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Museum upgrades

-Photos provided

Thanks to a grant from Hoosier Uplands and work done by the Shoals High School Shop and Construction Classes, the Martin County Historical Society

was able to add four new picnic tables to the shelter house area and added a new sidewalk on the west side of museum. These improvements to shelter house will make it more accessible from the back ramp and back parking area.

Indiana COVID-19 stay at home order set to expire April 21

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's stay-at-home order, to slow the spread of COVID-19, is set to expire on April 21. It is unknown at this time if it will be extended however Governor Holcomb said the state will be slow rolling out the reopening. Residents are required to stay home unless they must leave for work, get medical care, or purchase essential household items. Anyone who must go out is advised to stay at least six feet away from others and wear face masks.

As of publication time today, Lawrence County has had 73 positive cases of COVID-19 with nine deaths, Dubois County has had 14 positive cases of COVID-19, Daviess County has had 21 cases with one death, and Martin County has had five positive cases, with one reportedly recovered according to the health department.

Testing is still not widely available in

Martin County property tax bills are due May 11

Per Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Order of March 19, 2020, the 2019 payable 2020 Property Tax Payments are still due May 11, 2020. Governor Holcomb's directive dictates that counties waive property tax penalties for 60 days after the due date. Tax payments which have been escrowed by financial institutions are to still be paid by May 11, 2020.

Please note that unless further Executive Orders follow, penalties could be added to any special assessments such as sewer liens and solid waste fees if not

the state and many residents with mild symptoms are being asked to self-quarantine for the duration of the illness and three days after symptoms subside. They are only asked to report to the hospital if they have trouble breathing.

Main symptoms of COVID-19 include shortness of breath, coughing and fever.

The best way to protect yourself from any respiratory illness is to:

-Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

-Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

-Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with people who are sick.

-Stay home when you are sick.

-Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

-Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Memorial Hospital and Health Care
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paid by May 11, 2020. The Martin County Treasurer's Office is working with the State of Indiana to get clarification on this issue. Their office doesn't offer payment plans on current due taxes; however, they do accept partial payments any time.

Payments are accepted via check, money order or cashier's check. Credit or debit cards may be used online at www.govpaynow.com and use Pay Location Code (PLC) a000vv (convenience fees will apply).

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Shoals School Board navigates rest of school year

The Shoals School Board met Thursday, April 9. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Samantha Boyd, Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush and Amanda Heckard. No patrons were in attendance.

Elementary Principal Shannon Waggoner reported that awards day for grades 3-5 will be held in the fall after school starts. The fundraiser student reward day will be rescheduled for August 14, and the kindergarten round-up will possibly be held on June 26 or July 24, as two possible summer alternative dates.

Middle School Principal Austin Malone reported that e-learning is going well, and he has been incredibly impressed by the faculty. He meets with his team including aides each Friday at 10 a.m. to check in on the students. He also asks teachers to have their PD assigned by each Monday.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis reported that the teachers are working hard to provide instruction to the students. She and Cammie Sanders have been reaching out to a lot of seniors via phone and email to make sure they have everything they need to graduate. She would like to give a shoutout to the custodian crew and aides who have been working very hard.

The high school principal requested to add new courses that will be offered for the 2020-2021 school year. New courses that will be offered for 2020-2021: Advanced Accounting, Interactive Media, Advanced Animal Science, Construction Trades II, Computer Science, Speech, Weight Lifting, Honors Math & English for grades 9-10 (this will prepare students for dual credit courses their junior and senior year), Introduction to Journalism, Health Science Education I, and Principles of Business Management. The board approved.

The athletic department requested to do a live auction in the fall to auction off 4x4 squares of the old gym floor with logos and words. Also, to make cornhole boards. The board approved.

The board approved the elementary principal's request to post the position of elementary teacher.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Sandi Kidwell for the homebound teaching position.

-Resignation of Julia Sanders from the elementary librarian position.

The board approved the elementary principal's request to make the librarian position a certified position.

Superintendent Roush requested permission to advertise for a half-time school psychologist position as well as a behavior/autism consultant who will also serve as the case conference coordinator. The board approved.

The board read and approved the continued school functions policy and the continued school functions resolution. There was a second reading of the job placement coach position and the board approved.

The board accepted a donation from the Loogootee Knights of Columbus to the cafeteria fund.

The high school principal recommended a blue or white schedule for prom, Senior Honor Night, graduation practice, and graduation. The board approved.

Superintendent Dr. Roush reported that the spring ISBA meeting will be in a webinar format on April 29 at 3 p.m. She informed the board that the work on the basketball court will hopefully begin in the next week or two. The new innovation lab the school was granted from ROI will be arriving in mid-July. They are in the process of getting the room space set up to hold the lab equipment. The school lunch program is going well, and they are serving breakfast and lunch to approximately 300 students.

Dr. Roush thanked all of the essential employees as well as those working from home for helping keep the schools clean and the students fed and educated. The school is still waiting on the Department of Education for more guidance on summer school and right now it is looking like they will not be having summer school "on-site". Dr. Roush stated they are looking at updating the 403b policy and that will be coming at the next board meeting. Finally, Dr. Roush thanked Julia Sanders for her time and dedication to the Shoals Community School Corporation.
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-Photo courtesy Shoals Athletics Facebook page

Shoals High School is in the process of replacing their main gym floor. Work has gone quickly over the past week.

COVID-19

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Center, in Jasper, has an alternative screening site, located at 695 West Second Street (entrance on the west side of the building- follow the yellow signs) for those patients who do not require emergency department services, but who have symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath. This location will be open Monday to Sunday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Patients may call 812-996-6330.

Services provided at this site will include the following: testing for influenza A & B, strep throat, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and chest x-rays.

The Daviess Community Hospital, in Washington, has opened a respiratory care screening site, located at the corner of NE 15th Street and Grand Avenue in the parking lot on the east side of the DCH Medical clinic. Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Daviess Community Hospital COVID-19 triage help line is 812-254-2764. Telehealth is available by calling 812-254-6696 or 812-257-7566.

Call BEFORE you plan a trip to the hospital, emergency room or any clinic if you have any symptoms or concerns regarding the Coronavirus.

The following are resources for Martin

County residents who need food or financial assistance.

Greater Works Food Pantry/Hickory Ridge Church-each Monday from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Contact-Darrin Hovis -812-247-3777

The River Church Food Pantry-the 4th Wednesday of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or by appointment. Contact-812-709-8628

The Blessing Box-905 West Broadway, Loogootee. Filled weekly. Contact Michael Holt 812-631-3550

Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry-the 1st Monday evening from 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m. and each Thursday except the 4th Thursday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact-Martha Greene 812-295-3049

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry-the 4th Thursday of each month from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Contact-Nancy Ward Smith 812-295-3662

Township Trustees:
Center-Ann Stewart Phone: 812-388-7185

Office address-13799 Rama Dye Road, Shoals, IN 47581

Halbert-Exzelia Montgomery Phone: 812-709-2434

Office Address-11545 Hilltop Honey Road, Shoals, IN 47581

Lost River-Millie Brown Phone: 812-247-3490

Office Address-6490 Brown Lane, Shoals, IN 47581

Mitcheltree-Tammy Gore Phone: 812-388-5612

Office Address-20472 Sipes Road, Shoals, IN 47581

Perry-Jason Hennette Phone: 812-295-3237

Office Address-804 N JFK Ave, Loogootee, IN 47553

Rutherford-Terry Street Phone: 812-644-7949

Office Address-4224 Beard Road, Loogootee, IN 47553

St. Vincent DePaul Society Help Line -Phone: 812-295-9900

General questions from the public or healthcare provider inquiries about COVID-19 may be directed to the ISDH COVID-19 Call Center at the toll-free number 877-826-0011 (available 24/7) or email epiresource@isdh.in.gov.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'He will always be my foreman.'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I was so sorry to hear about Eddie Sorrells, his obituary did not touch on half his life. If I may write a little about one of the most important people in my life.

Back in 1975, I was heading from New York to Bloomington to start my college days at IU. Well, I stopped at 11 p.m. on the White River bridge. I got my guitar, I'm hitchhiking, and I hear music coming from this warehouse. I head down. It's Mike Hovis, Pierre Denny, a great drummer named Nick and a Parsons kid singing. We jammed all night. Mike Hovis told me to crash out because his dad wouldn't care.

The next morning at 6 a.m., Alva Hovis and Eddie Sorrells are waking me up. I had long hair, I'm from New York (not good). Alva (Alvie) is throwing me out and Eddie tells her to not forget they are short handed and maybe this kid knows something about trenching. Boy, do I. I grew up next to a construction yard. I can run a backhoe. Alvie says to Ed to take me out back and she what I've got. I set up the hoe and take one bucket of dirt and Ed tells me to shut off the backhoe. "Kid, you're hired," he said. I worked for Hovis Trenching Service on and off for about five years.

Eddie was my foreman. He will always be my foreman. The guy knew more about everything than anyone I ever met, to this day. He would be my first call on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire". He took me

mushroom hunting, deer hunting, and we worked on cars and trucks with Charlie Bill Henry. He talked me into coaching Little League and I coached the Reds. Eddie's boys played, John, Tim and Tom, three great athletes. I miss John.

Some of the guys on the Hovis Trenching team were Pierre, Denny, C.B. Henry, Warren (Warney) Atkinson, Dave Baker, Mike Hovis, Roger Lee (Bean Eye) Able (he worked for a great plumber and helped us all the time).

Some of my greatest memories in Shoals came from those guys and of course, Dave Treadway. I always stop and see Eddie, when one of the Tredway kids gets married - any excuse to go back to Shoals.

I just talked to Ed. He told me he didn't have long. I told him I'd be up in June and to hang on bro. He didn't. He's finally resting, a well-deserved rest. Love you, Eddie. Regards to Carolyn and the "boys". If this corona thing lifts, I'll see you in June.

Thom Schoonmaker
Spring Hill, Florida

TAX

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Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the courthouse, including the treasurer's office, is closed to the public. They will not accept payments in person in the office at this time. The Martin County Treasurer's Office is conducting business by phone, email and regular USPS mail to prevent the possible spread of the disease.

The Martin County tax bills were mailed April 8, 2020; with the payments due on May 11, 2020. The treasurer's office has included a return envelope with tax statements this year to make mailing payments in easier this year. You may also notice that the bills will look different this year. The state has made changes and the treasurer's office now have a uniform format which all counties will use.

With the current COVID-19 situation changing on a daily basis, the treasurer's office will do their best to keep the public informed on any changes that may happen in the future.

The public can call 812-247-3701 with any questions or concerns.

SHOALS

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ration and would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Before adjourning, the board secretary read a thank you note from the Wraley family. They wanted to thank the school for the flowers that were sent in honor of Roger's father. Also, the board wanted to send out a big thank you to all of the teachers, bus drivers, administration, all staff, and parents that are working hard during this time and coming together to help Shoals students.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY SCHNARR

Shirley May Schnarr passed away at 8:52 a.m. Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Campus in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 79.



SHIRLEY SCHNARR

Shirley was born in a country house in Martin County, Indiana on October 14, 1940; the daughter of John William and Florence (Potts) Freyberger. She married Albert Schnarr, her high school sweetheart, on May 23, 1959, in St. John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township officiated by Reverend Paul Seneff. They were married for 60 years. He preceded her in death last Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

She graduated from Alfordsville High School in 1958 and attended a business school in Indianapolis for bookkeeping.

Shirley was a homemaker, a bookkeeper, and an amazing cook. She drove a school bus for 39 years for the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools. She was a Luther League youth sponsor and served on the Altar Guild for the St. John's Lutheran Church.

When she was young, she was a member of Alfordsville Christian Church and then later became a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township.

In Shirley's early years, she enjoyed square dancing, boating, and Jasper sporting events. Later in life, she enjoyed attending demolition derbies and going on family vacations all over the United States with her husband. One of her favorite vacations was when she and Albert went to Hawaii to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with their family. She enjoyed watching game shows, sewing, attending covered bridge festivals, seeing the Goldie's show at Owensboro, Kentucky, playing cards especially Cinch, and spending time with family and friends. Her last international vacation was with the family in Sydney, Australia in 2012.

Surviving are one daughter, Cheryl L. (Terry) Stemle of Jasper; one son, Jerry D. (Patti) Schnarr of Shoals; three grandchildren, John (Michelle), Joanna, and Anthony Schnarr; two great grandchildren, Michael Eugene and Kyle Luther Schnarr; and one sister, Mary (Dick) Crosby of Loogootee.

Preceding her in death besides her husband was, one sister, Phyllis Freyberger and one brother, John Edward Freyberger.

Private services will be held at the Becher-Kluesner Funeral Home downtown chapel in Jasper with burial at St. John's

Lutheran Church Cemetery in Boone Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church in Boone Township or the Gideons International.

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

MADGE TRAMBAUGH

Madge Noreen Trambaugh passed away Friday, April 10, 2020 at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehab Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born June 9, 1947 in Martin County; daughter of Willard J. and Libby (Swayze) Trambaugh.

She was a graduate of Shoals High School and was previously employed by Perfect Fit Shirt Factory in Loogootee. She enjoyed reading, flowers, birds and the Christmas Season.

Survivors include one brother, Clyde Steven Trambaugh of Loogootee; one nephew, Bryant (Amy) Trambaugh of Loogootee; one great niece, Kayla Trambaugh of Indianapolis, and two great nephews, Carson Trambaugh of Loogootee and Coen Trambaugh of Loogootee.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one sister-in-law, Linda Trambaugh.

Private services will be held for the family with burial in the Mt. Union Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes.

JEFFREY TROUT

Jeffrey W. Trout passed away at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, April 12, 2020 at Greene County Hospital. A resident of Newberry, he was 63.

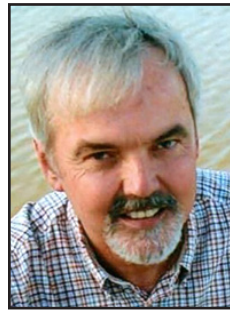
He was born October 5, 1956 in Washington; son of the late Jack and Frances (Strange) Trout.

Jeff enjoyed watching Indiana University basketball and Chicago Cubs baseball. Jeff had a great love for music.

He retired from NSWC Crane after 32 years of employment. He was a member of the Crane Veteran of Foreign War Post 168.

Jeff was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Frances (Strange) Trout and nephew, Benson Trout.

He is survived by his daughters, Jes-



JEFF TROUT

Trout of Franklin, Kentucky, and Sharon (Dick) Mentzer of Tucson, Arizona; aunt, Camilla Summers; and the mother of his children, Linda Trout.

Private services will be held with burial to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

EDWARD LENTS

Edward Lents passed away at 8:06 a.m. Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at St. Charles Health Campus. A resident of Loogootee, he was 84.

He was born April 12, 1935 in Martin County; son of the late Curtis and Marie (Alvey) Lents.

Ed married Rita (Greenwell) Lents on March 5, 1962 and she survives.

Shoals School sets tentative dates for spring events

Shoals Community Schools have come up with tentative plans for prom, senior honor night, graduation practice and graduation, assuming the original dates planned prior to the start of the school year won't work. The following are the two plans.

Plan BLUE assumes they are unable to hold any May events, and the State of Indiana and CDC guidelines suggest it will be safe to do in June:

Prom: Saturday, June 13 Location: NEW gym (old gym IF new floor is finished)

Senior Honor Night: Thursday, June 25 Location: NEW gym (old gym IF new floor is finished)

Graduation Practice: Friday, June 26 Location: TBD

He was an Air Force veteran and served in Japan. In his younger years, Ed was very involved in the Loogootee Little League. After Ed retired from Crane (CAAA), he helped build Habitat houses and was a custodian for Loogootee Community School Corporation.

Ed was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He enjoyed word searches, mowing grass, and morning coffee from McDonald's.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Marie Lents; siblings, Robert Lents, Margaret Wathen, David Lents and Larry Lents; and several step-brothers and step-sisters.

Ed is survived by his wife, Rita Lents of Loogootee; sons, Douglas (Mari) Lents of Edgewood, New Mexico; Daniel Lents of Loogootee and Dennis J. (Jenny) Lents of Batesville; grandchildren, Patricia (Bobby) Moore, Curtis (Lisa) Lents, Adriene Lents, Matthew Lents and Carly Lents; great-grandchildren, Landon Lents, London Johnson, Ty and Teagan Moore, Nash and Bennett Lents.

Private services will be held with burial to follow at St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Graduation: Saturday, June 27 Location: TBD

Plan WHITE assumes that the State of Indiana and CDC guidelines suggest that they need to wait until July to celebrate:

Prom: Saturday, July 18 Location: New gym (old gym IF new floor is finished)

Senior Honor Night: Thursday, July 23 Location: New gym (old gym IF new floor is finished)

Graduation Practice: Friday, July 24 Location: TBD

Graduation: Saturday, July 25 Location: TBD

If you have any questions regarding any of the items above, please contact Kindra Hovis at (812) 247-2090, extension 702 or email at hovisk@shoals.k12.in.us.

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MONDAY, APRIL 6

6:07 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed responded.

10:14 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle stuck in construction east of Shoals. Major Keller and ISP Trooper Dick responded.

10:48 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett advised.

11:26 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:41 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police.

2:27 p.m. - Received a request to check a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:20 p.m. - Received a request for removal from property. Deputy Lents responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee.

6:54 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Deputy Hughett.

9:13 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

9:16 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. ISP responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Shoals Fire responded.

10:45 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Reed and Deputy Lents responded. Advised Animal Control Deputy Hughett.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8:05 a.m. - Received a report of road damage near Loogootee. Advised the Martin County Highway Department.

8:15 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a complaint in Loogootee. Major Keller and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Deputy Hughett.

10:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Major Keller Responded.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Deputy Hughett.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Crane. Deputy Wells responded.

2:27 p.m. - Received a report of power lines down in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Duke Energy responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a complaint in Shoals. Shoals Marshal Eckert responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident south of Shoals. ISP responded.

7:43 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals. Advised Shoals Fire Chief Hamby.

8:46 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported to Jasper.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

12:16 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, Sergeant Reed, Deputy

Seymour, and Deputy Lents responded.

2:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded.

5:43 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed responded.

10:14 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

10:37 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Major Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, ICO Mann, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:53 a.m. - Jail Officer Norman off station with two inmates transported to R.D.C.

12:56 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless ATV south of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

1:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire, ISP Trooper Beaver, Deputy Barnett responded. Transported to Jasper.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver coming into Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen Responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint. Deputy Lents responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a complaint in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded. Transported to Jasper.

9:10 p.m. - Received multiple reports of power outages, trees down, sparking transformers, and storm damage including one overturned trailer throughout the county. Callers advised of widespread damage as well as one possible tornado. Martin County EMS, Martin County Sheriff's Deputies, Shoals Fire Department, Lost River Fire Department, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Police Department, Civil Defense, as well as Duke Energy, REMC, CSX, Martin County Highway Department and IN-DOT responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

2:47 a.m. - Received a report of a power line down in Shoals.

2:50 a.m. - Received a report of many trees down on a power line in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

3:21 a.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Shoals. Deputy Seymour and Sergeant Reed responded.

4:26 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

0509 a.m. - Received a report that the Town of Shoals had power.

6:14 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle in need of assistance south of Shoals. Sergeant Reed responded.

7:13 a.m. - Received a report of a transformer sparking east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and REMC responded.

8:41 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

8:58 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a pole down over the road north of Loogootee. REMC responded.

11:32 a.m. - Received a report of a transformer fire north of Loogootee. REMC responded.

11:36 a.m. - Received a report of a tree

on a home in Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Barnett, Shoals Fire, and REMC responded.

11:50 a.m. - Received a request for a deputy to assist the department of child services. Deputy Barnett responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Shoals.

12:34 p.m. - Received a report of a missing minor in Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Barnett, and ISP responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a power pole broken south of Shoals. REMC responded.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of railroad crossings malfunctioning in Loogootee. Advised CSX.

3:49 p.m. - Received a report of a low hanging line south of Loogootee. REMC responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a complaint in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Sergeant Floyd responded.

7:59 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:07 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

8:06 p.m. - Received a report of trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Gibson and Deputy Seymour responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down and broken pole south of Loogootee.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of something covering a power box in Loogootee.

10:11 p.m. - Received a report of a gas leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Officer Allen responded.

10:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded. Transported to Jasper.

11:30 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Sergeant Floyd responded.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Deputy Hughett.

9:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:06 a.m. - Received a request from Duke Energy for two officers to assist with traffic control.

11:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance to Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded. Martin County EMS transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:00 p.m. - Received a call advising of a gentleman from Loogootee who would be walking on US Hwy 50 in a black cloak commemorating Black Friday and the death of Jesus.

1:06 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn near Loogootee.

1:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting an attempted break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of an illegal burn near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting horses loose on Windom Road. Deputy Barnett responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a call requesting

help for a semi unable to turn around on US Hwy 150 on the Orange County Line. Orange County responded.

4:42 p.m. - Received a report of a live burn in Loogootee.

4:56 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

5:01 p.m. - Received a report of a sparking transformer near Loogootee. Advised REMC.

7:11 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

11:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee for a Daviess County address. Daviess County was advised.

10:35 a.m. - Received a call reporting a break-in to a camper in Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

04:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a roadside fire near half-mile curve on US Hwy 50. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Wells, Deputy Barnett, as well as Martin County EMS responded.

06:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree-house fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

2:52 a.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen, Deputy Gibson, and Deputy Seymour responded.

12:29 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

2:49 p.m. - Received a report of stray cats in West Shoals area. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance to Loogootee for a lift assist. Martin County EMS responded.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of cows loose on Dover Hill Road. Dispatch contacted the owner.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

1:05 a.m. - Cory Nugent, 32, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor, neglect of a dependent, and possession of marijuana. He is currently being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Deputy Lents assisted with the arrest.

2:42 a.m. - Jessica Carter, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and charged with neglect of a dependent and possession of marijuana. She is being held on a \$25,000 10%.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

9:51 p.m. - Howard Phillips, 31, of Jasper, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and charged with domestic battery, battery, and intimidation. He is being held on no bond until initial hearing.

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Martin County real estate transfers

Sandra S. Divine, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey V. Jones and Jill D. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 49 and 50 in Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

Heather Morrison, of Martin County, Indiana to **Johnny W. Morrison**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: That portion of the northeast quarter of Fractional Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northeast quarter of Fractional Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 35.71 acres, more or less, except a section containing 10 acres, more or less.

Austin M. Bailey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ryan G. Kirk**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing one acre, more or less.

William Robert Arvin and Barbara Ann Arvin, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brantley L. Lyon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a parcel of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

John D. Gunselman and Marilyn J. Gunselman, of Dubois County, Indiana to **John D. Gunselman and Marilyn J. Gunselman**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 18.207 acres, more or less. Also, 5 acres, 5 acres, and 40 acres in the same section.

Brenda K. Smoot, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonathan Flammer**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 2 North, Range 3 West in Martin County, Indiana, containing 160 acres, more or less.

Aaron D. Smith and Brenda J. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nicholas Sayles and Jessica M. Gingerich**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.98 acres, more or less, except a section containing 0.54 acres, more or less. Tract II: A portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.61 acres, more or less.

Jevon S. Schrock and Rose E. Schrock, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph S. Schrock and Janna L. Schrock**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, contain-

ing 1.081 acres, more or less.

Alan B. Crane and Christina S. Crane, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brittney A. Risher**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jaleena Grace Graber and Gavin D. Benock, of Martin County, Indiana to **Austin M. Bailey and Julie M. Bailey**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and part of the north half of the north half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, lying north and west of the county road, in Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

George R. Bradley, Cynthia A. Wilmes, Susan E. Dequeant, Karen M. Burris, Allan L. Bradley, and Douglas L. Bradley to Donald J. Nolan, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 1.2 acres, more or less. Tract II: The east half of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

Valerie McCarthy, convicted of causing serious bodily injury when operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance in the body, a Level 5 Felony and neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 288 actual days previously served plus 97 Class B credit days.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 1

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Howard Andrews, civil collection.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Julie Tharp, civil collection.

April 3

Discover Bank vs. Jonathan W. Taylor, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha Wright-Ryan and against the defendant Tyler Gibbs in the amount of \$4,657.34.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Abigail Stoll of Loogootee and Macleb Stoll of Montgomery

Emily Dawn Wade of Shoals and Jordan Alan Roller of Shoals

Jeffrey Lee Dorsey of Shoals and Shelby Danielle Bridgewater of Shoals

AG secures \$19.5 million Equifax settlement for Hoosier consumers

Attorney General Curtis Hill announced on Tuesday that Indiana will receive \$19.5 million under a settlement reached with Equifax following Indiana's lawsuit against the company over its massive 2017 data breach.

Indiana was one of two states that opted not to participate in a multistate settlement in July 2019 — choosing instead to file its own lawsuit and ultimately negotiate its own settlement with Equifax, one of the world's largest credit-reporting bureaus.

Indiana's total \$19.5 million settlement exceeds the amount received by any of the 48 states that participated in the multistate settlement, which distributed \$175 million to participating states. The full amount of Indiana's settlement provides restitution payments to Indiana's affected consumers, minus the cost of administering those payments.

Hoosiers who may be eligible for res-

titution payments through Indiana's specific case should watch for further announcements and follow a claims process to be outlined at a later date.

The Equifax data breach, which occurred from May 2017 through July 2017, affected approximately 147 million Americans, including 3.9 million Indiana residents. It compromised Social Security numbers, dates of birth, addresses and, in some cases, driver's license numbers and credit card information. Indiana's lawsuit notably contained allegations about Equifax's failure to adequately secure consumers' information; misrepresentations related to Payment Card Industry security standards; misrepresentations about the status of Equifax's information security; failure to notify Indiana consumers in compliance with Indiana law; and failure to maintain reasonable security procedures.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 6

10:15 a.m. - Male reported harassment.

1:41 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

2:27 p.m. - Caller reported a male sitting in a vehicle near her home. Male checked out okay.

6:46 p.m. - First responders were requested on William Daily Drive for lift assist.

7:00 p.m. - Female reported a medical issue.

8:46 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver in the Chuckles parking lot.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

8:15 a.m. - Female reported problems with a juvenile.

8:40 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with an illegal burn.

2:27 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Reason Avenue.

10:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

10:37 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50. Vehicle was located. Driver was cited.

4:27 p.m. - Female reported locating a wallet.

9:45 p.m. - Reports of high winds in the area. Tornado sirens were set off.

9:50 p.m. - Reports of trees and utility lines down in and around the city.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

4:26 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

11:12 a.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

3:18 p.m. - Caller reported a malfunction with the railroad crossing lights.

5:13 p.m. - Caller reported extra patrol

at a local business.

5:24 p.m. - Female reported a dispute with her neighbor.

8:07 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a broken-down semi.

8:15 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a business alarm.

8:16 p.m. - Caller reported a male trying to get into a residence.

10:11 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to the odor of natural gas on Grant Street.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

11:46 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

12:01 p.m. - Caller reported a possible theft complaint.

1:40 p.m. - Caller reported an attempted break-in at the little league field.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser near a local business.

4:54 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the Dollar General parking lot.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

11:32 a.m. - Male reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

6:19 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a structure fire on Pine Tree Road.

8:20 p.m. - Female reported her daughter had been battered by another juvenile.

9:11 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

2:52 a.m. - Officer Allen responded to a business alarm.

5:41 p.m. - Officer Allen responded to a business alarm.

7:10 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

8:32 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



At the end of their first date, a young man takes his favorite girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decides to try for that important first kiss.

With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her, "Darling, how 'bout a goodnight kiss?"

Horrified, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!"

"Oh, come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?"

"No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?"

"Oh, come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!"

"No way. It's just too risky!"

"Oh please, please, I like you so much!!"

"No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!"

"Oh yes you can. Please?"

"No, no. I just can't."

"Pleeeeeease?..."

Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled. In a sleepy voice the sister says: "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down himself and do it. But for crying out loud tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"

THOUGHTS

*What do you want to do today?

Me: Nothing.

Spouse: But yesterday you did nothing.

Me: I'm not done yet.

*When a man says he'd do anything for a woman, he means he'd stop bullets

and kill dragons, not clean the basement and wash dishes.

*Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.

*Prophecy class cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

*My therapist told me the way to achieve inner peace is to finish what I start. So far, I've finished two bags of M&M's and a chocolate cake. I feel better already. -Dave Berry

*What is the difference between a well-dressed man on a bicycle and a poorly dressed man on a unicycle? Attire.

A wife, being the romantic sort, sent her husband a text,

"If you are sleeping, send me your dreams."

"If you are laughing, send me your smile."

"If you are eating, send me a bite."

"If you are drinking, send me a sip."

"If you are crying, send me your tears. I love you!"

The husband, typically non-romantic replied, "I am on the toilet. Please advise."

I collect all cell phones and iPads from the kids at night and keep them in my room. Last night they all set alarms to go off at various times throughout the night. I'm impressed with their ingenuity and team effort. They're all grounded.

My goal in life is that when I die, someone can say, "She cared."

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Banquet postponed

The Pregnancy Care Center of Washington's Gift of Life banquet scheduled for April 16, 2020 has been postponed until July 23, 2020. The banquet will still be held at the Simon Graber Complex. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet starting at 6:30 p.m.

Food pantry hours

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

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the

recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com.

During the month of February, the veteran service officer assisted two veterans and had no meetings. The veterans' van took four trips transporting four veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the drivers directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program, it is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

If you have hearing issues and would be interested in a CapTel captioned telephone, please call the office at 812-247-2210. You DO NOT have to be a veteran to receive this phone.

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

The Veteran's Van is currently not running due to the Covid 19 virus.



Sons of the American Revolution

-Photo provided

The Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented the colors at the celebration of the 241st Anniversary of the Capture of Fort Sackville from the British in the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes on February 25. Color Guard participants are from left to right are Randy Helderman, from the George Rogers Clark SAR Chapter in Vincennes; James Arnold, from the Daniel Guthrie SAR Chapter in Bedford; Robert Cunningham, from the Daniel Guthrie SAR Chapter in Bedford; and Ed Hitchcock from the Daniel Guthrie SAR Chapter in Bedford.

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ARIANA GOMEZ

Ariana Alexis Gomez is the daughter of David Gomez and Rhonda Hawkins. After graduation, Ariana plans to attend Butler University or IUPUI to study biology or chemistry. While in high school, Ariana participated in Spanish Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Recycling (9), Pep Club (12), SADD (12), Cadet (11-12), Student Council (11-12), and Show Choir (10).



CHRISTOPHER JONES

Christopher Michael Jones is the son of Mike and Kristy Jones. After graduation, Christopher plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study Finance. While in high school, Christopher participated in Intern (11-12), Spanish Club (9-11), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-10), Intramural Basketball (11), Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-10), and Tennis (9).



CLAY BRETT

Clay Orrin Brett was born January 18, 2002 to Eric and Judith Brett. While at Shoals High school, Clay was involved in Cross Country, Track, and Soccer. He had so many good times that it is too hard for him to pick just one, especially when the best is yet to come. Clay is undecided if he wants to enter the military, go to college, or go into the working field.



SAGE HARKER

Sage Alisha Harker was born September 18, 2001 to Shawn and Laura Harker. While in high school, Sage has participated in volleyball and softball. She was also an active member in Beta Club, SADD, Spanish Club, Film Club, Pep Club, NSHSS, Spell Bowl, Academic Team, Student Youth Council, SALT, Media, and served as a classroom aide. Her favorite memory was when her volleyball team had a winning season. Sage plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to get her Bachelor's degree for Dermatology Nursing. She then wants to further her education and become a Dermatologist.



DANIELLE ABEL

Danielle Erica Abel is the daughter of Eric Abel and Jamie Truelove. After graduation, Danielle plans to attend Indiana University to study elementary education. While in high school, Danielle participated in Beta Club (9-12), Beta Club Vice President (12), French Club (9-12), Intern (12), Job Shadow (11), Pep Club (12), Student Council (9-12), SADD (11-12), SADD Club Vice President (12), and Basketball (9-12).



NATHAN SEALS

Nathan Seals is the son of Mike and Sheri Seals. After graduation, Nathan plans on attending Vincennes University to major in business/finance and he will be playing golf for VU. While in high school, Nathan participated in Internship (12), Spanish Club (9), Intramural Basketball (12), Baseball (9), Golf (9-12), Basketball (9), and Tennis (9-12).



DAYSON WRIGHT

Dayson Seth Wright was born January 27, 2002 to Katie Watson and Godson Wright. While in high school, Dayson participated in basketball and baseball. His favorite memory is beating Loogootee in a basketball game for the first time in a long time. After graduation, he plans to go to college, get a degree and start his life.



BETHANY LENTS

Bethany Ellen Lents was born on February 20, 2002 to Shane Lents & Julie Lents. Her favorite memory of high school was getting to spend time with her friends. After graduation, Bethany plans on attending college online and working to build herself as a person.



RACHEL ROBINSON

Rachel L. Robinson is the daughter of Chuck and Audrey Robinson. After graduation, Rachel plans to attend Purdue University to study Animal Sciences. While in high school, Rachel participated in Band (9-12), Intern (12), Musical (9-12), Students for Life (10-12), Spanish Club (9-12), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-10), Recycling (12), Pep Club (12), SADD (9-12), Spell Bowl (9), Student Council (11-12), Tennis (9-10), and Show Choir (11-12).



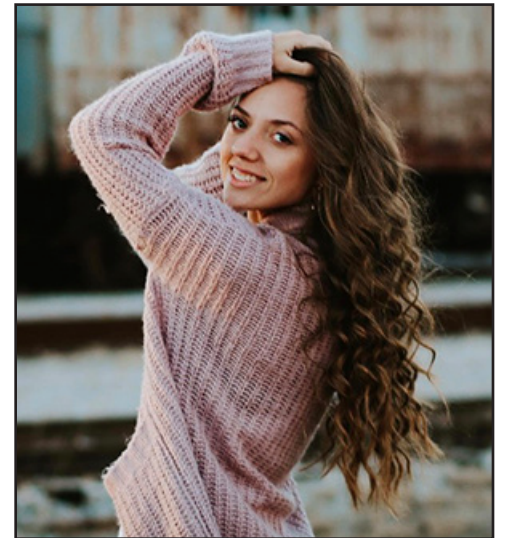
SEBASTIAN TOY

Sebastian Dell Toy is the son of Nick and Jaymie Toy. After graduation, Sebastian plans to attend Oakland City University to study business. While in high school, Sebastian participated in Student Council (10), Job Shadow (11), Intern (12), Basketball (9-10), Baseball (9-12), and Tennis (9-12).



ANGEL MEECE

Angel Jo Ann Meece was born on September 14, 2001 to Kristyna & Jack Justus, and Davis & Tasha Meece. During high school, Angel participated in basketball, cross country, track, Young Women's Lead Conference, dance marathon (BCDM), and served on the prom committee, Honor society (at Brown County HS), GSA, and was a member of History club. Her favorite memory of high school was spending time with friends and taking part in sports. After graduation, Angel plans to attend Ivy Tech for 2 years to obtain her Associate's degree in Nursing, then she plans to work while furthering her education to receive a Bachelor's degree in Nursing.



AMY PARKE

Amy Jo Parke was born on October 23, 2001 to Tim Parke & Bobbi Bledsoe. During high school, Amy participated in volleyball for three years and was a member of Beta Club all four years. She doesn't have a favorite memory because they have all been amazing. Following graduation, Amy plans to attend college online and obtain a degree in social work.



Birds of a feather . . .

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Brown Thrashers spend most of their time near or on the ground, walking, running, or hopping. When disturbed at the nest, they drop to the ground and dart into dense cover. They feed by sweeping their long bills through leaf litter to uncover insects and other invertebrates. Brown Thrashers are monogamous during a breeding season, but it isn't known whether pairs stay together from year to year. Sometimes Brown Thrashers strike predators with their bills hard enough to draw blood.

DNR properties are open, with some changes

DNR properties remain open for day-use outdoor recreation, including hiking, biking on paved trails, boating, fishing, birding, and geocaching. Entrance-gate admission at properties that normally charge gate admission remains temporarily waived.

New restrictions on camping and some trail uses were put in effect this week:

- Campgrounds on all DNR properties are closed through April 20.
- Bicycling on unpaved trails and all horseback riding has been suspended at all DNR properties.

Some high impact/high adventure trails at Indiana State Parks are also now closed for safety purposes. These trail closures include most of the hiking trails at Turkey Run, Shades and Clifty Falls, and about half of the hiking trails at O'Bannon Woods.

"With approximately 600 miles of trails across our 32 properties, there are still plenty of places to go for a walk," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for the Division of State Parks.

Guests at DNR properties should come prepared for restroom use to be limited, and for all campground comfort stations and modern restrooms to be closed.

This weekend, state park staff in typically high-use properties like Indiana

Dunes, Brown County, Turkey Run and others will monitor gate entry and parking lots to help ensure that guests can have a healthy and enjoyable outdoor experience.

DNR properties also open to guests include state forests and nature preserves, as well as state fish & wildlife areas and outdoor recreation areas.

A complete status list for facilities and services at DNR properties is at on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

Guests at DNR properties should remember the following:

- Practice social distancing at all times, particularly, as you hike, picnic or use boat ramps. Keep a minimum of 6 feet from other individuals you encounter, for your safety and theirs.
- Keep your group size small – fewer than 10 individuals is ideal.
- Restrooms are limited; all modern restrooms and most vault toilets are closed.
- Bring your own drinking water and hand sanitizer.
- If you picnic, bring and use a covering for your picnic table and take it with you when you leave.
- If a parking lot is full, move to another location.
- If you feel sick or are running a temperature, plan a visit for a different day for the safety of other guests.

Department of Agriculture encourages grain safety

In celebration of Stand Up 4 Grain Safety Week, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture is encouraging grain and grain bin safety for farmers and those working in the agriculture industry.

"Ensuring our farmers have the tools and resources necessary to keep themselves and those on their operations safe is our first priority," said Lt. Governor Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This week is a great opportunity to highlight various ways to make our farms as safe as possible."

This year, Stand Up 4 Grain Safety week runs April 13-17 and is hosted by the National Grain and Feed Association, Grain Handling Safety Council, Grain Elevator and Processing Society and a variety of Occupational and Safety and Health Administration programs. This week-long campaign is designed to bring awareness to the dangers of large amounts of flowing grain, grain bin dangers and general on-farm safety.

According to a report by Purdue Uni-

versity's Agricultural Safety and Health Program, in partnership with Grain Journal, 2019 saw a 26.7% increase in grain entrapments from 2018, with 38 total incidents.

"Large amounts of grain, whether that is in the bin, in a grain cart or on the ground, can become dangerous very quickly," said Bruce Kettler, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director. "We want to remind farmers and farm employees to think cautiously and carefully when dealing with large amounts of grain and to assess each situation before you start handling the grain."

There are a variety of ways farmers can increase safety while working with grain. Some of those include:

- having a plan in place if they have to enter a grain bin
- informing someone when they are entering a grain bin
- having an emergency response plan in place for farm owners and employees
- always wearing proper personal protective equipment.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Lush growth has characterized the gardens in recent days. We have had sufficient moisture and temperatures have been warm enough to promote good plant growth. Still, temperatures have been cool enough to allow the flowers to remain in bloom for an extended period. The result has been gardens full of flowers. Each day's walk reveals new blooms and new plants sprouting.

Many of the flowers we enjoy this time of the year are considered ephemeral, meaning they will disappear soon after flowering. However, it is that period from the end of flowering until the foliage fades and dies that is important. During that time, the green plant matter is doing important work. Photosynthesis is still occurring, and it is at this time that the plant is storing energy for next year's flowers. For that reason, you should not cut off that foliage. Some gardeners attempt to hide the foliage by braiding it, but that would interfere with the photosynthesis and I do not advise it. Instead, plant something nearby that will help to hide the dying foliage. Many of the daffodils here at Sandhill Gardens are in the shade of deciduous trees. Since the trees do not have leaves when the daffodils sprout, they get sufficient light for photosynthesis. However, by the time the foliage is dying, the trees will have leaves. For that reason, the use of hostas and other shade-loving plants can hide the foliage of these spring ephemerals. That dying foliage will serve as mulch around the hostas, helping retain moisture and preventing weeds. Such inter-planting takes some planning, but it will save a lot of time in the long run.

Another concern is keeping track of just where those ephemeral plants are located. I suppose every gardener has at some time begun digging a hole for a new plant and found that the bulbs of

some spring ephemeral. I often use a circle of stones or the rim of a broken clay pot to mark the location of ephemerals.

Another option is to sow annual flowers in the area. The roots and bulbs of most ephemeral plants are usually much deeper than one needs to cultivate to sow seeds. It will do no harm to plant zinnias, marigold or other summer annuals right over the top of the ephemeral beds.

The scent of the gardens has changed again. The early lilacs are blooming, adding a perfume to the gardens that most people find delightful. Since I have several varieties of lilacs, that delicious smell should be around for nearly two months. Some of the lilacs will put on a repeat bloom in late summer or early fall.

The rhododendrons along my rhodo road are continuing to bloom. As with the lilacs, I have included many different cultivars to ensure that there are blooms for an extended time. I plan to continue to add rhododendrons to the area and I envision a beautiful walk in future springs.

The cooler temperatures have not advanced soil temperatures and I still advise waiting before adding warm-season crops to the vegetable garden. If you are planting in raised beds, the soil may be warm enough for seeding corn, beans and other summer crops. Transplants of tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and other warm-season crops should not be put in the ground for a few weeks, usually after May 10. If you already have your plants, either from having seeded them or from purchasing them at a garden center, you may want to begin hardening them off. To do this, set the plants in their containers outside in a sheltered area during the day, but bring them in at night. By the time the ground warms for planting, the plants will have adapted to the outdoors.

Keep safe. Plant something. Pray for the end of the pandemic.

DNR to thank volunteers during National Volunteer Week

More than 14,000 volunteers across the state contributed more than 132,000 hours on Indiana Department of Natural Resources properties in 2019.

During National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, the DNR will thank and recognize those volunteers and salute their accomplishments on the dnr.IN.gov website.

Volunteers make a difference by helping maintain, improve, and restore Indiana's natural and cultural heritage at DNR properties. Guests can see the impacts of volunteers through miles of trail improvements, acres of invasive plants removed, help provided at events, program supplies organized, structures

Painted, and more.

To find out how you can help DNR properties, explore on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer. Become part of DNR's volunteer family by downloading a volunteer application and contacting your local DNR property to learn more.

Virtual programs saluting volunteers are listed on the DNR Calendar at calendar.dnr.IN.gov. Posts recognizing volunteers can be found on the Facebook pages of the DNR divisions of State Parks, Fish & Wildlife, Forestry and Nature Preserves.

For more information or questions about volunteering for DNR, email DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov.

New spring wild turkey harvest website available

Indiana DNR has launched a new interactive website that allows hunters of wild turkey to access spring turkey harvest data as it is accumulated by the state.

Data is supplied by the CheckIN Game harvest reporting system. During the check-in process, hunters report the county of harvest and type of equipment used to harvest turkey. Harvest data is updated daily during the spring turkey season.

This data can now be accessed and viewed at wildlife.IN.gov/10340.htm, where visitors can also compare information regarding individual or multiple counties across the past five years.

Hunters have asked for more detailed



harvest data and comparisons between years, and creation of this new website is a direct result of that feedback to DNR.

A fall turkey harvest website will be available at a later date.