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-Photo provided by Shoals High School Yearbook Class

Shown above are the 2021 Shoals High School Prom Royalty. From left to right are Prince Mason Fisher, Princess Jayleigh Harger, Queen Brooke Dobson, and King Levi Pendley.

Shoals Prom held last weekend

The 2021 Junior-Senior Prom was held Saturday, April 24. A theme of black, red, and gold was used to depict "A Night in Hollywood". Grand march began at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Sophomore Class President Avaley Braun, and her escort, Sophomore Wyatt Asbell, introduced 96 students and guests as they showed off their evening wear.

The juniors and seniors voted on the day of prom as they entered the school for prince, princess, king, and queen. Senior Adam Sukup, the 2020 prom prince, crowned Mason Fisher, son of Dana Gilbert, the 2021 prom prince. Senior Brooke Dobson, the 2020 prom princess, crowned Jayleigh Harger, daughter of Caleb and Cammie Sanders, the 2021 prom princess. Junior Class Vice President Cheaney Archer crowned Levi Pendley, son of Steven and Becky Pendley, the 2021 prom king. Junior Class President Jayleigh Harger crowned Brooke Dobson, the daughter of Rick Dobson and Melissa Dobson, the 2021 prom queen.

Following the Grand March ceremonies, family and friends were able to offer congratulations and take pictures with the prom attendees, who then enjoyed dining, socializing, and dancing until 10 p.m. Place cards, hand-written by Lydia Cook, allowed the prom goers to find their table assignments. The tables, covered with black tablecloths, were decorated with a variety of Hollywood-themed centerpieces. Each place was set with a classy, but modern, black tumbler for a keepsake.

Loogootee High School back to virtual learning

Loogootee High School is back to virtual learning today after a high number of students tested positive for COVID-19. High school students will be working virtually from home the rest of this week and Wednesday of next week. Students will do 50/50 in-person and virtual learning on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Classes will resume in-person on Monday, May 10.

Dinner was catered by Carla's Catering. Prom goers had beef brisket, stuffed chicken breast, red potatoes, green beans, macaroni and cheese, a salad, and a dinner roll. There were also a variety of dessert cakes available. Iced tea, lemonade, and water were available for drinking options.

Brooklyn Morrow Photography provided photography services to prom guests and their dates. DJ Charlie Rollins kept the dance floor alive as he played a wide variety of songs, some of which were requested by the students.

Honorees in the Class of 2021 and their guests who attended beginning with class officers: Senior Class President Kaydence Sutton and Reece Sherrill, Vice President Mallory Waggoner and Treasurer Hadleigh Scott, Secretary Brooke Dobson and Levi Pendley, Historian Olivia Alcorn and Clay Brett, William Brown and Kylie Murray, Ty Downey and Alexis Rush, Austin Gilbert and Taylor Scalf, Aaron Greene and Seara Baker, Alyssa Howell and Jaymison Waggoner, Ashton Knapp and Emma Hert, Sean Lents and Maddy Ping, Shyann Smith and Jocelyn Davis, Noah Stoll and Neeley Correll, Adam Sukup and Kaley Roush, Shyla Taylor and Richard Pate, Raky Tincher and Abby Lane, Fayth Warren and Isaiah Baylis, Cassidy Witt and J.D. Troutman, Justiam Wright and Hallie Wyman, and Austin Payne and Holly Arthur.

Members of the Class of 2020 and their guests beginning with class officers were:

Junior Class President Jayleigh Harger and Dreyson Caldwell, Vice President Cheaney Archer and Dallas Brett, Secretary Ashton Tedrow and Matthew Day, Treasurer Abby Sorrells and Andrew Newland, Historian Bailee Jones and Ele Neely, Class Representative Haley Fischer and Lance Asbell, Class Representative Xaviara Fuartado and Nic Spurgeon, Class Representative Zeke Wells, Warren Salmon and Brendon Jones, Levi Albright and Kori Redman, Jackson Allbright and Madison (See 'PROM' on page 2)



-Photo provided

Shown above are the LHS Seniors in the Class of 2021 who were honored Sunday at the Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner, held at the Family Life Center of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. In the front row, from left to right, are Macy McAtee, Sara Street, Matthew Poole, Kalea Fleming, and Shealyn Arthur. In the back row, from left to right, are Jaelyn Walker, Isabelle Waggner, Makenzie VanHoy, Asia Crim, and Adie Nolley.

Loogootee High School Top 10 honored by Tri Kappa

The 12th Annual Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner was held Sunday, April 25 in the Family Life Center of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Members of the local Tri Kappa chapter hosted the event to honor the top ten academic students in the Loogootee Junior/Senior High School Class of 2021. Also attending were the parents of the students as well as the mentor chosen by each student – someone who had greatly influenced them in their lives.

Audrey Robinson, co-chairman of the dinner, served as emcee. President Katie Milligan welcomed everyone. Robinson

spoke of the work that Tri Kappa does promoting charity, culture and education. Donations are given annually to Riley Hospital for Children and in Martin County, especially to the school systems including a scholarship and Valedictorian and Salutatorian Awards. The funds for the donations are raised through the birthday calendar and assorted nut projects the chapter conducts each fall.

Following the blessing given by past chapter President Barb McFeaters, members served a meal of salad, rosemary chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans (See 'TOP 10' on page 2)



Beautification donation

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Loogootee Knights of Columbus donated \$500 to the Loogootee Beautification Board on Tuesday. The donation was in honor of Jason and Pam Loughmiller who have helped the KofC with their fundraisers. Shown above, from left to right, are Lonnie Hawkins, with Loogootee Knights of Columbus; Beautification Board Members Pam Loughmiller, Roger Downey, Amber Gilbertson, Jessica Potts, Trenton Scott and Mayor Noel Harty.

PROM

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Jones, Aiden Armstrong and Emily Hall, Juan Asbury and Sarah Fletcher, Kaden Berger and Gracie Shaw, Josh Clifton and Alyse Wadsworth, Jazmyne Cooper and Keegan Brock, Mason Fisher, Malin Haviland and Abbi Haviland, Emily Jones and Emily Harding, Jaden Jones and Mallorie Sutton, Hailey Justus and Brydon McKibben, Danela McCarty and Brayden Elliot, LaRissa McKibben and Myles Hayden, Carter Roush and Brenna Wade, Ava Smith and Eli Stoll, Darcy Soke and Corbin Pirlot, Ashlyn Troutman and Clayton Hearth, Kelton Williams and Sheridan Robbins, and Remington Wright and Mackenzie Bush.

Shoals High School Administration and faculty and guest in attendance were: Superintendent Candace Roush, School Board Members Jenell Hoffman and Jer-

ry Bruan, Principal Kindra Hovis, Mrs. Jessica Hert, Mrs. Audrey Gibson, Mrs. Debbie Howell, Mrs. Amanda Heckard, Mrs. Charlene Briendenbaugh, Miss Erin Cage, Mrs. Kim Perry, Miss Suzi Scott, Miss Kacey Jones, Mr. Ben Wilkerson, Miss Kelley Wellman, Mrs. Cammie Sanders, and their guests.

The Post Prom, hosted by junior and senior class parents, was held at Shoals High School and was a "Small Town Throw Down" carnival theme.

The Shoals Juniors class and Prom Sponsors, Jessica Hert and Audrey Gibson, would like to thank Doug Wagoner, Roger Wraley, Jolene's Decorating, Carla's Catering, DJ Charlie, Brooklyn Morrow Photography, the sophomore clean-up crew, Chastian's Flowers and the Shoals faculty and administrators for their assistance creating a successful 2021 Prom.

TOP 10

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and a roll prepared by co-chairman Kathy Lingenfelter and her committee. An assortment of desserts made by chapter members were also served. Guests dined at decorated tables accented in black and gold and included pictures of the honored students.

The honored students, their parents and their chosen mentors were, respectively, Shealyn Arthur, Scott and Marci Arthur, Mentor Scott Arthur; Asia Crim, Adam and Carlye Crim, Mentor Brenda Edwards; Kalea Fleming, Charles and Michele Fleming, Mentor Bill Riley; Macy McAtee, Mike and Cindy McAtee, Mentor Brian Whitney; Adie Nolley, Dennis and Gina Nolley, Mentor Teresa Nolley; Matthew Poole, Brandon and Julie Poole, Mentor Terri Smith; Sara Street, Rob and Dee Dee Street, Mentor Shelley Christmas, Makenzie VanHoy, Tom and Leslie VanHoy, Mentor Leslie VanHoy, Isabelle Waggner, Nathan and Amy Wagner, Mentor Tom Rupert, Jaelyn Walker, Will and Jill Walker, Mentor Ashley Graber.

Loogootee High School Superintendent Chip Mehaffey attended the event. He thanked Tri Kappa for their continued support of this event and thanked the students for their excellent academics.

Before Sunday's dinner, the students had been asked to write a letter to the person whom they had chosen as their mentor telling them why they had made a positive influence on them. The letter was included on a framed Certificate of Appreciation which was presented to the mentor as a gift after being read by the student at the dinner.

On behalf of the chapter, President Katie Milligan presented each of the students with a large, personalized laundry bag for college and a copy of the Certificate of Appreciation given to their mentor.

Katie closed the dinner by congratulating the students on their academic achievements in high school and wishing them the best in the future from the members of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa.

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~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

'50 young men and women from Shoals High School volunteered'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

On behalf of the Town of Shoals, we thank the Shoals High School for promoting and allowing their students to participate in "Jug Rox Makes a Difference Day". Under the approval of Dr. Roush, and direction of Mr. Kent, Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Hovis, more than 50 young men and women from Shoals High School volunteered more than 300 hours on April 14 to improve the Town of Shoals.

This group of young men and women picked up a bicycle and recliner plus over 45 large bags of trash in and around the Shoals area. They swept Main Street, filling a front loader tractor with street debris. They applied over 10 gallons of paint, painting curbs and parking areas, including over 15 fire hydrants. They also painted areas in our ballpark in need of repair and updating. Multiple bags of mulch were used to update the town hall and ballpark area along with planting flowers. They also assisted town employees with labor-intensive jobs such as meter reading and sweeping. This was a community-wide effort.

We thank The Jug Rox Cafe for providing lunch.

Please put in your phone a reminder for next April to help support this event.

Give us a call at your town hall for more information at 812-247-2110.

Cary D. Albright
Shoals Town Council President
Sierra Rutledge
Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer

'The Legion assists local veterans in time of need'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

The Loogootee American Legion, Post 120, is grateful to all those that have supported or donated to the local Post in the form of memorials, purchased meals from our barbeques and fish fries, become a member of the Legion, or joined us during an open house.

The Legion assists local veterans in time of need, but also supports school, civic, and athletic events, sponsors Little League and other non-profit activities.

Although the local members of Post 120 participate in activities such as parades and public social events, one of our greatest responsibilities and privilege is to honor veterans of all branches of service at the time of death. Post 120 also conducts Memorial Day Services at ten cemeteries, recognizing the sacrifice and duty past veterans have given in service to our country, so that these veterans will never be forgotten.

American Legion Post 120 members
Loogootee, Indiana

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OBITUARIES

MILDRED LONG

Mildred L. Long passed away Sunday April 25, 2021 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 78.



She was born December 7, 1942 in Washington; daughter of the late Dewey and Mildred L. (Evans) Hawkins.

Mildred enjoyed coloring, crossword puzzles, and reading The Shoals News. She liked to go to town, go to yard sales, and playing with her cats.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Charles W. Long; her son, Dewey W. Long; her parents, Dewey and Mildred Hawkins; her grandchild, Jennifer Sergent; her great grandchild Anna Long, and her brother, Jim Hawkins.

Mildred is survived by her children, Donna K. (Ricky) Sergent and David (Starletta) Long; grandchildren, Ricky (Stacy) Sergent, Samatha (Josh) Flick, Charles Anthony (Tiffani) Sergent, Travis Ray Sergent, Ashley (Paul) Steiner, Cody (Megan) Long, Chris (Makaylee) Long, Kyle Long, Alexis Long, and Victoria Long; great grandchildren, Addy Sergent, Aiden Sergent, Chase Sergent, Noah Sergent, Benjamin Flick, Dakota Long, Emalynn Long, Braylee Long, and Elena Long, sibling, Bob Hawkins, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday May 1 at 1 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow at Mt. Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday May 1 from noon until the time of service at Blake Funeral Home.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

IMOGENE POWELL

Imogene Ruth Powell passed away Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at StoneBridge Health Campus in Bedford. A resident of Orleans, she was 93.



She was born October 15, 1927, in Martin County; the daughter of Joseph O. and Ruby C. (Bridges) Barlow. She married George Robert "Bob" Powell on April 17, 1948, and he preceded her in death on August 13, 2013.

Imogene was a homemaker and a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

She is survived by sons, David Powell, Barry (Judy) Powell, Darryl (Molly) Powell, and Michael (Deb) Powell, all of Mitchell; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Her parents; husband; and siblings, Dale Barlow, Robert Barlow, and JoAnn Walther preceded her in death.

A funeral service was held Friday, April 23, at Liberty Baptist Church with David Powell officiating. Burial followed in Liberty Baptist Cemetery.

Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center was in charge of arrangements.

MICHAEL HOVIS

Michael E. Hovis passed away Friday April 23, 2021 at his residence with his family by his side. A resident of Shoals, he was 63.



He was born December 28, 1957 in El Paso, Texas; son of Alva H. and Mary Jane (Howell) Hovis.

Mike was a gifted heavy equipment operator. He worked for different companies over the years including Toltest and Maven Construction and Environmental. Mike loved music, especially Rock and Roll and was considered a Music Historian by his family and friends for always knowing lyrics, facts, and stories about the songs he loved. He was a generous man and an animal lover. Mike will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

Mike is preceded in death by his father, Alva H. Hovis.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Wells Hovis; his daughter, Alexandria Gerkin; his mother, Jane Hovis; his siblings, Alan Hovis, Kim Hovis, and Karol Hovis; his mother-in-law, Brenda Wells; his father-in-law, Ferrell Wells; his brother-in-law, Terry Wells; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mike Hovis.

EDGER VENTERS, JR.

Edger C. Venters Jr. went home to be with his Lord Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:15 p.m. at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 68.



He was born in Fairfield, Illinois on November 3, 1952; son of Edger C. Sr. and Addie Lorene (Harrison) Venters.

Edger was the oldest son of eleven children. He married Kathryn Isaacs Venters on January 25, 1971 in Fairfield, Illinois. Edger attended church at Full Gospel Chapel at Washington. He loved his grandchildren and his family. Edger enjoyed reading his bible, hunting, and fishing. He was employed by Isaacs Sawmill of Loogootee for 12 years. Edger worked in the timber and sawmill business since 1970 and owned and operated his own timber and sawmill from 1980-2004.

He is preceded in death by his oldest son, Donald Coleman Venters; his parents, three sisters, and two brothers.

Edger is survived by his wife, Kay Venters; his daughter Lisa (David) Nix-

on of State Road, North Carolina; his sons, James (Megan) Venters and Joshua (Amy) Venters, both of Loogootee; his sisters, Brenda (Garry) Thomason of Mt Vernon, Illinois; Veda (Tony) Berry of Bridgepoint, Illinois; and Betty Francis Betancourt of Washington; his brothers, Bill (Janet) Venters of Cisne, Illinois; Steve (Dorothy) Venters of Fairfield, Illinois; his grandchildren, Josh Jr., Luke, Hannah, Jacob, and Kaelynn of Loogootee and Michael, Jordan, and Mariah of State Road, North Carolina; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Friday April 23 for family and friends at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee, with Denver Craft officiating.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



-- PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE --

Have you ever thought about how many years you work to accumulate assets, that you could spend 20-30 years conserving what you've accumulated, and then that it only takes a few hours or less to plan for the distribution of the assets after you are gone? With good planning, a wonderful chapter in your book of life can be completed.

But with not enough planning, that last chapter can be burdensome for your family members. So, spend some time putting your affairs in order and have the satisfaction of knowing you've taken steps to more smoothly close your book of life and pass it on to your loved ones.

-- WHAT TO PREPARE --

So, what kind of information do you need to document or prepare? I've talked before about wills, which are a key component of your plan. Aside from that, there are a lot of things you're amassed over your lifetime that are important to pass on. Some items seem so matter-of-fact that many don't think about putting them down on paper.

-- ITEMS TO CONSIDER --

"Every day" information about you and your family is important (i.e., marriage(s) and dates, Social Security Numbers, birth dates, phone numbers, etc). And then, of course, there are all the assets that you've accumulated such as land, stock/bonds, certificates of deposit, other investments, bank accounts, and any insurance policies, which include life, medical, disability or real estate insurances. And have you created any trusts that need documented? On the other side of your assets, you also need to document any liabilities.

-- WHERE IS IT --

Be sure to leave a record of where all your key documents are located. Think about your birth and marriage certificates, passports, tax returns, wills and trusts, deeds, funeral instructions, safety deposit box, etc. And with today's Internet, you need to document your usernames and passwords for any online accounts so that your loved ones can have access to them.

-- WHO IS NEEDED --

You should pass on the names, phone numbers, addresses and emails of your personal advisors. These people can include your physicians, clergy, attorney, financial advisors, and insurance agents.

And there are key people (and alternates) that you need to identify in your planning. One is the executor of your will; this person should be responsible and trustworthy. If you have children, who would you want to be their Guardian if both you and your spouse die? A trust officer may also be needed to carry out the provisions of your trust; this could be the same person as your executor.

-- POWER OF ATTORNEYS --

While you are planning for your future after you leave, you should also identify your power of attorneys for while you are still here. They will be empowered to make key decisions for you in the event you are unable.

You should select a power of attorney for healthcare for decisions which could include operations or other major healthcare decisions. A power of attorney for finances will have the legal authority to buy, sell and manage your property and provide for your health care.

-- THEN WHAT --

Once you have all your information recorded, transfer your documentation to an attorney. They will review your plan and prepare any other needed documents. Once you review those documents, sign them and rest well knowing that you have provided for those you love.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to hear more about planning for YOUR future, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org. We have planning guides and information that can walk your through the process.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 19

1:20 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

1:32 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

4:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

10:52 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Major Keller, Loogootee Chief Floyd, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:32 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

3:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:03 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

12:18 a.m. - Captain Reed assisted a motorist near Loogootee with their disabled vehicle.

2:15 a.m. - Received a report of an altercation east of Shoals on SR 650. Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

3:33 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Martin County Highway removed the tree.

10:46 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:51 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

2:20 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

3:20 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

3:57 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:44 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

4:30 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in south of Loogootee. Captain Reed and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth re-

sponded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a truck with a leaky load on US 50 near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:48 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

10:31 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

12:34 p.m. - Received a cat complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

1:08 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett responded.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

1:55 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Shoals. Captain Reed and Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:18 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett and Deputy Seymour responded.

12:56 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:57 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett and Deputy Lents responded.

3:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Deputy Lents and Corporal Barnett responded.

8:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Lents, and Loogootee Chief Floyd responded. No one was transported.

11:41 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

5:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Major Keller, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Loogootee. Major Keller, Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill, ICO Mann, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

6:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

1:59 a.m. - Received a report of a fight in Crane. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Police responded.

2:40 a.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

10:15 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Cor-

poral Barnett, Haysville Fire, ISP Trooper Wilson, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

12:29 p.m. - Corporal Barnett and ISP Trooper Beaver assisted a disabled motorist near Shoals.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

3:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and

Martin County real estate transfers

Judith E. Sheetz, of Martin County, Indiana to **Levi K. Graber and Paul J. Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 3.97 acres, more or less.

Michael L. Fields and Vicki L. Fields, of Marion County, Indiana to **David J. Leveque and Kelly D. Leveque**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Rita Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert J. Whaley and Ruth A. Whaley**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot One in Doe Run Subdivision.

Amanda D. Sorrells n/k/a Amanda D. Pennington, of Martin County, Indiana to **Scott W. Pennington and Amanda D. Pennington**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2.1 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Christopher Lee Bearden and Ashley D. Bearden, of Martin County, Indiana to **Olexi A. Rosales and Sherry L. Belloso**, of Morgan County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section

Attorney General, State Health Commissioner warn of COVID-19 vaccine survey scam

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and State Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box are warning Hoosiers of a new scam targeting consumers who have received their COVID-19 vaccine. The Office of the Indiana Attorney General and the Indiana State Department of Health have recently learned that consumers are reportedly receiving unsolicited emails and text messages asking them to complete a survey about the Pfizer, Moderna, or AstraZeneca vaccine. In exchange, consumers are offered a free product, but asked to pay shipping and handling fees. Instead, the scammers bill them and never send the product.

"Hoosiers should keep their guard up, safeguard their personal information, and take steps to avoid becoming victims of a scam," Attorney General Rokita said. "If you receive an unsolicited message offering money or a reward related to the COVID-19 vaccine, we encourage you to file a report with our Office's Consumer Protection Division. Our Office relies, in part, on consumer complaints to conduct investigations into scams and scammers."

Attorney General Rokita and the Office

Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

22, and a part of the southwest quarter of Section 23, all in Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.369 acres, more or less.

Jeffery D. Hough, of Martin County, Indiana to **William T. Reynolds and Linsy A. Reynolds**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.7 acres, more or less.

Wilmer E. Knepp, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Wilmer E. Knepp, Robert L. Knepp and Donnie Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 10, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 15 acres, more or less.

Stewart E. Blake, of Martin County, Indiana to **Harvest Health Properties, LLC**, Lots Numbered 127, 128 and 129 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 300 E. Broadway Street, Loogootee IN 47553.

Michael D. Beasley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dustin Decker**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.036 acres, more or less.

of the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division offer the following tips for consumers to identify and avoid falling victim to a scam:

Don't give your financial, medical, or personal information to anyone claiming to offer money or gifts in exchange for your participation in a COVID-19 vaccine survey.

Carefully examine any message that claims to be from a trusted source. Don't call or use the number in the email or text. If you want to call the company that supposedly sent the message to verify its legitimacy, look up its phone number online.

Don't click on any links or open attachments. Doing so could install harmful malware that steals your personal information without you realizing it.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact the Office of the Indiana Attorney General regarding any suspected scams or scam attempts. Consumers may file a complaint online by visiting indianaconsumer.com or by calling 1-800-382-5516. To learn more about COVID-19 and the Indiana State Department of Health's ongoing response, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov/.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

April 14

Courtney E. Sutton, convicted of theft, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 900 days with 606 days suspended and credit for 147 actual days previously served plus 147 Class A credit days. Defendant received 19 months of probation. Also convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Also convicted of battery, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Also convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 112 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 56 actual days previously served plus 56 Class A credit days.

Clayton M. Spreen, convicted of forgery, a Level 6 Felony and leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 716 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 14

Courtney E. Sutton, four counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; fraud on a financial institution, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; forgery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; burglary, a Level 4 Felony, dismissed.

Clayton M. Spreen, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

April 19

Rize, Inc. vs. TNT Designs, Inc., civil collection.

April 20

Capital One Bank vs. Jonathon Taylor, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

April 20

Evansville Teachers Federal Credit vs. Nicholas Wathen, civil collection, dismissed.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Jaelyn Howell, civil collection, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Second Round Sub, LLC and against the defendant Tristan Horsting in the amount of \$1,059.24.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 15

Joshua D. Sexton of Shoals and Sarah E. McShane of Shoals.

April 16

Emily Alice Johnson of Loogootee and Neil Adam Strange of Loogootee.

Chad Alan Yarrison of Montgomery and Damaris Faith Moore of Loogootee.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

8:16 p.m. - Dustin Joy, 27, of Jefferson County, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

11:59 a.m. - Michael Kane, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Corporal Barnett and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, possession of a legend drug, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

11:45 a.m. - Christopher Howell, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond. ISP Trooper Beaver assisted with the arrest.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 19

1:32 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Martin County EMS with a welfare check.

7:20 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a property damage accident in Chuckles parking lot.

1:45 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant in reference to battery.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

10 a.m. - Complainant reported a found wallet.

10:57 a.m. - Chief Floyd and Captain Hennette responded to a domestic disturbance at Country Place Apartments.

3:41 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Wood Street.

4:06 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a resident with a found dog.

5:25 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

9:39 a.m. - Caller reported a theft at Eagle Place Apartments.

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

3:54 p.m. - Caller reported found keys.

6:05 p.m. - Caller reported a possible scam on social media.

10:22 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded

to a residential burglar alarm on East Broadway Street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

11:15 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted a stranded motorist.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

3:20 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East Broadway Street. Captain Hennette also responded.

8:05 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Southeast First Street. Chief Floyd also responded.

11:41 p.m. - Officer Seymour completed a welfare check.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

10:33 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a domestic dispute on Scenic Hill Road.

9:12 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

1:59 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a battery that occurred in Crane.

12:00 p.m. - A caller reported a found item outside of their residence.

8:36 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.



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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I was fortunate enough to be raised in a wonderful neighborhood with lots of neighbors and lots of things to do. Right next door was the Seal family – Lawrence, Helen, Charles, Marietta, Marlene, and Martha. I love them like family and miss seeing them. Marlene sent me the following article and I dedicate it to the “good ole days.”

NOW THAT I'M OLDER!

1. My goal for 2021 was to lose 10 pounds. Only have 14 to go.
2. Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons and tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce and cheese. FINE, it was a pizza...OK?
3. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
4. Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk nine feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
5. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside, they closed school? Yeah, me neither.
6. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented. I forgot where I was going with this.
7. I love aging, I learn something new every day and forget five other things.

INTERESTING FACTS ON INDIANA, YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN ABOUT.

- *Tomato juice was first served at a French Lick, Indiana hotel in 1925.
- *The first regulated speed limit (20 - 25 mph!) was initiated on Indiana roads in 1921.
- *The steepest railroad grade in the world is in Madison, Indiana.
- *An average of 400 funnel clouds are sighted each year in Indiana.
- *Josie Orr, wife of former Indiana Governor Robert Orr, flew bombers and cargo planes during World War II.
- *The Indianapolis Methodist Hospital is the largest hospital in the Midwest.
- *One of the first complete bathrooms in Indianapolis was in the home of Hoosier poet, James Whitcomb Riley.
- *Aviatrix Amelia Earhart was once a Professor at Purdue University.
- *The library in Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana, houses one of the largest genealogy libraries in America.
- *Pendleton, Indiana, was the site of the first hanging of a white man for killing Indians.
- *The courthouse roof in Greensburg,

Loogootee Water to flush mains

The Loogootee Water Department will be flushing water mains beginning May 2 and ending May 7. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and, or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If any problems with your water quality should continue, contact the water office at 812-295-2497 or after 4 p.m. call the Loogootee Police Department at 812-295-2246. The water department would like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to yourself and water employees.

Indiana, has a tree growing from it.

*The American Beauty Rose was developed at Richmond, Indiana.

*Elkhart, Indiana, is the band instrument capital of the world.

*Johnny Appleseed is buried at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

*Nancy Hanks Lincoln is buried in Posey County, Indiana.

*Red Skelton was born in Vincennes, Indiana. (and was a proud Hoosier 'til the day he died!)

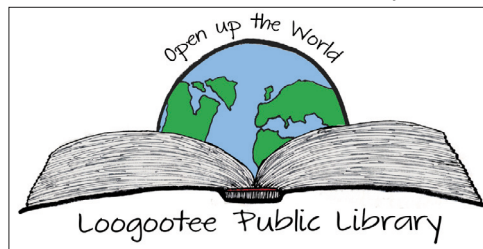
*Mae West and Claude Akins were from Bedford, Indiana.

*90 percent of the world's popcorn is grown in Indiana.

*The birthplace of the automobile, the pneumatic rubber tire, the aluminum casting process, stainless steel and the first push-button car radio was in Kokomo, Indiana.

*Don't forget, breaded tenderloin sandwiches are seldom found anyplace else!

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The Murder Mystery Party program is filling up fast; there are only a few spots left. Call Carolyn to sign up for a character. The date is June 5 from 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Dinner is included and the entire program is free of charge.

Carolyn's book club is meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021 at 6 p.m. The book that will be discussed is John Grisham's "The Guardians".

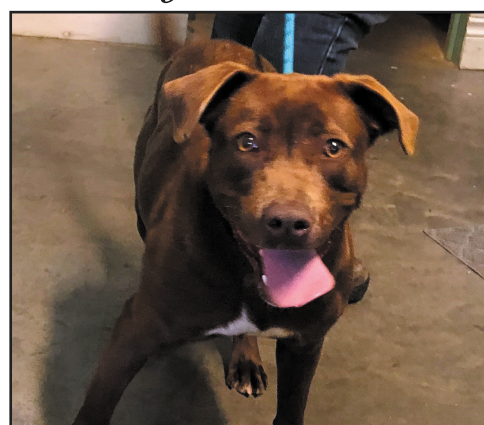
New Books
Mystery: "Risk Factor" by Michael Brandman.

Fiction: "Country Proud" by Linda Lael Miller.

DVDs: "Crisis".

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

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



BUNNY is a female pit/husky mix, around a year old. She is very high energy, loves everyone. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$100. The shelter is open by appointment only. For more info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Night of Praise

First Choice Solutions, (FCS), formerly the Pregnancy Care Center, will hold a Night of Praise at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 14, hosted by Wheatland Christian Church located at 330 IN-550, Wheatland, IN 47597. The event will conclude at 7:45 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., the executive director of First Choice Solutions, Yolonda Taylor, will update everyone on the latest news regarding FCS and the services that they provide for the local communities. Then from 6:45 to 7:30 p.m., the Wheatland Christian Worship Band will perform. Free-will donations will be collected after the band has performed.

Commissioners' executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session Thursday, April 29, at 8:30 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7) and to discuss a job performance evaluation of an individual employee as authorized I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).



Matthew 5:16 Day

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty proclaimed May 8, 2021 as Matthew 5:16 Day. Matthew 5:16 Day encourages residents to recognize the positive impact of service in the city, to shine Christ's love to others. Shown above are Christine Walker, one of the organizers of Matthew 5:16 Day with Mayor Harty holding the proclamation.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

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!

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

2ND ANNUAL SHOALS

Town Wide



and Main Street Market

Friday, May 21 & Saturday, May 22, 2021

(Rain or Shine at seller's discretion)

Sellers: Please contact the Shoals Town Hall by May 6th to be included in any advertisement/lists that will be provided for the event. Locations will be listed in the order that they are received. Main Street Market will be any Main Street businesses who choose to have a sidewalk sale on this date.

Questions: Shoals Town Hall (812) 247-2110



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

I am hoping that last week's temperature plunge is the last for the season, but I will still wait until after May 10 to plant any tender transplants. However, I think it is safe enough to start planting seeds, which I plan to do this week. I will be planting zinnias, marigolds and other summer annual flowers. I will also plant some beans, okra and summer squash. It is best to wait a couple more weeks to plant winter squash and pumpkins and sweet potatoes will wait until the middle of June.

Hummingbirds have returned to Sandhill Gardens. The native columbines are blooming, and the hummers go wild for those tubular flowers. I may put up a feeder, but the birds always seem to prefer the natural nectar, and when it is as plentiful as it is here, hummingbirds tend to ignore the feeders. If you are putting out feeders, my advice is to make your own artificial nectar. Mix a cup of sugar in four cups of boiling water. Allow the mixture to cool before filling the feeders. Check your feeders frequently and pour out the old nectar before adding new. Any extra nectar may be stored in the refrigerator for several days or may be frozen and thawed when it is needed. Do not add red dye to the mixture but do use a feeder that has red and yellow feeding ports, as hummingbirds are attracted to those colors.

Of course, you may wish to just make your garden attractive to the hummers. Start by planting transplants of flowers already in bloom. Keep in mind their attraction to red and yellow, and that tubular flowers make it easier for them to get at the nectar. Some purists like to stick with native flowers, but hummingbirds overwinter in tropical areas and are just as likely to feed at tropical flowers as they are at native blooms. Those beautiful baskets of mandevillas and bouganvilles that are hanging in the area nurseries will be magnets for hummingbirds and will continue to flower and supply food to the birds all summer. Other great choices are petunias and calceolarias (They look like miniature petunias.), especially the red and yellow ones.

If you want to establish a hummingbird diner that will keep them coming for years, plant hummingbird vines. These native vines are, however, notorious thugs, and many gardeners avoid them. They will send out roots that will erupt and start new

plants several feet from the original plant. There are some hybrid varieties that produce fewer suckers, but the best thing to do is plant hummingbird vine only where it is easy to mow around all sides of the plant. Hummingbird vine may be trained to resemble a weeping tree. Otherwise, it will need a sturdy trellis.

Another of my favorites is cypress vine. There are several types of cypress vines, but all have tubular flowers and attract hummingbirds. I grow a cypress vine with frilly foliage and red flowers on an arbor at the end of the sidewalk leading to my driveway. I planted it there many years ago and it self-seeds abundantly. Some people do not like that it seeds so profusely, but I find that any unwanted seedlings are easy to cut out. The seeds do not sprout until the soil temperatures are over 70 degrees, so it is sometimes the middle of June before the plants sprout. Once they come up, the growth is vigorous, and they will cover an arbor in a matter of days. They will continue to bloom until frost.

Another great attractant for hummingbirds is a mister. Like many other birds, hummers like to fly through the mist. This does not have to be a major investment. There are inexpensive solar models that may be added to any birdbath.

Whatever means you use to attract hummingbirds, situate the attractants where you can watch them. Watching them work the feeders, flowers or misters is fascinating and you will likely spend many enjoyable hours watching these flying jewels this summer.

Patoka Lake hosts invasive species round-up

Patoka Lake will host an invasive species round-up targeting autumn olive and multiflora rose around the Nature Center on Sunday, May 2 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The event will start with plant identification. Volunteers should bring thick gloves for protection from thorns and handheld trimming tools if they have them. Patoka Lake staff will have some trimming tools available.

Advance registration is available by calling the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

Visit and fish at DNR properties for free on Sunday, May 2

The DNR is offering free admission to state parks, recreation areas, forests, and reservoirs on Sunday, May 2, which is also a Free Fishing Day.

On Free Fishing Days, all Indiana residents can fish the state's public waters without a fishing license or trout/salmon stamp. All size and bag limits remain in effect. For public places to fish near you, see on.IN.gov/where2fish. Check out the fishing tips and videos at on.IN.gov/learn2fish to help maximize your experience.

Free admission provides a great opportunity to enjoy your favorite DNR property or visit a new site. Find DNR properties across the state and the facilities they offer at dnr.IN.gov. Planned interpretive

naturalist-led activities are listed at calendar.dnr.IN.gov.

Along with fishing, DNR properties offer opportunities for hiking, bicycling, kayaking, and more. Getting active outside can support physical and mental health and provides a way to socialize safely with family and friends.

Free gate admission and this Free Fishing Day are offered in partnership with the Indiana Destination Development Corporation's Visit Indiana Week, which is May 2-8. Register for the Indiana State Nature Passport program at visitindiana.com/explore, then check in when you visit a property to participate in a variety of giveaways during the week and throughout the year.

Indiana Conservation Partnership and Hoosier landowners set new record for conservation practices

In recognition of Earth Day, the Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) announced its 2020 soil health and water quality accomplishments. The ICP works with Hoosier landowners to provide technical or financial assistance for the implementation of conservation projects. In 2020, landowners supported by the ICP installed more than 32,000 new conservation practices – a new state record.

"Soil is one of our world's most crucial natural resources. We must do everything we can to keep our waterways clean and our soils healthy," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture for the State of Indiana. "It is amazing to see all the work these organizations do, and the amount of sediment reduced by these programs. Hoosier landowners are truly going above and beyond to set new state records and enhance our environment."

The Indiana Conservation Partnership report showed that landowners helped prevent more than one million tons of sediment, 2.2 million pounds of nitrogen and 1.1 million pounds of phosphorus from entering Indiana waterways. That equates to enough phosphorus to fill over five fifty-foot train cars, enough nitrogen to fill over 11 fifty-foot train cars and almost 11,000 fifty-foot train cars worth of sediment.

Cover crops were planted on 232,000 acres with ICP assistance, which sequestered almost 148,000 tons of carbon from the atmosphere, equal to the emissions of more than 28,900 cars.

"Even with all of the challenges we have faced this year, our conservation family pulled together and fulfilled our mission of exemplary conservation service to Indiana's farmers and forest stewards," said Indiana Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Conservationist Jerry Raynor. "The work we accomplished this year is a direct result of our dedicated staff, their commitment to our natural resources and the support they provide our landowners. The Indiana Conservation Partnership has worked together to meet new challenges, making sure that Indiana continues to be one of the top states for conservation."

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler says partnerships are key to Indiana's success.

"Indiana is leading the charge in soil conservation thanks to the critical participation of farmers and landowners alongside these groups who share the common goal of promoting conservation," Kettler said. "The Indiana Con-

servation Partnership's work is helping reduce runoff and enrich our soils with nutrients to safeguard our state's most essential natural resource and ensure our state's agricultural land remains productive for many generations to come."

The ICP is made up of public and non-profit groups, along with landowners, that work together for the betterment of soil health and water quality. ICP organizations include, Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, IDEM, Indiana DNR, ISDA, Indiana State Soil Conservation Board, Purdue Extension, USDA-FSA and USDA-NRCS.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership is a crucial part of Indiana's Nutrient Reduction Strategy, this illustrates the continued success and challenges of conservation and serves as a tool to help set watershed priorities and reduction targets, manage conservation resources and to further stakeholder involvement across Indiana.

To find more information on soil and water conservation in Indiana, soil and carbon sequestration, soil conservation trends, Indiana's work in our three water basins or partnership between other states in the full report, visit isda.in.gov.

Camping reservation site gets a new look

The website for making camping reservations at DNR properties has a new look and features to make booking your next getaway a snap.

You now have more options to search for camping, cabins, or day-use facilities by filtering your search results to look at park activities, specific site types, accessibility needs, and your desired date range.

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ABBY LANE

Abby Gail Lane is the daughter of Chris and Doug Lane. She has two siblings, Christopher and Andrea. While in high school, Abby participated in Art Club, Band (6th-12th), and Beta Club. Her favorite memory is going on field trips for band and English with her friends. This included the play, Holiday World, Festival of Bands and Pep Band events. Each trip usually ended with a trip to the mall. After graduation, Abby plans to attend Oakland City University to study graphic design. She would then like to pursue marine biology and work in an aquarium with ocean animals and learn more about God's creation.



AUSTIN GILBERT

Austin Tyler Gilbert is the son of David & Brandi Gilbert. He has one younger sibling, Gage. While in high school, Austin participated in track for 2 years, FFA for 4 years, and the American Legion Shooting sports team for the last 5 years. He is also a member of the Shoals Scout Troop 495 where he achieved the highest rank, Eagle Scout. He has participated in Scouting for the last 12yrs. He is a Shoals volunteer fire fighter and is an avid outdoorsman. He enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, family, & friends. His future plans are to enter the work force after high school.



KAYDEN SUTTON

Kayden Thomas Sutton is the son of Marybeth Sutton. After high school, Kayden plans to enter the workforce.



ISABELLE WAGGNER

Isabelle Tate Waggoner is the daughter of Nathan and Amy Waggoner. Isabelle plans to attend Purdue University to study business. While in high school, Isabelle participated in FCA (9-12), Intern (12), Beta club (9-12) French club (9-12), Pep club (9-12), SADD (9-12), student council (9-12), Uni Football (11-12). Isabelle also played basketball (9-12) and Softball (11-12) as well as class president (9), and class treasurer (10). Isabelle will graduate with academic honors.



MALIN HAVILAND

Malin Erris Haviland is the daughter of Deborah & Kevin Haviland. She has three siblings, Jordan, Eilis, and Abbi. While in high school, Malin participated in band and volleyball. Her most memorable moment was the Chicago art trip with all of the art class because it helped her a lot with creativity. Malin's future plans after graduation are to get a job and save up for college and then hopefully do a lot of traveling.



AUSTIN PAYNE

Austin George Payne is the son of James Payne & Stacey Conway. His siblings include Caleb, Ashley, Jonny, Ethan, and Emily Payne, and Peyton & Levi Stone. During high school, Austin participated in track, shop, and FFA. His favorite memory was pouring concrete for the school and hanging out with friends. After graduation, Austin plans on becoming a diesel technician and be a good father.



JOSHUA VENTERS

Joshua K. Venters is the son of Josh and Amy Venters, After graduation, Joshua plans to enter the Army. While in high school, Joshua participated in Track (9-12), and Cross Country (9-12).



RYLEIGH WESSEL

Ryleigh K. Wessel is the daughter of Brent Wessel and Amanda Wessel. After high school, she plans to attend a place of higher education. During high school, Ryleigh participated in Band (9-12), Cadet Teaching (9-11), Chorus (9), and Track (9-10).



ADAM SUKUP

Adam Thomas Sukup, born May 27, 2003, is the son of Tom and Veronika Sukup. He has one sibling, John Sukup. While in high school, Adam participated in Basketball, Soccer, and Baseball. His favorite high school memory is getting closer and closer to graduation. After graduation, Adam plans to attend college at Indiana University.



RIONNA ROYSTON

Rionna Renae Royston, born April 12, 2003, is the daughter of Ronnie and Julie Royston. She has six siblings, Courtney Otero, Amber Royston, Ryan Osborne, Mackenzie Walker, Cody Hovis, and Josh Hovis. While in high school, Rionna participated in volleyball, cheerleading, and Pep Club. Rionna's favorite memories are going to prom and being able to hangout with her friends everyday. After graduation, Rionna would like to go to college and eventually get a job in childcare.



TYLER WAGONER

Tyler O'Connor Wagoner is the son of Mrs. Dawn Sadler and Mr. Jason Wagoner. After graduation, Tyler plans to attend the Marines. While in high school Tyler participated in Baseball(11-12).



KELLI HORN

Kelli Jo Horn is the daughter of Chris and Amber Horn. After graduation, Kelli plans to attend Indiana State University to pursue a major in Special Education teaching. While in High School Kelli has participated in Cadet Teaching (11) and Track and Field Manager(11).



LHS defeats Eastern Greene 6-5 Lady Lions on nine-game winning streak

BY JACK FELLERS
Guest Writer for The Journal

Last Thursday night, the Lady Thunderbirds of Eastern Greene came to Costello Field to meet the Lady Lions of Loogootee. For the Lady Lions, Allie Henninger would get the nod to pitch and for Eastern Greene it would be Indy Workman.

The Lady Thunderbirds jumped out to an early lead over the Lady Lions, with two base hits, a walk, and forced two fielding errors to give them an early 0-3 lead over the Lions. Looking to battle back, the Lady Lions didn't score in the 1st, but they forced Eastern Greene to a three up, three down second inning. In the bottom of the 2nd, senior Asia Crim led the Lady Lions off with a walk and then move to second on a passed ball, senior Isabelle Waggner would bat next and get the RBI with a base hit to the right fielder. Senior Sara Street then scored Waggner on a hard ground ball up the middle. The Lady Lions would go down on a few more routine fielded balls to end the inning down 2-3.

In the top of the 3rd, the Lady Thunderbirds would get their bats going again having three base hits and scoring two, to give them a 5-2 lead. The lead stayed where it was until the bottom of the 5th inning which was led off by senior Jaelyn Walker who reached 1st on an error. Now back at the top of the lineup, sophomore Kyleigh Courter came up to the plate and put her first varsity ball over the fence to score two runs and give the Lady Lions hope closing the score up to 4-5. Next up Grace Lingenfelter reached on a base hit, and three-hole Makenzie VanHoy hit a hard line drive back to the pitcher which she would miraculously snag and turn the double play by throwing out retreating Lingenfelter.

The Lady Lions held the Thunderbirds in the top of the 6th, and in the bottom Asia Crim would be the hero by getting on base and ultimately scoring the tying run off a Sara Street double that was hit to the fence. The Lady Lions once again held the Lady

LHS Girls' Softball takes win over Wood Memorial

BY JACK FELLERS
Guest Writer for The Journal

The Lady Lions traveled down the interstate for their first conference game of the year against Wood Memorial for a varsity-only game last Friday night. The Lady Lions started strong in the first inning, having three base hits, including a homerun by senior Adie Nolley that would score two. In the bottom of the inning, the Lady Trojans answered back with a double that would score off a base hit. Ending the inning up 2-1, the Lady Lions scored another in the 2nd from Jaelyn Walker to put the Lions up 3-1. The Lady Lion defense held Wood Memorial for the rest of the night. Isabelle Waggner pitched the whole game, only giving up three hits while striking out three. In the 3rd, four more would score on three hits, including a double from Isabelle Waggner. The 4th saw Waggner again get a base hit, which Waggner would then be driven in off a Sara Street homerun. The Lady Lions put the Wood Memorial Lady Trojans away in five innings after a six-run 5th inning gave them a 15-1 lead that was sufficient to run-rule the Lady Trojans.

The Lady Lions defense didn't see a single hiccup, committing no errors and having 15 putouts. Very few flaws could be found offensively as well, as they rounded up 16 hits in 33 at-bats. Senior Isabelle Waggner led the team with three hits, including a double. Seniors Adie Nolley, Jaelyn Walker, Asia Crim, Sara Street, and sophomores Kyleigh Courter and Caitlin Carrico would all have two hits on the night, including a double and a homerun from Nolley and also a homerun from Street. Jaelyn Walker finished the night scoring three RBIs and three runs, as would Street.

Thunderbirds to three up three down in the 7th, and in the final half-inning of the game, the Lady Lions hoped to do something special. Led off by sophomore Kortni Rumble, she got two bases out of an error by the center fielder. Next leadoff Courter got on by a fielder's choice that would fail to put anyone out, and she got two off a defensive indifference. The Lady Thunderbirds then chose to load the bases by walking Lingenfelter. No outs, bases loaded, senior Makenzie VanHoy hit a line drive back to the pitcher again where they stepped on home plate to get the out at home. One out, bases loaded, and senior Adie Nolley was next to the plate. Given the signal, Nolley laid down a squeeze bunt that allowed the winning run of Kyleigh Courter to score and give the Lions the victory 6-5 in walk-off fashion. In the circle, Henninger got the win giving up eight hits, walking one, and striking out nine. The Lady Lions finished with eight hits, led by Kyleigh Courter, who had a base hit and a homerun, and Sara Street and Grace Lingenfelter who also both had two hits.

Loogootee Tennis sweeps Washington Catholic

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Tennis Team defeated Washington Catholic on Wednesday, April 21, 5-0. The junior varsity didn't compete.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Jenny Lopez 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Maria Jose-Vicente 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles Kalea Fleming (L) defeated Chloe Garland 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Margarita Bassler/Clar Fox 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles Ana Toy/Olivia Dant (L) defeated Molly Brown/Liz Ramos 6-0, 6-0

Last Tuesday, April 20, the LHS girls swept Wood Memorial. The varsity won 5-0 and the junior varsity 2-0.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "I want to commend the players on both teams for competing today. The conditions were not ideal, but they played through it."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Madie Boyd 6-2, 6-3

#2 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Rachel Pollock 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Kalea Fleming (L) defeated Briley Rowe 1-6, 6-3, 1-0 (6)

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Taylor Houchins/Maelyn Dunville 6-0, 6-1

#2 Doubles Morgen Wolfe/Madison McAtee (L) defeated Bree Rowe/Kiersten

BY JACK FELLERS
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This past Monday night, the Lady Lions Softball Team welcomed the always tough Forest Park Lady Rangers to Costello Field for their 15th game of the season. Pitching for the Lady Rangers was Ali Welp, and Isabelle Waggner was in the circle for the Lady Lions.

The Lady Rangers started the game strong. Second batter Ali Welp hit a grounder up the middle to get on base. After a double from the third baseman Avery Riley and then a throwing error from Loogootee's Kyleigh Courter, Welp scored the first run of the night to put the Lady Rangers up 1-0. The Lady Lions quickly answered with Kyleigh Courter reaching on a single, then scoring off a stolen base. Groundouts from both Grace Lingenfelter and Makenzie VanHoy, who would get the RBI. Adie Nolley made it on base after getting hit, then Asia Crim reached on a single. Both runners scored after a standing triple from pitcher Isa-

Bottoms 6-1, 6-0

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Morgan Ice 6-1

#1 Doubles Olivia Dant/Anna Toy (L) defeated Fatih Smithhart/Cloey French 6-2

belle Waggner. The final out came from a Sara Street flyout to end the inning with a 3-1 Lady Lions lead.

On the defensive side of the second inning, pitcher Isabelle Waggner would do all the work, starting with catching a line-drive hit hard right back to the circle on the first pitch. She would then strikeout the second looking, and for the final out; she would field a groundball hit back to the circle. Over the next few innings, hits and baserunners were hard to come by. The final 5½ innings only saw nine baserunners on five base hits from both teams combined. The game ended with a highlight from Asia Crim. It appeared a line drive would award a base hit for Brooke Rasche from Forest Park, but spectacularly, senior Crim leapt, and the ball hit the netting of the glove. With that out, the Lions put away the Rangers 3-1.

The Lady Lions hitting was highlighted by Kyleigh Courter, who had two singles in three at-bats. Crim, Street, VanHoy, and Waggner also all had a hit to give the Lady Lions a total of six hits on the night. Avery Riley for the Lady Rangers led her team with two hits. Senior Isabelle Waggner gave up no earned runs on five hits from the circle, with no walks. The Lady Lions move to 12-3 on the year, finding themselves at a nine-game winning streak.




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