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Prom royalty

-Photos provided

LHS Seniors Parker Arvin and Lindsey Nolan (shown above) were chosen as king and queen at the Loogootee Prom last weekend. Below are the prince and princess winners, juniors Jeremiah Wells and Alivia Willis.



Summerfest looking for donations for fireworks

LAST WEEK'S DONORS:

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The Loogootee Summerfest Committee needs donations this year for fireworks that end the festival, due to the cost. Donations can be mailed to Summerfest PO Box 341 Loogootee IN 47553 or made online by clicking [here](#). Donors will be listed in this section of *The Journal* each week with their donation amount and the running amount of total contributions. Donors can be listed as anonymous if they so choose.

County, Loogootee, Shoals receive state road grants

Last week, INDOT announced 224 Indiana cities, towns, and counties received a combined \$133.4 million in state matching funds for local road projects through Community Crossings, a component of the governor's Next Level Roads program.

Martin County received \$1 million, Loogootee received \$619,340.25 and Shoals received \$206,982.42.

Launched in 2016, the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program provides funding to cities, towns, and counties across Indiana to make improvements to local roads and bridges.

Community Crossings is a partnership between INDOT and Hoosier communities, both urban and rural, to invest in infrastructure projects that catalyze economic development, create jobs, and strengthen local transportation networks.

Since 2016, the state has awarded over \$1 billion dollars in state funds to support local road and bridge projects throughout Indiana.

Cities and towns with a population of fewer than 10,000 match the funds received by 25 percent.

Shoals Town Council discusses upcoming events, beautification plans

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, April 10. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D Albright, Roger Abel Jr., and Micky Crew; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Attorney Dave Lett, General Laborer Caitlin Sanders, Ordinance Enforcer Cecil Ragsdale, Shoals Beautification Board Member Tania Brown. Others in attendance were Shoals Business Association President Joyce Foerster, Nathaniel and Rayann Crays, Kelly Tinkle and Grant Sherfick.

Nathaniel Crays came before the council with an Ordinance 2019-1 request and approval. Crays stated he was moving his mobile from his current lot to a lot on Oak Avenue. The lot on Oak Avenue had a previous mobile home that he had torn down and also cleaned up the lot. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve the request with Councilman Abel making the second and the motion passed.

Joyce Foerster, President of the Shoals Business Association, came before the council to request the closure of Main Street from Highway 50 to 2nd street on Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. for

a "Pop Into Spring" event. Foerster said vendors would be invited to set up, there would be a business decorating contest and golf cart parade. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve with Councilman Abel making the second and all were in favor.

Tania Brown with the Shoals Beautification Board requested approval to spend the \$7,000 Overlook Park Grant funds received from the Community Foundation. Brown provided a list of items to be purchased for the project. Brown also requested to spend funds from the beautification board appropriation of the general fund for the remaining cost to cover the project items and to purchase the flowers for the spring planting. Councilman Abel made a motion to approve the requests with Councilwoman Crew making the second and all were in favor.

Brown recommended the council accept the resignation of Christy Jenkins as a member of the Beautification Board and accept the request of Kelly Tinkle to become a member of the Beautification (See 'SHOALS COUNCIL' on page 9)



Jug Rox make a difference

-Photos provided

Shoals held their annual "Jug Rox Make A Difference Day" last Thursday. Shoals students and staff were out in the community cleaning up trash, painting curbs, planting flowers, etc. throughout the day. This idea began 5 years ago when Audrey Gibson brought it to the school administration. She then partnered with Sierra Rutledge, Shoals Clerk/Treasurer. It has since grown and for the first time ever, elementary students took part in the event by doing service projects around the school.



Loogootee Primary mayoral candidates answer questions

MCJ: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

Noel Harty: I am a 1997 graduate of Shoals Jr./Sr. High School. While in high school I also attended the North Lawrence Career Center with a concentration in business and office occupations. After high school I attended the Missouri Auctioneers School going on to receive my auctioneer's license in the State of Indiana in the spring of 1998. After attending auctioneers' school, I attended the RECP Program in Bloomington and went on to obtain my real estate license as well in the spring of 1998. While working in food service for 10 years, as a manager at McDonald's and Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, I attended food safety training and ultimately attended Vincennes University Jasper Campus with a concentration on business management. Unfortunately, my responsibilities while working in food service and working as a licensed real estate agent and auctioneer made it difficult for me to finish my studies at the university. In 2006, I would decide to run for Perry Township Trustee. I held this role until the end of 2011, assisting residents who were not able to pay items such as rent, utility, or medical bills. In 2009, I left Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant after almost 10 years deciding to focus on other present endeavors along with becoming a school bus driver for the Loogootee Community School Corporation which I still do today. While I loved being township trustee, I decided that perhaps I could help the community in an even bigger way by running for Mayor of the City of Loogootee. So, as most if not all of you are aware, I ran for mayor in 2011 and began my first term in 2012. Since becoming mayor, I have attended countless training courses such as the Mayors Institute and economic development workshops. In addition to training, much of my experience has come from the past 11 years I have served as mayor along with the many organizations I am affiliated with. My parents, Kenny and Dee Sanders, who I love very much, reside in Shoals. My sister, Dawn Farrell, lives in Lancaster, Pennsylvania as well



NOEL HARTY

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TERESA NOLLEY
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as her children Dr. Josh Rubenstein and Kaita Santos.

Teresa Nolley: 1974 graduate of Loogootee High School, retired from Loogootee School Corp. in 2013. Currently I am driving a school bus route until the end of this school year. I have served on the city council for the past 8 years representing district Perry 1.

MCJ: What is it about the City of Loogootee that makes you want to be mayor?

Noel Harty: The City of Loogootee is a very special place with its biggest asset being its residents. When someone is in need many are there to help. Another one of our biggest assets is our school. Loogootee Schools is a place where its youth can receive a quality education not just focused on those wishing to later attend college, but those who might want to enter the workforce, skilled labor force, (See 'MAYOR CANDIDATES' on page 8)

Two vie for Loogootee Council At Large

MCJ: Tell us about yourself (Education, family, experience, etc.)

JD Flynn: Chose not to respond.

Ron Gilbert: Ronald (Ron) Gilbert, retired school teacher. Education: Oolitic Schools 1958-1970; IU Bloomington 1971-1974 BS in education; IU Bloomington 1974-1976 master's in education; IU Bloomington 1978-1980 High Ability Endorsement; Ball State 1989-1992 Chinese Endorsement. Family - wife Laura Jean Gilbert, daughters Elizabeth White, Stephanie Gilbert, Katherine Gilbert; seven grandchildren. Experience: Councilman for 8 years

MCJ: What is it about the City of Loogootee that makes you want to be a council member?

JD Flynn: Chose not to respond.

Ron Gilbert: I have helped Loogootee grow the past 8 years and would like to help another 4.

MCJ: Are you happy with the way the city's finances are being spent? If yes, explain. If not, what would you like to see done differently?



STEM Award winners

On Thursday, April 13, Dean and Lorna Troutman were presented with the 2023 Indiana Uplands STEM Innovation Award. The award was presented at the 2023 ROI (Regional Opportunities Initiative) Annual Report to the Regional held at the French Lick Resort. The Indiana Uplands Region consists of 11 counties: Martin, Owen, Greene, Daviess, Dubois, Monroe, Lawrence, Orange, Crawford, Washington and Brown. The robotix coaches were nominated for their years of continued dedicated service to the program.



RON GILBERT

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JD Flynn: Chose not to respond.

Ron Gilbert: I am happy with Loogootee's finances because we as council members are careful with what is spent. We work hard to try to stay within our budget.

MCJ: What are your thoughts on the Mid-States Corridor?

JD Flynn: Chose not to respond.

Ron Gilbert: The Mid State Corridor could be an asset financially but would take a lot as land to complete.

MCJ: Stormwater issues have been a huge problem for the city for a long time. Being the fiscal body of the city, what do you think can be done to help resolve the issues?

JD Flynn: Chose not to respond.

Ron Gilbert: We need to try to find more grant monies that would be specifically earmarked "stormwater".

MCJ: What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing the city right now?

JD Flynn: Chose not to respond.

Ron Gilbert: The problem of available housing seems to be a major problem of the City of Loogootee. Housing needs to be made available and affordable.

MCJ: Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?

JD Flynn: Chose not to respond.

Ron Gilbert: If you vote for me, I will do my best to make the City of Loogootee a great place to live and work.

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Wednesday, April 19, 2023

WILLIAM WAGGONER

William L. Waggoner passed away Sunday, April 16, 2023. A resident of Shoals, he was 54.



WILLIAM WAGGONER

He was born October 13, 1968, in Washington; son of Walter E. Waggoner and Nancy C. (Bowman) Gay. He married Sue Wessell on July 10, 1993, and she survives. William graduated from Shoals High School with the class of 1987 and received his Associates Degree from Ivy Tech, Bloomington. He was very active at Shoals High School with the Band Boosters. He loved fishing, working with his lawn mowers, video gaming with his wife and daughters, and spending time with his family. William was an all-around handy man, able to fix and repair about anything.

William worked at Jasper Rubber as a Lead Man for 17 years.

Surviving are his wife, Sue; daughters, Kristen Waggoner, and Mallory Waggoner; father, Walter E. (Margaret) Waggoner; mother, Nancy C. (Bill) Gay; grandmother, Viola Waggoner; siblings, Claudia (Patrick) Chatman, Matthew (Penny) Waggoner, Tamara (Brent) Shurig, and Tricia (Duane) Potts; nieces and nephews, Jasmine Chatman, Josey (Nate) Seevers, Jarod Waggoner, Seira (Ulrich) Kinnaman, Kayla Wessell, Brandon Moffett, Katlyn (Colton) Riley, Kelsey Potts, and Kayla Potts; several great-nieces and great-nephews; brother-in-law, Chuck (Trudy) Wessell; sisters-in-law, Helen (Jim) Acton and Charlene Burr; aunt and uncle, Jack and Donna Roberson.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Harold and Laura Bowman; grandfather, Claudie L. Waggoner; and niece, Meranda Kay Waggoner.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 20 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Stan Day officiating. Burial will be in Spring

Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., this evening, Wednesday, April 19 at the Queen-Lee Chapel, Shoals.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shoals High School Band Boosters or Shoals High School Robotics Team.

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

RUTH MILLS

Ruth Mills passed away at 10:28 a.m. Monday, April 10, 2023, at The Villages of Oak Ridge. A resident of Loogootee, she was 91.



RUTH MILLS

She was born April 27, 1931, in Washington; daughter of the late Floyd and Margaret Denson.

Ruth married Earl B. Mills on May 1, 1953, and he survives. She enjoyed baking and playing cards. Ruth and Earl volunteered for many years at St. Vincent De Paul and managed the bingo at the VFW Post 9395. Ruth was a member at St. John the Evangelistic Catholic Church, where she was part of the Altar Society.

Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Margaret Denson; siblings, Betty (Ernie) Collison and Charles Richard (Jan) Denson; and brother-in-law, William Sum.

She is survived by her husband, Earl B. Mills of Loogootee; children, Peter (Bunny) Mills of West Brook, Maine; Andrew (Robin) Mills of Greenwood, Patrick Mills of Indianapolis, and Julie Mehrlich of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; and sister, Mildred Sum of West Lafayette.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Friday, April 14, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, In-

diana is honored to serve the family of Ruth Mills.

MARY DAVIS

Mary Jean Davis went to be home with her Lord on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 73.

She was born June 20, 1949, in Washington; daughter of the late Charles Frank and Lillian Alrita (Carrico) Davis.

Mary graduated from Loogootee High School in 1967. She loved reading her bible, playing cards, cooking, cleaning and working word puzzles. But the two most important parts of her life were love for the Lord and love for her family. Mary was a faithful member of the Loogootee Revival Center Church (LRC). Her family meant the world to her, and they were very dear to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lillian Davis; siblings, Scotty Davis, Dwight Davis, Larry Davis, Jaqueline "Jackie" Davis, Edward Davis, Martin "Marty" Davis, Karen



MARY DAVIS

Wagler, and Mariam Porter. Mary is survived by her son, Billy Joe (Lorissa) Walker of Loogootee; grandchildren, Hannah L. Walker, Lillian P. Walker, Rilyn W. Medina, Kyelyn J. Walker (Kye Bear); siblings, Ronald Davis of Birdseye; Greg (Debbie) Davis of Loogootee; Richard Davis of Washington and Barbara Spurgeon of Loogootee.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, April 18 at the Loogootee Revival Center Church (LRC) with Pastor Debbie Davis officiating. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Loogootee Revival Center Church (LRC) in honor of Mary.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 10

1:30 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

7:03 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:22 a.m. - Received call from Bay Alarm Company reporting a medical alarm in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:02 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of possible harassment south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:47 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:03 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

1:17 p.m. - Transport Officer Norman transported one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:54 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

3:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

5:02 p.m. - Received a report of a theft northeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:37 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:44 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Shoals.

7:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:13 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

11:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Erwin, Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Daviess County EMS and Martin County Coroner responded.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

9:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with a Daviess Co medic on board.

9:33 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

9:46 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security reporting a fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:15 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with a JMH medic on board.

11:10 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

11:34 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Shoals.

1:05 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

2:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check southwest of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call report-

ing a field fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Captain Gibson and Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:32 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

2:41 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

2:43 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals.

2:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins and Captain Gibson responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Dubois County address. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

3:52 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

5:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Officer Sims, Corporal Hawkins, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:30 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:08 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

8:23 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

8:45 p.m. - Received a call reporting a field fire south of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, Corporal Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting the lights on the road closed sign on US 231 North are not working. Notified INDOT.

11:26 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn southwest of Shoals.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

1:22 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:35 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:38 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Captain Gibson responded.

10:16 a.m. - Received a call reporting a fire alarm in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded.

11:38 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

5:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:15 p.m. - Received a call from Care Center Call Center requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

7:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting harassment in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:47 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart and Deputy Branham responded.

8:17 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

8:52 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:40 p.m. - Received a call wanting to speak with an officer north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Erwin responded.

11:45 p.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

7:33 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection advising of a silent panic alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

7:47 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:38 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Corporal Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:35 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

12:59 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

1:28 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:04 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

2:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Deputy Haven and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:38 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

12:53 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

3:25 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:47 a.m. - Received a call reporting a vehicle had been repossessed in Loogootee.

4:00 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

8:41 a.m. - Received a call advising alarms will be tested at the prosecutor's office today.

8:47 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection advising of an alarm in Shoals. Advised it is a test.

8:53 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:39 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:08 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:48 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:25 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident east of Shoals. Mar-

tin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

3:10 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northeast of Loogootee.

4:18 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

4:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance for a juvenile north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Haven, Sergeant Wells and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Greene County address. Transferred call to Greene County 911.

5:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a neighbor dispute south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Haven responded.

5:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

8:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:54 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

6:15 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:21 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

8:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

8:46 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

9:12 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:15 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northeast of Loogootee.

11:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to speak with an officer about possible stolen property. Sergeant Wells responded.

12:01 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

12:22 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:01 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible runaway. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Haven responded.

2:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting a field fire north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Deputy Haven and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Loogootee.

4:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident that wasn't called in at the time. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Dubois County address. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

7:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting property damage in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:43 p.m. - Received a call requesting (See' SHERIFF'S LOG' on page 5)

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

April 5

Joshua J. L. Key, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 281 days suspended and credit for 42 actual days previously served plus 42 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

April 6

Carl D. McCarty, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 44 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 22 actual days previously served plus 22 Class A credit days. Also convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 5

Joshua J. L. Key, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; legend drug deception, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 6

Carl D. McCarty, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Dylan V. Bruner, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 6

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Lee Mayo, civil collection.

April 7

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Dana Gilbert, civil collection.

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Danna Holt, civil collection.

April 10

Jessica Hennessy vs. Christopher Hennessy, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Real estate transfers

Lak Rentals, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to **KRA Holdings, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 9 in Roger's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Bobby R. Jenkins, Jr. and Cristy M. Jenkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tyler Scott Stivers and Brittany L. Stivers**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, situated in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6 acres, more or less.

Mullen Family Group, LLC, by Patrick W. Mullen and Linda L. Mullen to **Patrick W. Mullen and Linda L. Mullen**, of Dubois County, Indiana, the east one-half of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 51.35 acres, more or less.

Brian K. Wininger and Tammy J. Wininger, of Martin County, Indiana to **Travis Lee Holman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.62 acres, more or less.

Philip A. Street, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dayton E. Stutzman and Holly N. Street**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.206 acres, more or less.

riage.

Kali Mullins vs. Dakota Mullins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Andrew P. Hopkins in the amount of \$6,002.03.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 7

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Dustin L. Fox, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gina R. Grafton, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Annabelle Comeau, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Catina M. Cannon, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cherie Pressley and against the defendant Raul Sandoval in the amount of \$5,125.

April 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Miranda Beaver in the amount of \$1,935.48.

SHERIFF'S LOG —

(Continued from page 4)

assistance in Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Deputy Haven, Loogootee Officer Sims and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

8:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting a tow truck east of Loogootee. Deputy Haven, Loogootee Officer Sims and Big John's Towing responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:21 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:49 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Branham, Deputy Haven and Martin County Medic 2 responded. No one was transported.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

1:19 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Branham responded.

2:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:37 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:10 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins and Captain Gibson responded.

1:52 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute northeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson, Corporal Hawkins, Deputy Haven and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm East of Loogootee. Captain Gibson, Corporal Hawkins, Deputy Haven and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a wild animal complaint in Loogootee. Notified Indiana Conservation South Region.

7:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:46 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:15 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Erwin, Deputy Haven and Big John's Towing responded.

11:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 10

11:50 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long was called to a civil complaint on East Main Street.

3:32 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on West Main Street.

3:40 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a vehicle call on Butcher Boulevard.

11:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on East Broadway Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

10:44 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on South Oak Street.

5:35 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a civil complaint on Northeast Second Street.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

10:41 a.m. - Chief Means responded to an accident on the city square.

4:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a shed fire on Jackson Street.

7:47 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a disturbance on East Broadway Street.

11:45 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a residential burglary alarm on Clark Street.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

10:38 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a civil complaint on Trimble Lane.

11:04 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a call on Northwest First Street.

2:40 p.m. - Chief Means responded to an accident on West Broadway Street.

3:33 p.m. - Chief Means performed a vehicle unlock on North Oak Street.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

12:53 a.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a report of a suspicious person on North Oak Street.

9:38 a.m. - Chief Means and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Hill Street.

10:07 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on West Broadway Street.

9:28 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a domestic complaint on Highway 231 North.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

11:07 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a vehicle call on North Oak Street.

7:33 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a vehicle damaged on Clark Street.

7:43 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a medical call in Sunset Trailer Court.

8:50 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Highway 231 South.

9:49 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a medical call on Grant Street.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

2:42 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a complaint on East Church Street.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, APRIL 10

12:41 p.m. - Brian Hammons, 33, of Hardinsburg, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He was released by court on his own recognizance.

1:33 p.m.- Ryan Watkins, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Whyte and charged with possession of child pornography, under the age of 12.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13

12:09 a.m. - Chadd Lents, 46, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Branham on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

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Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, May 5th at 3:00PM. Sealed bids can be dropped off at the Shoals Town Hall located at 221 Low Street Shoals, IN 47581 or mailed to Town of Shoals P.O.Box 1078 Shoals, IN 47581. Sealed bids should include Contractor name and contact information, final bid price with details of work that needs to be completed, and expected start date/timeline for project if awarded. Contractor will be required to provide proof of insurance upon awardment.

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4-H grant

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The Martin County 4-H Council received a \$1,245 grant from the Martin County 4-H Fund. This fund was one of the very first endowments established at the Martin County Community Foundation and was set up for yearly distributions to help the 4-H with their operations and maintenance costs. Contact the MCCF Director Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org if you also want to help the 4-H in this way. Any amount donated to this fund will have a forever impact on the 4-H and our youth. Shown, from left to right, are Jocelyn Craney, Purdue Extension Director Dena Held, Madison Davis, 4-H Council member Dan Wagler, MCCF Secretary Garry Smith, 4-H Council member John Lindsey, 4-H Council President Mitch Green, 4-H Council members Kathy Lingenfelter, Erin Bateman, Jill Ziegler and Julinda Adams; and MCCF Director Curt Johnson.



Goodwill Cemetery distribution

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The Goodwill Cemetery Association received their yearly distribution from the Goodwill Cemetery Fund and the George & Barbara Cropp Fund for the Goodwill Cemetery. Both funds are "field of interest" funds held with the Martin County Community Foundation to support the operations and maintenance costs of the cemetery. This year's grant from the funds totaled \$16,186. These endowment funds have had several generous donations to build them to where they are today. Shown, from left to right, are MCCF Board member Janie Johnson, Goodwill Cemetery Board members Richard Barber, Ralph Ausbrooks, Ken Woods and Mike Kirk, and MCCF President Paula Ringwald.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, April 20 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting will include the first preliminary determination hearing in connection with the proposed remodeling and expansion project. The meeting is open to the public.

Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic hosts a wellness clinic on the third Friday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required.

Mental Health Task Force

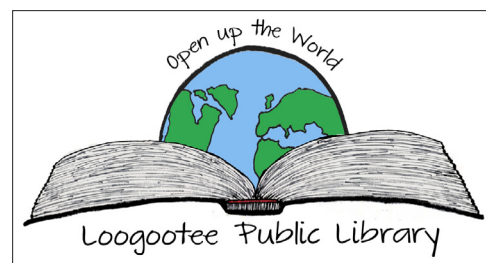
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the task force, email echrist-mas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

FOLL Book & Bake Sale on Saturday April 22 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lots of books available for a reasonable price. Lots of homemade pies, cookies, brownies, and cakes at the Bake sale.

New Books:

Mystery: "Shadow of Death" by Heather Graham and "Where are the Children Now" by Mary Higgins Clark.

Inspirational Fiction: "Hopefully Ever After" by Beth Wiseman, "When Coyotes Howl" by Sandra Dallas, and "The Tapestry of Grace" by Kim Vogel Sawyer.

DVDs: "The Chosen: Season One".

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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.

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!

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.

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.

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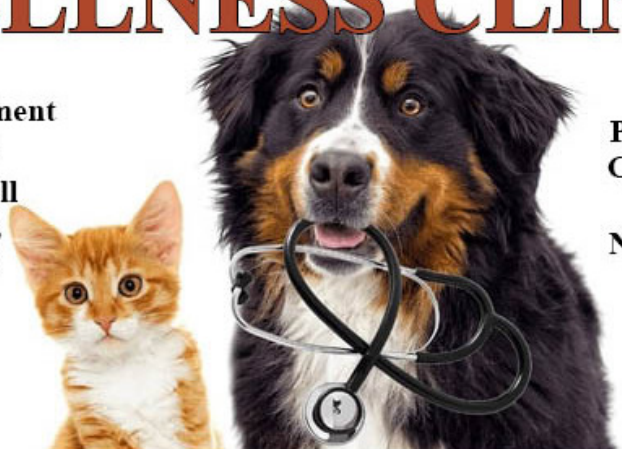
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With Arbor Day approaching, it is time to begin planning and shopping. Planting a tree on Arbor Day is more than a tradition. It is one of the best ways to help your world. However, it is not something to be done without planning. There is a lot to consider.

The first consideration is who will plant the tree. Arbor Day plantings are often a group activity. Many teachers involve students in the act, using the occasion for teaching some science. It is also a good activity for scouts, 4-H clubs and other organizations. Tree planting need not be limited to children. It is a good way for adult groups to share an evening outside. Perhaps the best planting team is members of different generations of your family. A tree planted by a family may become a special memory that tends to draw the family together in the future.

You then need to decide where the tree will be planted. If you own your home, you may wish to plant a new tree on your property. Otherwise, you will need to get permission to plant a tree in a public place. Many parks and forests appreciate having trees planted. Some schools allow classes to plant trees on school property. You still have time to make some contacts to find a place for tree planting. There are many other factors in siting a tree. You will want to choose a place where the tree will have room to grow to its full potential. For this reason, you will need to do some research into the tree you will plant. Whether you are planting a seedling, a sapling or a larger transplant, you must consider the eventual mature size of the tree. Always plan on a

tree's reaching the largest potential size. Many trees have had to be cut down because they out-grew the available space. I just cut a tree I had planted a few years ago. It had been mislabeled. I thought I was planting a small tree that would only reach 15 feet tall, but it was a different species that grew too close to the electric lines. While you cannot know if something has the wrong label, do your best to avoid planting trees where they will not have room to mature.

Trees perform many functions, and the function you need determines the type of tree you will plant. You may want a tree for shade. Perhaps you wish to start or add to a home orchard. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and while I find most trees beautiful, you may be looking for something that has eye-catching flowers or perhaps evergreen foliage to be attractive in the winter. Many people plant evergreens as windbreaks or to buffer one's living area from busy street noises. Trees may be used to block unwanted views or to define approaches. Trees are invaluable in attracting wildlife. Trees provide food and shelter for birds and many other members of the animal kingdom.

Get busy! You have your homework assignment, but with the internet, it is easy to find information about trees and help finding the best fit for your needs and desires. Next week, I will tell you some of my personal favorite trees and the reasons I like them. I will also give you some instructions that will help your tree get off to a good start. Planting a tree is an activity that will provide consequences for many years.

Spring Mill to host Village Wine Tasting Experience

Spring Mill State Park will host its first Village Wine Tasting Experience on April 29 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in its Pioneer Village.

Four wineries will offer drinks at the event: French Lick Winery, Hunters Ridge Winery from Salem, Carousel Winery from Mitchell, and Monkey Hollow Winery from St. Meinrad. Products from the wineries will be available for cash purchase.

In addition to the wine tasting, there will be appetizers, music, interpretive programs, photo opportunities, and other activities.

Advance registration is required and can be made by stopping by the Spring Mill office or calling 812-849-3534 between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily. Cost is \$20, and payment must be made at the time of registration. The park entrance fee of \$7 for in-state vehicles and \$9 for

out of state vehicles applies. All attendees must present their ID at the time of arrival. The last day to register is April 25.

Participants not staying at the park's campground must have a designated driver who is also 21 or older. The driver will not be charged admission but can participate in all aspects of the event that are not the wine tasting. Those staying at the campground for the event must use the provided shuttle to get to the event and pay the \$20 admission cost. There will be no designated drivers from the campground.

For more information on the event, contact Colletta Prewitt, interpretive naturalist, at 812-849-3534 or cprewitt@dnr.IN.gov.

Spring Mill State Park (on.IN.gov/springmill) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.



Previously published April 27, 2009

Corn planters started to roll this past weekend in Martin County. The farmers have pulled open the big machine shed doors and dropped the hitch pins between tractors and planters, coupling some of the most impressive planting equipment and technology known to agriculture, with horsepower capable of moving the machines efficiently and rapidly in fields from end-to-end and back again. If you think about the methods of putting seed to soil, it bears little resemblance to those of just a century ago. The massive tractors with climate-controlled workstations, hydraulics capable of lifting thousands of pounds with the flip of a switch or pull of a lever, monitors that tell the operators everything that is happening, and GPS equipment that will match the exact location of the machine in a field with a plot on a map. Given the right circumstances, a single planter unit can plant hundreds of acres in a day.

My first experience with corn planting was forty-some years ago. We had a four-row planter that didn't do all that bad in the little fields we were working in at the time. I enjoyed seeing the corn and bean rows pressed neatly behind the planter and it wasn't like work at all to plant from dawn to dusk. When finished, a field resembled a neatly combed head of hair to me.

On our way home from Jasper tonight I saw two farmers working the river bottom fields along the White River. With the equipment these guys have, I told Barb it wouldn't surprise me if they had the fields they were in completely planted by this time tomorrow. The soil looked just right and smelled like spring soil should smell.

The beginning of the growing season is one of hope and expectation. The risk

of the process is well known to these multi-generation farmers of the land. They have seen it all; flooding, drought, hail, and crop diseases. There are no guarantees of a harvest, but there is a careful calculation that involves all the risk factors of crop production. To farm the land requires a certain type of personality. One that tries to balance science with nature, and a healthy dose of dealing with adversity. The upside to the profession is the knowledge that only a few are left, and the rest of us depend on their skills and tenacity to supply the food we all depend on.

I have said this many times and, in many ways, but I think it bears repeating. The farm machines used in modern production agriculture have vastly outgrown the roadways. Moving from field-to-field is truly a safety issue. Most farmers are considerate of cars and trucks, but the reality is there are few opportunities to get them off the roadways completely or even partially, not to mention that visibility is often not that good either. I plead with you to be aware of the risk involved with following and passing these machines and give our farming professionals the room they need to maneuver these expensive and complex machines. The seconds or minutes saved by an unsafe pass are not worth the risk.

Life is Good!

Pickleball clinic

Loogootee Pickleball is holding one more pickleball clinic on April 23. The clinic will be held at St. Martin, Whitfield from 1-2:30 p.m. There are three openings.

The clinic is \$20, and balls and paddles will be furnished. Please call Terri Smith at 812-661-2905 if interested.

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MAYOR CANDIDATES

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or last but not least, enter the military. Another asset is the workforce starting with Crane Base. Crane offers for many of youth after college or some form of skilled training the ability to enter the workforce with an above average starting wage. Crane also offers advancement and last but not least, the work done at Crane is insurmountable to the safety of all in the United States. In terms of other employment opportunities with above average wages we also have Midwestern Engineers, Loughmiller Inc, and last but not least National and US Gypsups in nearby Shoals. Loogootee has a lot going for it being a “Small Community With A Big Heart”. Honestly, I cannot imagine not wanting to be the mayor of such a very

special place to live!

Teresa Nolley: As I have always been proud of the Loogootee School system, I have been equally proud to say I am from Loogootee. Having been involved in many boards and civic committees this past 8 years, I understand the many opportunities that are passing us by. It is time we find ways to capitalize on them and get our city moving forward.

MCJ: *How do you feel businesses are doing in Loogootee? Is there anything you could do, as mayor, to help with economic development for existing businesses and attracting new businesses in the city?*

Noel Harty: I think while all our local businesses are facing the same dilemma of obtaining products to sell and the

competition of online shopping, many are still doing well. I think Loogootee is no different than any other community right now in the United States still trying to rebound from COVID-19. For some it has been easier than others but tough in general, none the less. I have worked in the past and will continue to do so being a member of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth to assist in finding ways to fill the gap of losses of income when tragedy strikes for local business. I think in relationship to attracting new business, we have to have the available space. These spaces also almost have to be move-in ready. I feel our greatest way in continuing to move forward is to keep an inventory of what is available and perhaps what each location’s needs might

be. We actually have already begun this process and I feel it is our biggest step to finding economic growth in the city and the county.

Teresa Nolley: As all businesses do, I’m sure Loogootee businesses wish they could do better. Obviously, growth in our city would help them. I feel the biggest obstacle for most is the need for employees. We need to work with the county’s economic director, our Purdue Extension office, the school, and all state agencies to make sure all available resources are brought to our businesses.

MCJ: *Stormwater issues have been a huge problem for the city for a long time. What do you plan to do to fix this? And do you have a timeframe?*

Noel Harty: The stormwater issues throughout the city are, without a doubt, some of our biggest challenges. Over the last few years, the city has worked very diligently, with the help of Midwestern Engineers and the Southern Indiana Development Commission, in obtaining grant funding to address some of these issues. The city will continue to do this in the future as has been done in the past by utilizing Economic Development Income Tax funds and funds created from the stormwater fee to match these grants. However, this will be a much slower process than any of us, including me, want to bear. I think the real answer is much larger funding needs to be allocated from the state through larger grants to address these issues so many communities such as ours have.

Teresa Nolley: Time frames are almost always at someone else’s mercy. That being said, we should very actively put together at least a 5-year plan to start working on the issue. Sticking an orange cone in it and walking away is not the answer. We need an aggressive attack on grant writing and setting aside matching funds to support those grants.

MCJ: *What are your thoughts on the Mid-States Corridor?*

Noel Harty: As I have gone on record many times stating, I fail to see the need for a new road. It would be wonderful to make upgrades to the existing roads we have and make accessibility to our fair city easier. I vote no to the Mid-State Corridor.

Teresa Nolley: The only explanation for this has been to increase development and speed travel time. With I-69 being so close, and the lack of development on it, we should be demanding more answers. I am not for the Mid-States Corridor in Martin County! But if given no other option I will work aggressively to make sure it benefits us as much as possible.

MCJ: *What do you believe is the most pressing issue facing the city right now?*

Noel Harty: As was mentioned in question four, I believe one of our pressing issues is continuing to make upgrades to our stormwater system. I also believe that the city needs to focus as much as we can on housing. The city is currently working on a development with private developers that will create the possibility of 40 new homes. However, the work does not stop there. We need to continue to move forward looking for ways to create new housing and developments.

Teresa Nolley: We must understand our budget and plan on the ways we use our money. Planning is the best way to save. Use the resources we have to move forward. Our people are our best resource, we must find a way to activate them into using their talents for the good of the city.

MCJ: *Is there anything else you would like to get across to the voters?*

Noel Harty: I have loved my time as mayor and if re-elected, will continue to work for the best interest of our residents!

Teresa Nolley: Voting is the first course of action. Vote on MAY 2, 2023. I would appreciate a vote for Teresa Nolley to be the next Mayor of Loogootee.

Thank You to Our Amazing Team!

Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center has designated April as Caregiver Service Recognition Month. All month we are celebrating our caregivers and their years of service at Memorial Hospital. Thank you to all these individuals and our entire team for all they do each and every day to provide quality and compassionate care!

45 Years of Service

Kaye Anders Cheryl Houchin
Mary Ann Durcholz Debra Ohanian
Rhonda Hohler

40 Years of Service

Gail Knust Judy Long
Jan Wallhauser

35 Years of Service

Angela Hobson Angela Matheis
Susan Hoffman John Toy
Lucinda Kline

30 Years of Service

Jill Folz Cynthia Mitchell
Joyce Gore Karen Neuhoff
Julie Green

25 Years of Service

Mary Begle Tammy Mehringer
Edward Kyle Bennett Kathy Morrison
Chastity Broeker Leah Olinger
Karen Hall Chris Raibley
Beth Hentrup Dr. Gary Riddle
Martha Jones Ryan Young
Sean Kluemper
Susan Martin
Jill McCune

20 Years of Service

Sigrun Alles Jennifer Matheis
Audra Berg Donna Rasche
Shelley Calhoun Abby Recker
Melissa Courter Jodi Richardson
Lane Divine Sandra Schnaus
Ashley Erny Melisaa Seifert
Jennifer Erwin Rebecca Strange
Cheryl Hopster Kelly Sturgeon
Debra Kempf Dr. Theodore Wafllart
Phoebe Kendall Retha Warner
Janessa Knies Sara Willis
Dr. Mark Luff Michele Wolf

15 Years of Service

Jillian Barnett
Dr. Douglas Bies
Jennifer Bryant
Dr. Mary Burgeson
Toni Cibak
Denise Eastridge
Connie Egloff
Belinda Englert
Martha Figueroa
Scott Fulcher
Rachelle Greener
Mona Haag
Nicole Haeffling
Jimmi Sue Harvey
Karen Hilsmeier
Kelly Hoffman
Regina Kahle
Heather Kirchoff
Kara Klem
Janell Knepp
Gary Knepp
Dawn Kroeger
Sarah Leinenbach
Rhonda Lindauer
Tari Linne

Diane Luebbehusen
Monte Maier
Tracy Malone
Paula Martin
Arminda Matheis
Amy Mehringer
Tonia Mehringer
Cora Melton
Jenna Merkel
Karri Meyer
Tracy Miller
Lana Miller
Kathleen Munning
Dr. Joseph Munning
Kirt Muth
Nichole Peter
Kimberly Pfaff
Joni Pinkstaff
Melissa Potts
Lori Ramsey
Judith Rees
Amy Rickelman
Yvonne Rominger
Dr. Michael Ruff
Nancy Salb

Elvia Sandoval
Dr. Leroy Schaefer
Roxanne Schepers
Jill Schnieders
Krista Schroering
Brenda Schuetter
Stacey Schuetter
Heather Sermersheim
Kathy Sibrel
Debra Simpson
Stephanie Stallman
Mallory Terwiske
Adriane Thacker
Sara Vaal
Stacie Vaal
Dr. Jason Vaughan
Victoria Venekamp
Susan Weisheit
Amy Weisman
Jessica Werne
Rachael Werner
Debra White
Kathleen Willegal

10 Years of Service

Jenna Anderson
Katherine Barrett
Dr. Dean Beckman
Vickie Beckman
Pamela Begle
Angela Blair
Mallory Bolin
Kristine Breitwieser
Rhonda Broerman
Breanna Brosmer
Dawn Buechlein
Nancy Buechlein
Angela Buntin
Julie Capehart
Sheryl Cody
Margaret Coomer
Adileah Damon
Amber Fischer
Rebecca Gadlage

Joyce Gehlhausen
Jamie Harris
Sabrina Harris
Cindi Haulk
Nicole Hayden
Daniel Hedinger
Dr. Frank Hopkins
Sharla Hurst
Alison Johnson
Emily Klein
Brooke Knotts
Kasie Krodell
Rachel Lampert
Valerie Lange
Todd Lau
Kim Lents
Sandra Luebbehusen
Sherri Mathies
Amanda Meyer

Dr. Kristi Nord
Michelle Nordhoff
Kimberly Peters
Whitney Pflanz
Margaret Porter
Diane Rickelman
Dr. Stephen Sample
Tara Schipp
Danielle Schulthies
Samantha Spellmeyer
Alecia Spurgeon
Molly Stenffenagel
Nicole Stevenson
Breanne Terwiske
M. Shawn Valuch
Leanna Vinson
Pamela Wagner
Carrie Williams
Amanda Yoder

5 Years of Service

Haley Aldridge
Robert Atkins
Abby Beck
Ariel Begle
Danielle Benton
Shelby Berger
Lucas Blessinger
Nicholas Borden
Alexis Breeden
Grace Burger
Mackenzie Burke
Karen Caldemeyer
Magdalena Castillo
Sarah Cronin
Chelsie Day
Dr. Logan Dellinger
Jenna Dilger
Lori Dooley
Brenda Dotterweich
Luke Durcholz
Anna Eisenhut
Kelly Flaminio
Jennifer Flores
Adrienne Furman
Tyler Griffin
Brittany Haywood
Katelyn Helming

Joshua Hemmer
Katie Hilgeman
Amanda Hinton
Linda Huebner
Ashley Jones
Kari Keeley
Kelsey Kelly
Katie Kempf
Stacia Landstrom
Destiney Law
Kasey Lemond
Matthew Leslie
Nidia Mejia
Maria Menjivar
Kendall Messmer
Krista Miller
Timothy Mullen
Cassandra Neukam
Hannah Nixon
Jessa Nord
Nicole Overpeck
Gwen Persohn
Mallory Peter
Juan Ramirez
Harlee Ramsey
Amanda Rasche
Sara Reed

Christine Rue
Kortney Ruhe
Jessica Schaeffer
Chandler Schmidt
Gidget Schnell
Molly Schwenk
Kymber Schwenk
Sandy Seng
Georgeanna Seybold-Mabe
Nicole Sitzman
Kristina Smith
Nichol Smith
Dawn Spayd
Henley Swartzentruber
Tiffany Sweet
Danielle Terwiske
Alexis Thacker
Dr. Darin Thomas
Whitney Trafton
Evan Wagner
Matt Wells
Beth Werner
Chasity Williams
Michele Wiseman
Janae Zeigler

Loogootee Girls' Tennis results

The Loogootee High School Girls' Tennis Teams were defeated by Washington last Thursday, April 13. The varsity lost 2-3 and the junior varsity 1-5. The varsity stands at 5-3 on the season.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Lacy Hancock (W) defeated Kieragen Napier 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Annabelle Blake 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles Kenna Garland (W) defeated Marley McAtee 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Lisset Santos-Mora/Ryley Traylor (W) defeated Ana Toy/Addy Lengacher 6-1, 6-1

#2 Doubles Abbey Fischer/Macy Knepp (L) defeated Cassie Dillon/Ella Williams 6-2, 6-4

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Maliyah Thorne (W) defeated Brooklyn Knepp 6-0

#2 Singles Sophia Hill (W) defeated Brooklyn Knepp 6-2

#1 Doubles Breah Eskew/Brooklyn Whitehead (W) defeated Ashlynn Gilbert/Linsey England 6-0

#2 Doubles Anna Fox/Shai Lunsford (W) defeated Kamila Wilson/Britta Browder 6-0

#3 Doubles Ashlynn Gilbert/Linsey

England (L) defeated Aly Mazingo/Tylie Walton 7-6

#4 Doubles Paris Thomas/Addy Cummins (W) defeated Kamila Wilson/Britta Browder 6-3

Last Tuesday, April 11, the varsity Lady Lions defeated Northeast Dubois 4-1. The junior varsity also brought home the win, 2-1.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Elizabeth Schepers 6-2, 6-0

#2 Singles Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Sydney Roach 6-1, 7-5

#3 Singles Mya Ziegler (NED) defeated Marley McAtee 6-3, 6-4

#1 Doubles Ana Toy/Addy Lengacher (L) defeated Jessa Braunecker/Martina Treffeletti 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles Abbey Fischer/Macy Knepp (L) defeated Macey Harrison/Andrea Simmler 6-7(4), 6-1, 6-0

Junior varsity results

#1 Doubles Lindsey England/Izzy Smith (L) defeated Ana Moreira Viotti/Riley Babrick 6-0

#1 Singles Izzy Smith (L) defeated Riley Babrick 6-1

#2 Singles Riley Babrick (NED) defeated Linsey England 6-5

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Senior SPOTLIGHTS



KAYLYNN SIMS

Kaylynn Suzanne Sims is the daughter of Brad Sims and Kerry Cooper. After graduation she plans to attend Vincennes University to study elementary education. While in high school she participated in band (9-12), Intern (12), FFA (9, 11-12), Cadet Teach (11). She was FFA reporter (11), and FFA treasurer (12).



AVA SUMMERS

Ava Marie Summers is the daughter of Aaron Summers and Tonya Blasch. After graduation, Ava plans to attend Indiana University to study Criminal Justice. While in high school, Ava participated in Band (9-10), Cheerleading (9-12), Musicals (9-12), Spanish Club (9), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-12), French Club (12), Cadet Teaching (12), and Show Choir (10-12).



ISABELLA SMITH

Isabella Naomi Smith is the daughter of Sarah Pieiemeier and Casey Pieiemeier. After graduation, Isabella plans to attend Vincennes University to study nursing. While in high school, Isabella participated in Intern (12) and Tennis (11-12).



BROOKLYN SUMMERS

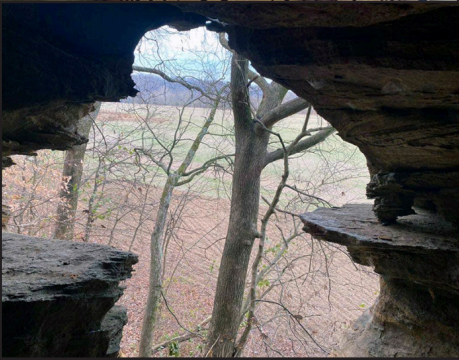
Brooklyn Gale Summers is the daughter of Travis and Leslie Summers. After graduation, Brooklyn plans to attend VU to study to become a Physical Therapy Assistant. While in highschool Brooklyn participated in Beta Club (9-12), Intern (12), Student Council (9-12), SADD (10-11), and Spanish Club (9-12). Brooklyn also participated in Lionettes (9-12), Softball (9), and Volleyball (9-12).



Show us your Shoals

-Photos provided

The Shoals Business Association hosted a “Show us YOUR Shoals” photo contest where participants could submit up to three photos of their favorite picture of a location in Shoals. The winner of the contest was Lucas Baylis, with the photo shown, taken on Brooks Bridge Road. Lucas was presented a plaque and t-shirt with his winning photo. The t-shirt was made and produced by “Shoals Ink” which a student-led business at Shoals High School. Shown from left to right are Lucas Baylis, winner; Joyce Foerster, Shoals Business Association President; and Sierra Rutledge, Shoals Business Association Secretary.



SHOALS COUNCIL

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Board. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to accept the recommendation with Councilman Abel making the second and all were in favor. Council Member Albright thanked Brown and the Beautification Board for all of their continued dedicated hard work in the community of Shoals.

Ordinance Enforcer Cecil Ragsdale updated the board on property ordinance violations he has served to date and new violations served since the last meeting. Ragsdale said he has also issued three open burning violation warnings since the last meeting due to receiving complaints of burning of non-allowable items per the Indiana burning regulations and guidelines.

Ragsdale recommended the council allow him and Attorney Lett authorization to contact a bank that has a property of concern in foreclosure about the issues on the property needing to be addressed. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve authorization with Councilman Abel making the second and all were in favor.

Ragsdale stated he had members of Indiana Landmarks in town today to look at the old Nu Tap building and stated while they were onsite they visited other historic buildings in the downtown area. Ragsdale stated it was a good meeting and he will provide an update once he has one from them.

Council Member Albright stated he wanted to provide an update on the wastewater system improvements project. Albright stated the first construction took place on April 3 and the next one would be May 1 at 8 a.m. at the Shoals Town Hall. Albright stated May 1 is also the projected start date. Once the project gets to the bridge portion, the bridge will be closed down to one lane on the sidewalk side.

Clerk Treasurer Rutledge provided current fund balances to the council for review. She requested approval of the additional appropriation as advertised for the ARPA fund. Councilman Abel made a motion to approve with Councilwoman Crew making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge reminded the council of the ROI report to the region meeting on Thursday being held at French Lick. She also reminded them of the Jug Rox Make A Difference reschedule date for this

coming Friday April 14.

Rutledge requested approval to submit a change to the community foundation for the previously awarded “Lets Light Up Shoals Grant.” She said the original project came in cheaper than expected and submitted a request for an additional light at the ballpark area. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve the request with Councilman Abel making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge stated the Town Wide Spring Clean Up was set for May 12-14 and the dumpster had been ordered. She reported the Garden Dig was set to start and so far four garden areas had signed up.

Rutledge stated that the Indiana Finance Authority Water Loss Audit Report needs to be completed and that she and General Laborer Sanders were going to investigate to see if they could complete it in house to potentially save the town money.

The clerk-treasurer reminded the council of a Ziptiltly vendor meeting for a GIS work order system on April 18 at noon at the town hall.

Rutledge stated there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new playground at the ballpark during the Shoals Summer League Opening Day Ceremonies at 10 a.m. She reminded council of the Town Wide Yard Sales event May 19-21.

Rutledge reported Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, had provided an update on the trapping of cats in Shoals. Hughett said, to date, 14 cats have been trapped with 13 of those being in the Water Street area and one from West Shoals. The humane society continues to trap cats on Thursdays in Shoals.

She stated the “Welcome to Shoals” billboard needed repairs and she would investigate the best approach.

Rutledge stated the request for sealed bids for the Main Street lights repair had been advertised.

The clerk-treasurer then presented a meter deposit applies for B. Harrison. Councilman Abel made a motion to accept with Councilwoman Crew making the second and all were in favor.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Abel made a motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Crew making the second and the meeting closed at 6:50 p.m.

The next regular session is Monday, May 8 at 5:59 p.m.