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Loogootee to graduate 63, Shoals 49

Loogootee High School will hold their graduation on Friday, May 28, at 7 p.m. in Jack Butcher Arena. 63 students will receive diplomas. The graduation can be watched live at www.youtube.com/watch?v=aewZ0vZBBD0.

The evening will begin with a welcome by Austin Brittain, Senior Class President. The high school choir will then sing The National Anthem followed by "The Prayer" arranged by Teena Chinn and "Thank You" arranged by Misty Mosby.

Asia Crim, Senior Class Secretary, will then introduce the class speakers. Two co-valedictorians have been named this year for Loogootee – Sara Street and Jaelyn Walker. The salutatorian is Shealyn Arthur.

Macy McAtee, Class Treasurer, will introduce the slide presentation, created by Madolyn Cage, and the LHS Band who will perform "Battle Hymn of the Republic". High School Principal Chris Walker will offer remarks and then the presentation of diplomas will then be done by Loogootee Superintendent Chip Mehafey and Principal Walker.

The superintendent will then present the class of 2021. Makenzie VanHoy, Senior Class Vice President, will give closing remarks and the LHS Band will close out the commencement with the recessional.

The LHS Class of 2021's motto is "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard," by Winnie the Pooh. The class flower is the white carnation.

Shoals High School will hold their com-

mencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 29, beginning at 2 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. 49 students will be receiving diplomas. The afternoon will begin with a processional arranged by Edward Elgar and performed by the high school band and followed by the National Anthem.

The welcome speech will be given by Mallory Waggoner, Senior Class Vice President, and the invocation will be done by Alyssa Howell.

The valedictorian speech will be presented by Hadliegh Scott and the salutatorian speech by Alan Cook II.

The historian speech will be presented by Olivia Alcorn.

Kindra L. Hovis, Principal of Shoals High School, and Dr. Candace Roush, Superintendent of Shoals Community Schools, will present the diplomas to the graduates. Parents or guardians of each graduate are requested to stand as the graduate receives the diploma.

Dr. Candace Roush will announce the acceptance of the Class of 2021.

The farewell address and the turning of the tassels will be led by Kaydence Sutton, Senior Class President.

Senior class officers are Kaydence Sutton, President; Mallory Waggoner, Vice President; Brooklyn Dobson, Secretary; Hadleigh Scott, Treasurer; and Olivia Alcorn, Historian.

The class motto is "Here's to staying positive and testing negative."

The Shoals High School 2021 class flower is the rose, and the class colors are red, white, and blue.

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SARA STREET
LHS Co-Valedictorian



JAELYN WALKER
LHS Co-Valedictorian



HADLIEGH SCOTT
SHS Valedictorian



SHEALYN ARTHUR
LHS Salutatorian

Shoals Council discusses raising water, sewer rates

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, May 10. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby; Angie Risacher, with Martin County Alliance for Economic Development; Troy Swan, with HWC Engineering and Steven Brock, with Therber & Brock. Attending via telephone was Matt Sward with SIDC.

Council Member Cary Albright stated that he had approved and signed off on a grant to be submitted by the park board to the United Way Foundation in the amount of \$500. If awarded, the money will be used for base sets for both baseball fields and boundary markers for the volleyball courts. Council Member Albright gave kudos to the board for their efforts.

Council Member Albright stated the INDOT road inventory update has been signed off on and submitted through the engineering from HWC for approval. This provides INDOT with the most current roads and road mileage within the corporate town limits.

Council Member Albright requested a motion on the floor for approval for a "Park Infrastructure Fund". He would like to see a fund created for future capital investments and development pertaining to parks in the town. Council Member Cecil Ragsdale made a motion to create the fund with Council Member Clint Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge will work with Attorney Lett on the ordinance for approval.

Council Member Albright stated that he had been in contact with DEQ Electric concerning the work that was approved to be done at the water wells and he stated they would be onsite next week to start the work.

Council Member Hoffman stated that he had updates from the Beautification Board. He reported President Amber Hoffman said three new flowerpots have been ordered to be placed on Main Street. The planting of summer flowers is to begin this week. Also, paperwork is being

Martin County's unemployment rate at 2.9 percent for April

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate dipped down to 2.9 percent in April, from 3.3 percent the month before. The county had the 10th lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with five other counties.

In April, the county had 5,282 residents in the workforce and 155 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 5,392 residents able to work and 180 of them were without jobs. In April of 2020, Martin County's jobless rate was 7.7 percent with 5,184 residents in the workforce and 401 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's unemployment rate moved from 3 percent in March to 2.5 percent in April. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Boone County. In April,

completed with DNR to adopt the boat ramp. Council Member Albright stated this is for future project work that is being planned and discussed with the DNR.

Steven Brock, with Therber & Brock, came before the council to discuss the completed rate study documents for the three utilities - water, wastewater and stormwater. Brock stated information listed has numbers with projects and without projects. He explained the information in the documents and also explained part of

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the county had 16,565 residents in the workforce and 420 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 16,469 residents able to work and 492 of them were without jobs. In April of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 7.5 percent with 15,683 residents in the workforce and 1,172 of them without work.

Dubois County's jobless rate edged down to 2.8 percent in April, down from 3.4 percent in March. The county had the eighth lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Wells County. In April, the county had 23,184 residents in the workforce and 649 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 22,187 residents able to work and 745 of them were without work. In April of last year, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 9.7 percent with 21,763 residents in the

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ALAN COOK II
SHS Salutatorian

REMINDER Memorial Day services

On Monday May 31, the Ceremonial Unit of The American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 will pay homage to the veterans of all wars with a visit to the cemeteries listed below.

9 a.m. – Burns City Cemetery
9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph's Cemetery
10 a.m. – St. Mary's Cemetery
10:30 a.m. – Goodwill Cemetery
11:15 a.m. – St. John's Cemetery
12:15 p.m. – St. Martin's Cemetery
12:45 p.m. – Truelove Church Cemetery
1:15 p.m. – Mt. Zion Cemetery
1:45 p.m. – South Martin Cemetery
2:30 p.m. – Hindostan Church Cemetery

GRADUATION

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The senior song, "Abba on Broadway" will be performed by the Shoals Middle and high school bands and directed by Mr. Joel Weitkamp.

The senior sponsors are Ben Kent, Kim Perry, and Tina Rue.

The Board of School Trustees is composed of Drexel Turpin, President; Eva George, Vice President; Jenell Hoffman, Secretary; Samantha Boyd, Member; and Jerry Braun, Member.

The public is cordially invited to share this special day with the Class of 2021 by attending the commencement ceremonies on Saturday afternoon.

Members of the Shoals Class of 2021 are:

Olivia Alcorn
Caleb Baker
Raymond Baker
Blaine Brett
Dallas Brett
William Brown
Alan Cook
Cody Craig
Christal Doane
Brooklyn Dobson
Tyberius Downey
Austin Gilbert
Aaron Greene
Collin Hampton
Emily Harding
Malin Haviland
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Abby Lane
Sean Lents
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Carly Rader
Kaley Roush
Alana Royston
Rionna Royton
Nicolas Sango
Hadliegh Scott
Reece Sherrill
Shyann Taylor
Noah Stoll
Adam Sukup
Kaydence Sutton
Shyla Taylor
Arakina Tincher
Mallory Waggoner
Jacqueline Warren
Madison Wilson

Cassidy Witt
Justiam Wright
The Loogootee 2021 graduating class:
Brooklyn Danyelle Arthur
Shealyn Nicole Arthur
Delani Jo Bateman
Silas Reid Bauer
Seth Daniel Blackwell
Andrew James Bosell
Austin Michael Brittain
Cody Michael Carrico
Julius Ray Castro
Caden Eric Chandler
Maria Rain Chestnut
Trenton L. Clark
Samantha Anne Cook
Asia Brilye Crim
Zane Isaac Cropp
Aaron Matthew Dant
Bryant James Eckerle
Austin Lee Edwards
Mikel Damien Flanagan
Kalea Michele Fleming
Seth Michael Gillick
Emily Rose Gingerich
Tyler James Glover
Camden Curtis Tramaine Godwin
Kimberly Gonzalez
Elijah Jade Heldman
Ashlyn Danielle Holt
Kelli Horn
Karissa Mae Hunt
Brooklynn Opal Jones
Macy Jade McAtee
Mattie Lynn Milligan
Jatelin M. Nicholson
Adleen Brooke Nolley
Sirena Grace Nugent
Zachery Chase Perkins
Matthew R. Poole
James Carter Riley
Aspen Marie Salmon
Wyatt Lee Sheetz
Devan Wayne Stoll
Sara Elizabeth Street
Jared Thomas Sullivan
Brayden Eugene Sutton
Kayden Thomas Sutton
Karoline Anne Tedrow
Tristan Michelle Tinkle
Makenzie Ann VanHoy
Joshua K. Venters
Isabelle Tate Waggner
Tyler O'Connor Wagoner
Brittany Iris Walker
Isabelle Frances Walker
Jaelyn Elizabeth Walker
Jace Adam Walton
Ryleigh Kay Wessel
Conner J. Wilcoxon
Jalen Lee Wildman
Jordan Allen Wildman
Justin Marc Williams
Anna Marie Wilson
Ayden Michael Wilson

COUNCIL

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the OCRA grant process and SRF Funding information. SRF is the State Revolving Fund Program which is a low-interest, government-subsidized loan for environmental projects. Brock stated the parent company to SRF is the IFA, Indiana Finance Authority, and there will be money available from them as well. He said this was an interesting year with the ARPA money coming and the IFA as it could potentially be possible to be able to afford more than one project since there is a possibility of more "free" money to apply for. Brock went on to explain the other part is not only high but also raising costs of construction/ project materials and that bids coming in could be interesting.

Matt Sward, with SIDC, went over deadlines and due dates for the OCRA grant funding. Proposals will be due September 23, 2021 with applications being due November 12, 2021 for round II. December 16, 2021 is the date set for awards. Council Member Albright stated that he had an opportunity to go through the information thoroughly. He said one of his main concerns was the past history used for the study and Brock said that he felt the information used was from the prior two years and he also felt it was accountable compared to other water systems comparable in size. After discussion, Brock stated the information is preliminary to start the rate discussion and that

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workforce and 2,108 residents without jobs.

Greene County also saw a drop in their jobless rate, moving from 4.8 percent in March to 4.2 percent in April. The county had the 22nd highest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Jasper and Allen counties. The county had 13,347 residents in the workforce in April with 559 of them unemployed. In March, there were 13,203 residents able to work and 640 of them without jobs. In April of 2020, Greene County's unemployment rate was 11.9 percent with 12,570 residents able to work and 1,514 of them were unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest unemployment rate for April were Adams County at 2.1 percent, LaGrange County at 2.3 percent, Union County at 2.4 percent, Daviess and Boone counties at 2.5 percent, Hamilton County at 2.6 percent, Jay County at 2.7 percent, Wells and Dubois counties at 2.8 percent; and Whitley, White, Steuben, Montgomery, Martin and Kosciusko counties at 2.9 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for April were Lake County at 7.6 percent, Howard County at 6.1 percent, LaPorte County at 6 percent, Marion County at 5.3 percent, Vigo County at 5.2 percent, Fayette County at 5 percent, and Madison, St. Joseph, Starke and Vermillion counties at 4.9 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.9 percent for April, and the national rate is 6.1 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 145 over the previous month. This was a result of an increase of 955 unemployed residents and a decrease of 810 employed residents.

Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.34 million, and the state's 63.1 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 61.7 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

an increase could happen in one phase or two - phase one to bring the rates where they need to be based on cash flow, and phase two based on what is needed for the project chosen. Brock also expressed the importance of future asset replacement. Council Member Albright said he felt like the top priority would be wastewater at this time but all need attention. Council Member Ragsdale asked when the last time a wastewater rate increase had been done and Rutledge said it was in 2012. Brock went into more detail on the numbers and information.

Engineer Troy Swan, with HWC, went over items concerning equipment and maintenance updates needed. It was asked about ARP funds being used as the local match and Sward stated at this time, according to the information that is being put out, that would not be allowed. After much discussion, it was decided that the preliminary draft would be brought to the table for a 34 percent increase on wastewater rates and an 18 percent increase on water rates and none at this time for stormwater. Phase II will be looked at in detail and Brock will prepare the documents to be presented at the next regular board meeting to move forward.

Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge stated she needed approval for an appropriation transfer for general fund computer services for \$500 moved to mowing and \$100 to Keystone Maintenance. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to approve with Council Member Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor. Rutledge stated that with the new software, the FICA and Medicare shares on employee payroll needed to be broken down into their own appropriation as they are currently built into the salary appropriation. Rutledge stated she needed approval for new line items for the share in general fund, MVH fund and LOIT fund. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

The clerk-treasurer stated she was working on a downtown mural project with a local artist and a local business. Once the sketches are ready she would be meeting with the town council, beautification board president, the artist and the business owner to finalize details of the art and hopefully begin the work. Rutledge stated she has spoken with the school art teacher and is working on a design to have the town logo painted on the road at the four-way intersection located at Main and 2nd streets. Rutledge requested approval from the council to place the logo on the road once designed. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Council Member Hoffman stating he wanted to make sure it was okay with the historic district. Rutledge said she would confirm with the district.

Rutledge stated the office is now live with the new accounting software.

Fire Chief Jim Hamby presented an invoice for \$682 for fitting the new fire engine purchased to be able to use the current hose. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Council Member Hoffman making the second. Hamby stated the new tornado siren would hopefully arrive later this week. He also told the council that the Town of Oolitic was looking at engine 383 this evening for possible purchase. Hamby stated 221, the new engine, had been on several runs now with no issues.

Angie Risacher, with Martin County Alliance for Economic Development, provided information on how business owners in Martin County can apply for the OCRA Covid Relief Grant that was awarded. Businesses will be eligible to apply for \$5,000 each. Risacher stated application forms should hit the media soon.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

LAURA STULTZ

Laura Lenora Edwards Stultz passed away at 11:11 a.m. Saturday, May 22, 2021 at I.U. Health Bedford Hospital. A resident of Bedford, she was 89.

She was born October 22, 1931 in Daviess County; the daughter of William H. and Esther (Harker) Edwards. She married Donald K. Stultz on August 30, 1957 and he preceded her in death on July 15, 2015.

She began her career at Washington National Bank and transferred to Bedford National Bank in 1957 and continued to 1965. She co-owned the Sap's Dounut

Route with her husband and then went back to work at Bedford National Bank in 1979. She spent several years at the Oolitic branch as well as the Bedford branch and retired in 1997. Lenora loved to cook, tell stories, visit people, and play games. She enjoyed I.U. basketball and traveling (especially to the Smokies). Her grandsons were her pride and joy.

She is survived by her daughter, Laura Dawn Pardue of Bedford; two grandsons, Logan K. (Chloe) and Kenton J. Pardue; a great grandson, Ryker (due in August); a sister-in-law, Naomi Edwards of Shoals; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, brothers, Friedman (Agnes) Edwards, Robert (Mildred) Edwards, Russell Edwards, and Leland (Betty) Edwards; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Floyd and Velma Stultz, a sister-in-law, Patricia Spoonmore; and a brother-in-law, David Stultz.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 29 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary with Ed Owens officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 28 and from noon until the

hour of service on Saturday at the Day & Carter Mortuary.

Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

ANNABELL GIBSON

Annabell Gibson passed away Friday May 21, 2021 at Daviess Community



Hospital in Washington. A resident of Shoals, she was 89.

She was born November 30, 1931 in Loogootee; daughter of Virgil and Lucy (Truelove) Divine.

ANNABELL GIBSON

Annabell married Louis Gibson Jr.

She was employed at Perfect Fit for over 30 years. Annabell liked gardening, pampering her flowers, and feeding hummingbirds. She's often said to be the best cook and baker in Martin County! She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Louis Gibson Jr., who passed on December 16, 1998; her parents, Virgil and Lucy Divine; her daughter, Sherry Gibson in 1975; her sisters, Marjorie Krodel, Maxine Huebner, Jane Eichmiller, and Wilma Mason; and her brothers, Robert Divine, and Jackie Divine.

She is survived by her children, Vicky (Randy) Bauernfiend and Rick Gibson; her grandkids, Amanda (Mike) Fischer, Emilee (Andrew Benton) Bauernfiend, Natalie (Aaron Hayden), and Jenna Gibson; her great-grandkids, Max, Haley, Sydnee, and Luke Fischer, Raven Bauernfiend, Cale and Case Gibson, Myles and Masen Hayden, and Vincent Force Gibson; her sister, Pat (Don) Waggoner, and several nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday June 3 at 11 a.m. at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

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



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



-- MEMORIAL DAY --

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. It is a time when people across America pause to reflect on the supreme sacrifice made by American soldiers who have died in service to our nation. It is a particularly meaningful holiday for those who have loved ones who died in military service.

Memorial Day has its origins back to May 5, 1868 when General John A. Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868. The day's purpose was to decorate the graves of their comrades who died in defense of their country as a result of the Civil War. At that time, it was called Decoration Day. It has only been within the last 50 years or so that the day was officially recognized by our government as Memorial Day.

-- MEMORIALS --

To memorialize a loved one is an important part of any family's, and their friends', grieving process. Memorials are a way that families can remember and pay tribute to loved ones who have passed on. Memorials allow a person to be remembered for years to come.

A memorial tells the family that while their loved one may be gone, his or her

memory and spirit lives on. They will be forever tied together in the circle of life, that the loved one's life mattered and will continue to matter. Their acts of goodness, kindness and courage will never be forgotten. A memorial is a way to remember a loved one forever.

-- GIFTS TO CHARITIES --

There are several ways to remember our loved ones, some of which are headstones or grave markers, memorialization urns, statues, plants, flag cases, acts of kindness, writing a heartfelt letter to the family, or a donation to a charity.

When making a donation as a memorial or tribute to a loved one, you need to be sure that it is made to a charity that honors that person. In obituaries you will often see the phrase "in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions/donations may be made to...". This identifies where to make your donation as a memorial. If you do, you need to do this in a timely fashion (within 10 days after the funeral), so that the family can include you when writing thank you notes.

If a charitable organization was not specified, then choose one that may have been a favorite charity of the deceased, or perhaps a medical research organization if

they passed on from an illness.

-- MCCF FUNDS --

The Martin County Community Foundation has several funds that will let your memorial donation, and the spirit of your loved one, live on forever. The MCCF funds will always be used for future assistance to our local community needs, whether they be for a cemetery, a library, church or other charitable organization, certain areas of interest, or a variety of scholarships.

And if you are not sure which specific fund or need to donate toward, the MCCF has several unrestricted funds that have the flexibility to address the emerging and changing needs in our community, today and tomorrow.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to let the memory of your loved one live on forever with a donation to the MCCF, please contact Curt Johnson, Director, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org, to find out what funds are available or how to establish a new fund.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 17

10:04 a.m. - Received a report of a person making threats north of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

10:28 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:35 a.m. - Deputy Shaw assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

1:50 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Shaw and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Loogootee. Deputy Shaw, ISP, and Loogootee Police responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:50 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

10:54 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

11:28 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

6:59 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Major Keller, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:47 p.m. - Received a carbon monoxide alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

1:14 p.m. - Received a dog complaint west of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:08 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

2:32 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in east of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute near Loogootee. Major Keller and Loogootee Police responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:40 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

10:07 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

4:06 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 550, just east of Houghton Bridge. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, Deputy Flanagan, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded and all was secure.

10:41 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded and all was okay.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Deputy Lents and Shoals Fire responded.

5:10 p.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving north of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

4:30 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicles just west of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:16 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:17 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tractor fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:03 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:32 p.m. - Received a dog complaint with injuries in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire responded.

10:06 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute southwest of Shoals. Deputy Lents, Captain Reed, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

12:08 a.m. - Received a report of a tree

down east of Shoals on SR 150. Shoals Fire responded.

5:11 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Gibson responded.

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

11:51 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded, and Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Deputy Lents responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

7:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Reserve Deputy Ochs, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Robert F. Street and Deanna L. Street, of Martin County, Indiana to **Philip A. Street**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter and a part of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.454 acres, more or less.

Jon Adam Rutledge and Sierra Rutledge, of Martin County, Indiana to **Billy J. Norman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.08 acre, more or less.

Billy J. Norman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jon Adam Rutledge and Sierra Rutledge**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.09 acre, more or less.

Joseph W. Jones and Aloaha E. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **John Hodges and Jessica Beth Hodges**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.93 acres, more or less.

Joseph W. Jones and Aloaha E. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph A. Jones and Jessica L. Sheetz**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.20 acres, more or less.

No one was transported.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

12:05 a.m. - Received a noise complaint near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

12:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

2:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

Kevin D. Johnson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonah King**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, Lot Number 15 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, four feet of the west side of Lot Number 16 in Martin Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 408 N Kentucky Avenue, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

Joseph W. Jones and Aloaha E. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sara A. Clark**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.19 acres, more or less.

Forrest L. Burton to The Forrest L. Burton Revocable Trust. Tract I: A portion of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter and the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.76 acres, more or less. Tract II: A portion of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.34 acre, more or less. Tract III: A portion of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.37 acre, more or less.

Prestin J. Hart, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dakota N. Mullins and Kali Mullins**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West in Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.25 acre, more or less. Being Lot Number 4 in the New Second Fairway Addition to Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MAY 17

3:24 a.m. - Jacob Rivera, 32, of Fort Branch, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson on a Vanderburgh County warrant and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Captain Hennessee and K9 Officer Spike.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

3:56 p.m. - Rick Hibbs, 22, of Evansville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

3:35 p.m. - Brian Conley, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10%.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

3:45 p.m. - Mathew Carruthers, 41, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with reckless driving and his bond was set at \$3,000 10%.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

6:17 p.m. - Chase Hembree, 20, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with operating while intoxicated, operating while intoxicated endangerment, and minor in consumption. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

May 12

Travis S. Bauernfiend, convicted of domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

May 18

Dawson W. Hicks, convicted of theft, a Level 6 Felony entered into as judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for one actual day previously served plus one Class A credit day. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

Terry W. Winger, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 4 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

Stacy L. Voorhies, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Trystan K. Schroeder, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 66 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 33 actual days previously served plus 33 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 12

Mayibel Castro Santiago, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Travis S. Bauernfiend, strangulation, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed.

May 17

Christina Stinebaugh, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 18

Stacy L. Voorhies, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Trystan K. Schroeder, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

May 12

Robin L. Collon vs. Timothy J. Collon, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

May 13

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. January Roush, civil collection, dismissed.

May 17

Unifund CCR, LLC vs. Brittany Twigg, civil collection, dismissed.

May 18

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. William Beltz, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

May 12

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kevin L. Stewart, complaint.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 17

8:33 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check.

12:24 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill delivered an emergency message.

1:27 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check on a watercraft.

3:35 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver on Jackson Street.

3:55 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police at a domestic dispute on US 231 South.

5:20 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the areas of Pine Street and Southgate Street.

8:27 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of hazardous material in the roadway on US 231.

9:13 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted with a custody dispute.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

12:54 p.m. - Chief Floyd and Loogootee Fire Department responded to a carbon monoxide alarm on John Strange Avenue.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant in reference to her missing son.

3:14 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a domestic dispute on US 231 South.

5:51 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant in reference to a domestic dispute.

6:15 p.m. - A caller reported an item that fell from a truck on West Main Street.

10:10 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a deer accident on East Broadway Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

4:03 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a vehicle accident on State Road 550.

11:14 a.m. - A caller reported suspicious activity in her neighborhood.

11:20 a.m. - Captain Hennette spoke with a complainant in reference to a possible violation of a protective order.

1:52 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a welfare check.

3:53 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a disturbance in a local church parking lot.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

2:42 p.m. - Captain Hennette spoke with a complainant in reference to his dog being attacked by other dogs.

5:57 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted an individual with retrieving his personal belongings from a residence.

7:03 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth and the Loogootee Fire Department escorted the LHS girls' sectional champs.

10:06 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic disturbance on Poplar Grove Road.

FRIDAY, MAY 21

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported possible illegal drug activity.

11:15 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 50 East.

12:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 231 and Broadway Street.

4:40 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

5:00 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

7:51 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

9:00 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a residential burglar alarm.

9:16 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

9:53 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a vehicle accident on US 231 North.

SATURDAY, MAY 22

12:20 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

10:36 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check.

12:36 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check.

3:13 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted the Indiana State Police with a pursuit and vehicle stop which resulted in an arrest at JFK Avenue and Main Street.

6:00 p.m. - A complainant reported a lost or stolen wallet.

SUNDAY, MAY 23

2:14 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Clark Street.

2:22 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a property damage accident on Church Street.

3:45 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a speeding truck, possibly with a child in the bed of the truck.

Attorney General Rokita, DWD Commissioner Payne warn of phishing scam

Attorney General Todd Rokita is partnering with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development to warn Hoosiers about a phishing scam involving unemployment benefits. Scammers are sending text messages asking Hoosiers to verify their identity by clicking on a link. Clicking the link may give scammers access to your personal data.

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner with state agencies to encourage Hoosiers to be vigilant in protecting their personal information," Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "Scammers are always coming up with new ways to try to steal your identity and your money. If you receive a text message asking to verify your eligibility for unemployment benefits, I urge you to delete the message and file a report both with my office and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development."

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development will never send a text message to verify your eligibility for unemployment benefits.

"The fact that scammers are now contacting Hoosiers directly via text message shows just how far they will go in their attempts to steal personal information," Department of Workforce Development Commissioner Fred Payne said. "DWD has many prevention and detection tools in place to thwart as much fraudulent activity as possible, but individuals still should take the necessary steps to protect their personal information."

If you have received a suspicious text message or believe you may have been a victim of fraud, contact the Attorney General's Data Privacy and ID Theft section at indianaconsumer.com, and also contact the Indiana Department of Workforce Development at www.in.gov/dwd/.

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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*Pets are so weird, like it's just this little individual that lives in your house and you can't speak to each other but you're just best friends.

*I feel like I should clean the house so I'm going to sit and read until the feeling passes.

*I swear every cart in Walmart needs a front-end alignment and a tire rotation.

*I'm a person who wants to do a lot of things trapped in a body that doesn't.

*I used to make fun of my parents going to bed at 9:30. Now I wonder how they stayed up so late.

*If really good-looking people are "eye candy" I guess that puts me somewhere in the "eye broccoli" category.

How to wash dishes:

1. Place in hot soapy water.
2. Tell yourself they need to soak.
3. Go watch TV.

I am a Seenager (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

I have ID that gets me into bars and the whiskey store.

The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.

And I don't have acne.

Life is great. I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

SERIOUSISMS

*A person who is nice to you but is not nice to the waiter is not a nice person.

*When someone is broken, don't try to fix them (you can't)

When someone is hurting, don't attempt to take away their pain (You can't)

Instead, love them by walking beside them in the hurt (You can)

Because sometimes what people need is simply to know they aren't alone.

TRY THIS

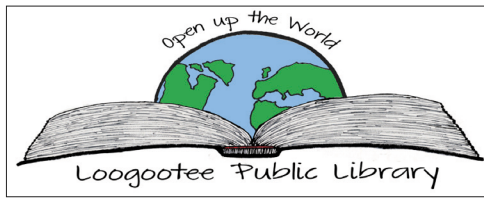
How smart is your right foot? Try this – it's hysterical. It is absolutely true. I guess there are some things that the brain can't handle.

1. While sitting in a chair, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.

2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so! And there is absolutely nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Upcoming events include Silly Safari on June 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Loogootee United Methodist Church Family Life Center, 208 Main Street; Murder Mystery Party on June 5, at the library from 5:30-9 p.m., and the summer reading program begins on June 1. You can stop in and register your child and pick up a June calendar of events.

New Books:

Mystery: "The Unforgiven" by Heather Graham.

Fiction: "The Saboteurs" by Clive Cussler, "Legacy" by Nora Roberts, and "Hidden" by Fern Michaels

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fitness program at Boggs

West Boggs Park is partnering with Kristin Ridgway and MC Fitness for a walking/jogging program. Routes will be given out at the West Boggs Activity Center every Saturday from June through September at 9 a.m. The park entry fee has been reduced to \$2 for participants and the walking/jogging program is free. For more information, email jules@westboggs.com or call 812-295-3421.

Community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community to be held Thursday, June 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. If COVID restrictions do not change food will be served in the basement. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Ribbon cutting

First Choice Solutions, formerly the Pregnancy Care center, is having a ribbon cutting, building dedication and open house on Thursday, June 3. The ribbon cutting will start at 3:30 p.m. with the open house and building tour from 5-8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 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

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'We appreciate your dedication, compassion, and commitment'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Prepared to Care was the 2021 theme for Hospital Week in honor of all employees that work in healthcare. Ironically, the first National Hospital Day was celebrated 100 years ago in 1921 in response to the last global pandemic—the Spanish Flu of 1918. Here we are 100 years later in the middle of a pandemic caused by COVID-19. We all have faced many challenges, both professionally and personally, during 2020. Fortunately, life is getting back to a new normal with the development and impact of the vaccine and I am very optimistic about 2021!

Every day our employees and providers unite as a team and come prepared to care for patients and families during difficult moments. Teamwork is key in providing a safe environment for both patients and employees. It takes the entire team working collaboratively to achieve quality outcomes for our patients. Each member of our staff contributes to the culture of our organization. I want to thank you our team members for creating a safe and compassionate culture at DCH!

This year, DCH selected employees that exemplify our WE CARE standards. Please join me in congratulating the following individuals that received the awards and represent the culture of DCH on a daily basis:

-Willing Attitude – Jennifer Suthard from the DCH Lab

-Excellence in Customer Service – Sharon Johnson, LPN from the DCH Health Pavilion

-Communication – Sara Niehoff, Speech Therapist from the DCH CORE

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.

Center
-Accountability – Anson Wagler from DCH EMS
-Respect – Maggie Daily from DCH Respiratory Therapy
-Embrace Commitment – Vickie Padgett from DCH Materials Management
-We Care – Jane Hughes, RN, from the DCH House Supervisor team
Thanks to all the employees for making a difference and coming to work every day prepared to care for our patients. We appreciate your dedication, compassion, and commitment to quality care that contributes to a positive patient experience.
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Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright



"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."
-Henry Ford

4. Who works for this town? And what do they do?

Caitlin Sanders is responsible for our street department. Caitlin has a very diverse background. She came to us from the agriculture industry. She has also worked in small business and retail. She enjoys working outside and solving difficult problems. Every day she works with complex machinery. She provides hands-on mechanical maintenance for our equipment. Just a few of Caitlin's abilities are operating our dump truck, snowplow, backhoe, and gasoline-powered submergible pumps and various small diesel engines. Caitlin is skilled in water and wastewater pipe replacement and repair. She also operates our power augers. Caitlin's the one you will see before sunrise emptying all of our waste containers in town and keeping the streets safe for us to drive on. She also works with Kevin opening and closing new graves at Springhill Cemetery using the backhoe and the dump truck and various tools grooming and seeding grave sites. Caitlin is responsible for maintaining our stormwater system. She assists Kevin, evaluating and maintaining updates to keep the wastewater system open. Caitlin is currently studying and taking online courses to receive her water certification. She is pursuing a course that certifies her to test purity and handling of our drinking water. This will assure it meets State of Indiana standards. Caitlin is currently required to serve as a one-year water treatment intern before she can qualify to take the water test. She will be required to keep daily records of our water quality and submit these records on a monthly basis to the state. Caitlin is a very talented freehand artist. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her two dogs, Xena and Wally. She also enjoys fishing in her free time. Next time you see the big white truck with Jug Rox on the side, give her a thumbs up!
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KofC Scholarships

The Loogootee Knights of Columbus (K of C) Council 732 awarded 10 scholarships to Loogootee Seniors this year. Each of these students is the son or daughter of a member in good standing (living or deceased). Council 732 conducts a golf scramble, bingos, and other events to keep the scholarship fund available for student awards. This year, each student will receive \$500. Shown above, from left to right, are Kenny Greenwell, K of C Scholarship Committee; scholarship recipients Seth Blackwell, Bryant Eckerle, Macy McAtee, Audie Nolley, Sara Street, Mackenzie VanHoy, Isabelle Waggener, Jaelyn Walker, Jalen Wildman, and Jordan Wildman; and Lonnie Hawkins, K of C Scholarship Committee.

-Photo by Gina Nolley

LHS Softball get win on senior night

BY JACK FELLERS

Guest sports writer for the MCJ

Senior night is a long-standing tradition in high school sports, and the time had finally come for Loogootee's Class of 2021 senior softball players. On the night of May 17, Loogootee Seniors Asia Crim, Adie Nolley, Sara Street, Makenzie VanHoy, Isabelle Waggener, and Jaelyn Walker were honored for their years of time and dedication put into the Loogootee softball program. As a long-standing Coach Clark tradition, also celebrated were the seniors from the teams Loogootee played that night, Northeast Dubois and Tecumseh.

Before the senior festivities were to begin, the Lady Lions kicked off the night with their second to final conference game of the season against the Northeast Dubois Lady Jeeps. This game came on the heels of a two-game losing streak for the Lady Lions to two other conference opponents. Looking to rebound in this game, Isabelle Waggener was in the circle for the Lady Lions, and Hadley Fuhrman got the nod for the Lady Jeeps. Waggener put the first two down to kick off the night, but Hadley Fuhrman made it on with a base hit past the shortstop. Rhylan Kalb then hit a double to center that drove in Fuhrman for the first run on the board for the night. The inning ended on a strikeout to Kelli Merkel. The Lady Lions had no response to the Jeeps in the bottom half of the inning, and it would conclude 1-0.

The 2nd inning saw no runs from the Jeeps, despite a double from Landyn Rasche. Waggener led off the inning with a single pop fly to short center. Makenzie VanHoy followed directly behind with a fly ball to left field. An error from the Lady Jeeps defense would score both of these runs and put the Lady Lions up; a couple of flyouts and a strikeout ended

the inning with a 2-1 Lady Lion lead. The next full inning saw a total of 21 pitches and six batters. The Lady Jeeps put no more on in the 4th, but Isabelle Waggener, once again leading off the inning for the Lady Lions, put a grounder up the middle, Makenzie VanHoy made it on with a walk, and Jaelyn Walker then got plunked to load the bases. Freshman Caitlin Carrico forced an error on the defense, and both Waggener and VanHoy came around to score, and the inning closed at 4-1. The final three innings would only see a total of 18 batters, and the game came to a close at 4-1. Waggener finished the night with seven strikeouts on five hits. Waggener also led in hits going 2/3 in the game.

After senior festivities had concluded, the Lady Lions knew they had a tall task in front of them with the #1 ranked team in 2A ahead of them. For Loogootee, Allie Henninger was throwing, and Abby Teddleton pitched for Tecumseh. Allie started the night strong, putting the first three Lady Braves all down on groundouts. The Lady Lions offense backed up this style of defense, and Kyleigh Courter started the game huge with a triple to the left field fence, Asia Crim then got put on with a walk, and Courter scored off a Sara Street groundout back to the pitcher. Adie Nolley then put a sac fly to centerfield, which scored Crim. The inning ended with a Lady Lions 2-0 lead. Tecumseh would have a quick answer, with the first batter, Karcyn Flowers putting one well over the fence for a solo shot. Bre Marx then got on base with an error and eventually scored after tagging up on a fly ball to right field. The inning ended knotted at 2-2 as the Lady Lions failed to put any more runs on the board. The Lady Braves scored one more in the 3rd inning, and other than a Caitlin Carrico double to right field, Loogootee did not make any more noise. The 4th inning went by with no more runs put on the

board. Still, in the 5th, Tecumseh quickly became loud again as they started with another four-bagger from freshman Jenna Donohoo, followed up with two doubles and yet another bomb which added the score up to 2-7 in favor of the Lady Braves. Following this, the Lady Lions brought in senior Makenzie VanHoy to finish the game. No more runs were put on the board until the 7th, where the Lady Braves scored two more on three base hits to finalize the score 2-9 Tecumseh.

The Lady Lions finished the night and their final regular-season home game, splitting the games 1-1. The Lady Lions are now 15-6 and have two more road games before sectional play.

Barr-Reeve defeats Lady Lions in tennis regional

The Loogootee Lions Girls' Tennis Team was defeated in regional play Tuesday, May 25. They were defeated by Jasper, 0-5. The girls finished their season with a 13-6 record.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "I was really pleased with the way Madison and Grace played at #2 doubles. They played a lot of good points and had Jasper a little frustrated especially in that first set. Jasper is a very good team. They hit the ball with a lot of pace and played an aggressive style that kept us on our heels most of the match. It is always tough to end the season with a loss. I can't say enough about the team this year. We had every reason imaginable to fail, but we stuck together and had a very successful season. We have the bulk of our team back next year. We are just going to have to work a little harder."

Results
 #1 Singles Josie Yarbrough (J) defeated Annalise Powell 6-0, 6-1
 #2 Singles Allison Schnarr (J) defeated Kieragen Napier 6-0, 6-2
 #3 Singles Ally Wigand (J) defeated Grace Foddrill 6-0, 6-0
 #1 Doubles Brailyn Whaley/Delaney Wigan (J) defeated Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico 6-0, 6-0
 #2 Doubles Brynne Brosmer/Paige Giesler (J) defeated Madison McAtee/Grace Gingerich 6-4, 6-0

Lady Lions Tennis win sectional

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis Team won sectional last Thursday defeating Barr-Reeve, 3-2. The team swept Northeast Dubois in the first round, 5-0. This is Loogootee's first sectional win since 2010.

Sectional final results
 #1 Singles Anna Ballengee (BR) defeated Annalise Powell 6-1, 6-1
 #2 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Averil Lengacher 6-1, 6-0
 #3 Singles Kalea Fleming (L) defeated Alexis Buse 6-2, 6-2
 #1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Dylan DeCoursey/Sydney Swartzentruber 6-3, 3-6, 7-5
 #2 Doubles Gracie Madison/Kinley Schrock (BR) defeated Gracie Gingerich/Madison McAtee 6-4, 6-1

Head Coach Mike Tippery commented after the matches, "Barr-Reeve played a great match. Kieragen and Kalea played well to get us our first two points. There were plenty of ups and downs and twists and turns. At #1 doubles, we were down 0-4 and a game point in that third set. Katie and Caitlin just kept fighting every point. The longer we stayed in that third set, the more confidence they got. They were able to come back and finish off that third set."

He went on to say, "I am just so proud of this team. We have been through so much this year. At the end of April, we had 10 players quarantined, and I wasn't sure we would even be able to finish the season. The team stuck together and put together a great effort to capture the sectional."

Semi-final results
 Barr-Reeve 4, Paoli 1
 #1 Singles Anna Ballengee (BR) defeated Faith Wilder 6-2, 6-1
 #2 Singles Averil Lengacher (BR) defeated Amanda Bowles 6-2, 6-0
 #3 Singles Rylie Atkins (P) defeated Alexis Buse 6-1, 6-2
 #1 Doubles Dylan DeCoursey/Sydney Swartzentruber (BR) defeated Chelsa Deweese/Tinsley Moffatt 6-4, 6-1
 #2 Doubles Gracie Madison/Kinley Schrock (BR) defeated Gracie Brown/Faith Gammon 6-4, 6-1

Loogootee 5, Northeast Dubois 0
 #1 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Olivia Rasche 6-2, 6-2
 #2 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Gracie Sunderman 6-0, 6-0
 #3 Singles Kalea Fleming (L) defeated Brenna Holden 6-0, 6-0
 #1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Sydney Roach/Courney Vittitow 6-0, 6-2
 #2 Doubles Madison McAtee/Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Jessa Braunecker/Elizabeth Schepers 6-1, 6-0

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The open class department is back at the Martin County 4-H Fair. The open class is open to any person, any age and from any county. Check in for all open class entries will be on Tuesday, July 6, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Open class booklets can be picked up in Shoals at Velma's Diner, Jug Rox Cafe and Chastain's Flowers. In Loogootee, at the German American and Old National banks, Hometown IGA, Williams Bros. Healthcare Pharmacy, Rosie's Shirts & Gift Shop and Hometown Flowers & Gifts and on facebook. This year's fair will run from Friday, July 9 through Tuesday, July 13.



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