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The Jug Rox are pictured to the right in black in the photo above. In the first row are Lydia Cook, Luke Troutman, Rator Hoffman, and Isaiah Roush. In the second row are Austin Rasico, Alexis Rush, Hanna Cook, Ashur Dishman, and Malachi McNabb. In the third row are Skylar Smith and Justin Peterson. Jug Rox Robotix are coached by Dean Troutman and Jennifer Mauntel. Assisting at the state championship were Lorna Troutman, Alan Cook and Edward Cook.

Jug Rox Robotix compete at state

Jug Rox Robotix competed at the Indiana State FTC Robotics Championship on March 12. The Jug Rox ended up as the #12 ranked seed after six qualifying rounds before the final matches. They were picked by I.C.E Robotics, out of Bloomington, as an alliance partner along with Warrior Teck, out of Denver, Indiana, to compete in the final matches. The robot alliance of I.C.E, Warrior Teck and the Jug Rox made it past the double elimination semifinal matches to the finals. In the finals, the alliance was defeated in the first and second match and became the Finalist Alliance at the state tournament.

Jug Rox Robotix also won the 2nd place Control Award from the robot

judging. This award is given to the team that demonstrates innovative thinking to solve game challenges such as autonomous operation, improving mechanical systems with intelligent control, or using sensors to achieve better results.

Jug Rox Robotix would like extend their thanks to their many sponsors: DOD STEM, Duke Energy, Martin

County Community Foundation, Kimball Electronics, Jasper Engines, Toyota, Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design, RJ's, Bo-Mac's, Jug Rock Café, Thorne-George Funeral Home, Crane Credit Union, Blake Funeral Home, Hair Tropics, Chastain's Flowers and Gifts, National Gypsum Company, and Shoals Community Schools.

Loogootee Council decides on website, tables equipment, Pride Month requests

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council met Monday, March 14.

Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson provided quotes for the replacement of the city's 25-horsepower tractor. One quote was from Bobcat of Daviess County for \$29,323.47 with trade in of the current tractor for \$12,000. The other was from Hudson John Deere for \$32,659.78 with trade in of \$16,000 for the current tractor. Wilson noted that the John Deere is an economy model and doesn't have a front load bucket and both quotes were for 33-horsepower models.

Wilson also presented quotes for a UTV (Utility Terrain Vehicle). Wilson said the purpose of buying a UTV is so the city doesn't have to buy a full-size truck. He said other cities are using UTVs now. The first quote was from Bobcat for \$21,167.71 and the second was from John Deere for \$23,706.20.

Wilson recommended going with Bobcat for both the tractor and UTV.

A decision on whether to purchase the equipment was tabled.

Council Member Nolley questioned a claim for \$11,000 to purchase weed killer. Superintendent Wilson said the price is going up, so he bought five 55-gallon drums. He said he doesn't usually buy that much at one time. Nolley asked if that much is needed for weed control. Wilson replied that it was.

Nolley also asked about RTC busting a sewer line and why the city paid for the repairs in someone's home. Wilson said he negotiated with RTC because the city's locate was not correct, however RTC dug deeper than they originally said. Nolley asked why it wasn't turned over to the city's insurance. Wilson replied that he

planned to do that however the RTC contractor had told him he would make the repairs. He said the family has been waiting since October for repairs and cleanup and he didn't think they needed to wait any longer. He said they have not had use of their basement because it had been filled with sewage. The claim was for \$2,200 but Wilson noted that it would be more than that.

Wilson added that he still plans to turn it over to insurance and the claim should be reimbursed.

Someone in the audience said it should have been turned in to insurance right away and let insurance go after RTC.

Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey asked if Wilson had an email or documentation from RTC saying they would pay for half the cleanup and repair. Wilson said he did not. Downey replied that Wilson should probably get something in writing, or the city will end up paying for all the cost.

Wilson said he would follow-up with RTC because they told him they were cutting a check that day.

Mayor Harty said a committee was formed consisting of himself, Elaine Renoire and Teresa Nolley to go over the website proposals submitted at the last meeting. He said they were divided on a decision at first and are still somewhat divided on certain aspects.

Nolley explained that she went through the proposals and believes that VIV, of Newburgh, presented the best one and she based that on the amount of support the city will receive. She said they will help the city staff keep the website up to date and be in constant communication. She said she looked at other city websites VIV has done, and she liked them. The proposal from VIV was an initial cost of \$3,999 with a \$100 monthly fee.

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Shoals School Board approves personnel changes, graduation date

The Shoals School Board met March 10. Members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jerry Braun, Jenell Hoffman, and Annette Taylor. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Kacey Jones, Shannon Wagoner, Kindra Hovis, and Josh Mullis. Patron in attendance was Josh Neideffer.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-SonBlossom Wright-Sommerton, Elaina Johnson, Josh Neideffer, and Kyra Wright as substitute teachers.

-Amanda Wilson as dishwasher
-Lindsey Robinson as a substitute teacher and pre-school bus driver.

-Kacey Jones as school's deputy treasurer/payroll clerk/secretary effective March 11

-Lisa Elliot be removed from banking information and Amanda Heckard be added.

-Christin Johnson as boys' middle school track coach

-Dennis Dahlen as girls' volunteer track coach

-Chris Boswell as varsity soccer coach

-Bryson Abel as varsity boys' basketball coach

-Kyle Turpin as varsity girls' basketball coach

-New job posting for an engineering/science teacher

-Permission to pay Jill Holt a stipend through the REC grant for teaching dual credit

The board approved an updated cafeteria manager and assistant manager job descriptions and gave permission to advertise for the positions. The board also approved the updated substitute pay rate.

The board approved the Ag class to sell various items related to agriculture as a fundraiser and the Class of 2024 to sell Merkle's Meat to earn money for prom and graduation costs.

The board approved graduation be set for May 28, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Superintendent Roush recommended Road Star Driving to conduct driver's education class during the summer of 2022 at the Shoals Community High School. The board approved.

The athletic department requested permission for SIG (Southern Indiana Gold) to hold practices in the gyms and the Lion's Club requested permission to use the front lawn on April 16 at 1 p.m. for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The board approved both requests.

The board approved summer camp to run from June 6-June 24 with breakfast and lunch being served.

Superintendent Roush recommended proceeding with the creation of the Cosmos Advisory Board. The board approved.

The superintendent and maintenance director recommended the school partner with Duke Energy and Alumia to replace all existing interior lights to LED lights during the 2022 summer. The board approved.

The cafeteria received a donation from an anonymous donor and the board approved accepting the donation.

A report from Elementary Principal (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)

Martin County EMT arrested

Indiana State Police Detective Sergeant David Mitchell filed for and received an arrest warrant for Matthew Ray Copeland, 29, of Shoals, following an investigation into a battery that allegedly occurred on October 15, 2021, in Martin County.



MATTHEW
COPELAND

The investigation began when the Indiana State Police received information that Copeland had possibly battered a patient that was being transported via ambulance to a local hospital. Upon the conclusion of the investigation by Detective Sergeant David Mitchell, all findings were turned over to a special prosecutor for review. As a result, Prosecuting Attorneys Chris Gall and Stan Levco filed the following charges in Martin County Court: official misconduct, a Level 6 Felony; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; and battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

On March 8, 2022, Copeland turned himself in to the Martin County Jail.

Indiana State Police remind that all charges are merely allegations, and all criminal defendants should be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



4-H Council grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County Community Foundation recently presented the 4-H Council with a \$1,211 grant. This grant was made possible with the Martin County 4-H Club Council Fund, which was the first community foundation fund established nearly 23 years ago by an anonymous donor. The founding donor, and the many others who have donated to the fund since then, wanted to be sure that the 4-H had help to continue the valuable services that they provide, forever. This fund has been doing just that for 23 years and will continue to do so. Pictured from left to right are 4-H Council Secretary Jill Ziegler, MCCF Director Curt Johnson, 4-H Council President Mitch Green, Purdue County Extension Director Dena Held, 4-H Council member Andy Ringwald, 4-H Council Vice President Rhonda Sanders, and 4-H Council members Dan Wagler, John Lindsey and Abbey Lindsey.

LOOGOOTEE

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She made a motion to go with VIV. No one made a second, so the motion died.

Council Member Rick Norris made a motion to go with Hedrick Web Design for an initial cost of \$5,961 and \$660 annually for maintenance and hosting.

Council Member Carroll Rayhill made the second. Council Member Nolley voted against, and Council Members Ron Gilbert and Tim Lawrence abstained from voting. The motion passed 2-1-2.

"Thanks for wasting my time," said Nolley after the vote.

Mayor Harty said they were tabling a decision on whether to offer Air Evac medical helicopter service to employees for \$65 each. He said they need to wait until the representative, Annie Hynes, can come back and answer questions.

Tim and Tracy Salsman provided the council with a drawing of the Pride Month decorations they want to put on the triangle next to the downtown square, in June. At last month's meeting, the couple were asked to provide a drawing of what they wanted to do. Tim Salsman said they plan to just display a banner with "celebrate diversity and inclusion" facing one way and "love is love" on a banner facing the other way. He said it's just to let passersby know that Loogootee is about diversity and inclusion.

Council Member Nolley asked how big the banners would be. Salsman replied that the diversity banner would be two-foot by six-foot however they are not sure how big the other one would be yet. Nolley said she just didn't want the banners to obstruct drivers' views. Salsman said the banners would not.

Council Member Tim Lawrence said, as he did last month, that the council would not allow the Ten Commandments to be put on the triangle, so he is voting no to this.

Council Member Nolley replied that the Ten Commandments was never voted on by the council. She said she doesn't care if the couple wants to decorate the triangle and added that residents decorate all over town for various things.

Jeramey Osborn, who was in the audience, said his issue with the Pride Month decorations being allowed is what else would be allowed. He said he knows of another city that has a white pride march and asked what stops people from decorating for things like that.

Salsman asked the city attorney if a Christmas display can be put up but then exclude everyone else. He said there is a law against that. He added that the Christmas display opened the door for anyone to decorate the area. He said if they don't want any displays then they need to stop putting up the Christmas decorations.

"I don't get that," said Council Member Lawrence. "You're going to have to prove that to me. It doesn't make sense."

Salsman said he would bring the law to the city attorney tomorrow.

Council Member Nolley asked if there is a difference in the city putting up decorations on their own property as opposed to a group putting decorations on the city's property.

City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said she isn't sure but will look into it.

Salsman said this request was made four months ago and he doesn't understand why a decision cannot be made. Mayor Harty replied that he understands however the city attorney was not at last month's meeting, so she didn't know to look into it.

The council discussed what to do about rates for Daviess County Rural Water, who merged with Perry Water. They purchase water from the city. Proposed rates were developed by Baker Tilly, as paid for by the city, well over a year ago. Those rates called for an increase over the current \$2.36 per 1,000 gallons to \$2.83 per 1,000 gallons in 2021, \$3.31 per 1,000 gallons in 2022 and \$3.51 per \$1,000 gallons in 2023.

Mayor Noel Harty said that Daviess County Rural Water was having a meeting that evening and had requested a proposal as their contract is set to renew automatically soon. Council Member Nolley said she thinks a minimum amount needs to be added to the contract because the city cannot budget on an amount of water they think will be sold to Daviess County Water. In the end, the council decided to have the city attorney draw up a proposal to be submitted to Daviess County Rural Water the next day. The mayor suggested Wright-Ryan meet with Wilson after the meeting to come up with flow rates.

SHOALS

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Shannon Wagoner started out by talking about how successful the Winter Olympics was. Megan Hawkins and Ben Kent were inspired and made it happen. Thanks to both of them. She is also very excited to have a new daughter-in-law. The 3rd grade IREAD window opened up March 7 and will be open until March 18, 2022. The teachers have been testing daily and she just wanted to say thank you to them for always being positive and encouraging to students. Also, a big thanks to parents for their support as well. The 2nd grade IREAD has included an opt in with no penalty clause meaning that if the students in 2nd grade pass the IREAD, they will not have to retest the next year. Huge thanks to Audrey Gibson for her guidance during this new endeavor. The tinkercad program is utilized almost daily with students showcasing from the 3-D printers. The school-wide reading challenge began on March 2 and will continue through March 16. The students are reading, responding with writing/drawing while

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Martin County jobless rate at 1.8 percent for January

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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Martin County's jobless rate bumped from 1.1 percent in December to 1.8 percent in January. The county had the 13th lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with five other counties.

In January, the county had 5,388 residents in the workforce and 95 of them were without jobs. In December, there were 5,313 residents able to work and 56 of them were unemployed. In January of 2021, Martin County's unemployment rate was 3.7 percent with 5,529 residents in the workforce and 207 of them without work.

Daviess County's jobless rate went up to 1.7 percent in January, from 1 percent the month before. The county had the sixth lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with six other counties.

In January, the county had 16,315 residents in the workforce and 281 of them were unemployed. In December, there were 16,250 residents able to work and 165 of them were without jobs. In January of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3 percent with 16,630 residents in the workforce and 506 of them without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 0.9 percent in December to 1.6 percent in January. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with Elkhart County.

In January, the county had 21,705 residents in the workforce and 337 of them were unemployed. In December, there were 21,661 residents able to work and 188 of them were without jobs. In January of 2021, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3.8 percent with 22,564 residents in the workforce and 863 of them without jobs.

Greene County's jobless rate moved from 1.5 percent in December to 2.6 percent in January. The county had the 17th highest jobless rate in the state for January, tied with six other counties.

In January, the county had 13,447 residents in the workforce and 347 of them were without work. In December, there were 13,366 residents able to work and 199 of them were unemployed. In January of 2021, Greene County's jobless rate was 5 percent with 13,413 residents in the workforce and 670 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest

jobless rate for January were LaGrange County at 1.4 percent, Hamilton and Boone counties at 1.5 percent, Elkhart and Dubois counties at 1.6 percent, and Warren, Steuben, Johnson, Hendricks, Gibson, Daviess and Adams counties at 1.7 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for January were Lake County at 4.2 percent, Howard County at 4 percent, LaPorte and Starke counties at 3.3 percent, Fayette County at 3.2 percent, Crawford County at 3.1 percent, and Miami, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties at 3 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate fell from 2.7 percent in December 2021 to 2.4 percent in January 2022—continuing a record low for the state dating back to 1976, when the current method of compiling unemployment rates began, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

In addition, private sector employment increased by 1,500 jobs over the last month and has now grown for seven of the last eight months. This has resulted in a gain of 85,800 jobs year-over-year. Total private employment now stands at 2,731,800—9,900 below the February 2019 peak of 2,741,700.

"With a 2.4 percent unemployment rate in January, even lower than the previous month, Indiana continues to outperform the nation as a whole," DWD Commissioner Fred Payne said. "The low unemployment rate coincides with significant year-over-year job growth indicating that Indiana is trending in the right direction."

By comparison, the national unemployment rate increased from 3.9 percent in December 2021 to 4.0 percent in January 2022.

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

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 1,528 over the previous month, due to an increase of 10,344 employed residents and a decrease of 8,816 unemployed residents.

Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3,304,953. The state's labor force participation rate remains at 61.9 percent after year-end revisions, below the national rate of 62.2 percent.

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OBITUARIES

PHYLLIS WADDLE

Phyllis Waddle passed away Saturday March 12, 2022, at Hillside Manor in Washington, with her son by her side. A resident of Loogootee, she was 75.



PHYLLIS WADDLE

She was born on January 19, 1947, in Owensboro, Kentucky; daughter of Bobby M. and Elza Marteene (Godsey) Gough.

Phyllis lived in Martin County for over 60 years. She loved the beach and traveling back and forth to Florida.

She is survived by her son, Nathan Waddle; her siblings, Tony Stallings and Carolyn Hessler; and her first cousin, Thomas Walden.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, Bobby and Elza Gough and her sister, Yvonne Sherron.

A funeral service will be held Thursday March 17 at noon at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, with Pastor Ed Frost to officiate. Burial will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held on March 17 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 12 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

THERESA MACE

Theresa Lynn (Peters) Mace, formerly of McArthur, Ohio, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022, at her home. A res-



THERESA MACE

ident of Shoals, she was 62. She was born July 30, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio; daughter of Laurence and Annabelle (Lent) Peters. She married Hiram Mace on December 22, 1979, and he survives.

Theresa worked as an LPN, volunteered with the American Red Cross, and was a member of the Union Ridge Pilgrim Holiness Church in Albany, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Hiram; daughter, Haleigh (Joel) Gibson; two grandchildren, Liam, and Rebecca Gibson; siblings, Barb (Tom) Van Gundy, Laurence (Kathy) Peters, Mary Peters-Thomas, and Mark (Sheri) Peters; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 19, at the Weisbach Community Church with Bro. John Ziegler officiating. Burial will follow in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service hour Saturday at the church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fergusonlee.com.

MARY HEMBREE

Mary Sue Hembree passed away at the Lake City Medical Center on January 8, 2022, following treatment for a spinal compression fracture and complication following COVID-19. A resident of Lake City, Florida, she was 85.



MARY HEMBREE

She was born in Mishawaka, Indiana on May 17, 1936; daughter of late LeRoy W and Mary Elizabeth Ping, and had lived in Lake City, Florida since 1974. On August 1, 1954, Mary Sue and Don were married by Mary Sue's father at the Truelove United Methodist Church in Loogootee. At that time, her life began as a military spouse traveling to multiple states. Upon Don completing his time in the military, they returned to Indiana where they both continued their education graduating from Indiana State University in June of 1960. She later continued her education getting her master's degree in elementary education from Purdue University. Mary Sue and Don were blessed with two children, Tim born April 22, 1965, and Tammy born March 22, 1967. She was very strong in her faith and enjoyed sharing her lovely alto voice in the choir at First United Methodist Church of Lake City. She enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling.

Mary Sue is survived by her husband of 67 years, Don Hembree; son, Tim Hembree (Marcelle); daughter, Tammy Stone; granddaughters, Kelsie McCarty (Spencer) and Madison Cruz (Darwin); grandsons, Shae Stone, Garrett Stone (Brittanie), and Trevor Newby; great grandchildren, Naidyn Stone, Annistyn Stone, and Ryder Smith-Parker; sister, Linda Raber (Greg); and brother, Robert Ping.

A memorial service was held February 26 at First United Methodist Church of Lake City, Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Lake City, 973 South Marion Ave, Lake City FL 32025.

Online condolences may be made at www.gatewayforestlawn.com.

NORMAN MUNDY

Norman Darrell Mundy passed away Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at Loogootee.

Generations offering online class for individuals living with chronic disease

Generations, Area 13 Agency on Aging, partnering with Deaconess Clinic and the University of Southern Indiana, is offering "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" as an online program at no cost to individuals living with chronic disease or their caretakers. This program begins March 30. Two time slots are available: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. EST and 4-6:30 p.m. EST.

This is a six-week, self-management program for individuals with chronic health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, respiratory disease, arthritis, etc. There is no fee to participate, and all materials and resources are provided. Registration is required as the class is limited to 15 participants. Participants must have a computer with a camera and microphone.

Subjects covered include: 1) techniques to deal with problems such as frustration, fatigue, pain and isolation; 2) appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength, flexibility and endurance; 3) appropriate use of medications; 4) communicating effectively with family, friends and health professionals; 5) nutrition; and 6) making informed treatment decisions.

This evidence-based program was developed by Stanford University and has been showing success for over 30 years.

For more information, or to register, please contact Cathy Jones at 812-888-



NORMAN MUNDY

Norman retired from National Gypsum. He was a 1962 graduate of Huron High School, and a member of the Fairview Church of Christ, and Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2442. Norman was a former member of Mitchell Masonic Lodge No. 228 F.&A.M. He enjoyed hunting mushrooms, fishing, playing cards, and was an avid IU basketball fan. Norman loved his kids, grandkids, and great grandkids.

Surviving are his wife, Charlotte Marie Mundy of Loogootee; children, Tracy Rochelle Mundy Winkler and Tricia Marie Mundy Hodges, both of Mitchell; Trent Norman (Sandra) Mundy of Davenport, Iowa; Laura (Dane) Barber of Glendale; and Corey Ivey of Tell City; mother of his children, Sharon Mathews of Huron; grandchildren, Kristen (José) Lara, Joey (Anna) Hodges, Morgane (Tyler) Embree, David (Kalyn) Embree, Logan (Cilla) King, Travis, (Samantha) Alsmann, and Angel (Zach) Clifton; 14 great grandchildren, siblings, Jean Tolbert of Williams, James Stanley Mundy of Mitchell and several nieces and nephews.

His parents and brothers, Kenneth Mundy and Dorrie G. Mundy, preceded him in death.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 18, in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Brother Richard Holt and Brother Kris Beasley officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. -7 p.m. Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. until the service on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial Gifts may be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MARCH 7

1:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Corner and Deputy Hawkins responded.

1:44 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm sounding at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

5:31 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Shoals Fire Dept. and Deputy Hawkins responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Shoals. Major Keller responded

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Shoals Town Marshal, Deputy Long, Corporal Wells, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was not transported.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, Captain Reed and Deputy Long responded.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

8:10 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm sounding north of Loogootee. Shoals Fire Chief Hamby responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:21 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a request for a report to be done for property damage north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

10:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Corporal Wells and Martin County Corner responded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

8:34 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised Martin County Law and Greene County Law Enforcement.

10:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

4:37 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:35 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee officers.

12:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:27 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. No report needed.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was not transported.

10:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire Dept responded. Patient was not transported.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

3:05 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims was unable to locate.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of a possible spam call to a business in Loogootee.

10:26 a.m. - Received a report of a possible spam call to a business in Shoals.

10:34 a.m. - Received a report of a possible spam call to a business in Odon.

10:36 a.m. - Received a report of a possible spam call to a business in Montgomery.

11:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was not transported.

2:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was not transported.

3:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:47 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver east of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded was unable to locate.

SATURDAY MARCH 12

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a stalled vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

8:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Patient transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY MARCH 13

10:50 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Ervin responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

12:27 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance and Corporal Wells responded. Patient was not transported.

12:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Daviess County Ambulance responded.

5:39 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, and Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person east of Shoals, Sergeant Gibson, Captain Reed, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient was transported to I.U. Health Bedford.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MARCH 7

1:44 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a commercial burglar alarm at a local business.

11:36 a.m. - Caller reported a slow vehicle impeding traffic, nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

3:42 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a request for a welfare check.

10:48 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department were dispatched to an accident on US 231 North.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

9:28 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a request for a welfare check.

3:49 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a request for a welfare check.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

8:28 a.m. - Chief Means assisted an individual that had locked themselves out of their residence.

11:04 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with an individual regarding continued harassment.

2:59 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth took a report of vandalism to a vehicle.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

12:35 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a domestic dispute on Northeast Third

Street.

7:47 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of dogs running loose in the area of West Washington Street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

3:05 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a vehicle traveling at a very slow speed and weaving on the roadway, nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

10:28 a.m. - Officer Erwin assisted a subject with a locked vehicle.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

12:25 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a property damage accident on US 231 North.

8:24 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Mt. Pleasant Road.

9:10 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted Daviess County with the North Daviess championship convoy.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

12:40 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

5:16 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

7:49 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of continued harassment.

Martin County real estate transfers

Haley J. Burch, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tyler K. Cooper**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 13 in Oliver and Taylor's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Norma C. Hughes, of Martin County, Indiana to **John R. Horton and Grant R. Horton**, of Clay County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 51 in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Douglas R. Lane and Christina A. Lane, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephen A. Lane**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Andrew L. Ringwald, of Martin County, Indiana to **Braun Family Properties, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana, the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Gilbert L. Martin, of Martin County, Indiana to **James D. Flynn and Lori A. Flynn**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 24, 25 and the north half of Lot Number 26 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Bonnie L. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bonnie L. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 160.04 acres, more or less.

Bonnie L. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bonnie L. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.670 acres, more or less.

Bonnie L. Troutman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bonnie L. Troutman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 9.62 acres, more or less.

Luke Aaron Stoll and Traci DeAnne Stoll, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert Glen Lengacher and Katie Suellen Lengacher**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.20 acre, more or less.

Brenda K. Lengacher, of Martin County, Indiana to **Luke Aaron Stoll and Traci DeAnne Stoll**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.20 acre, more or less.

Gerald W. Fields, of Martin County, Indiana to **Austin D. Hembree**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 11 and 12 in Block "H" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jerry L. Fish and Patricia A. Fish, of Marion County, Indiana to **Daniel Gingerich and Venita Gingerich**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Merle E. Wagler and Angela M. Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jerald Steven Stoll and Teresa Arlene Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south one-half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

Angelique Gerkin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin R. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 8 in Chenoweth's Addition to the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis, Martin County, Indiana.

Tedrow's Wood Products, Inc. to **Delmar Wagler and Delorse Ann Wagler**, the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, commonly known as Qualkenbush Spring Road, Shoals IN 47581.

Adam Divine to Anne E. Hammett and Brian E. Hammett, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.6 acres except a section containing 0.030 acre, more or less.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

March 2

Ashley L. Luegers, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 900 days with 896 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 22 months of probation.

Nathan T. Harmon, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 46 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 2 months of probation.

Angel J. Griffin, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 176 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

March 3

Brandon S. Melvin, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 540 days with 538 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

March 4

James M. Maddox II, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 12 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days.

Jakob B. Graber, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 351 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

March 8

Jacob P. Friede, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 174 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 2

Ashley L. Luegers, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Nathan T. Harmon, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Betty J. Schultz, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Angel J. Griffin, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 3

Brandon S. Melvin, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person,

a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

March 4

Jakob B. Graber, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

March 8

Jacob P. Friede, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

March 2

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Frank Fields, civil collection.

March 4

Michael L. Wade vs. Terry Wade, petition for dissolution of marriage.

March 7

Citibank vs. Donald Whitesell, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

March 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Alyssa Matheis in the amount of \$1,766.41.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Cassie Carroll in the amount of \$4,816.92.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

February 24

Capital One Bank vs. Sandra Boyd, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Joseph M. Davis in the amount of \$6,296.57.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Toni R. Clifton in the amount of \$5,368.59.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Brian E. Clifton in the amount of \$3,217.74.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Matthew T. Hudson in the amount of \$2,166.97.

March 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant James H. McGuire in the amount of \$9,850.05.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Crystal L. Fultz in the amount of \$3,660.48.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jarrod M. Johnson in the amount of \$5,630.93.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Trina M. Hopkins in the amount of \$9,926.52.

March 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoozier Accounts Service and against the defendant Danny Arthur in the amount of \$7,409.94.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

1:25 p.m. - Leroy Taylor, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Means on a Martin County warrant for failure to appear.

4:45 p.m. - Matthew Copeland was on station to turn himself in on a Martin County warrant. Bond set at \$15,000 10%.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

8:42 p.m. - Danielle Sanders, 28, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Ervin and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. No bond was set.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, March 17 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Republican Party meeting
The Martin County Republican Party will meet Wednesday night, March 16 at 6 p.m. at the courthouse in Shoals. All Republican candidates, Republican office holders, precinct committee persons, Republican poll workers and supportive Republicans are invited and expected to attend. Topics to be discussed include the upcoming Primary Election, Lincoln Day Dinner, festivals and other planned events for the year. If you are interested in getting involved, please consider attending. For more information, please call or text 812-639-7733.

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

LUMC Food Pantry
The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

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

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

SOAR Tutoring
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Solid waste board
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

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

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband. She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded: "Rome? Why would you want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking United," was the reply. "We got a great rate!"

"United", exclaimed the hairdresser? "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's going to be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in to get her hair styled. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the woman, "not only were we on time in one of United's brand new planes, but it was

overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me."

Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What'd he say?"

He said: "Who screwed up your hair?"

THOUGHTS

*I write on calendars and make lists and I still have no idea what's going on.

*The cashier told me, "Strip Down Facing Me." By the time I realized they meant the debit card, it was too late.

*Me: "I am surprised at how winded I am by this exercise."

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Old Man #2 - "Today is Friday."

Old Man #1 - "Yeah, before I retired. I used to keep track of what day it was too."

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Spring will officially arrive early next week, but we are getting a preview this week. The nice weather coaxes us out of the house and a new gardening season begins in earnest. Clean-up operations will continue, with a lot of ornamental grasses and spent perennials to cut back. I will still put most of the debris in an area at the edge of the woods. A lot of insects have over-wintered in such debris and piling up the refuse allows the life therein to emerge.

Many of the early perennials have sprouted. This is a great time to dig and divide perennials. It is easier to deal with the shorter foliage at this time and the plants will rebound more quickly if re-planted this early. The dig and divide method is one of the most effective forms of plant asexual reproduction. Many perennials need to be dug and divided every three to five years to ensure the clump continues to thrive. If you have a perennial whose flowers were a little smaller than usual last year, that is a good indication that the plant would benefit from division.

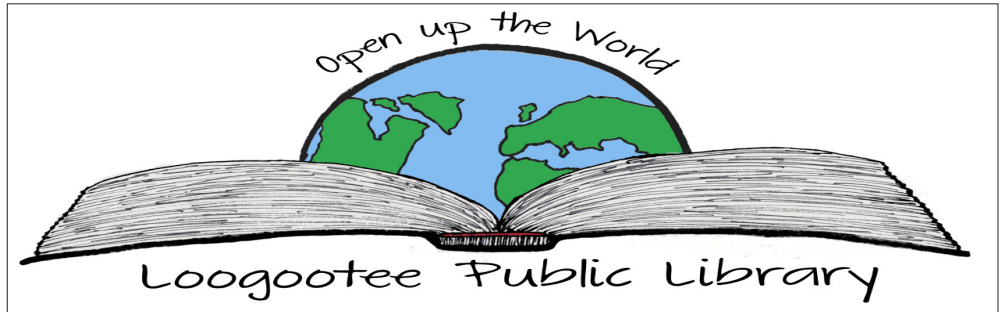
However, division and other forms of asexual reproduction present some legal, ethical and even moral questions. It is illegal to asexually propagate patented plants. Plant breeders protect their interests in new cultivars by applying for patents on the plants. A patent is good for twenty years from the date of the application. This protects a breeder from unfair competition. Otherwise, a competitor could buy a plant and then reproduce it from divisions, cuttings or even bud grafts, and then sell the new cultivar under a different name. Breeders also often get a copyright on the common names of new plant cultivars. The patents and copyrights mean no one may sell this particular genetic plant makeup unless licensed to do so by the patent holder.

However, there is some muddy area in the plant patent world. Does a patent mean that it is illegal to propagate the plant, or that is illegal to sell such plants? As noted above, many plants, such as daylilies, really should be divided every three to five years. If a daylily cultivar is patented, but needs to be divided to keep growing vigorously, is the gardener allowed to plant back more than one plant? Should the remaining divisions be discarded and destroyed? Some patent lawyers have argued that this should be the case. However, I am not aware of anyone who has faced charges or been fined for planting such divisions in his or her own yard. The question is further clouded if one shares these divisions. On plants not protected by patents, such divisions are generally called pass-along plants. You will find such plants at virtually every garden club plant sale. Gardeners are generous people, and friends rarely leave without some pass-along plant to take back to their own gardens. If one passes along a division of a patented plant, has a crime been committed? If it is sold at a plant sale, have ethical or moral lines been crossed?

In actuality, I suppose there is little risk that a breeder will try to bring charges against a home gardener, so it becomes a question of one's own ethics. Personally, I see nothing wrong with planting such divisions in my own yard. After all,

I have paid for the privilege to have the cultivar in my garden when I purchased the parent plant. I do not knowingly pass along patented plants to others, but I must admit, I cannot say for sure which plants in my garden are patented cultivars, especially when it comes to common plants like daylilies and hostas. I certainly would not sell plants that are patented.

However, there are also many plants at Sandhill Gardens that have resulted from sexual reproduction. Seedlings of many plants come up in places where I do not want them. I take cuttings of plants that my grandmother planted in the 1920's and 1930's and divide plants that have been here so long that the patent protection has expired. Therefore, I will have plenty of plants for the annual plant exchange later this spring. Get out and check your garden for things you may wish to trade.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Please stop by and wish Caitlin Carri-co and Haileigh Nonte good luck in their new endeavors on Thursday, March 17 from noon-7 p.m. There will be cake and punch available.

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a National Library Week book sale starting on Saturday, April 2 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The books will remain out until Friday, April 8, 2022. There are several nice hardback books, paperbacks, audiobooks, and DVDS.

If you are still having problems with your OverDrive eBooks, you need to download the Libby app and request materials via the app. If you have the Libby app installed and have problems, update it or uninstall and reinstall it. If

you still have problems, call the library.

NEW BOOKS:

Mystery Fiction: "The Match" Harlan Coben" and "A Safe House" by Stuart Woods.

Fiction: "Becoming My Sister" by V.C. Andrews.

Inspirational Fiction: "A Beacon of Light" by Linda Byler, "Looking for Leroy" by Melody Carlson, "Threads of Hope" by Leslie Gould, and "The Element of Love" by Mary Connealy.

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.

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Health Forward

Helping you with your health

By Melissa Ray, FNP

What Women Should Know About Endometriosis

It can first appear as chronic unexplained abdominal or lower back pain, or unusual conditions during a menstrual cycle. The pain can inexplicably get worse before and during menstruation, or while having sex.

These can represent symptoms of endometriosis, a condition that affects about 11 percent of American women aged 15 to 44. While it doesn't affect all women, endometriosis is one of the most common gynecological diseases. Since March is Endometriosis Awareness Month, now is a good time to learn what unexplained symptoms might mean, why you should see your medical professional if you have symptoms, and what treatments are available to you.

What is Endometriosis?

Endometriosis, commonly called "endo," is diagnosed when female cells that typically only appear in the lining of a woman's uterus (technically called the endometrium) start to grow in other areas of a woman's body outside of the uterus lining. These misplaced cells still follow the physical menstrual cycle of a woman's body, even though they are not physically located in the woman's uterus.

It hurts! Chronic pain, including severe and uncomfortable pain, can result from the cells trying to respond to the menstrual period. The areas where these cells grow may be called implants, nodules or patches.

The origin and cause of endometriosis is not fully understood. Endometriosis occurs most of the time in other parts of the female reproductive system or nearby. "Endo" patches can appear in tissue that lines a woman's abdominal wall (peritoneum), her ovaries, fallopian tubes or even in the woman's bladder, intestines, or rectum.

One of the reasons that a regular annual exam is important for women is that sometimes endometriosis has no pain associated with the condition. In severe cases, untreated endometriosis can lead

to infertility and an inability to conceive and have children.

Can I tell if I have "endo"?

No simple test exists to diagnose whether endometriosis exists. If your medical professional suspects the presence of endometriosis, a physical exam (including a pelvic exam) will typically be conducted. Endometriosis can produce identifiable physical cysts, scars or nodules.

Your medical professional may also schedule an imaging test (ultrasound or MRI). A procedure called a laparoscopy may follow to take a tissue sample. That will help confirm the diagnosis of endometriosis.

What are available treatments?

Potential treatments should be discussed with your medical professional, particularly if you desire to conceive and have children. Simple over-the-counter (OTC) or prescription pain relievers can help. Your medical professional may suggest hormone therapy. Some surgical procedures to physically remove the nodules (or "patches") may be recommended, particularly if other treatment options don't provide adequate relief, or if women want to address potential fertility issues.

If you have been trying to conceive and have children, but have not yet been successful, ask your medical professional about a possible diagnosis of endometriosis. It's estimated that close to four in ten women who experience infertility actually have endometriosis that is causing inflammation. The inflammation can prevent or complicate conception. Treatment is available to help address this issue.

Don't wait

If you're having unusual, chronic pain or heavy menstrual flow, contact your medical professional – don't wait. Relief and treatment are available to you today.

Melissa Ray is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner. Her work at SICH includes primary and obstetrics care, pregnancy, well-baby, and well-woman services.

Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association meeting

The Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association met at the Gasthof Restaurant on Friday, March 11. President Alice Jones led the members in the pledge and conducted the meeting. The minutes from the January meeting, submitted by Nancy Adams, and the treasurer's report, submitted by David Lennen, were read and approved. The community service report was presented by Lawana Hand.

David Lennen spoke about the need for a new area director covering nine southern Indiana counties. He also told of two upcoming meetings in June and September of this year. The first is an in-person representative assembly and the second is an area meeting at the Gasthof. Members are encouraged to attend both meetings.

Money was collected for the Pennies from Heaven project and members voted to donate the money to the Martin County Libraries for their summer reading programs. Rick Chambon, from the Washington Carnegie Public Library, pre-

sented the program. He oversees the adult reading programs and his background in travel, art, history, culture, and food has influenced his book choices. In addition to the reading programs, special events are offered throughout the year.

Door prizes were provided by Pat Brochin and were won by Alana Thompson, Rosie Winger and Lawana Hand. Members attending were David Lennen, Lawana Hand, Pat Brochin, Donna Keller, Alana Thompson, Carol Olsen, Vicky Bauernfiend, Rosie Winger, Aggie Cooper, Ken Macy, Janice Riley, Linda Strosnider, Marilyn Read, Ramona Lennen, and Nancy Adams and guests Rick Chambon and Jason Williams, AMBA representative.

The next meeting will be May 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof Restaurant in Montgomery. All Daviess and Martin County retired teachers are invited to attend.

After the blessing was sung, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Important information about pandemic-related emergency SNAP benefits

In March 2020, the U.S. government allowed the state of Indiana to issue "emergency allotments" to help Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program households during the COVID-19 pandemic. This allowed SNAP families to receive the maximum benefit allowed based on the number of people in the household. For many Hoosiers, this meant they received more SNAP benefits than they would have under non-emergency conditions.

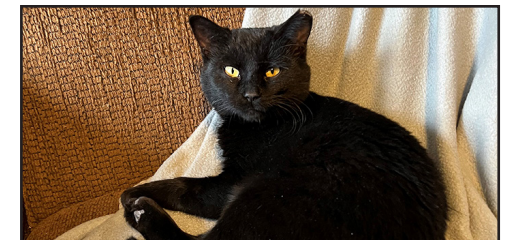
Due to the end of the state public health emergency on March 3, 2022, and a recent change in Indiana law, the last month that Hoosiers will receive emergency enhanced SNAP benefits is May 2022.

Beginning in June 2022, the SNAP benefit amount a household receives will again, as it was before the pandemic, be based on eligibility factors – household size, income and allowable deductions.

For more information on how the benefit amount changes during and after the pandemic, visit <https://fns-prod.azuresedge.net/sites/default/files/resource-files/snap-benefits-infographic-2021.pdf>

For more information on the SNAP program, eligibility requirements, and how to apply, visit www.in.gov/fssa

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Small Businesses, BIG Stories



BY LINDSEY NOLAN, BROOKLYN SUMMERS & MALLORIE SUTTON
LHS Dual-Credit Junior English Class

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

Hawkin's Health Care, Brooke Hawkins
"Our business at Hawkins Health Center is a chiropractic facility. It's a natural form of health care. We have an office here in Loogootee and in West Baden. We treat many different ages of patients. I got to where I am today by graduating from Loogootee High School in 2005 then went to VU for a year. Following my time at VU, I moved to Saint Louis and did an undergrad in human biology and then I did my doctorate degree in Saint Louis at Logan College of Chiropractic, and I graduated from that in 2010.

My chiropractor in high school influenced me a lot which made me want to become a chiropractor. Then, once I got into chiropractic school, I had a lot of mentors that really stretched my horizon on what I wanted to do. If I am honest, I didn't decide to become a business owner. I wanted to be a chiropractor not knowing you had to be a business owner in that. I do not have any business background, I just had a passion for natural health care in my hometown so in order to make that happen, I had to become a business owner.

My favorite part about owning my business is getting to lead my team so that way it's not just me running this business. I have others there that are on the same mission and want to accomplish the same goals I had.

Honestly, I have to relate our business' success to God because this is not what we thought this was going to be. Our vision when we came back was going to be my husband and I to have a small chiropractic practice and I didn't know I was going to be a business owner so I had to put a lot of trust in God for what that would look like. The success came from when we took ourselves out of the picture and made this what His plan was, and our passion was.

One thing that I am working on improving would always be my leadership skills. I am involved in weekly coaching. I feel like everyone needs a coach in their life and I have a coach because I do not



have a business background even though I've been in business. From the day that I started I've had a coach that helps me become a better leader so that way my team can become better leaders to help better our patients. Improving my leadership would help because if I was the one leading this organization in every aspect by myself then it couldn't be what it is today. So, I have to find a way to build leaders below me that way they can help better serve our patients and our team.

I would say my biggest challenge and obstacle would have to be the whole business part of it. My background is in healthcare and chiropractic and there was no business in all that. I don't feel like I have mastered that. I feel that I have found a support system in my coaching agency that has led me, so I try to surround myself with big business leaders to mimic them.

My biggest epiphany since I have been in business was that I was told when I step out of the way, and delegate and allow others to lead, big things will happen and so I had to take a leap of faith and allow myself to build a team under me. Once I did that, I was able to accomplish more.

I don't see or look at much as a competition. We kind of focus on what we want, but we are the only chiropractor in town so that is helpful but I always kind of look at it as we always want to be the best in what we do. We want to provide the best quality care so we don't want things to be a competition, so every day we are trying to be the best we can so really there is no other option.

I see myself here in five years but for our practice and businesses I still see us serving Loogootee and West Baden communities while providing the best chiropractic health and having a stronger team to support that."

2022 Seniors

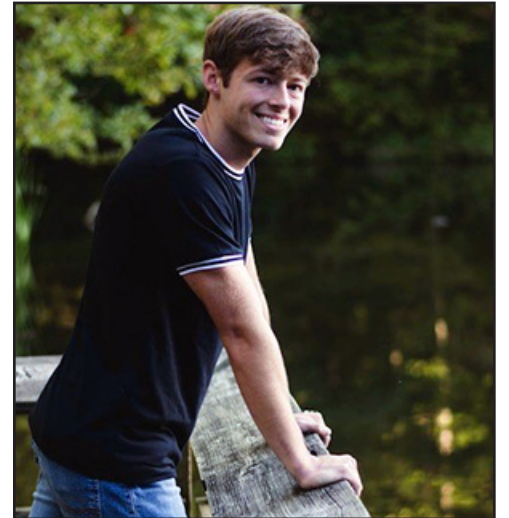


SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



HALEY FISCHER

Haley Elizabeth Fischer is the daughter of Mike and Amanda Fischer. Her siblings are Max, Luke, and Sydnee Fischer. In high school Haley participated in basketball, softball, soccer, and was a volleyball manager. She also participated in impact club, pep club, beta, and student council. Her favorite high school memory is "beating Loogootee in basketball my senior year". Haley's plans to attend the University of Evansville and major in business.



BRAYDEN PERRY

Brayden Cole Perry is the son of John Perry and Alecia Perry. He has 3 siblings. In high school, Brayden participated in basketball for all 4 year. His favorite high school memory is "Beating Orleans sophomore year in sectionals." Brayden is still exploring options for after graduation.



ZEKE WELLS

Zeke Allen Wells is the son of Daniel Wells and Heather Witt. He has 6 siblings. Zeke's favorite high school memory is sleeping in class. After graduation, Zeke plans to enter the workforce.

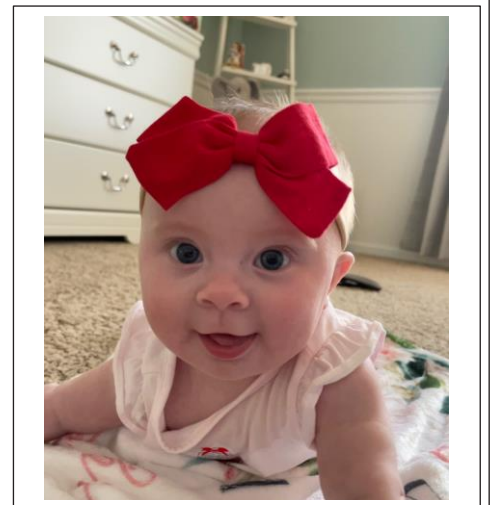


AVA SMITH

Ava Jade Smith is the daughter of Chris Anne Smith and Chuck Passmore. In high school Ava participated in volleyball, basketball, softball, band, pep club, and beta. Her favorite high school memory is "All the fun times with my sports teams and all the fun trips with my band friends." After graduation, Ava plans to attend college, major in elementary education, and minor in special education.

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looking for character traits that they have learned about this year. She also wanted to remind people of some upcoming events. Kindergarten Round Up is March 31 and April 1. Junior Robotics will begin soon. There have been several names given to the coach. Book Blast/Book Fair will be April 4-8 and every student will earn a book. Pre-K Round up will be April 22.

A report from Middle School Principal Josh Mullis started out with recognizing the students and teacher of the month for February. February Students of the Month were 6th Grader: Andalyshia Stewart, 7th Grader: Brazelea Lents, and 8th Grader: Olivia Wright. January Teacher of the Month was Raysha Winger. They enjoyed lunch together from Jug Rock Cafe. They appreciate the Jug Rock Cafe's partnership to help provide this meal for the school. Starting today and running the rest of the Thursdays for the 2021-2022 school year, the middle school teachers will be offering tutoring from 3-4 p.m. Two staff members will be available to help any and all students who need that extra boost. Middle school students have been busy this week taking their Spring NWEA tests to help monitor their progress as they head toward ILEARN next month. They are happy to announce that on Friday, April 1, they will be hosting a dance or as they like to call it the Spring Fling. The dance will run from 6-8 p.m. They are not sure at this time if it will be in the back gym or in the cafeteria. They will also have a king and queen crowned. The middle school is looking at hosting a dodgeball tournament sometime in April during the evening hours. Teams will be co-ed and be made up of middle school and high school students with the competition being held in the evening. The end of the 3rd grading period will be tomorrow. Report cards should be

going out next week prior to Spring Break. Several middle school teachers were included in the group this week that received school supplies from the Martin County Community Foundation. Such supplies included the basics like pencils, glue sticks, scissors, and paper. They appreciate their support. Thank you to Apryl Kidd, from COSMOS, who was able to help secure a grant that was able to help them receive approximately \$2,500 worth of equipment for the STEM and computer science classes. Next week, the middle school will be taking part in some convocations dealing with drug abuse, alcohol, bullying, and other issues that unfortunately play a part in their lives. Thanks to Ms. Hovis for including the middle in these upcoming learning experiences. Yesterday, Mr. Mullis was able to watch a neat hands-on lesson with 7th grade science kids learning how to plant seeds from Mr. Sherfick and Mr. Kent. They appreciate those two gentlemen sharing their love and expertise for the land. The seedlings will eventually be transplanted to be part of the school's garden.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis began with a recap of the last month. Shoals Grounds was featured on Channel 10 News, K-9 drug sweep, and the SAT was administered. She stated that this week alone has been a busy week. Kids got to butcher a pig, make aspirin, complete their pinatas, add new drinks to the coffee shop, AG students traveled to VU, some of the high school girls attended YWL (Young Women Lead Conference), and some attended the academic bowl competition. Next week will be a week full of focusing on making positive choices. This was all made possible by a grant from Community Corrections. Big thanks to Danielle Murphy. Freshman orientation will be held Tuesday, March 15 in the cafeteria at

6 p.m. She stated that there are 34 seniors that are signed up to go on the senior trip to Orlando. Jug Rox Make a Difference Day is set to be Thursday, April 15 (rain date is April 22). The new scoreboards are up and they look amazing. Finally, she stated that she is working on scheduling a summer professional development for K-12 regarding how to handle kids who have experienced trauma.

The board gave the superintendent and Ag class permission to apply for a USDA planning grant.

Superintendent Dr. Roush updated the board on the summer projects that are set to take place around the school such

as an indoor key fob system and possible ceiling and floor replacements in various locations. She informed the board that the USDA will be ending the free breakfast and lunch program after this school year due to the end of the COVID pandemic. She congratulated all winter sports teams and wished the robotics team good luck at their state competition. She reminded the board that spring break will run from the 18th through the 25th and invited the board to the annual school board's spring conference on April 25. Finally, she gave the board an update on the FEMA classroom grant that she is applying for to add on two new classrooms at the high school.

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