with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "Many animals leave their young alone when searching for food and come back to them throughout the day."

Picking up a baby wild animal poses risks to the animal and to humans. The best response to encountering a baby wild animal is to leave it alone.

State laws prohibit keeping protected wild animals without a permit. Most wild animals are protected by law and cannot be kept. Federal laws also pro-

hibit possession of migratory birds, including songbirds, raptors and waterfowl.

It is even illegal to treat wild animals for sickness or injury without a permit.

Wild animal rehabilitation permits are issued to qualified individuals who take in sick or injured wild animals with the intent of releasing them back into the wild.

If you encounter an injured or sick wild animal, do one of the following:

-Take no action and allow nature to run its course.

-Call a licensed wild animal rehabilitator as listed at wildlife.IN.gov and click on "Wildlife Rehabilitation."

-Call the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife at (317) 232-4080.

-Call your DNR Law Enforcement district headquarters or regional headquarters; contact information is at dnr.IN.gov/lawenfor/2755.htm.

-Call a licensed veterinarian for immediate assistance with a sick or severely injured wild animal.

Beginning farmer tours offer glimpse at diversity of Indiana agriculture

BY MIKAELA WIELAND
Purdue University News Service

Ten farm tours and workshops across the state will offer new and aspiring farmers the opportunity to learn from experts and network with fellow farmers at a variety of agricultural operations.

The events are organized by Purdue University's Indiana Beginning Farmers program with Purdue Extension and the Local Growers Guild as sponsors. The series begins in May and runs through mid-October.

"We hope that aspiring and current farmers will find the tours to be a source of useful information and an opportunity to meet and interact with other people who are passionate about farming," said Kevin Gibson, professor of botany and plant pathology and one of the leaders of Purdue's Beginning Farmer team.

The schedule:

* May 8: Nightfall Farm (Crothersville) uses rotational grazing to raise animals on pasture. Learn about regenerative agriculture and their experiences developing a meat Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

* May 23: Seven Sons Farm (Roanoke) produces grass-fed beef, pork and eggs. The tour will include information on grazing systems.

* June 3: The Farm Connection (Clay City) creates artisanal cheeses from their pasture-raised animals, as well as a variety of other products. The event will include information on cheese-making and developing business plans.

* June 15: Clay Bottom Farm (Goshen) uses intensive growing methods to support a CSA program on less than an acre of land. Learn about their "lean farm" approach to support a CSA, supply restaurants and sell at farmers' markets.

* June 24: Silverthorn Farm (Rossville) uses organic practices to produce a wide variety of fruits and vege-

tables. The tour will include a session on working with restaurants.

* August 26: Goat Milk Stuff (Scottsburg) is a dairy goat farm producing soaps, candies and cheeses. The tour will include information on agricultural tourism and value-added products.

* September 11: Little Prairie Farm (Brookston) and the Purdue Student Farm (West Lafayette) will offer two tours of small-acreage vegetable farms to learn about farming practices and tools for smaller-scale operations.

* September 27: Full Hand Farm (Noblesville) is a diverse vegetable farm. The tour will include information on the use of high tunnels in vegetable production.

* October 2: Aficionado Farms (Elberfeld) produces organically grown produce, herbs and flowers. Learn about their farm and Farm to School programs.

* October 14: Blue Yonder Organic Farm (North Salem) is a veteran-owned and operated farm producing pastured poultry, sheep and other products. Learn about poultry production and organic certification.

The workshop/tour events are free, but registration is required and space is limited. To sign up, go to <http://bit.ly/2odMUmA>.

For more information about the Beginning Farmer and Rancher program or the farm tour schedule, contact Gibson at 765-496-2161 or kgibson@purdue.edu.

Purdue's Beginning Farmer and Rancher program was launched in 2015 and is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to increase the number of farm start-ups in the state and provide direct, practical assistance to anyone who is new to farming, especially operators of small farms and military veterans.

To join a mailing list to receive updates on the farm tours and other events planned by the Beginning Farmer team, send an email message to beginningfarmers@lists.purdue.edu.

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BREANNA ERVIN

Breanna Lei Ervin is the daughter of Tim Ervin and Andrea Smith. After graduation, she plans to attend Vincennes University to study law enforcement. While in high school she participated in Yearbook (12), Pep Club (9,10), Cadet Teaching (11,12) FACS (10), and French Club (11).



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TOKALA RICHARDSON

Tokala B. Richardson is the son of Brett Richardson and Melba Covell. After graduation, Tokala plans to attend Indiana University to study Computer Science and Internet Marketing. While in high school, Tokala participated in Pep Club (9-12), Intramural Basketball (12), Intern (12), Baseball (9-12) and Basketball (9-11).



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Lions stunning at Washington

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

According to local sports reporter, Todd Lancaster, in the 18-year history of the high school softball at the Gwaltney Sports complex in Washington, before Friday night, only four home runs had ever been hit over the fence in game competition. Let that sink in... a total of four home runs in 18 seasons. That total now stands at 6, as Loogootee Lion Tyanna Graber hit two home runs in only four plate appearances Friday night against the Hatchets, powering the Lions to an 18-0 victory over the recently hot Hatchets.

Picking up the win in the circle, taking her record to 10 and 1, and the teams record to 10-2 was Sydney Davis. Davis, a sophomore sensation in her own right, scattered 4 hits while striking out 8 Hatchets in a dominating performance. With the performance, Davis gave in the circle, and backed defensively by her team mates, Loogootee scored all the runs they would need in the top of the first inning. Julianne Bell drew a lead-off walk, and promptly stole second base. Tyanna Graber came to the plate a stroked a single through the right-side scoring Bell.

An Emily Brookshire single moved Graber to third and she scored on a wild pitch. Brookshire moved to third on a stolen base and to third on a passed ball. Breigh LaMar scored Brookshire with a squeeze bunt to end the scoring in Loogootee's first inning.

The second inning witnessed Bell driving a double to left center, and

then Tyanna Graber hit her first home run of the night, which traveled well beyond the 10-foot-high, 210 feet in distance fence, and set the new LHS mark for career home runs with 12, eclipsing the record held since 2004 by Sydney Sherer. Emily Brookshire singled, Breigh LaMar walked, Mayson Riley singled home Brookshire. Emily Thomas singled to move Riley to third and Thomas advanced to second as the ball skipped away from the Hatchet catcher. Shelby Graber doubled to drive home both Riley and Thomas. Calli Winger singled as did Julianne Bell and Tyanna Graber. Tyanna scored Shelby, then Brookshire singled scoring Winger and Bell.

The third inning saw six more Lions cross the dish. Lion hurler Davis singled to lead off the inning. Shalyn Bruner came in to the game as a courtesy runner for Davis. Breigh LaMar drew a walk. Mayson Riley singled to load the bases. Bruner scored on on the dropped infield fly as LaMar and Riley also moved up 60 feet. Shelby Graber singled home LaMar. After a walk to Calli Winger, a hard ground ball to second base scored Riley. Leaving Shelby Graber and Winger on base to score on Tyanna Graber's second home run of the game.

Loogootee would score another run in the fifth inning when Maddie Cropp was hit by a pitch leading off the inning for the Lions. Kendall Berry singled and then Chelsie Sutton drew a walk. Cropp was forced home as Halle Sheetz earned an RBI the hard way, being hit by a pitch and closing the scoring for the Lions for the night.

JV defeats Washington, Princeton

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

On Friday night, the Loogootee JV defeated the JV Hatchets of Washington High School at the Gwaltney Sports Complex 10-2. Chelsie Sutton got the win in the circle, striking out five, and only allowing 1 hit. Loogootee pounced on the Hatchets scoring two runs in the top of the first via a Sadie Welton lead-off walk and she was driven home by a triple off the bat of Maelee Hawkins. Hawkins scored on the Kendra Lythgoe single.

Washington answered with two runs in the bottom of the first via a hit batter, an error and a triple of their own off the bat of Hatchet catcher, Murphy. Those would be the only two runs the Lions would allow for the night. Loogootee answered in the top of the second with three runs, as Shalyn Bruner singled and moved to third on the error by the Washington right fielder. With two outs, Kendall Berry drove home Bruner with a single through the left side. Back to back singles by Sutton, Hawkins and Emily Thomas scored Berry and Sutton.

The Lions third inning saw Jayleigh Wagoner draw a walk and move to second on a wild pitch. A Shalyn Bruner single to right drove home Wagoner, and Bruner scored on the single by Halle Sheetz. A 1 run 4th inning had Chelsie Sutton smack a lead-off double and come around to score on the infield ground out RBI from Emily Thomas. The Lions put their final two runs on the board in the fifth as Jayleigh Wagoner singled as did

Shalyn Bruner and both came home on the double by Kendall Berry.

Loogootee's JV bats remained hot as they defeated the Princeton JV Tigers, at Princeton, by a score of 13 to 2. Jayleigh Wagoner twirled an eight strike out, one hit gem as she picked up the win for the Lions, improving the record to 4-2 for the 2017 season. Loogootee scored three runs in the top of the first on doubled by Jayleigh Wagoner and Kendall Berry, a single by Maddie Cropp and a walk to Chelsie Sutton.

The top half of the second saw the JV Lions put four more on the board. Halle Sheetz singled and with two outs, both Sutton and Emily Thomas drew walks. Maddie Cropp singled home a pair of Lions, followed by a two-run scoring single by Kendall Berry.

Princeton scored a run in the bottom of the second on a bunt, a sac bunt and an over throw at third base.

The third inning witnessed Loogootee scoring four runs with two outs. Kaitlyn Bruner reached first on a dropped third strike. Jayleigh Wagoner singled, and Chelsie Sutton reached first base after being plunked by a pitch. With the bases loaded and two outs, back to back doubles by Emily Thomas and Maddie Cropp drove home the four runs. In the fifth, Lena Focken drew a one out walk. Sutton, Thomas, Cropp and Kendall Berry all singled, driving in Focken and Sutton.

Princeton did push a run across the board in the bottom of the fifth to make the final score 13 to 2, Loogootee. Princeton scored on a walk, a throwing error and single.

World Vision

Loogootee United Methodist Church Youth are, again, doing the 30 Hour Famine! Please Support our Youth in Changing the World one child at a time!!

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Middle Way House announces winners of essay contest

Middle Way House's local outreach office, located in Martin County, hosted an essay contest to raise awareness about Teen Dating Violence for local students in grades 7-12. The students were given a packet which contained excerpts from books centering on Teen Dating Violence. The goal of this essay contest was to engage students in conversations about Teen Dating Violence, encourage critical thinking, and to help students identify and recognize signs and patterns of abuse.

A \$100 Visa Cash Gift Card will be awarded to first place winner, Kylie Van Horn, and a \$50 card will be awarded to second place winner, Jayleigh Harger. Both girls are 7th graders and attend Loogootee Junior High School. This was the first year Middle Way House invited students to participate in the essay contest. Middle Way House plans to continue to offer the contest in future years.

Middle Way House is a non-profit agency serving survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking across six counties. Middle Way House is based in Bloomington, but also has three county outreach offices in Greene, Owen and Martin counties. You can reach the Martin County office at 812-295-2993. Middle Way House also does prevention programming in schools and has provided the Building Healthy Relationships program to Loogootee Schools in November 2016 and February 2017.

Teen Dating Violence is more prevalent than one might think.

Below are some statistics from loveisrespect.org a website dedicated to ending dating violence among teens.

Too Common
-Nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner in a single

Lions shut out Raiders

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

The Lions long road trip started with a trip down 231 to visit the Raiders of Southridge High School. Loogootee scored a single run in the second, 3 in the third and a single run in the fifth on the way to a 5-0 shutout at the still shiny and new Raiders complex. Sydney Davis got the win, taking her record to 9-1, and the team to 9-2 on the year. Davis only gave up two singles on the night, striking out four.

Loogootee collected 10 hits vs the Raiders, with Shelby Graber, Calli Winger, Emily Brookshire and Tyanna Graber all getting two hits each on the night. Maelee Hawkins beat out an infield single, and Julianne Bell singled through the right side to round out the hits for Loogootee. Ty, Emily, Sydney Davis, Breigh LaMar and Calli all drove in runs.

The JV also won 11-4 over Southridge. Jayleigh Wagoner took the win, and exchange student, Lena Focken, doubled and scored a run.



Pictured above are contest winners Kylie Van Horn (left) and Jayleigh Harger (right)

-One in three adolescents in the U.S. is a victim of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds rates of other types of youth violence.

-One in 10 high school students has been purposefully hit, slapped or physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Why Focus on Young People?
-Girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence — almost triple the national average.

-Among female victims of intimate partner violence, 94% of those age 16-19 and 70% of those age 20-24 were victimized by a current or former boyfriend or girlfriend.

-Violent behavior typically begins between the ages of 12 and 18.

-The severity of intimate partner violence is often greater in cases where the pattern of abuse was established in adolescence.

Lions power past Tigers

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

Loogootee used three home runs, a triple, 2 doubles and 10 singles to power past the home standing Tigers of Princeton in softball action on Saturday. Sydney Davis scattered 6 hits while striking out 6, to lead the Lions to an 11-2 record, while improving her record to 11-1.

Tyanna Graber led the Lions hit parade going 3-4 with two solo home runs, a single and 4 RBI. Shelby Graber also clubbed a home run and added two singles as she also drove home 4 Lions. Julianne singled twice stole two bases and scored two runs. Emily Brookshire tripled and singled on the day, while Sydney Davis and Breigh LaMar both added 2 singles each. Sydney Blankenbaker doubled home a pair of runs, and Calli Winger smacked a double to left center.

Lady Lions Tennis results

The Loogootee Varsity Girls' Tennis team defeated Bedford North Lawrence on Monday, April 17, 5-0. The junior varsity also claimed a win, 6-1.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "From start to finish, we played a good match. Katie at #2 Singles and our #2 Doubles team were clicking on all cylinders. #1 Doubles started strong and finished strong. Melaina and Emily struggled a little bit at times but showed great poise in holding off their opponents to get victories."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Hope Martin 7-6 (4), 6-3

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Victoria Holt 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Emily Chastain 6-2, 7-6 (5)

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Meghan Mathies (L) defeated McKenzie Messmore/Abby Riley 6-0, 7-5

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Ali Allen/Alli Underwood 6-2, 6-1

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Kashten Burch (L) defeated Abbey Bridges 8-1

#2 Singles Madisyn Wade (L) defeated Hannah Parker 8-3

#1 Doubles Taylor Wesner/Lizzy Voorhies (BNL) defeated Hope Fischer/Leonna Hedrick 8-3

#2 Doubles Brittany Potts/Elly Wagler (L) defeated Sarah Gaither/Zoe Vletchi 8-6

Loogootee Middle School runners open season

The Loogootee Junior High/Middle School track team traveled to Shoals on Thursday, April 13 for their first meet of the season, and had a very successful meet.

The boys' teams came in first, defeating Shoals, NE Dubois and Washington Catholic.

Team scoring: Loogootee 91, NE Dubois 65, Shoals 49, and WC 8.

Jase Riley placed 1st in shot put, and 3rd in discus. Levi Pendley places first in long jump, 100-meter, 200-meter, and 400-meter.

Lucas Brittain placed first in the 1600-meter and 800-meter. Aiden Kain earned 2nd in long jump, 4th in 100-meter, and 5th in 200-meter.

Julius Castro high jumped to a 4th place ribbon, and placed 2nd in the 200-meter.

Zane Cropp placed 5th in the 1,600-meter and 800-meter.

Josh Venters was 4th in 400-meter; Gage Kerns 2nd in 110 hurdles, Aragam Ashby 3rd long jump; Logan Moffatt 4th shot put. Matthew Wagler was 4th in the 1,600-meter.

The 400-meter relay team of Ashby, Kerns, Kaleb Daniel, and Kain won first place.

In the 1,600-meter relay, the combo of Castro, Wagler, Cropp, and Brittain took home first place honors.

Brayden Sutton, Camden Godwin, Alex Smith, Brian Sinnott, Evan Cunningham, and Luke Venters also competed.

In the girls' meet, team scoring was Shoals 88, NE Dubois 59, WC 26, Loogootee 24.

In the 100-meter hurdles: Kaylee Auterson 2nd, Ashley Nail 3rd, and Lacie Arthur 4th.

Long jump: Emily Welker 4th.

100-meter dash: India Arvin 2nd

400 relay: Welker, Arthur, Arvin, and Hannah VanMeter teamed up for a 4th place finish.

400-meter: Kaylee Auterson 3rd.
200-meter: Arvin 2nd, Auterson 5th.

#3 Doubles Kashten Burch/Madisyn Wade (L) defeated Victoria Cain/GRacie Waggoner 6-2

#4 Doubles Hope Fischer/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Angelica Godsey/Alex Godsey 6-3

#5 Doubles Brittany Potts/Elly Wagler (L) defeated Molly Simmerman/Presley Clark 6-1

Last Thursday, the teams traveled to Washington. The varsity Lady Lions won 4-1 while the junior varsity tied, 4-4.

"We had very good singles play. From start to finish we controlled those matches and set the tone today. The Doubles teams played well at times. We just need to work on putting together two good sets each match," said Coach Tippery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Caitlyn Riester 6-0, 6-2

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Lauren Boyd 6-2, 6-2

#3 Singles Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Alex Allison 6-1, 6-1

#1 Doubles Gissele Santos/Neida Revolorio (W) defeated Breanna Hollaway/Meghan Mathies 3-6, 6-4, 6-2

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Ellie Theine/Alli Lambert 4-6, 7-5, 6-1

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Ali Barber 6-2, 6-4

#2 Singles Taylor Clark (W) defeated Brittany Potts 8-5

#3 Singles Quincee Healy (W) defeated Elly Wagler 8-6

#1 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Faith Dalton/Emily Klinge 8-4

#2 Doubles Katie Matthews/Emily Ramsey (W) defeated Hope Fischer/McKenzie White 8-4

#3 Doubles Lauren Winger/Breanna Coffman (W) defeated Rachel Robinson/Alicja Ackermann 8-7

#4 Doubles Victoria Ringgaard/Claire Kunovich (L) defeated Makenzie Parsons/Kaitlyn Pickett 8-5

#5 Doubles Brittany Potts/Elly Wagler (L) defeated Valeria Gaither/Lara Santiago 8-1

On Tuesday, April 11, the teams went up against Northeast Dubois on the Lady Jeep courts. The varsity Lady Lions were defeated 2-3 and the junior varsity also lost, 0-2.

Coach Tippery said, "This was a tough one to lose. Abbie and Kashten put together two solid sets to get us on the board with our first point at #2 Doubles. Dubois fought off some set points at the end of the first sets at #2 and #3 Singles to gain momentum in the match. We were able to fight back to at #2 to get a win. The #1 Doubles match came down to a few points at the end of each set. Give them credit. They were able to capitalize at key moments."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Chloe Terwiske (NED) defeated Katie Sims 6-0, 6-4

#2 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Taylor Dodd 5-7, 6-2, 6-0

#3 Singles Paige Knies (NED) defeated Emily Wade 7-6 (5), 6-1

#1 Doubles Megan Lueken/Savannah Stafford (NED) defeated Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway 2-6, 6-4, 6-4

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Delaney Rasche/Alexis Stafford 6-1, 6-2

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Olivia Schroering (NED) defeated Meghan Mathies 8-2

#2 Singles Olivia Schroering (NED) defeated Madisyn Wade 8-0

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~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'They truly are trying to find the most cost effective solution possible.'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

With the coming of the new library, I have seen some complaints on Facebook and wanted to put in my two cents. I am one who tries to be as efficient as possible and make do with what I have. I don't throw money at aesthetics or unnecessary ventures. I have tried to convince myself that we don't need a bigger library, but then I think about what that would cost our community and how much our community would gain with a bigger library, and I just can't see how we can afford to not build a bigger library. Libraries not only give people a place to go and something to do, but they empower people of all income levels and ages. A good library is a place where people are attracted to and find themselves learning about the things they are interested in. Libraries promote education and with education comes better jobs and more people to give back to the community. If we invest in libraries, schools, and other positive things in our community, we will find ourselves saving money in the long run when we have less people going through the court systems and more people giving back to the community.

I spend a lot of time at the library, checking out books with my kids and am temporarily putting on the story times for the preschoolers. I am not a regular employee of the library but I have seen the impact the library makes on those who use it and want to do what I can to help our community.

Below are a few of the arguments I have heard and my responses to those arguments.

Argument 1: We don't want to raise taxes.

My Rebuttal: I am not sure of the exact \$ amounts, but according to the Martin County Journal, "A home with a market value of \$89,200 would pay an additional \$19.84 in property taxes or a home with a market value of \$150,000 would pay \$50.31 more per year in property taxes." How many times do we spend 20 or 50 bucks on going out for dinner or buying a new outfit or going to a movie or something else that we don't really need? We are talking 20 or 50 bucks per YEAR. I think we could all afford to spend that much on our community... and for those who are so fortunate to have property that is worth more than \$150,000 might want to take a moment to be grateful that they themselves are able to afford their property and be glad to pay a little more to support a project that has the potential to help the entire community.

Argument 2: I don't use the library so I don't want to pay for it.

My Rebuttal: Do you use the school? The Jail? The Pool? The fire department? The police department? The courts? All the roads? You might argue that you don't directly use the fire department or the police department but you want them on hand in case you do need them and to keep the peace. Well, many of those around you know things because they learned them in a book from the library. That email you just read may have come from a computer at the library...the only computer some people have access to. Your doctor may have been inspired to study medicine and attained the discipline for study from reading books at the library. You may be paying taxes on a few less inmates

at the jail because some kids spent time at the library instead of hanging out with bad influences. There is no way to objectively quantify the good that the library does for you indirectly but it does affect you in a very positive way...and there is nothing stopping you from taking advantage of its services. EVERYONE, regardless of race, gender, age, ability, etc. is welcome at the library to read, study, use the computers, check out movies, participate in activities, socialize, look up genealogy, get help learning to do something, etc. With a bigger library, taxpayers may find them actually saving more than they are paying in extra taxes when they borrow movies and books from the library instead of renting and buying them, taking their kids to the libraries activities instead of places that charge admission, going to programs that teach them skills and ideas that will help them in their daily life. The library is a GREAT place to bring children of all ages to explore books, participate in programs, do activities that are set up around the library, etc. With the new library those options will be much more broad with more space and room for more services.

Argument 3: There's nothing wrong with our current library. Why make a new one?

My Rebuttal: We have an incredible library. It's just not big enough. This morning I went to the library to put on a children's story time. When I arrived, there was a meeting in the breakroom that also doubles as a meeting room, room for library programming, assembly room for library decorations, storage room for library program supplies, and room for anything else that needs to happen outside of the main library room. Because the room was occupied, I had to wait for the meeting to finish so that I could grab my books and supplies needed for my morning program. I wanted to check something on the internet but realized that all the computers were already being used by patrons. As we began story time, one of our preschoolers kept getting distracted by the iPads that are set up on the side of our story time area while another kept getting distracted by the books that line another side of our story time area. Since this is a constant struggle for the kids, I have searched for another area in the library to do the programs, but there absolutely is no empty spaces large enough and conducive to story time. As we moved on to our story time craft, the kids squeezed in around the table in the breakroom while parents tried to squeeze in to help the kids and I tried to squeeze around everyone to make sure they had all the supplies. The kids then moved on to work on social skills as they played with the sensory bins with water beads, rice, and fake snow. Since there is not space to move the bins very far apart from one another, the kids began dumping scoops from one bin to the other, mixing items that should not be mixed--something that could be very easily prevented if we had space to move the bins further apart. As I cleaned up from our activities, I thought about the many activities that I had wanted to do with the kids but could not because there is enough room for the kids to do activities that require much movement and no area that we can be loud without distracting other patrons. I thought about how the space was just big enough for the 5 children who came,

and how I wish I could advertise our activities so that more children could come to learn, socialize, have fun, and find their love for reading. I thought about the times when we have had too many kids at our programs for the space. I thought about the times when the breakroom/meeting room/craft room is overbooked. I thought about trying to find supplies in overly full supply closet. I thought about how I regularly borrow books from other libraries because my 5-year-old and I have read all the children's books in our library at least once. I thought about how I wish we had kids' books on CD, audio CDs, and more adult audio books. I thought about how some libraries have a train table and kitchen set, shelves of challenge and activity bins, video games and toys for check out, and areas inside and out for people to sit and read. I thought about the first time I entered the library (before having kids) and how I had been so disappointed by the lack of selection that I didn't return until I had kids. I thought about how nice it would be if we could use the library as a meeting place when we meet with our DJ clients. Yes, we need a larger library. Every day, the struggle for space in our library is very real.

Argument 4: Well we don't need an 8,388-square-foot library. Why can't we just add on a bit?

My Rebuttal: One of the things that makes me most proud of our library is how practical it is. In its current space, we push our frustrations aside and do as much as we can in the space that we have...and friends from neighboring communities have recognized this and expressed how much they wished their libraries would stop making excuses and have library programs etc. The Loogootee Library has explored options for adding on and moving to a larger location, but those options just weren't cost effective and didn't seem to be good long-term solutions. They don't want to pour money into an expansion that they'll outgrow in a few years. They have consulted many experts who have determined that their current plan will give them the most bang for their buck. Having built my own house with efficiency and budgeting as a priority, I am highly impressed with the library's plan. They want to build a big rectangle (the cheapest and most efficient shape for a house) with a very simple roof (one of the places where you can "waste" the most money on aesthetics). They want to build big now with plans to use all the space but also keeping areas flexible so that they could easily be converted to meet the needs of the future. (Ferdinand recently built their library and is already drawing up plans to expand.) Loogootee library is using donated land and applying for grants. They are doing everything they can to keep costs down, plan for the future, and increase efficiency. They are not building an extravagant fancy library or throwing money down the drain with craziness. I am no expert, but I am pretty sure a fancy 4,000 square foot library could cost the same price...but our library wants to be efficient, responsible, and good to the community so they are planning a simple 8,000-foot library instead. (A neighboring library is planning to build a 23,000-square foot-library with \$6.3 million of taxpayers' money so they are paying \$274/square foot while we are looking at \$1.3 million for 8,388 square foot or \$155/square foot.)

Argument 5: The library is trying to build a library without informing the public or getting input.

My rebuttal: The library has tried to get the word out to the public and request feedback. They have held open houses and sent information in to the paper. They are having a Town Hall Meeting Monday, April 24 at 7 p.m. to present their proposal and get feedback. They are open to comments and suggestions. They have worked long and hard on this with architects and collected a lot of information from other libraries who have built recently. Therefore, they will not completely change their plans with every suggestion they hear, but they will thoughtfully consider every recommendation and make sure that they have explored every available option to make the best possible decision for our community. They want your feedback so that they can put the whole communities' heads together to make the best possible library. They are encouraging people to come to the town hall meetings, open houses, etc. to provide that feedback.

They may have missed some avenues of communication, but they were not intentionally trying to hide anything. A while back, I specifically remember hearing the director say, "Now our job is to try to get this out to the public and let them know what's going on and get some feedback."

It is true that a neighboring library had to get approved for its projects through a referendum during the elections while our library does not because their project is going to cost tax payers \$6.5 million while our library will only cost them \$1.3 million. It might be noted that the referendum process added a considerable amount to their costs because they had to keep throwing more and more money at different making different plans and different options.

Argument 6: Why doesn't the library just use a building that is currently vacant in town?

My rebuttal: They have explored several of these options but haven't found a place that would meet their needs without costing taxpayers even more money. I am not on the inside on any of this, but I have heard that the old elementary school is already spoken for and not up for grabs. The video store has very little parking. The limited parking space that is available would have competition from the apartments, downtown businesses, overflow from the KofC, and the people who buy the current library building. Parking is very important for a library. Also, that building is a very old building--meaning that the heating and cooling costs would cost taxpayers in the long run. Renovating the building and making it library friendly would also cost money. I don't know the ins and outs of it all, but I have heard this discussed at length during the meetings in the craft/meeting/breakroom while I was trying to find spaces to relocate my activities due to the lack of space. They truly are trying to find the most cost effective solution possible.

I have the advantage of being outside of the regular library staff but around enough to hear a lot of what is going on, so I hope that my insights might help in some way. There is a lot going on and without information, it is easy to jump to conclusions.

Sincerely,
Julie Lagree
Loogootee

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Painting class

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Local artist Bill Whorrall has wrapped up another painting class at the learning center on the fairgrounds. Whorrall said he had great participation and plans to do an outdoor painting class in the near future. Watch The Journal for details.

Martin County Humane Society ANNUAL AUCTION Saturday, April 22

Item viewing from 4-5 p.m. Auction starts at 5 p.m.
at Loogootee United Methodist Church Family Life Center
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- (4) park hopper passes to 4 Disney Orlando theme parks
- (2) tickets to Raging Waves Water Park (Yorkville, IL)
- (2) tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
- (4) leashes and (4) collars from Kurgo
- (4) tickets to Cedar Point Theme Park (Ohio)
- (12) Arby's combo meals
- (1) hat and (2) t-shirts from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- (2) VIP passes to the African Safari Wildlife Park
- (4) reserved pavilion seats to an Evansville Otters Baseball game
- One night stay for two at Le Merigot Hotel and dinner for two at Cavanaugh's from Tropicana Evansville Casino Resort
- (2) tickets to Holiday World
- Gift box of grooming products from Earthbath
- Box of bags and accessories from Earthratted
- (2) tickets to Indiana Beach Waterpark
- (2) \$50 gift certificates to The Lodge of Loogootee
- (2) tickets and (1) parking pass to the Indianapolis Zoo
- (4) tickets to either an Indiana State University baseball or football game
- Bag of bird seed from Big John's
- (4) t-shirts, pens, (4) Koozies, and \$25 gift certificate to Greene's Body Shop
- One hour consultation (\$165 gift certificate) for Isha Wright-Ryan Law Office
- 250 business cards from Printing Express
- One year of advertising in the Martin County Journal service directory
- 50-minute massage from Bowling Massage
- 15-foot dog tie out with 2 stakes, cat flea collar and home fogger from Greenwell's Hardware
- 2016 autographed die-cast model car from Toy's Auto Parts
- Wheel alignment from Hoosier Auto
- Kid's basketball goal from Marathon Loogootee
- (3) \$14 car wash tokens from Blake Car Wash
- Stone fountain from Hometown Flowers & Gifts
- Cooler bag, sauces and spices from Jasper Engines & Transmissions
- (2) tickets to Big Splash Water Park
- 4 hours of digital marketing from Gsquare Marketing
- \$20 gift certificate to Disinger Jewelers
- (4) tickets to Evansville Zoo
- (5) coffee, tea or espresso gift cards from Heine Bros. Coffee
- (4) Arrive and Drive heat races from French Lick/West Baden Indoor Karting
- (4) large 2-topping pizzas from Chicago's Pizza French Lick
- \$25 gift certificate to Bradley's Bar & Grill
- Dinner for two at Texas Roadhouse
- Gift basket from Chick-Fil-A
- (2) quilts made by Loogootee United Methodist Church Quilters
- One night stay, dinner for two, casino cash from Horse-shoe Casino
- Sterling silver black pearl earrings from Bauer Jewelers
- (2) combo meals from Wendy's
- Credenza donated by the Martin County Courthouse
- (2) tickets to a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game
- Autographed photo of Purdue Basketball Coach Matt Painter
- Car wash and vacuum gift certificate from Bill Dobson Ford
- Bench made by Tony & Amy Holt
- Classic Thundershirt gift certificate from Thundershirts
- (4) reserved seats to an Indianapolis Indians game
- (3) movie passes to AMC Vincennes
- (2) general admission tickets to Six Flags St. Louis
- (2) dog-themed gift baskets donated by Pam Loughmiller
- (1) cat bag with goodies and (1) dog bag with goodies made by Lynn Gee
- Handmade dog backpack filled with goodies made by Annie Bullock
- Fish-shaped pottery made by Steve Poehlein
- Coach purse donated by Noel Harty and Amber McBride
- (2) Kendra shampoos donated by Main Street Salon Odon
- \$25 gift certificate to the Odon Tavern
- Duragloss car cleaning kit donated by Jeffers Auto Parts
- One night stay, dinner for two, and choice of breakfast for lunch for two at River View Buffet at Rising Star Casino Resort
- (2) \$100 gift cards from RJ's Food Mart (Jones Oil)
- \$10 gift certificate to Jimbo's Pizza Washington
- 2017 gate pass to West Boggs Park
- Moroccan Oil shampoo and conditioner donated by Running with Scissors Salon
- Makita sander donated by Builders Best
- Dog stroller with dog items and cat carrier with cat items donated by Hollies Eats and Treats
- Christmas-themed gift basket donated by Anonymous
- One night stay and two adult buffet and beverage certificates from Gasthof Amish Village and Restaurant
- (2) \$25 gift certificates to Red Bones Bar & Grill
- Adventures of Crusoe The Celebrity Dachshund book donated by Karen Slaven
- \$100 credit on device repair from iFixScreensandThings (Jay Henninger)
- (4) view level or (2) terrace line seats for a Cincinnati Reds game
- Autographed photo of Cubs player Albert Almora, Jr.
- Lipsense products donated by Lacy Jeffers
- Redken Shampoo and conditioner and Avon products donated by Lisa Donnersberger
- Beachbody gift set donated by Megan Miller
- Wreath made by Lori Lundy
- Two baby blankets made by Mary Lengacher
- Fire ring donated by Fire Ring King
- Three-foot sub coupon from Subway Loogootee
- Team stamped football from the Indianapolis Colts
- Mutts Comic autographed by the artist
- (2) \$25 gift certificates from Walmart Washington
- Solar lighted dog from anonymous donor
- (1) Schwinn bicycle and (1) Road master Q195 bicycle donated by Butch and Norma Bailey
- Shampoo, conditioner, finishing spray and curling iron donated by Whitney Eller
- 200-foot measuring tape donated by DC Metal
- Jamerry Nails pedicure kit donated by Jennifer Randolph
- \$25 gift card from Rural King
- 30-minute massage donated by Lisa Sanders (Studio 231)
- Haircut gift certificate donated by Studio 231
- Wreath donated by Rosie's T-shirts and Gifts
- Pacers hat autographed by Aaron Brooks
- (5) team themed birdbhouses, bench and Indiana-shaped plaque made by Charlie Bridgewater
- Bird feeder donated by Burch's Lawn & Garden
- Wreath donated by CVS
- (2) passes to Indiana Beach

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