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## Shoals man earns more charges after arrest

A Martin County man arrested on multiple criminal warrants earned new drug charges while being booked in jail.

Around 9 a.m. Tuesday morning, Martin County Deputy Tony Dant was transporting a jail inmate from the Martin County Jail in Shoals to the Daviess County Courthouse in Washington, when Dant observed 20-year-old Dylan J. Day of Loogootee in the vehicle in front of him. Day was wanted on three felony warrants through Martin County. Since Deputy Dant was in Daviess County at the time, Daviess County Deputy Aaron Harbstreet assisted Deputy Dant, and placed him into custody on the arrest warrants.

Deputy Harbstreet contacted State Police Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents and asked if Lents could transport Day to the Martin County Jail. Trooper Lents asked Day multiple times if he was in possession of any drugs; Day said he was not. While going through Day's property at the Martin County Jail, Lents found a small plastic baggie containing a clear, crystal substance.



Shown above is Dylan Day and to the right is the meth found on his possession when being booked into the Martin County Jail.



The substance field tested positive for methamphetamine.

Day was lodged without incident in the Martin County Jail on the criminal

warrants as well as the new charges of possessing methamphetamine.

Charges

Warrant 1:

-Possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony

-Possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor

Warrant 2:

-Child Molesting, a Class B Felony

-Sexual Misconduct with a Minor, a Class C Felony

Warrant 3 (Revocation of Bond):

-Neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony

-Possession of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony

-Possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony

-OWI controlled substance, a Class C Misdemeanor

-Driving while suspended prior, a Class A Misdemeanor

Charges (Tuesday):

-Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony

-False Informing, a Class B Misdemeanor

## Shoals School Board prepping for the end of the year

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, April 14. Board Secretary Eva Neeley was not present for the meeting.

One clarification to the minutes was noted under new business during the March 10 meeting - Item I - Contracted Grass Mowing. Danny Roush was hired to mow the fenced in athletic fields during the 2016 season. The areas to be mowed by a contractor will only include the areas outside the fenced in athletic fields.

The board approved the renewal of Superintendent Candace Roush's contract.

Two quotes were received for mowing during the 2016 season. Superintendent Roush recommended approval of Wade Lawn Care to mow only the areas outside the fenced in athletic fields at \$385 per mowing. The board approved.

The board approved the operating agreements with North Lawrence Career Center and OLJMG Joint Services for the 2016-17 School Year.

The board approved the following field trips:

-Senior College and Career Students

to US Gypsum on April 19

-Junior class to Washington for Safe Prom Activity on April 20

-6<sup>th</sup> grade to Vincennes University on May 4

-5<sup>th</sup> grade to Jasper Train Depot, Mill, and Skate Palace on May 5

-Senior Class to Kings Island in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 20

-Pre-school to Holiday World on May 11

-3<sup>rd</sup> grade to Lincoln Boyhood Memorial on May 12

-5<sup>th</sup> grade to Martin County Courthouse and Jail on May 13

The board approved the following personnel actions:

-Retirement notification of Sandy Spears at end of 2015-16 school year

-Erin Cage as Spanish Teacher for 2016-17 school year

-Ian Perrotte as substitute teacher for 2015-16 school year

-Jenny Wiscaver as custodian

-Permission to post position of junior/senior high teaching assistant

-Permission to advertise for part time Ag Teacher for 2016-17 school year

-Retirement notification from Brenda

Smoot effective end of 2015-16 school year

-Rebecca Harmon as varsity volleyball coach for 2016-17

-Jeff Gee as varsity soccer coach for 2016-17

-Dave Qualkenbush as varsity cross country coach for 2016-17

-Bryson Abel as varsity boys' basketball coach for 2016-17

-Jackie Taylor as volunteer dance coach for 2016-17

-Ashton Wagler as baseball volunteer coach for 2015-16

-Resignation of Tim Sanders from position of girls' varsity basketball coach

-Permission to post open coaching positions of girls' varsity basketball and dance team

-Dale Boyd as substitute teacher during the 2015-16 school year

-Summer cleaning crew: Tracy Jones as Team Leader (Extra \$1/hr.), Larry Jones, Jenny Wiscaver, Anita Dixon, Anita Letterman, Miranda Albright, Julie Montgomery, Cindy Johnson. Substitutes: Jessica Hembree, Bill Johnson, Miranda Beaver

(See 'SHOALS' continued on page 2)

## DON and Lt Governor host press event about energy security initiatives

Last Wednesday at the Indiana State Capitol, the Department of the Navy (DON), the office of the Indiana Lieutenant Governor and Duke Energy hosted a press event regarding energy security and resiliency initiatives in Indiana.

This event follows the recent announcement that the DON and Duke Energy are collaborating to develop a 24-megawatt (MW) direct current (17-MW alternating current) solar facility at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Crane. Projected to be one of Indiana's largest solar facilities, the project is awaiting approval from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to begin construction.

The press event featured remarks by the Honorable Dennis V. McGinn, as-

sistant secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations & Environment; Eric Holcomb, lieutenant governor of Indiana; Melody Birmingham-Byrd, president of Duke Energy Indiana; and Duane Embree, director of the Indiana Office of Defense Development.

Senior leaders remarked on progress and potential for more public private partnerships as new energy technologies, regulations and tax credit extensions enable agencies to meet critical federal and defense energy and security goals, while also furthering Duke Energy and the state's commitment to energy resiliency in Indiana.

McGinn emphasized the importance of this project, "We greatly value our partnership with Indiana and with Duke

Energy. It is collaborative and mutually beneficial efforts like this that helped the Department of the Navy surpass the Secretary of the Navy's goal to procure one gigawatt of renewable energy by the end of 2015. On-base projects provide energy security for the host and surrounding communities by physically securing assets, diversifying the local power portfolio and boosting the base's resiliency with the in-kind consideration received for use of Navy land."

"We are honored to welcome Secretary McGinn to Indiana as we express our support for the Duke Energy solar installation at Crane," said Holcomb. "Indiana is home to a number of critical defense assets, and we are proud of (See 'ENERGY' continued on page 2)

# Sexual Assault

## Awareness Month

### Middle Way House Martin County offers services to victims

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, nearly one in five women and one in 71 men are victims of sexual assault. We know that sexual violence does not just impact survivors, but also friends, family and communities as well. Sexual violence creates a climate of fear, anger and disbelief in the communities in which it occurs. Additionally, sexual violence generates criminal justice, medical and mental health service expenses. Below are five things you can do to prevent sexual violence and promote safety and accountability in your home and community.

-Reach out. It's never too late to let a survivor in your life know that you care. Sexual violence is isolating. For help reaching out, you can call the Middle Way House 24/7 Crisis Line at 812-336-0846. You and/or a survivor in your life is encouraged to visit staff at Middle Way's outreach office.

-Help build an emergency fund for survivors. Survivors face many barriers when seeking safety and justice following a sexual assault. At the Middle Way House Martin County outreach office, they are developing an emergency fund to help survivors meet their immediate needs. You can host a fundraiser or donate directly to this fund.

-Join a community that says "no more". At Middle Way House, they envision a community where individuals live free from violence and the threat of violence. Don't be a passive bystander. If you see violence happening in your community, speak out. Stop by the outreach office to speak with staff about how you can join in saying "no more".

-Get social - visit Middle Way House Martin County on facebook at [www.facebook.com/martinmwh/](http://www.facebook.com/martinmwh/) to view and share articles that educate your networks about sexual violence prevention and recovery.

-Promote accountability. Many believe that most rapes and sexual assaults are committed by strangers lurking in alleyways. In reality, nearly 75 percent of rapes and 82 percent of sexual assaults are committed by someone the survivor knows (U.S. Department of Justice). You can help prevent assaults by learning about sexual consent and educating those around you.

For more information on crises services, survivor advocacy, legal advocacy, prevent, shelter, and more, contact (See 'APRIL' continued on page 2)

# SHOALS

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The board approved the technology plan for the 2016-17 school year.

They held a first readings of the state-mandated gang policy for all public schools, the credit card policy, and the school-wide information technology assistant job description.

The board held a second reading and approved the meal charge policy.

The board approved Lindsey's Construction for repair of lintel and masonry work that is needed for the roofing replacement project at a cost of \$80,414.

The board approved the following donations:

\$50 from Martin County Ag. Day Association for the choral department

\$150 from Martin County Ag. Day Association for the FFA Program

\$100 from Psi Iota Xi-Gamma Iota Chapter for the elementary music department.

\$600 from Martin County Chamber for the school library  
-Tony Holt FNP, and Public Health Coordinator for Martin County purchased with grant money AED pads for the school and is in the process of purchasing updated CPR material

-Tony Holt and Donna Haulk donated their time for doing physicals at kindergarten round up

The board approved a facility usage request from Boy Scouts to hold meetings in the cafeteria after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays through the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Jr./Sr. High School Principal Lucas Calhoun reported on the following:

-They have over 10 combined junior/senior high school students signed up for the Crane Science Fair

-Junior High Band received a silver medal at contest

-Beta Induction ceremony in March was quite professional, organized, and wonderful

-Parent/Guardian Academic meeting for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders was successful

-Liberty Day presentation for all 11<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders

-Robotics Team 1<sup>st</sup> Place at Sea, Air, Land Challenge

-Child Development classes working up in the ELEM

-Special Track and Field and student involvement

-Senior in the Capstone Class invited to tour USG

-Technology plan moving forward with site visits, already utilizing programs for next year, and planning for more efficiency

-ISTEP round 2 begins on Tuesday and preparations have been outstanding as well as thorough.

-Faculty members have been attending multiple important professional development sessions.

-Graduation 2016 preparations are ongoing and nearly complete.

-Prom is next Saturday, April 23

-Mid-term 6th six weeks is May 6

-End-of-6th six weeks/last student day May 26

-Last teacher day is May 27

-Awards Program May 27, 7 p.m.

-Graduation May 28, 2 p.m.

-Report cards mailed June 1

-Special thanks to Rosalee Bateman for 100 books on teen success; the soil and water conservation district for two donations, one to the choir and one to the FFA program; The Shoals News for running senior bios; Hawkins Health Center for the tissue donation; the Troutman family for professional dress options for the boys; the faculty, staff, and students for their daily dedication and hard work

Athletic Director John Kirtland pre-

sented a report to the board including many details and updated information from the athletic department.

Superintendent Roush provided the board with a report from Elementary Principal Austin Malone who was unable to attend the meeting. The report included:

Continue to concentrate on student attendance goal of 98 percent

-ISTEP / IREAD3 Testing Information: ISTEP Part II begins Monday, Part II is significantly longer than Part I; IREAD results are expected to be available next week

-The "Coin War" fundraiser raised almost \$1,100

-Kindergarten Roundup was held last week with 26 kindergarten students signing up. They are showing a decrease in student numbers which has been seen throughout the surrounding area as well.

-Special Track and Field Days today and tomorrow

-Book Fair is going on all week with final day April 15

-Awards Day tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 26

-Spring Music Program on May 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the main gym

-SPA End-of-Year Celebration May 20

-Field Day May 24

-Family Movie Night May 6

Special thank you to the following: Eric Doane for speaking to primary students about conservation on April 12; Judge Ellis and Kathy Collins for helping with the LEAD Project; Tony Holt, Donna Haulk, and Melody Turner for helping with kindergarten roundup; Larry Sherfick for doing a stellar job getting testing supplies ordered and collected

The superintendent reported on the following items:

-Teachers summer professional development in PBIS, science, technology, and analyzing the standards

-Discussion on the grading scale

-PBIS status

-Thank you to Brenda Smoot for her years of service to the cafeteria

-iRead summer re-test window

-Congratulations to the sea, land, and air competition students

-Congratulations to Megan Hawkins on winning the Lilly Scholarship  
The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

## APRIL

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the Middle Way House Martin County office at 812-295-2993, visiting them at 210 N. Line Street in Loogootee between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; or emailing sam@middlewayhouse.org or mwhmartinco@yahoo.com. The crisis line is available 24/7 at 812-336-0846 and you can call collect.

## ENERGY

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the amazing work being done at Crane to support American warfighters with the most advanced equipment in the world. We will continue to build upon our strong partnerships with these important military installations well into the future."

"Pending regulatory approval, the planned solar installation at Naval Support Activity Crane will be the first large utility-scale solar generating facility on Duke Energy Indiana's system. It's a key milestone that advances us toward the goal of operating our company in a sustainable way," said Birmingham-Byrd.

# County's jobless rate at 5 percent for March

Martin County's unemployment rate moved just slightly in March to 5.1 percent, up from 5 percent in February. The county had the 35<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Harrison, Shelby, and Union counties.

In March there were 5,101 residents in the workforce in the county with 261 of them without jobs. In February, there were 5,091 residents able to work and 256 of them unemployed. In March of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 4.7 percent with 5,014 residents in the workforce and 238 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate went down just a bit to 4.3 percent in March, down from 4.5 percent the month before. The county had the sixth lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Elkhart County.

In March, the county had 16,163 residents in the workforce with 698 of them unemployed. In February, there were 15,902 residents able to work with 711 of them without jobs. In March of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 4 percent with 15,529 residents in the workforce and 620 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate went unchanged from February to March, at 3.9 percent. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Hamilton County.

In March, the county had 22,877 residents in the workforce with 897 of them without jobs. In February, there were 22,779 residents able to work and 883 of them unemployed. In March of 2015, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 3.7 percent with 22,375 residents in the workforce and 833 of them unemployed.

Orange County's unemployment rate went down just a tad in March to 6.6 percent, down from 6.7 percent in February. The county had the 17<sup>th</sup> highest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties for March, tied with Miami, Porter, and Vigo counties.

In March, the county had 9,046 residents in the workforce with 593 of them without jobs. In February, there were 8,968 residents able to work and 600 of them unemployed. In March of 2015, Orange County's jobless rate was 7 percent with 8,632 residents in the workforce and 605 of them without jobs.

Lawrence County's unemployment rate moved from 7.7 percent in February to 7.1 percent in March putting the county in 9<sup>th</sup> place in the state for highest jobless rate, tied with Fountain, Jasper, and Owen counties.

In March, the county had 20,608 residents in the workforce with 1,471 of them without jobs. In February, there were 20,585 residents able to work and 1,579 of them unemployed. In March of last year, Lawrence County's jobless rate stood at 7.6 percent with 20,170 residents in the workforce and 1,534 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest unemployment rates for March were Hamilton and Dubois counties at 3.9 percent, LaGrange County at 4.1 per-

cent, Boone and Bartholomew counties at 4.2 percent, Daviess and Elkhart counties at 4.3 percent, and Jackson, Hendricks, and Gibson counties at 4.4 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest unemployment rates for March were Vermillion County at 8.4 percent, Greene County at 8.2 percent, Lake County at 7.8 percent, LaPorte County at 7.7 percent, Crawford and Starke counties at 7.3 percent, Fayette and Sullivan counties at 7.2 percent, and Fountain, Jasper, Lawrence, and Owen counties at 7.1 percent.

More than 18,000 Hoosiers joined the labor force in March, marking a third consecutive month of unprecedented growth. Over the past year, Indiana's labor force has grown by over 88,000 and by over 157,000 since January 2013. Correspondingly, the state's labor force participation rate increased 0.3 percent in March and continues to outpace the national average by nearly two percent (64.9 percent vs. 63.0 percent).

Indiana's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate, a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force, rose by 0.3 percent over the previous month to 5.0 percent in March, matching the national average. Despite the uptick in unemployment, there were 9,300 more Hoosiers employed in March than in February.

"Over 60,000 Hoosiers joined the workforce in the first three months of 2016, which is indicative of worker confidence in finding and securing gainful employment in Indiana," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. "While this influx of workers has an effect on the unemployment rate, the fact that 9,300 more Hoosiers are employed than last month, and over 87,000 more are employed than this time last year, is a testament to Indiana's strong and growing economy."

Commissioner Braun also noted that initial unemployment insurance claims are at the state's lowest level in more than two decades.

Employment by Sector

The highest levels of growth occurred in the Private Education & Health Services (+2,500) sector. Gains were offset by contraction in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (-4,100) and Construction (-2,300) sectors. Over the past three years, Indiana's private sector has grown by nearly 140,000 jobs.



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# Obituaries

## ANNA MAE KNEPP

Anna Mae (Swartzentruber) Knepp passed away at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 2016 at her home. A resident of Montgomery, she was 88. She was born November 7, 1927 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Louis and Catherine (Swartz) Swartzentruber. She married Harry Knepp October 25, 1947 and he survives.

She was a member of Berea Mennonite Church. She loved gardening and cooking, but most of all, she loved people and her family.

She is survived by her husband of 68 years, Harry Knepp of Montgomery; children, Sue (Bobby) Hedrick of Can-



ANNA MAE KNEPP

nelburg, Rita (Allen) Stutzman of Cannelburg, Jean (Delmer) Graber of Washington, Diane (Dale) Miller of Montgomery, Steve (Darlene) Knepp of Cannelburg, Marilyn (Mark) Craney of Noblesville, Richard (Barb) Knepp of Montgomery and Sherry (Ron) Weaver of Sarasota, Florida; 21 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren and one great-great child; siblings, Helen Swartzentruber of Montgom-

ery, Ruth (Ray) Marner of Kalona, Iowa and Joe (Opal) Swartzentruber of Phoenix, Arizona; aunt, Viola Summers of Loogootee; numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Catherine (Swartz) Swartzentruber; siblings, Mary (Amos) Miller, Elmer (Alta) Swartzentruber and Martha Raber.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21 at Berea

Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 20 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Thursday, April 21 from 8 a.m. until time of service at Berea Mennonite Church.

Condolences may be made online at [blakefuneralhomes.com](http://blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery are handling arrangements.

## VU Student Art Exhibition now open

Vincennes University's Juried Student Art Exhibition opened April 19 at VU's Shircliff Gallery of Art. The exhibit will include 100 selections of works from current VU Art and Design Students.

Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. The exhibition will run through April 30.

The student works will be judged by Nancy Raen-Mendez, assistant professor of art, University of Southern Indiana. Best of Show awards will be presented in the categories of Two-dimensional Medium and Three-dimensional Medium.

First place, second place, and honorable mentions will be awarded in Ceramics, Color and Design, Computer

Art and Design, Drawing I, Drawing II, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Three-Dimensional Design, Two-Dimensional Design, and Typography.

Shircliff Gallery of Art is located in the Shircliff Humanities Center, Room A103, at the corner of First and Harrison streets. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday.

For more information contact Arthur Fields, Shircliff Gallery director and assistant professor of Art, 812-888-4316.

Information about upcoming exhibitions is available at [www.vinu.edu/content/shircliff-gallery-art](http://www.vinu.edu/content/shircliff-gallery-art).

## Bicentennial Commission approves legacy projects

The Indiana Bicentennial Commission held its April meeting at the Columbus Visitor Center on April 8. There were 138 legacy projects approved this round, one of the approved projects is in Martin County.

Located in Shoals, the Shoals Catfish Festival began in 1985. Hosted by the Shoals Lion Club, the event has continued to be an annual celebration over the Fourth of July holiday.

The Shoals Catfish Festival allows family and friends to create memories together while participating in various activities and enjoying the serene environment of Shoals. The Catfish Festival provides an opportunity to make the community of Shoals a better place in which to reside in and experience.

If your organization would like to create a legacy project for the Bicentennial, please contact your local county coordinator, Marie Hawkins, at [amtrexp@dmrtc.net](mailto:amtrexp@dmrtc.net). Legacy proj-

ect applications are considered for approval at every meeting of the Indiana Bicentennial Commission.

About the Indiana Bicentennial Commission

The Indiana Bicentennial Commission is a fifteen-member body, chaired by Becky Skillman and Lee Hamilton, charged with overseeing the planning and execution of a statewide celebration for Indiana's 200th birthday. First Lady Karen Pence serves as official Bicentennial Ambassador. Indiana's 2016 Bicentennial celebration aims to honor our state's 200 years of history, but do so in a way that engages all 6.5 million Hoosiers and leaves a lasting legacy for future generations. The commission encourages every community in Indiana to take part in this unique celebration.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

3:10 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded and all was okay.

8:41 a.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate from Dubois County Jail to court.

9:38 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. A vehicle pursuit ensued in eastern Martin County and western Lawrence County. The vehicle was caught and the driver apprehended. Chief Deputy Greene, Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, Corporal Baker, K9 Officer Yirka, and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush assisted.

10:32 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:25 p.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to the Dubois County Jail.

1:38 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

3:20 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:37 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:49 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded. Shoals Fire responded to remove a tree across the road.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 12

2:24 a.m. - Received a report of a wire hanging down over SR 150. REMC was dispatched to fix the line.

4:21 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded and removed the deer.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of a wire hanging over SR 150, just east of Singing Hill. REMC was dispatched to fix the line.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

2:15 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded and all was okay.

3:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

3:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to St Vincent's Hospital.

8:47 p.m. - ISP Trooper Johnson assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

9:22 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance transported one inmate to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

6:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. The tree was removed by the forest service.

11:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

1:58 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of hay

on fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a possible trespass in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

12:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:22 a.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Shoals. Corporal Baker and Town Marshal Eckert responded. All was okay.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:13 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported one inmate to court.

3:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:17 p.m. - ISP Trooper Lents assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

4:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:51 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

5:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. The Martin County Humane Society responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Corporal Baker, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Loogootee Fire were dispatched.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

6:14 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

8:14 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:30 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Akles performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported one inmate to the doctor.

2:04 p.m. - Received a request for the fire department in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

2:44 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:31 p.m. - Major Burkhardt responded to a welfare check in Shoals.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

12:10 a.m. - Corporal Baker assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

12:20 a.m. - Received a report of a

domestic situation south of Loogootee. Corporal Baker and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded.

9:13 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:51 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Floyd responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee on US 231. All Martin County units responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:16 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Floyd responded.

8:56 p.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Floyd responded.

10:16 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire re-

sponded.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 17

10:25 a.m. - Received a report of a line down north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and REMC removed the line.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:57 p.m. - Received a report of yelling and shots being fired east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Sergeant Keller responded. All was okay.

5:45 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and all was okay.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital by Martin County Ambulance.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of a leaking tank in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

## Accident reports

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

10:30 a.m. - Brenda K. Harder, of Loogootee, was operating a 2000 Ford in a private drive. Harder parked the vehicle and later the parking brake became disengaged. Vehicle rolled down the drive, thru a fence and into a tree. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

7:50 a.m. - Corrinna K. Morgan, of Washington, was operating a 2013 Dodge in the Chuckles parking lot when she backed into a 1996 GMC owned by Kenneth L. Heshelman, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

1:15 p.m. - Dora Pennington, of Shoals, was operating a 2004 Jeep on Broadway Street. Pennington turned into Chuckles from the inner lane and stuck a 2012 Dodge operated by Julie Poole, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, APRIL 11

9:44 a.m. - Osmo Petty, 59, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Rayhill for possession of a schedule drug. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Assisting in the arrest was Loogootee Captain Hennette and K9 Officer Roxy.

12:00 p.m. - Luke Holscher, 39, of Vincennes, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene for theft, operating while intoxicated refusal, and possession of meth. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, Corporal Baker, K9 Officer Yirka, and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

5:10 p.m. - Jonathan Payne, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, APRIL 11

3:10 a.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

1:38 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

4:21 p.m. - Received a call of criminal mischief.

5:54 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female on North Line Street.

7:21 p.m. - First responders were requested on Broadway Street for a medical call.

8:48 p.m. - Caller reported a loud bang near the city park.

9:02 p.m. - Received a call of a suspicious vehicle on North Line Street.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 12

9:54 a.m. - Caller reported a trespasser of their property.

1:17 p.m. - Male reported someone had busted his front windshield on his vehicle.

1:40 p.m. - Female requested an officer assist her in obtaining some personal belongings from a residence.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle on High Street.

7:14 p.m. - Female reported a dispute on West Washington Street.

8:19 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on South Kentucky Avenue.

9:35 p.m. - Caller reported a civil matter.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

3:33 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:58 p.m. - Caller reported a disabled vehicle on US 231.

7:33 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Jackson Street for an active carbon monoxide detector.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 14

12:32 a.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical problem.

12:10 p.m. - Male came on station to report an IRS scam.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported an abandoned bike near Builders Best.

7:32 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was

paged out to a vehicle fire on US 231.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 15

7:56 a.m. - Caller reported a theft.

12:30 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:04 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a residence to check for a hot spot on a stove.

3:42 p.m. - Caller reported a truck had knocked down a utility line on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

5:40 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 16

12:20 a.m. - Officer Todd assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute on Truelove Church Road.

10:28 a.m. - Caller reported locating a suspicious item.

11:30 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol on Bloomfield Road for speeding vehicles.

1:51 p.m. - Male reported a suspicious person on Park Street.

5:14 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for lifting assistance.

5:21 p.m. - Captain Akles assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident on 1250E.

9:54 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

10:15 p.m. - Male reported an illegal burn on Cedar Street.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 17

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported someone throwing trash in their dumpster.

3:10 p.m. - Male requested a person removed from his property.

6:07 p.m. - Male came on station to request transient assistance.

7:47 p.m. - Caller reported an unsecure building.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of a gas leak at the Co-Op.

9:16 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle blocking an alley.

*The Loogootee Police Department will test the severe weather warning siren on May 1 at 6 p.m. instead of noon.*

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Paul Dean Hewitt and Evelyn Andrea Hewitt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Paul Eugene Hewitt**, of Switzerland County; **Brian Lee Hewitt**, of Vigo County; **Sonja Lou Davis**, of Monroe County; and **Clark Andre Hewitt**, of Harris County, Texas, .3 acre, more or less, in Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana.

**United States Gypsum Company**, of Chicago, Illinois to **Byron W. Steele**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, located in Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.31 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, located in Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.18 acres, more or less.

**Byron W. Steele**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **United States Gypsum Company**, of Chicago, Illinois, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, located in Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.31 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 3 East, located in Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.18 acres, more or less.

**Neale Warren Allegree, Dallas Gene Allegree and Lisa K. Henry**, of Boone County, Indiana to **Darrell Ray Wagler and Lydia Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: The northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: The east one-half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

**Ronal M. Price and Ronal D. Price**, of Marion County, Indiana to **the State of Indiana**, part of the north-

east quarter of Section 14, Township 2 North, Range 3 West of the second principal meridian, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.054 acres, more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right-of-way which contains 0.023 acres, more or less.

**Ronald E. Payne and Kathleen E. Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana to **the State of Indiana**, part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West of the second principal meridian, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.017 acres, inclusive of the presently existing right-of-way which contains 0.341 acres, more or less.

**Roger L. Taylor and Frances K. Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana to **the State of Indiana**, part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West of the second principal meridian, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.544 acres, more or less, inclusive of the presently existing right-of-way which contains 0.189 acres, more or less.

**Wells Fargo Bank to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development**, part of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.08 acres, more or less. Also known as 12747 Chicken Farm Road, Shoals, IN 47581.

**Garry W. Smith and Mary F. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Amy Money**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres.

**Richard J. Bowling**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Erin M. Like**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the west half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.692 acres, more or less.

**Leona Stowe**, of Martin County, Indiana to **William L. Stowe**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

**Martin L. Burch and Rita L. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tracy J. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less.

**Tracy J. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonathan T. Burns and Erin L. Burns**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less.

**David Garrett**, of Harrison County, Indiana to **Tim Moffatt**, of Orange County, Indiana; and **Bill Moffatt**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The south half of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and the north half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, all in Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less, in Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: A part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

## Four Jasper Troopers honored at awards ceremony

Four Troopers from the Jasper District were honored last Friday at an awards ceremony at the Indiana Government Center.



ALLEN

Troopers Michael Allen, Brock Werne, Stephen Sexton, and Jeremy Galloway were presented awards for their service to the State of Indiana.



GALLOWAY

Trooper Michael Allen was awarded the Bronze Star and a Combat Action Award for his actions on September 4, 2015, in which he was involved in an officer-involved shooting in French Lick. Trooper Allen's actions involved "personal bravery and self-sacrifice at a level clearly beyond expectations".

Trooper Brock Werne was awarded



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a Lifesaving Award for his actions on June 15, 2015. Trooper Werne, while patrolling US 231 between Jasper and Huntington, observed a man standing on the bridge.

Werne, stopping to ask if the man needed assistance, learned that he was about to jump from the bridge in an attempt to commit suicide. Werne talked to the man, calming him down to the extent that Werne was able to get close enough, grab him, and pull him from the edge of the bridge. Werne was commended for his "extraordinary conduct in saving the life of a fellow human being".



WERNE

Trooper Stephen Sexton was awarded as the 2015 Jasper District Trooper of the Year. This award was presented to Trooper Sexton for achieving outstanding enforcement efforts in the areas of traffic and criminal enforcement, case and crash investigations, public information programs and community service; and for exemplifying the professionalism and integrity expected of an Indiana State Trooper.

The O.W.I. Award was presented to Trooper Galloway for his efforts in removing impaired and intoxicated motorists from Indiana's roadways. Trooper Galloway was awarded for his efforts of arresting 49 impaired drivers in 2015. Trooper Galloway received the top O.W.I. award in 2014 as well.

The actions and dedication to duty of Troopers Allen, Werne, Sexton and Galloway are in keeping with the finest traditions of law enforcement and reflect great credit upon themselves and the Indiana State Police Department.

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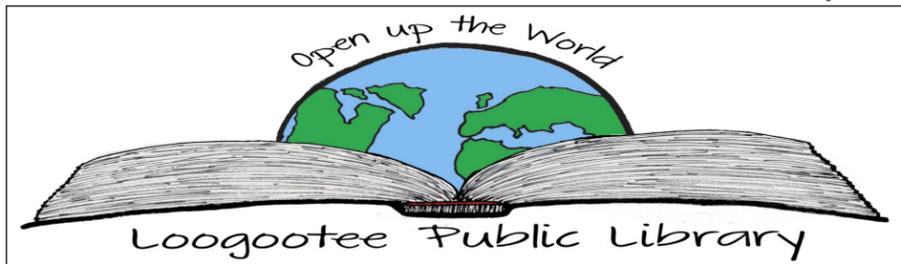
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6. You will pull over to the side of the road for a funeral procession going in the opposite direction.
7. You will learn to love the smell of manure.
8. You will know that puppy chow isn't just a brand of dog food.
9. You will become a master of Cornhole.
10. You will give someone directions using minutes not miles.
11. You will know what the term "knee high by 4th of July" means.
12. You will never THINK of trying to buy alcohol on a Sunday. (Of course you thought to stock up the night before.)
13. You will see Amish buggies on the road alongside motorcycles. It won't be that strange.
14. You will start to call anything that's carbonated and filled with sugar Pop. Unless you're in very Southern Indiana, where they tend to just call it all "coke" for some reason.
15. You will eat Manhattans — an open faced sandwich served with mashed potatoes.
16. You will call it Santa Claus Land and it's glorious.
17. You will sing the jingle for Indiana Beach from memory.
18. You will ignore the deer by the side road, unless they make a break for it.
19. You will drive by eight churches without seeing a Starbucks.
20. You will start to love the taste of

### Grippos.

21. You will have to start explaining that chicken and noodles go ON TOP of mashed potatoes.
22. You will learn that Indiana 'man-gos' aren't a yellow fruit.
23. You will live and die by the Colts... or the Broncos.
24. You will pick a side between Indiana University or Purdue and there's no turning back.
25. You will have a new favorite pizza place and its name is Pizza King.
26. You will start to think of tornadoes as no big deal after the first bunch of them.
27. You will put a toboggan on your head when you go tobogganing in the winter.
28. You will learn about the Hoosier celebrities: David Letterman, Florence Henderson, Larry Bird, and Axl Rose. And the list goes on.
29. You will love pork tenderloin sandwiches with all of your heart and drive out of your way for one that is rumored to be good.
30. You will be late because of a train or tractor and it will be considered a reasonable and acceptable excuse.
31. Turning left at the rock and right at the cow are common directions.
32. Trespassers will be shot is a common yard sign.
33. You can pronounce town like Milan, Versailles and Carmel correctly. (But like no other place in the world pronounce them correctly)
34. You will drive all the way North to South Bend and really far south to North Vernon.
35. You know the name of the farmer who owned the property before it was the Walmart and the mall before the Walmart.
36. You will know the first name of your mailman, your bank teller, your grocery sack boy and meter reader and even your grandmother's minister's wife.

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### BY DARLA WAGLER Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

May 7 is National Scrapbook Day and in celebration, Saturday, March 30, from 11-12, Rosi Truex will be doing a Scrapbooking Ideas for Beginners program for ages 11-17. Pre-registration is required. Supplies will be furnished but individuals need to bring 3-6 pictures. Also, on Saturday May 7, from 11-12, Rosi will have a scrapbooking program for adults. Pre-registration required. Please, bring 3-6 pictures for the scrapbook page. Rosi is a master at the Cricut machine and will assist individuals with a customized 12 x12 page to take home.

**New Books:**  
Fiction: "The Obsession" by Nora Roberts, "The Last Mile" by David Bal-

dacci, and "Til Death Do US Part" by Amanda Quick.  
Inspirational Fiction: "Which Way Home?" by Linda Byler and "The Inheritance" by Michael Phillips.  
NonFiction: "The Rainbow Comes and Goes" by Anderson Cooper and Gloria Vanderbilt.  
Children's Fiction: "Jacky Ha-Ha" by James Patterson and "Maggie and Michael Get Dressed" by Denise Fleming..  
DVDs: "The Iron Giant".  
The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

## Notice from the Loogootee Street Department

In the best interest of the city, the Loogootee Street Department will continue to enforce Ordinance 91.04: refuse within the city limits, which states; "It is unlawful for any person to throw, place or scatter any garbage, rubbish, trash, or other refuse over or upon any premises, street, alley, either

public or private."  
Grass clippings thrown or blown into the street may pose a significant problem for the city storm water system and can cause water to back-up and create system failures.  
Penalties may be assessed if found in non-compliance with this issue.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Weather spotter class

The National Weather Service from Indianapolis will be presenting the spring weather spotter class at the Civil Defense Building (fairgrounds, 2660 US Highway 50) on April 21 at 6 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to participate. For more information about the class, visit the NWS at [www.weather.gov/ind/spotter\\_talks](http://www.weather.gov/ind/spotter_talks).

### Commissioners' executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session this evening, Wednesday, April 20 at 5:15 p.m. at the Martin County Recycling Center in Loogootee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7). The meeting is closed to the public.

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, April 21 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. Some items on the agenda include awarding the contract for window replacement, athletic appointments, and a presentation from Megan Jones regarding the Loogootee School Community Council. The meeting is open to the public.

### Recorder's office change

Due to a state-called meeting the Martin County Recorder's Office will not be recording any documents on April 26, 27, and 28.

### Christian concert

Parkview Village Christian Care will host The Revival Road Quartet on Saturday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at Parkview, 800 S. West Street in Odon. A free will offering will be taken and the public is invited to attend.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

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### 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.

### Humane society meetings

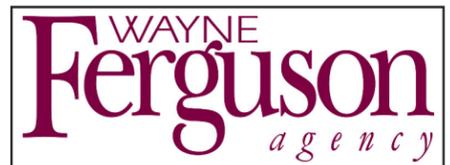
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.



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The extended forecast is for continued warm weather, so it looks like gardening season is here. The likelihood of a hard freeze is small, but we could still have some frost. Therefore, I continue to suggest that most planting be delayed until after the May 10 safe-frost day. Even though air temperatures may be warm, it takes a while for the soil temperatures to warm to levels that support seed germination and root growth in transplants.

One way to get a jump on gardening is to garden in containers. Almost anything that can be grown in a garden can be grown in a container, if one makes the right accommodations. If we do get some threatening temperatures, it is relatively easy to cover plants in pots.

Container gardening allows one to garden in small spaces. Containers gardens may be on decks, driveways or even roofs. Containers also allow one to bring the gardening closer to the gardener. This makes it easier for those who have physical limitations

Container gardens also allow one to have more control over the soil. Plants have specific soil requirements and containers make it easier to provide the soil a particular plant needs. It is, therefore, important to group plants with similar soil, light and moisture requirements together to have a successful container garden. Depending on the plants being grown, the amount of soil is also important. Large pots are more like gardens and are necessary for the root systems of many plants. However, there are some plants that will do fine in just a couple of inches of planting medium. Note that I write of planting medium and not soil. When container gardening, the best results are usually not in soil. Instead, use a potting mix that contains peat and perlite to ensure good drainage. Potting mix is also much lighter than soil. A large container can get pretty heavy and a collection of containers could weigh enough to collapse a roof or

deck. I recommend using a mix that includes a slow-release fertilizer, but skip the ones that have the moisture-control crystals. Studies about the effectiveness of such moisture-control planting mixes are mixed and do not justify the additional cost. Instead, invest in a good automatic watering system that will deliver the proper amount of moisture or be careful to check your pots daily and water when necessary.

Another reason to use planting mix instead of soil is that such mixes are usually sterilized and contain no weed seeds. Some seeds will blow in soon enough. Keeping weeds in check is as important in containers as it is in a garden.

If you grew plants in containers last year, you may be tempted to re-use the soil. However, remember that the slow-release fertilizer will have been used up and any diseases that affected your plants last year may still be in the planting mix. The recommendation is to begin with fresh mix each year. That being said, that much planting mix can be expensive. I must admit that I have re-used soil, and have had no major problems. If you choose to do this, there are some things that you should do. I take about four inches of soil out of the container and then stir the remaining soil thoroughly. I add some compost and perhaps some slow-release fertilizer and then use fresh mix to fill the container back up. Do not re-use soil if you had disease problems the previous year. The cost of new planting medium is lower than the cost of fighting disease.

Once filled, your containers are ready for planting. You may direct-sow seeds or use transplants. Be sure to water well. If using transplants, I suggest using a liquid root-stimulating fertilizer to prevent transplant shock.

Next week, we will take a look at some combinations for great planters. Until then, keep some sheets or boxes handy, just in case cold weather threatens.

## Spring Mill State Park wants you to volunteer

Organizations, families and businesses can "adopt" parts of Spring Mill State Park through a new volunteer program.

The Centennial Adoption Program encourages groups to adopt a building in the park's Pioneer Village, adopt a trail or adopt a landscape.

The group must commit to one season of service and complete a minimum amount of volunteer hours to complete the adoption. Once the adoption is complete, the park will recognize the group on its Facebook

page and on an announcement flier at a bulletin board near the adopted area.

The announcement of the new adoption program coincides with National Volunteer Week, April 10-16.

To learn about adoptable areas, and for more information, contact volunteer coordinator Coletta Prewitt at (812) 849-3534 or [springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov).

Spring Mill State Park ([stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2968.htm)) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

## Registration open for the Patoka Lake Triathlon

Registration is open for the 'Head for the Hills' Patoka Lake Triathlon taking place at Patoka Lake beach on Saturday, August 20 at 8:30 a.m.

Head for the hills and race for a cause. All proceeds from this event will go to support Patoka's non-releasable raptors; a red-tailed hawk, eastern screech owl and bald eagle. Swim 500 yards in open water at the beach. Bike 12.8 miles along 'hillacious' paved roads within the property. Run 3.1 miles along groomed gravel roads and a paved bike trail.

Go to <http://headforthehillspatokalatriathlon.itsyourrace.com/> to register. Visit <http://triathlons.dnr.in.gov/> for more information or call (812)685-2447.

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring this event please contact the Race Director, Dana Reckelhoff at 812-685-2447 or by email at [dreckelhoff@dnr.in.gov](mailto:dreckelhoff@dnr.in.gov).

Patoka Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

## Hunters can check-in to win at state reservoir properties

Hunters at eight reservoir properties who return a completed hunter card at DNR check-in stations will be entered to win prizes.

The properties are Salamonie, Mississinewa, Patoka, Brookville, Monroe, Hardy, Cecil M. Harden and Cagles Mill lakes.

The new "Check-In-Win" program is an effort to encourage hunters to turn in hunter cards at the end of their hunts. The cards contain information that is valuable to the DNR, including what animals the hunters harvested and what animals they saw while hunting.

"The cards give us trends in hunter use and in harvests and are important in managing our resource management units," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship, DNR Division of State Parks.

Hunters should complete a card every time they visit one of the eight properties to hunt.

Hunters can win a \$25 Fish & Wildlife Gift Certificate that can be used to purchase a combo hunting/fishing license, an annual entrance pass for state parks and reservoirs and state forest recreation areas, a \$25 lake permit for boating access on DNR properties, a \$25 camping gift card, and more.

Prize drawings will be held after spring turkey season, after deer firearms season and after waterfowl season.

Hunter cards must be completely filled out, including a phone number, mailing address and email address for those who have one. Winners will be called or emailed. Hunters of all ages can participate, and hunters can enter more than once during each season.

The DNR Division of State Parks manages recreational areas along these reservoirs and permits hunting in designated areas. The prize program does not apply to state fish & wildlife areas.

## 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator



### Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins for the fair have been set for the spring. They will take place at the fairgrounds.

Sheep & Goat-April 30, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Swine-May 7, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Poultry-June 18, 2016, 9-11 a.m.

Share the Fun

Our county 4-Hers are warming up and rehearsing for this year's Share the Fun program. The general public is encouraged to come support our very talented 4-Hers as they sing, dance, and act their way to the area event. Share the Fun will be on April 25 at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Building.

Rabbit Show

The double open class and 4-H Rabbit Show on Saturday, April 16 was a great success. An estimated 300 rabbits were shown by participants from Indiana and Kentucky. Thank you to the Martin County 4-H Rabbit Club and the 4-H Council for bringing this event to the community.

4-H News

The Martin County Ag Day Committee donated \$350 to the Junior Leaders and \$200 to the 4-H Fund. This donation was in recognition of the work the Junior Leaders do at Ag Day and the impact 4-H has on the community. Thank you to the Ag Day Committee. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will be used to fund trips, workshops, programs, and conferences.

The Livestock Judging Team participated in the Area III Livestock CDE on April 14. The senior team consisting of

Wade Burris, Justin Sanders, and Tucker Walton placed 13th. The senior team consisting of Phillip Troutman, Haileigh Suheski, and Delani Bateman placed 15<sup>th</sup>. In the Junior Individual category, Karter Burris placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to all!!!

Megan Hawkins received a \$1,000 scholarship from the 4-H Foundation in recognition of her ten years in 4-H and service to the community.

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We are also adding new things to our webpage, visit us at <https://extension.purdue.edu/Martin/Pages/default.aspx>

We need volunteers!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with 4-H, please call or stop by the office.

Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club Meetings are on the following dates: May 16, June 7, June 20, and July 7

The meetings are at Hindostan Methodist Church from 6 to 7 p.m.

Jolly Juniors Club Meetings are on the following dates: April 21, May 12, May 26, June 9, June 23, and July 7

The meetings are held at Truelove Church at 6:30 p.m.

Camps and Programs

The following camps, tours, and programs are available for 4-H members. For more information, please call or stop by the office.

4-H Camp – June 6-8. Applications will be available in April. This is for 4-H members in grades 3-8.

National 4-H Congress—register online at [4Honline.com](http://4Honline.com). Deadline is May 1, 2016.



Carter Walton and Olivia Abel show off their ribbons from the Martin County Double Open and 4-H Rabbit Show.

## LOGOOTEER HIGH SCHOOL

### 2016 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**BAILEY DAVIS**

Bailey A. Davis is the daughter of Travis and Angel Davis. While in high school, she has been in Spanish Club, Student Council, SADD, and Pep Club all four years; and Beta Club, chorus, show choir and Peers (9th and 10th grades). She has played basketball and softball all four years and volleyball in 9th and 10th grades. Bailey plans to attend Oakland City University and study accounting.



**TRYSTEN BOOKER**

Trysten Kade Booker is the son of Terry and Tracy Booker. While in high school, he has been in band, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Lion Pride, SADD, and FACS Club all four years. He was in Peers in 9th and 10th grades. He served as FACS Club Secretary his senior year. He played tennis all four years and golf in 9th and 10th grades. Trysten plans to attend Vincennes University and study mechanical engineering.

## JV softball Lions win over Raiders

Wednesday night, the Lady Lions JV team hosted the Lady Raiders of Southridge High School and seized the victory in the bottom of the fifth by scoring the game winning run on a wild pitch. The 7-6 win, brought the JV record to 2-0 on the young season and Jayleigh Wagoner picked up her second win in the circle, striking out 1 and walking 3.

The Lions scored 3 in the bottom of the first inning on base hits by Jayleigh Wagoner and DeAnna Canell and a walk to Kendall Berry. Add in the two Lady Raider errors and the Lions were up 3-0 after one complete. The Raiders cut the lead to 1 run by scoring two of their own runs in the top of the third, but Loogootee answered with a run of their own when Mallory Berry drew a walk, and moved to second and then third base on wild pitches and scored on the RBI ground out by Shalyn Bruner, making the

## Lions and Tigers and...runs! Oh my!

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Softball Head Coach

On a beautiful day for softball, the Loogootee Lady Lions welcomed the Princeton Lady Tigers to Leo J Costello Field, and then sent them home in convincing fashion, taking the game over the visitors by a score of 8 to 2. Sydney Davis spent seven innings in the circle and earned the win, striking out four, walking one, and allowing one earned run. Davis pitched out of trouble in the first inning as the Tiger leadoff hitter doubled to the left field fence, but a pair of ground ball outs and strike out got the young hurler out of the jam. Princeton did score the first run of the game in the top of the second inning. This time Sam Hynaman led off with a double and came around to score on the Katie Christy single. Davis again pitched her way out of it, with a little help from her friends. Tyanna Graber and Paige Walton connected to pick Christy off of first base. Then Davis got Fidler to strike out and a pop up, to sister Bailey at short, ended the Princeton second inning.

Mayson Riley opened the bottom of the second for the Lions by doubling to left center. Breigh LaMar's hard hit off the glove of the Tiger second baseman was just far enough away to allow Ri-

ley to score from second. A single by Sydney Davis and a passed ball had Lions on second and third, when Shelby Graber bounded a ball to second base that was deep enough for LaMar to scamper home for a 2-1 Loogootee lead. The Lions would score again in the third as Julianne Bell singled, stole second and moved to third on the fly ball out off the bat of Tyanna Graber. A passed ball allowed Bell to score and pushed the score to 3-1.

A fourth inning run took the lead to 4 to 1. Paige Walton rapped a sharp single to left field and after a ball got away from the Princeton catcher that moved Walton to second, Calli Winger laced a ball to right center scoring Walton. Princeton plated their second and final run on the day in the fifth on a single and a pair of Loogootee errors that took the score to 4 to 2, Loogootee.

The Lady Lions erupted for four runs in the sixth inning to put the game away. Paige Walton led off the inning by ripping a single to right. An out later, Calli Winger singled again and Walton who moved on to second on the previous ground ball to the Tiger shortstop, went in to score and Winger moved up to second on the throw home. A Julianne Bell single scored Winger and a pitch later saw Bell steal second. A high pop up off the

bat of Tyanna Graber found the Tiger first baseman turned the wrong way and that allowed Bell to tag up at second and move to third where she later scored on a passed ball for the third run of the inning. A two-out walk to Bailey Davis, then a stolen base, and two passed balls scored Davis and closed the book for the Lions as they took an 8 to 2 lead into the top of the 7th inning. Four ground balls back up the middle, with three fielded by the Loogootee hurler Davis, that were flipped over to Walton at first for outs, ended the game for the Tigers.

## Canell shot lifts Lions

The JV Lions got a big shot, and the win, off the bat of Deanna Canell (4 for 4 on the day) in Saturdays win over the visiting Lady Tigers of Princeton High School. The two teams had played to a 5-5 tie heading into the Lions' half of the fifth inning. Halle Sheetz opened the frame with a base hit and then scored on Canell's, two-out, long single to win the game, 6 to 5.

Jayleigh Wagoner took the win in the circle to push her, and the JV Lions records to 4 and 0 on the year. Halle Sheetz was 3 for 3 on the day with two runs scored. Shalyn Bruner, Kendall Berry and Maddie Cropp each had two hits on the day.

## Lions Softball grind out win over Hatchets

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Softball Head Coach

Ideal weather finally greeted the Lady Lions softball team last Friday night as the hosts threw out the welcome mat to the visiting Lady Hatchets of Washington High School for a varsity/junior varsity twin bill.

Freshman hurler, Sydney Davis, took the assignment in the circle for the Lions and scattered three hits, walked none and struck out eight in route to a 6-0 shutout of the Hatchets. After shutting down the Hatchets with excellent pitching and nearly flawless defense, the Lions never faced more than four Hatchets in an inning. Loogootee wasted no time in posting two runs to the board in the bottom of the first as Julianne Bell singled and stole 2 bases before Tyanna Graber tripled to right center to send Bell home. Three batters later, Breigh LaMar singled to left to plate Graber.

Loogootee would score another run in the 3rd inning as Bailey Davis dou-

bled to right center, moved to third on the single by LaMar and scored on the single by her sister, Sydney Davis. The fifth inning saw the Lady Lions plate three runs as Bailey Davis led off the inning with a single and moved over to third on the single by Breigh LaMar. Davis scored on a wild pitch and LaMar moved up to second. Sydney Davis then singled to right and that single moved

LaMar to third. The first pitch to senior Paige Walton saw Davis move up 60 feet into scoring position and the next pitch had Walton shooting a hard ground ball to third. While the throw from third was in time to get Walton at first, LaMar was able to scamper home on the throw and Davis came around to score as the throw home bounced away from the Hatchet catcher.

## LHS Girls' Varsity Tennis beats BNL

On Monday, April 18, the Loogootee Girls' Tennis Teams took on Bedford North Lawrence. The varsity won 5-0 while the junior varsity was defeated 1-5. "We got off to a fast start on all courts today. BNL made a run at us in the middle of the match but we were able to pick up our play and finish strong. We have had three straight wins against opponents that beat us last year. At this point in the season, I am pleased with our progress. However, there is still room for improvement," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

Varsity results  
Loogootee 5, BNL 0  
#1 Singles Emily Bateman (L) defeated Hope Martin 6-2, 1-6, 6-3  
#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Victoria Holt 7-5, 6-1  
#3 Singles Jody Seals (L) defeated

Ali Adams 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Emma Walters/Eden Jenkins (L) defeated Jackie Dufresne/Emily Chastain 6-1, 6-4

#2 Doubles Tara Pennington/Meghan Mathies (L) defeated Olivia Riley/Jenna Williams 6-0, 6-1

Junior varsity results

BNL 5, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles Kashten Burch (L) defeated Nikola Malkova 6-4

#2 Singles McKenzie Messmore (BNL) defeated Leonna Hedrick 6-3

#3 Singles McKenzie Messmore (BNL) defeated Hope Fischer 6-1

#1 Doubles Karoline West/Abby Riley (BNL) defeated Breanna Hollaway/Abbie Williams 6-4

#2 Doubles Karoline West/Abby Riley (BNL) defeated Madisyn Wade/Cora Hedrick 6-4

## Loogootee Junior High Track results

The Loogootee Junior High Track team traveled to Northeast Dubois on April 14. The boys placed 2nd, and the girls 3rd.

Team results, boys:  
1st-Northeast Dubois 57 points  
2nd-Loogootee 52 points  
3rd-Shoals 49 points

For the girls, Kaylee Auterson earned 3rd in 100-meter and 4th in 400-meter. India Arvin placed 4th in the 100-meter.

On the boys' team, Levi Pendley placed 1st in long jump, 1st in 400-meter, and 1st in 200-meter setting a new Loogootee Junior High record with a

time of 24.9 seconds.

Jamie Cronin placed 2nd in long jump, 3rd in 100-meter, and 4th in 200-meter.

Jonathan Hager placed 2nd in 110-meter hurdles, and 3rd in 300-meter hurdles. Nathaniel Hart placed 1st in 1,600-meter, 4th in high jump, and 1st in 800-meter. Lucas Britton placed 3rd in 800-meter.

The 1,600-meter relay team of Levi Pendley, Aiden Kain, Nathaniel Hart, and Matthew Wagler placed 1st.

The 400-meter relay team of Jamie Cronin, Aiden Kain, Lucas Brittain, and Blake Wright placed 1st.

# Loogootee High School Academic Teams compete



-Photos provided

The Loogootee High School Academic Teams competed against nine other teams at the area competition on Tuesday, April 19, at North Knox High School. The science team placed second. Shown above, from left to right are members of that team, Coach Brandy Tippery, Shania Swiger, Sara Bailey, Kendall Riley, Jon Krzesniak, and Josh Cook. The English team placed third. From left to right below are the English team and coach, Coach Ann Hohl, Kendall Riley, Carson Rayhill, Shania Swigler, Sara Bailey, and Haley Burch.



-Photo provided

Shown above are the members of the Loogootee High School Academic Teams. In the front row, from left to right, are Haley Burch, Renee Whitman, Abbie Williams, Kendall Riley, Shania Swigler, and Sara Bailey. In the second row, from left to right, are Carson Rayhill, Max Christmas, Sheldon Christmas, Grant Carrico, Justin Kiser, Jon Krzesniak, and Josh Cook.

## Lady Lions “double” up Paoli

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

The Loogootee Varsity Softball team took on Paoli last night, Tuesday, April 19. The Lady Lions had a little trouble finding the handle in the top of the first as three Paoli hits and a pair of Loogootee errors had Paoli taking a four-run lead. After giving up four runs, these Lady Lions could have given in to the Rams and settled for the loss, but giving up is not in this Pride of Lions. Julianne Bell led off the bottom of the first with a walk, and then stole second base. Tyanna Graber roped a double to right center to score Bell. A passed ball moved Graber to third, and she scored on the Bailey Davis groundout.

The second inning saw the Loogootee starter Sydney Davis settle in, and she settled in well. Davis never saw more than four Rams in an inning after the first, thanks to some dandy glove work by her teammates and her strong right arm that sat seven Rams down via strike out, and her catcher, Tyanna Graber, picked off a runner at third when the Rams scored a run and threatened to score another in the fifth. But the bottom half of the second saw the Lions take the lead 5-4 by scoring three runs without getting a hit. Calli Winger and Julianne Bell both drew walks to start the inning, and after a fly out, Bailey Davis and Mayson Riley both worked the count for walks, with Riley's walk forcing home Winger. Breigh LaMar was then hit by a pitch, and that forced home Bell for the tie. Sydney Davis hit a ground ball to the shortstop, who flipped the ball to third for the out, but that allowed Bailey Davis to score for the 5-4 lead with two outs. Paige Walton was then hit by a

pitch to load the bases, before a hard ground ball to the shortstop ended the Lions 2nd inning.

Neither team threatened again until the Paoli fifth inning when a leadoff double by Lowe, a groundout by Bush to Walton at first that moved Lowe to third, and a double by Smith drove Lowe home for the 5-5 tie with one out. A groundout back to the pitcher Davis moved Smith to third and one pitch later found Smith a step to far off third and Tyanna Graber fired a throw to the Lions third baseman Bell to catch Smith off third for the third out.

Then in the bottom of the sixth, Loogootee erupted for seven runs. After a leadoff line out to the Paoli second baseman, Sydney Davis singled up the middle. A great sacrifice bunt by Paige Walton moved Davis to second with DeAnna Canell coming to the plate. Canell gets hit by a pitch, bringing Calli Winger to the plate. Calli promptly doubled, scoring Davis and moving Canell to third. Complications arose as Canell rolled her ankle coming into third and had to be replaced by Mallory Berry. However, Julianne Bell stayed hot and doubled scoring Berry and Winger. Tyanna Graber then doubled to score Bell. After a walk to Bailey Davis, Mayson Riley doubled to score Graber, and put Davis on third. Breigh LaMar hit a hard ground ball to third, and the throw over to first eluded the first baseman, which allowed Davis and Riley to both score. The Paoli 7th inning saw the top of the Rams order go down 1-2-3 on a ground out to short, a strike out and a ground out to third, for the final score of 12-5. Loogootee takes to the road on Thursday, April 21 for a varsity only contest at Eastern Greene. Game time is slated for 5 p.m.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## HELP WANTED

### THE LOOGOOTEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Qualification standards require that an applicant:

- Must be a resident citizen of the United States.
- Must be 21 years of age to apply and not have reached their 36th birthday by date of appointment.
- Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- Cannot have a felony conviction.
- Cannot have a misdemeanor conviction involving “domestic violence” that would prohibit the applicant from handling a firearm.
- Must possess a valid drivers license from their state of residence.
- Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military.
- Must pass a mandatory drug screening test.
- Must be willing to reside in the City of Loogootee
- Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer.
- The Board of Works and Public Safety will make the final determination on which applicant will be extended an offer of employment.

Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Department, 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours. Deadline to apply is April 25th.

## Maintenance Technicians Manufacturing Positions Maintenance Clean Up Mold Setter

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## State board of education holds April board meeting

The Indiana State Board of Education last week approved plans for future operations of seven turnaround academies in Indianapolis and Gary during its monthly business meeting in Indianapolis.

After receiving four consecutive “B” grades on the state’s accountability system, the board voted unanimously to release Broad Ripple Magnet High School from turnaround status. The board voted in 2011 to assign outside assistance to IPS in its day-to-day operations of Broad Ripple.

The board also voted unanimously to extend the contract with EdisonLearning to operate Roosevelt College and Career Academy in Gary for an additional year. During a public hearing last month, EdisonLearning and Gary Community School Corporation (GCSC) announced a plan to partner in future years to operate the school. The contract extension allows EdisonLearning and GCSC to finalize their plans and return for final approval next year.

“Roosevelt is a historic institution with a long tradition of producing outstanding students and distinguished alumni,” said Eddie Melton, State Board Member representing the 1st Congressional District. “This contract extension allows EdisonLearning and Gary schools to partner with community stakeholders to provide the best possible outcome for Roosevelt students.”

The board unanimously voted to reaffirm its previous decisions to extend the contracts with Charter Schools USA to

operate Thomas Carr Howe Community High School, Emmerich Manual High School, and Emma Donnan Middle School, and return day-to-day operations of George Washington Community High School and Arlington High School to Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS).

In other action, the board voted to name Dr. Byron Ernest, State Board Member appointed by Speaker of the House Brian Bosma (R-Indianapolis), to the committee created by HEA 1395 to propose a new state assessment and accountability system following enacted of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

“Indiana is a national leader in working to improve the education of Hoosier students,” said Dr. Ernest. “I am looking forward to serving on this committee and working to shorten the length of Indiana’s statewide assessment while providing faster and better information about our students to teachers and parents.”

The board also approved updates to the state’s grades K-8 and high school science standards, including the addition of computer science for K-8 students, and gave final approval to the growth to proficiency table that will be used in Indiana’s new school accountability system.

The next scheduled meeting of the state board of education will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 in Room 233 of the Indiana Statehouse at 9 a.m. (EDT).

## Indiana ranks among best states in the nation for transparency

Indiana is among the highest-rated states in the nation for transparency in government spending, according to a top non-partisan consumer activist group.

Following the Money 2016: How the 50 States Rate in Providing Online Access to Government Spending Data, the sixth annual report of its kind by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group Education Fund, was released last Wednesday and included Indiana among five “A-plus” states, and one of four to score a perfect 100 in its grading system. Governor Mike Pence released the following statement regarding the Indiana Transparency Portal’s top national ranking.

“As tax day approaches in Indiana,

Hoosiers deserve to know exactly how their tax dollars are being spent,” said Governor Mike Pence. “I commend Auditor Crouch and her work with our Office of Technology and Management Performance Hub to increase transparency and accountability – giving our citizens unprecedented access to information, restoring public confidence, and creating a more efficient government. Hand in hand with our record of passing honestly balanced budgets, maintaining sufficient reserves, and cutting taxes for Hoosiers across the state, our record of financial transparency is yet another indicator of the pride we hold in our accountability to the wallets and pocketbooks of hard-working Hoosiers.”

## Former Shark Tank contestant speaks at The Lock & Key’s Begin 2 Biz

The Lock & Key presented the launch of Begin 2 Biz at WestGate Academy April 19, 2016. Sawyer Sparks, the owner of Soy-Yer Dough modeling clay, was the featured speaker at the event. Sparks spoke about his time at Purdue University, being a young entrepreneur, and about being a contestant on the hit show Shark Tank. Sparks started off taking entrepreneurial programs in college pitching ideas related to biofuels, but he says his focus shifted when he learned one of his professors had Celiac disease.

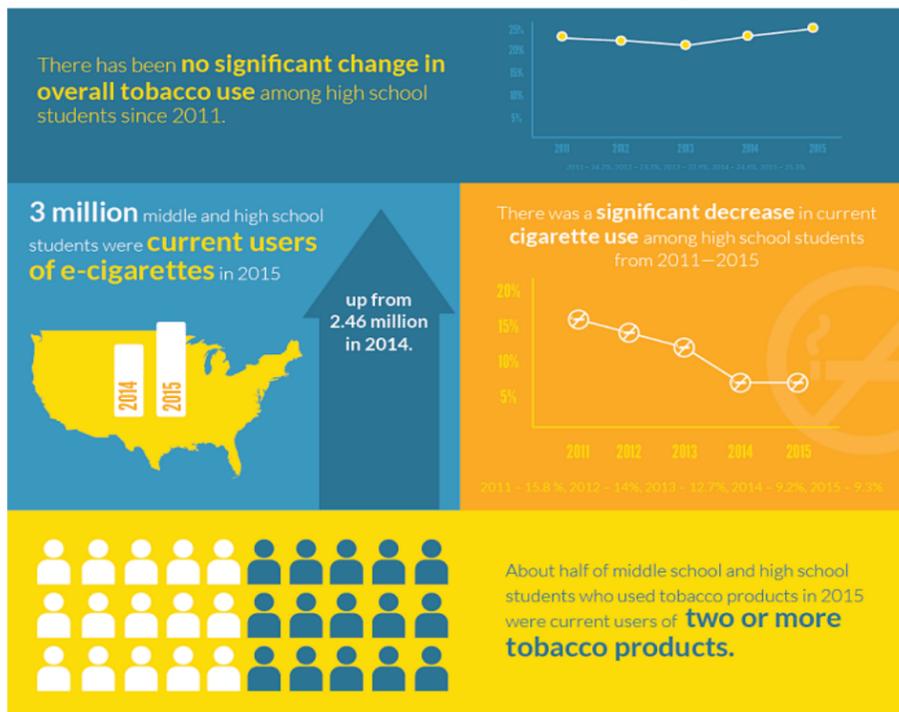
“I found out she couldn’t have wheat products or gluten products. Everyone else in class left the classroom, and I walked up and talked to her. That conversation ended up being an hour, two-hour conversation. [I found] out all the

different products that had wheat in it.” The professor’s child also had Celiac disease. Sparks says he realized just how many people were affected by gluten foods and products.

“Wheat is the main ingredient in Play Dough. Her child also had Celiac disease, and her child was around 6 or 7 and had never played with Play Dough. She couldn’t touch it, she couldn’t eat it, she couldn’t even trust her with it because if she did ingest it there would be issues. That was amazing to me. I didn’t realize the market I had been listening to.”

The first session of Begin 2 Biz featured several industry experts. From high school entrepreneurs to seasoned businesses professionals, dozens came to network at Begin 2 Biz.

## TOBACCO USE AMONG MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—UNITED STATES, 2011-2015



## No decline in overall youth tobacco use since 2011

Overall tobacco use by middle and high school students has not changed since 2011, according to new data published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Center for Tobacco Products in today’s Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR).

Data from the 2015 National Youth Tobacco Survey show that 4.7 million middle and high school students were current users (at least once in the past 30 days) of a tobacco product in 2015, and more than 2.3 million of those students were current users of two or more tobacco products. Three million middle and high school students were current users of e-cigarettes in 2015, up from 2.46 million in 2014.

Sixteen percent of high school and 5.3 percent of middle school students were current users of e-cigarettes in 2015, making e-cigarettes the most commonly used tobacco product among youth for the second consecutive year. During 2011 through 2015, e-cigarette use rose from 1.5 percent to 16.0 percent among high school students and from 0.6 percent to 5.3 percent among middle school students.

From 2011 through 2015, significant decreases in current cigarette smoking occurred among youth, but there was no significant change in the prevalence of current cigarette smoking among this group during 2014 - 2015. In 2015, 9.3 percent of high school students and 2.3 percent of middle school students reported current cigarette use, making cigarettes the second-most-used tobacco product among both middle and high school students.

“E-cigarettes are now the most commonly used tobacco product among youth, and use continues to climb,” said CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D., M.P.H. “No form of youth tobacco use is safe. Nicotine is an addictive drug and use during adolescence may cause lasting harm to brain development.”

Students use many forms of tobacco. In addition to e-cigarettes and cigarettes, high school students used other tobacco products:

- 8.6 percent smoked cigars,
- 7.2 percent used hookahs,

6.0 percent used smokeless tobacco, percent smoked pipe tobacco, and 0.6 percent smoked bidis.

After e-cigarettes and cigarettes, middle school students reported using these products:

- 2.0 percent used hookahs,
- 1.8 percent used smokeless tobacco,
- 1.6 percent smoked cigars,
- 0.4 percent smoked pipe tobacco, and
- 0.2 percent smoked bidis.

Among non-Hispanic white and Hispanic high school students, e-cigarettes were the most commonly used tobacco product. Among non-Hispanic black high school students, cigars were the most commonly used tobacco product. Cigarette use was higher among non-Hispanic whites than among non-Hispanic blacks. Smokeless tobacco use was higher among non-Hispanic whites than students of other races.

“We’re very concerned that one in four high school students use tobacco, and that almost half of those use more than one product,” said Corinne Graffunder, Dr.P.H., M.P.H., director of CDC’s Office on Smoking and Health. “We know about 90 percent of all adult smokers first try cigarettes as teens. Fully implementing proven tobacco control strategies could prevent another generation of Americans from suffering from tobacco-related diseases and premature deaths.”

FDA has regulatory authority over cigarettes, cigarette tobacco, roll-your-own tobacco, and smokeless tobacco. The agency is finalizing the rule to bring additional tobacco products such as e-cigarettes, hookahs, and some or all cigars under that same authority.

“The FDA remains deeply concerned about the overall high rate at which children and adolescents use tobacco products, including novel products such as e-cigarettes and hookah,” said Mitch Zeller, J.D., director of the FDA’s Center for Tobacco Products. “Finalizing the rule to bring additional products under the agency’s tobacco authority is one of our highest priorities, and we look forward to a day in the near future when such products are properly regulated and responsibly marketed.”

To learn more about quitting and preventing children from using tobacco, visit [www.BeTobaccoFree.gov](http://www.BeTobaccoFree.gov).