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\$7.4 million renovations ongoing at Loogootee Schools

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Myszak and Palmer, of Vincennes, updated the Loogootee School Board at their meeting Thursday, April 18, on the \$7.4 million worth of school renovations. The architect firm, represented at the meeting by Alan Knepp and Andy Myszak, stated that work is ongoing and expected to be completed by the time school starts back up in the fall.

So far, construction crews have taken out the ceilings in the high school and elementary. They are focusing on the science labs as well updating the duct work and plumbing. The kitchen in the elementary school has been cleared out

and almost all the plumbing has been updated. They are also gutting the administration area of the elementary school which will be totally revamped and have a partition up at the entrance so students and visitors can stay away from the construction area.

Everything is going as planned and on schedule according to Andy Myszak. "So far so good," he said.

The \$7.4 million renovations raised property taxes for residents within the Loogootee School district by 14 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The bond will be repaid over a 20-year period and with interest, the total amount of the bond is \$11.9 million.

Superintendent Chip Mehaffey told the board about the recent Regional

Opportunity Initiatives (ROI) meeting in French Lick. The ROI oversees a \$45 million grant from Lilly Endowment, spread out to 11 counties, including Martin. Martin County is a part of Indiana Uplands with 38 school districts. The focus of ROI, according to Mehaffey, is to grow economic development focused on education, jobs, housing, rural internet, and quality of life in the area.

In personnel, the board accepted the resignation of Kent Chezem as boys' basketball coach. Chezem submitted his resignation the day after last month's school board meeting.

They also accepted the resignation of Angie Risacher from the computer (See 'RENOVATIONS' on page 2)

Commissioners close West River Road due to erosion

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners, at their meeting Tuesday night, May 23, voted to close West River Road to everyone except local traffic due to the erosion of the road into the river. Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn said that DNR (Department of Natural Resources) is working to get permits together by the end of this week so the road can be repaired. The highway department cannot do anything without the permits.

The commissioners also discussed holding a work session on Wednesday, May 8 after the regular commissioners' meeting to discuss Brooks Bridge along with other bridges in need of repair.

The highway department requested to start working four 10-hour days starting May 6. Their hours will be 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The commissioners agreed.

Sheriff Travis Roush reported that the daily rate for housing out-of-county inmates will be increasing from \$35 to \$37.50 this year, although he was unsure when that rate increase will take effect. Also, starting next year, the rate will go to \$40 per day. He said the Indiana Sheriff's Association had lobbied for \$55 a day but didn't get there so they were disappointed with the increase.

The sheriff noted that the jail currently has 76 inmates with 27 of them from Vigo County. He also reported that due to safety concerns, a local inmate was transferred to the Department of Corrections. This will cost the county \$35 or \$37.50 (current rate or increased rate) per day while he is outside the county.

County Attorney Dave Lett opened three bids for upcoming road paving. Community Crossings grant funds will pay for all the roads except Pop-

lar Grove which is part of the county's match for the grant.

The roads are as follows:

-North Line Street - from US 231 to the Loogootee City limits

-Beard Road - from US 231 to Ruth-erford Road

-Boyd Hollow Road - from the Shoals Town limits to Sherfick School Road

-Sherfick School Road - from Boyd Hollow Road to Doe Run Road

-East 800 North - from US 231 to the Daviess County line

-Poplar Grove Road - two sections

The bids were as follows

E&B Paving of Bloomington

North Line Street: \$32,388

Beard Road: \$140,644

Boyd Hollow Road: \$34,644

Sherfick School Road: \$82,111

E 800 North: \$63,437

Poplar Grove Road: \$148,230

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How ISTEP scores compare

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The following are ISTEP+ percentage comparisons between Loogootee, Shoals, Barr-Reeve, North Daviess and Northeast Dubois, along with the state average for the 2017-18 school year.

Loogootee
Percent of elementary students passing IREAD: 92.5 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 70.4 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 70.4 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 82.6 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 78.3 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 76.1 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 80.3 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 71.8 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 74.6 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 65.5 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 75.9 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 62.1 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 47.9 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 71.8 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 76.1 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 49.3 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 62 percent

Percent of 8th graders in Algebra I: 26.4 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 25 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 69.2 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 71.7 percent

Shoals
Percent of elementary students passing IREAD: 89.6 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 70.2 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 59.6 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 77.8 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 48.9 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 71.1 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 64.4 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 46.7 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 48.9 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ (See 'ISTEP' on page 2)



Trail dedication

-Photos by Bill Whorrall

The Division of Nature Preserves held a dedication of the Nubbin Ridge Nature Trail in the Bluffs of Beaver Bend Nature Preserve, near Spout Springs Road, on Wednesday, April 17. The trail is a 2.5-mile loop and was built by the Hoosier Hikers Council. The Juliette Hoiles DeStaebler Family donated more than 800 acres to the Nature Conservancy and family members Margaret DeStaebler and Chena Weitzer spoke at the ceremony explaining the history of the bluffs area. For more information on the trail, visit www.hoosierhikerscouncil.org/nubbin-ridge-trail/.

ISTEP

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math standard: 59.7 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 56.5 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 58.1 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 36.1 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 41.7 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 50 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 30 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 30 percent

Percent of 8th graders in Algebra I: 39.6 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 4.4 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 47.8 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 63.6 percent

Percent of elementary students passing IREAD: 95.1 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 87.8 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 89 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 83.1 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 79.2 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 77.9 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 93.3 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 80 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 78.7 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 84 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 78.7 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 74.7 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 76.3 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 91.5 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 84.7 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 93.1 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 82.8 percent

Percent of 8th graders in Algebra I: 23.3 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 60.3 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 79.3 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 88.1 percent

North Daviess

Percent of elementary students passing IREAD: 92.1 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 68.5 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 71.9 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 61.5 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 82.7 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 73.1 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 65.3 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 71.3 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 78.2 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 60 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 84.7 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 84.7 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 62.4 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 74.1 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 75.3 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 60.8 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 68.9 percent

Percent of 8th graders in Algebra I: 21.8 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 35.7 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 51.2 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 50.6 percent

Northeast Dubois

Percent of elementary students passing IREAD: 100 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 94.7 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 78.9 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 72.2 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 83.3 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 72.2 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 80.3 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 66.7 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 59.1 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 70.5 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 73.8 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 72.1 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 76.9 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 78.5 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 70.8 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 81.2 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 69.6 percent

Percent of 8th graders in Algebra I: 31 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 66.2 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 61.5 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 62.3 percent

Indiana State Average

Percent of elementary students passing IREAD: 86.6 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 59.3 percent

Percent of 3rd graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 67.4 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 60.9 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 63.8 percent

Percent of 4th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 57.6 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 65.6 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 60.4 percent

Percent of 5th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 56 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 57.9 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 65.2 percent

Percent of 6th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 58.2 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 50.3 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 64.3 percent

Percent of 7th graders passing ISTEP+ social science standard: 61.4 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 55.7 percent

Percent of 8th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 63.6 percent

Percent of 8th graders in Algebra I: 38.2 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ math standard: 36.2 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ language arts standard: 58.9 percent

Percent of 10th graders passing ISTEP+ science standard: 52.1 percent

RENOVATIONS

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science teaching position after being hired exactly a year ago and Andrea Sutton from the position of junior class sponsor.

The board voted to hire Brad Christmas as boys' assistant tennis coach for 2019-20 and approved Chloe Davis as volunteer for the girls' basketball program for 2019-20.

High School Principal Chris Walker and Middle School Assistant Principal John Junco presented changes to next year's student handbooks. This was just a first reading with approval scheduled for next month's board meeting. According to Mehaffey, handbook changes will be posted on the school website for parents to review within the next 30 days. One of the main changes pertains to a change to the GPA and adding a point for AP and dual credit classes. GPAs will also move out by four decimal points as requested by colleges

and universities. School Board Member Chad Wade encouraged parents to contact the administration if they had any comments or questions.

Mehaffey talked about the school's project-based learning, specifically through Lion Manufacturing (with Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design. Loughmiller's provides the students with small jobs to complete and soon they will be purchasing a machine to engrave thermoses, key chains, etc. to sell to businesses.

Mehaffey also spoke about the workplace simulation project through a partnership with defense industry volunteers that meet every Friday to build robots that detect and analyze intruders. A showcase is tentatively scheduled for May 3 so students can display their robots.

The May school board meeting will move from May 16 to May 23 at 5:30 p.m., tentatively.

COMMISSIONERS

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JJ's Concrete & Asphalt, in Montgomery and Solsberry

North Line Street: \$43,600

Beard Road: \$169,350

Boyd Hollow Road: \$44,872

Sherfick School Road: \$152,480

E 800 N: \$123,562

Poplar Grove Road: \$256,442

Milestone Contractors, various locations in Indiana

North Line Street: \$24,139.40

Beard Road: \$125,863

Boyd Hollow Road: \$27,186.10

Sherfick School Road: \$80,542

E 800 N: \$58,419.50

Poplar Grover Road: \$131,850

County Attorney Lett said the bids will be taken under advisement.

Auditor Bobbie Abel received a letter from the Dollar General Store that is building in Shoals, requesting any zoning rules, if applicable, pertaining to how big or tall their sign needs to be. The commissioners said there are no zoning laws in the county and the store is being built outside of town

limits so any town zoning would not apply. They said they have no requirements for the store's sign.

At the last commissioners' meeting, Grant Swartzentruber, attorney, came before the commissioners, on behalf of his client, to find out if the county had ever vacated County Road 31 in Rutherford Township. His client wanted to purchase property, he referenced as the Vollmer property, but needed to see if the road was still a part of the county's inventory because it provided access to the property. County Attorney Lett had not been present at that meeting so the commissioners said they would have to look into it.

At Tuesday night's meeting, County Attorney Lett said he told Swartzentruber that he need not attend the meeting that night because Lett has just returned after being gone for a few months and he wanted to take time to speak to the property owners connected to that property. He told the commissioners he would have more information at their May 8 meeting.

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Obituaries

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LARRY PEEK

Larry Peek passed away at 6:10 a.m. Monday, April 22, 2019 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 76.

He was born July 1, 1942 in Lafayette; son of the late Joseph Ray Peek and Mary Ellen (Day) Richard.

Larry was a devoted family man who had many interests and loyalties. He loved the outdoors, especially fishing, whether it was in the water of Newfoundland, Canada, during his Naval deployment there, or in the local lakes. Larry served in Vietnam and the Panama Canal while in the United States Navy. He retired from NSWC Crane after many years of employment.

He enjoyed coaching baseball in the Loogootee youth leagues and many boys he helped during those years still called him "Coach" when they saw him. A fan of the Loogootee Lions, he was a 50-year member of Lion Backers, and a long-time season ticket holder for boys' basketball. Even in declining health, Larry listened to every game on the radio. He also supported Purdue basketball for many years, much to the dismay of his family members who were Indiana fans.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Ray Peek and Mary Ellen (Day) Richard and sister, Jean Gilliatt.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Doris (Gibson) Peek of Loogootee; children, Rodney Peek of Princeton, Scott (Lisa) Muench of Owensboro, Brian (Lourdes) Peek of Washington, Michael (Carrie) Muench of Thermopolis, Wyoming and Shawn Brown of Loogootee; special grandson, Tristan Horsting; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; siblings, Nancy Sanders of Kentucky, Marcella (Ron) Thatcher of Worthington, Pat (Dave) Brandt of Florida, Marion (Neal) Jackson of Loogootee, Jeff (Chris) Slough of Spencer and Becky (Bruce) Moon of Plainfield.

Graveside services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, April 26 at Truelove

Cemetery in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 25 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

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

DONALD ROGERS

Donald L. Rogers passed away, surrounded by his loving family, on Friday, April 19, 2019 at Memorial Hospital in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 82.



DONALD ROGERS

He was born February 2, 1937 in Washington; son of James and Amanda (Sears) Rogers. Donald married Charlotte Baker on April 2, 1958.

He served our country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam war and was a Senior Master Sergeant in the Air Force for 20 years. He also worked in transportation at Crane for 10 years. Donald was a member of the Washington Masonic Lodge, Life member of the Crane VFW, and the Air Force Sergeant's Association. He was a believer of the Free Methodist faith.

Family left behind to cherish the memory of Donald include his loving wife, Charlotte; daughters, Carmen (Darrell) Dyer of Burns City, Pamela (Steven) Tedrow of Mitchell, and Dawn (Lee) Wadsworth of Odon; sisters, Rose Mary (Gene) Rodarmel of Colorado and Amanda Reed of Columbus; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Jim and Mervin Rogers; sisters, Thelma White, Velma Rogers, and Buelah Mangin; and daughter, Kimberly Lynn Rogers.

Private family services were held Monday April 22 at Meng Family Fu-

neral Home in Odon with Rev. Gary Elsten officiating. Burial followed in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon with full military honors. Masonic Services were also held at the funeral home.

All arrangements were entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.

BEULAH FUHRMAN

Lola "Beulah" Fuhrman passed away Wednesday April 17, 2019 at the Villages at Oak Ridge in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 94.



BEULAH FUHRMAN

She was born December 13, 1924 in Martin County; daughter of Alvin and Eunice (Strawn) Smith.

Beulah married Clarence Fuhrman on June 12, 1943 and he preceded her in death on March 18, 2015. She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church and a 1942 graduate of Loogootee High School. Beulah was a stay-at-home mom and helped her husband on the farm. She was an avid Barr- Reeve sports fan, as well as a Pacers fan. Most importantly she loved her grandchildren and great granddaughters.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Fuhrman; her parents, Alvin and Eunice, her son Wayne Fuhrman, and she was the last living sibling in her family.

She is survived by her son, Kent (Janet) Fuhrman, her grandchildren, Kevin (Jodie) Fuhrman, Jeff Fuhrman, of Loogootee, and Amanda Fuhrman; her great-granddaughters, Brylee, Kenzie, and Hadde Fuhrman, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday April 20 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Pastor Tim Fleace officiating. Burial followed in Good-

will Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. John Lutheran Church in Loogootee.

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

CLARK BROWN

Clark Dwayne Brown passed away on Monday, April 15, 2019, at 11:54 p.m., at IU Health, in Bedford. A resident of Bedford, he was 74.

He was born in French Lick on June 27, 1944; son of Homer and Laura Brown. Clark married Carolyn (Gray) Brown on April 20, 1966, and she survives.

Clark retired from National Gypsum, in Shoals, after 42 years of service. He loved being outside, mowing, tinkering around, watching old westerns and spending time with his wife and dogs, Chance and Gunner. He loved and missed Angel, his little dog who preceded him in death. He will be greatly missed by his wife, dogs, family, and friends.

Also surviving are one son, Richard "Rick" Brown of South Carolina; daughter, Sherry Robbins of Mitchell; step-children, Greg Webber and wife, Laura, of Washington; Debbie Wildman and husband, Norman, of Loogootee; Larry Webber and wife, Cherri, of Tennessee; and Brian Webber and wife, Tonya, of Evansville; sister, Doreatha Walls of Fort Wayne; half-brother, David Brown; and half-sister, Tammy (Brown) Emmons; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; and best friends, Pam and Bret Brower.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Clarkie Brown, Jr., and grandson, Kyle.

A funeral service was conducted on Saturday, April 20, at Cresthaven Funeral Home, in Bedford. Entombment followed in the Cresthaven Memory Gardens.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, APRIL 15

9:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Loogootee Fire was notified but did not respond. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:36 p.m. - One inmate was taken to the doctor.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, APRIL 15

5:49 a.m. - Geoffrey Howard, 27, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

10:40 a.m. - Shirley Coker, 43, of Washington, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

11:00 a.m. - Danny Christenberry, 51, of Washington, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

3:32 p.m. - Michelle Pemberton, 53, of Bedford, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, and OWVI endangerment. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Captain Hennette.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

5:05 p.m. - Darrel Salmon, 38, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

5:57 a.m. - Israel Odiase, 49, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Corporal Reed for driving while suspended prior. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with the arrest.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

3:02 a.m. - Richard Gingerich, 57, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of trucks blocking the road north of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:23 p.m. - Received a report of a horse out, just east of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

9:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:22 p.m. - Received a cat complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:22 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to the Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:43 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

9:18 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

1:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:39 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:17 p.m. - Loogootee Sergeant Floyd performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

3:42 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:40 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the hospital.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

5:12 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Corporal Reed, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi entering Loogootee on US 231. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

9:52 a.m. - Received a report of a semi blocking a driveway northwest of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller transported three inmates to court.

10:10 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

11:25 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:34 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took one inmate to court.

5:48 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

9:20 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police

Department was notified.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

1:03 a.m. - Received a report of an accident just east of Loogootee. Corporal Reed responded.

6:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:12 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. ISP responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Wright responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

10:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:01 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 550 near Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving north of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

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CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

April 10

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Shawn Brown, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Jared R. Johnson, civil collection.

April 11

Personal Finance Company vs. Thomas R. Mullins, civil collection.

Personal Finance Company vs. Thelma J. Smith, civil collection.

April 12

Pamela Garofolo v s. Jeff D. Hodson, reciprocal support.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

April 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Derek D. Holt in the amount of \$1,450.23.

April 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Jerry Williams in the amount of \$1,352.61.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

April 10

Crane Credit Union vs. Diana Gru-

ISP release results of targeted slow down and move over enforcement project

Troopers from the Indiana State Police concentrated their enforcement efforts last week on catching those drivers who fail to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles. The effort was coordinated with state police agencies from five other states, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

With the increase in construction zones this was an opportune time to utilize special patrols not only to find those drivers who violate the law, but to educate the public on the importance of slowing down and moving over for emergency vehicles. Troopers concentrated efforts on all emergency vehicles, including construction vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles, maintenance crews, and roadside service crews.

The results of the efforts are as follows:

Fail to change lanes for stationary highway maintenance vehicle on four-lane highway: Tickets – 10, Warnings – 27

Fail to reduce speed for stationary highway maintenance vehicles on two-lane highway: Tickets – 5, Warnings – 8

Failure to change lanes for emergency vehicle on four-lane highway: Tickets – 83, Warnings – 137

ber, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kelly W. Bartholomew, complaint.

April 12

KMC Construction, LLC vs. Tonya R. Gray, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

April 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha Wright-Ryan and against the defendant Anna Yates in the amount of \$6,000.

April 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendants Bryan D. and Emily K. Staggs in the amount of \$1,069.48.

April 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Kirby McGuire in the amount of \$2,895.97.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jasmine N. Harner in the amount of \$5,948.90.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Michael W. Jewell in the amount of \$2,473.94.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 22

Angela Erin Graham of Shoals and Gregory Alan Tarr, Jr. of Shoals.

Failure to reduce speed for emergency vehicle on two-lane highway: Tickets – 17, Warnings – 22

Total: Tickets – 115, Warnings - 194

The latest edition of the Indiana State Police Road Show

Catch the latest edition of the "Indiana State Police Road Show" radio program every Monday morning at your convenience.

This week's show features Captain Mike Pruitt from the Wayne Township Fire Department. Together we discuss the evolution and use of social media for public safety agencies.

You can view the show on the Indiana State Police YouTube Channel at Social Media in Public Safety with Guest Mike Pruitt

The radio program was titled "Signal-10" in the early 1960's when it was first started by two troopers in northern Indiana. The name was later changed to the "Indiana State Police Road Show" and is the longest continuously aired state police public service program in Indiana.

Radio stations across Indiana and the nation are invited to download and air for FREE this public service program sponsored by the Indiana State Police Alliance and Cops for Kids, a subsidiary of the Indiana State Police Alliance.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 15

3:55 a.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with an arrest.

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported a trailer came off a vehicle on JFK Avenue.

1:20 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette assisted ISP and the county with an arrest.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a broken down semi on East Broadway Street.

4:35 p.m. - Caller reported a male abusing a dog on East Broadway Street. Sgt. Norris and animal control were contacted.

8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

4:20 a.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a vehicle that struck a horse.

12:40 p.m. - Female reported a hit-and-run accident on Church Street.

1:50 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on SW 1st Street.

2:22 p.m. - First responders were requested on Hwy 50 for a two-vehicle accident.

5:13 p.m. - Male reported a dog complaint.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Bloomfield Road.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

9:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

1:19 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

1:39 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a lift assist in Belgrade.

4:15 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

6:30 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

9:08 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

9:22 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with an arrest in Scenic Hill.

9:45 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with problems with a male who

was just arrested and being transported.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

5:12 a.m. - First responders were requested on JFK Avenue for a two-vehicle accident.

10:56 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

3:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

6:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

2:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

5:34 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

8:52 p.m. - Caller reported a fight on Lincoln Avenue.

9:42 p.m. - Caller reported possible underage drinking.

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

1:00 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle at McDonalds.

10:20 a.m. - First responders were requested on Church Street for a medical call.

4:55 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:45 p.m. - Female reported a child custody matter.

11:28 p.m. - Caller reported a possible fight in the high school parking lot. Officer were unable to locate.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

12:14 p.m. - Female reported a fraud case.

4:16 p.m. - Caller reported two subjects walking in the road on US 231.

8:48 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Hill Street.

9:27 p.m. - Caller reported a male smoking near gas pumps.

10:32 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint near SW 3rd Street.

Martin County real estate transfers

Linda S. Thomas to Nina M. Sexton and Tina R. Wininger, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.4990 acres. Also, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.1269 of an acre, more or less. More commonly known as 1040 Brady Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

Rhona B. Earl, of Lawrence County; **Cheryl J. Sutton**, of Clay County; **Darla C. Holt, Gayle A. Berry and Robert White, Jr.**, of Martin County and **Dawn M. Shipman**, of Orange County, all in Indiana to **Robert White, Jr.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Kerns Property Management, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to

Michael J. McAtee, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of Lot Number 81 and a part of a tract of land 17 feet in even width off the west side of Lot Number 80 in the City of Loogootee, containing 0.005 acres, more or less.

Robert L. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dianna L. Breitweiser and John U. Breitweiser**, of Orange County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, and lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.072 acres, more or less. Also, part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Center Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.38 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, and lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.049 acres, more or less.



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By Ann Ackerman



Several patrons of this article have asked me to find more puns. When I saw these, I thought you might like them. Thanks for sending these, Keith.

1. The meaning of opaque is unclear.
2. I wasn't going to get a brain transplant but then I changed my mind.
3. Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very time consuming.
4. A man tried to assault me with milk, cream, and butter. How dairy?
5. If there was someone selling marijuana in our neighborhood, weed know about it.
6. It's a lengthy article about ancient Japanese sword fighters, but I can Sumurais it for you.
7. So what if I don't know the meaning of the word "apocalypse?" It's not the end of the world.
8. Police were called to the daycare center. A 3-year old was resisting a rest.
9. The other day I held the door open for a clown. I thought it was a nice jest-er.
10. Need an ark to save two of every animal? I Noah guy.
11. I used to have a fear of hurdles, but I got over it.
12. Did you know they won't be making yardsticks any longer?
13. I used to be allergic to soap but I'm clean now.
14. The patron saint of poverty is St. Nickeless.

 A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word. An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position.
 As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"
 "Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

YES, I'M A SENIOR CITIZEN!
 I'm the life of the party . . . even if it lasts until 8 p.m.
 I'm very good at opening childproof caps . . . With a hammer.
 I'm awake many hours before my body allows me to get up.
 I'm smiling all the time, because I can't hear a thing you're saying.
 I'm sure everything I can't find is in a safe secure place, somewhere.
 I'm wrinkled, saggy, lumpy, and that's just my left leg; but I haven't made my skin look like wall paper or snake skin.
 My ears, nose, tongue, or navel haven't been pieced with metal rings.
 I'm beginning to realize that aging is not for wimps.

Yes, I'm a SENIOR CITIZEN, and I think I am having the time of my life!

 Mr. Dwight was conducting a lecture on the proper use of punctuation marks. To ensure that his students have effectively learned a thing or two from his lessons, he conducted a brief exercise for them.

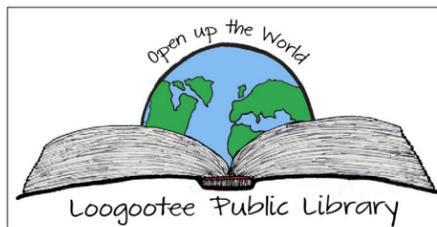
He went to the blackboard and wrote, "Woman without her man is useless." He called on two students – a boy and a girl – to place the proper punctuations in the given phrase.

To his amusement, the two had different answers.

The boy wrote, "Woman, without her man, is useless."

Whereas, the girl wrote, "Woman! Without her, man is useless."

 Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
 Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Marla Williams-Vanhoy was at the library to sell copies of "Memories of a Small Town". The first quarter donation to the library from the sale of the book was \$297.89. I appreciate the time and effort that Mrs. Williams-Vanhoy and Patty Williams put into this book, compiling stories that were sent to them about growing up in Loogootee. Thank you for the generous donation.

Jan Zehr, our new Children's Librarian will begin her duties on Monday, April 29. She has a lot of fun programs planned. There will be a May calendar available soon and I will post it to the Loogootee Public Library Facebook page.

New Books:
 Mystery Fiction: "Someone Knows" by Lisa Scottoline.

Inspirational Fiction: "Two Weeks" by Karen Kingsbury and "The Patient One" by Shelley Shepard Gray.

DVDs: "The Mule" and "A Dog's Way Home".

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 or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Parkview Cruise-In

Parkview Village in Odon will host a Cruise-In on Saturday, April 27 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This is an informal cruise-in with no judging. Admission is free and food will be available.

Food pantry hours

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

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.

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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 5:30 p.m.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

VOTE DOWNEY FOR MAYOR

New Vision ~ New Direction



ROGER DOWNEY is a candidate for Mayor of Loogootee and would be most appreciative of your vote in the upcoming May election. Roger currently serves as a Loogootee City Councilman, as well as being the President this year. Roger was a Director of Operations for various restaurants in a multi-state area and has a broad background in Management, including developing and executing budgets and project planning. His background and experience has enabled him to develop solid leadership and management skills. Roger knows what it means to be a Team Player and understands that even if everyone doesn't agree on the same thing, you still respect each other and work together as a team to do your best at getting the job done and done right. Roger never meets a stranger and is always available to lend a helping hand. Roger has reached out to and has served his community well and has a vision for the city.

Here are a few of his ideas:

- As a city the size of Loogootee with a tax base the size of Loogootee's, we must afford ourselves the opportunity to receive all grants available to us. To that end, Roger will coordinate with AIM (Accelerating Indiana Municipalities) and local business Midwestern Engineers to make sure that we, as a community, are indeed applying for and giving ourselves the best probability of receiving all grants that are available to us. It is his firm belief that the city leadership needs to start giving back to the citizenry in the way of improved infrastructure, but not limited to, storm water drainage, streets, and water lines.
- Another item that needs addressed is the state of some of the properties in our city. There are ordinances already on the books to address these issues. The enforcement bodies simply need the leadership and support of the Mayor's office to enforce these ordinances.
- The city owns property that is currently not being utilized. There are many things that we could use these properties for. Roger loves hearing the ideas on how best to utilize those properties. One idea that he is especially drawn to is for the construction of a dog park.
- Roger will also work diligently with any interested parties that are willing to invest in the City of Loogootee to assist with our economic development. He feels these issues relate to quality of life whether it be improving our infrastructure or adding amenities or beautifying our city which makes day to day life better for the citizens of Loogootee but also makes it more appealing to outside investors.
- Roger will have the city's elected officials serve on the Board of Works rather than having the Board of Works be a position appointed by the Mayor.
- Roger is proud of his hometown and both he, and his wife Carolyn, epitomize what it means to "give back". Roger has spent numerous hours volunteering his time to many heartfelt causes. For the past three years alone, Roger has averaged over 330 hours per year, volunteering in many capacities, while at the same time, being fully employed as a Sales Representative. Additionally, his wife Carolyn owns and operates "The Candy Mill" in Loogootee.
- The following reflect just a few of the many efforts Roger has given, and continues to give, in supporting and volunteering for various causes:
- Served for three years as a member on the Loogootee Summerfest Committee.
- Supported and volunteered for the Loogootee VFW Post #9395 in the Summerfest Brats and Burgers stand for four years. In addition, Roger calls Bingo once a month on Sundays. Bingo is the largest moneymaker for the VFW. Roger also hand cuts, seasons, and grills the steaks for "Steak Night". Roger has been the Auxiliary Secretary for the past three years. Roger truly enjoys supporting and volunteering for the VFW, which benefits local veterans and the Loogootee community.
- Supported and volunteered for the Meals-on-Wheels Program, preparing and delivering meals.
- Supported and volunteered at the Royal Family Kids Camp, a week-long camp for abused and neglected foster children.
- Supported and volunteered at the Night To Shine "Tim Tebow" event by being a "buddy" to a King or Queen the past two years. Has also helped in the kitchen by serving guests.
- Supported and volunteered for the American Cancer Society (ACS) for numerous years in the local Relay for Life events. Has held numerous positions on ACS committees for events. He has supported and volunteered at the American Cancer Society Clean Sweep. Roger meets with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, as well as State Legislators on a regular basis, either at the State Capitol or in their respective Districts. Roger also attends an annual meeting in Washington, DC and advocates for increased funding for cancer research as well as for any bill that would help improve a cancer patient's treatment and lifestyle. Roger fights on behalf of YOU and THOSE YOU LOVE, to make cancer issues a priority at Local, State, and National levels of Government.
- Supported and volunteered at the "100 Men Who Cook" Fundraiser, sponsored by Old National Bank and which gives back to local communities.
- Supported and volunteered at local nursing homes by playing the role of "Santa Claus", including passing out presents to the residents, during the Christmas holiday. Roger has also helped with Bingo for the residents of the nursing home.
- Supported and volunteered as a cook for the Loogootee Library fundraisers.
- Supported and volunteered at the "Matthew 5:16 Day".
- Supported and volunteered at the First Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal.
- Supported and volunteered as a cook at West Boggs Park the past three years, for the Mother's Day Breakfast. Roger has also played Santa Claus during Christmas.
- Supported and volunteered during the Carter's Legacy 5K that is held each year at West Boggs Park.
- Supported and volunteered, alongside his wife Carolyn, once a week (for the past four years) at the Martin County Humane Society. Animal Shelter. Carolyn takes care of the cats and Roger takes care of the dogs by cleaning out cages, feeding, watering, walking, and of course, playing with the cats and dogs.
- Roger and his wife Carolyn are members and good stewards of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Roger cooks, prepares, and serves meals to the kids during Pioneer Club (each Wednesday, once a month). Roger plays and prays with the kids during activities time in the gymnasium. Both Roger and Carolyn serve in various capacities during Worship and attend Pastor-led Bible Study each week.

Roger is forward thinking and has the drive and determination to keep Loogootee moving forward and serving its constituents.

Your vote will sincerely be appreciated on May 7th!

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Martin County's jobless rate ticks down to 3.3 percent for March

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County's unemployment rate ticked down slightly from February to March, from 3.4 percent to 3.3 percent. The county had the 19th lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties in March, tied with six other counties.

In March, the county had 5,213 residents in the workforce and 170 of them were unemployed. In February, there were 5,226 residents able to work and 178 of them without jobs. In March of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 5,170 residents in the workforce and 141 of them without work.

Daviess County's jobless rate also dropped slightly from 3.3 percent in February to 2.9 percent in March. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Adams and Bartholomew counties.

In March, the county had 16,831 residents in the workforce and 494 of them were unemployed. In February,

there were 16,810 residents able to work and 557 of them without jobs. In March of 2018, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.7 percent with 16,293 residents able to work and 438 of them unemployed.

Dubois County also had a drop in jobless rate from 3.1 percent in February to 2.8 percent in March. The county had the lowest unemployment rate in the state for March, tied with Boone and Hamilton counties.

In March, the county had 23,347 residents in the workforce with 651 of them unemployed. In February, there were 23,364 residents able to work and 732 of them without jobs. In March of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.4 percent with 23,412 residents in the workforce and 566 of them without work.

Greene County's unemployment rate dropped from 5.8 percent in February to 5.3 percent in March. The county had the sixth highest jobless rate in the state for March.

In March, the county had 13,867 resi-

dents in the workforce and 737 of them were unemployed. In February, there were 13,967 residents able to work and 807 of them were without jobs. In March of 2018, Greene County's jobless rate was 4.6 percent with 13,856 residents in the workforce and 644 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for March were Hamilton, Dubois and Boone counties at 2.8 percent; Daviess, Bartholomew and Adams counties at 2.9 percent; and Gibson, Jackson, Kosciusko, and Steuben counties at 3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for March were Lake County at 6.9 percent, Vermillion County at 6.7 percent, Newton County at 6 percent, LaPorte County at 5.6 percent, Starke County at 5.4 percent, Greene County at 5.3 percent, and Crawford, Jasper, Owen and Vigo counties at 5.1 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.6 percent for March and remains lower than the national rate of 3.8 per-

cent. With the exception of one month when it was equal (October 2014), Indiana's unemployment rate now has been below the U.S. rate for more than five years. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 6,769 over the previous month. This was a result of an increase of 2,634 unemployed residents and an increase of 4,135 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.41 million, and the state's 65.3 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.0 percent.

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

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The Director reports directly to the County Solid Waste Board. Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience. Excellent Driving record required.

Only resumes received by mail to the address listed below will be accepted. Include level of education, job history, and dates in your resume. No phone calls or walk ins please.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Scientists tell us that the sense of smell is most closely connected to the memory center in the brain. It certainly seems that way for me. Right now, Sandhill Gardens is teaming with the heavy scent of lilacs. That scent is a reminder of my maternal grandmother, Bertha Hooten, who planted many of the huge lilac bushes in the gardens. While grandma planted most of the old-fashioned lilacs, I have added to the collection over the years, planting some different cultivars that extend that wonderful scent for several weeks in the spring.

Lilacs usually have a heavy bloom every two to three years. With the number of bushes I have, I usually have at least one bush with a heavy bloom crop each year. This year, almost every bush is full and the slightest breeze spreads that wonderful scent through the gardens.

Some years, the old-fashioned lilacs bud out during an early warm spell, only to get hit by some extreme cold before bloom time. That led breeders to develop some cultivars that bud later and, therefore, bloom later. At the same time, a greater color spectrum was created. The old-fashioned lilacs were generally light purple, dark purple or white. The newer cultivars include various shades of pink, burgundy, and even yellow. There are also some cultivars with picotéd florets, usually with a dark color in the center with white edges on each individual floret.

In addition to the cultivated varieties, oriental varieties began to show up in America a few decades ago. The most popular of these has been the Korean lilac cultivar Miss Kim. Miss Kim's flowers are usually three to four-inch inflorescences in a deep pink color. The bush is smaller than the old-fashioned lilacs, usually topping out about six feet tall with a similar spread. Miss

Kim usually blooms a couple of weeks after the old lilacs but continues that lilac scent. Miss Kim may re-bloom periodically through the summer and autumn. The subsequent blooms are not as heavy as the initial spring bloom, but the flowers still bring that classic scent to the garden.

The breeders have also been busy on the oriental lilacs, producing cultivars with more reliable re-blooming. The most common of these re-blooming cultivars are Josee and Bloomerang. Josee is often sold in bundles for making a lilac hedge.

The lilac collection seems like a United Nations roll-call. There are classic Persian lilacs, French lilacs, which were bred in the 1800's for unique colors, Canadian lilacs bred for more cold tolerance and Japanese tree lilacs, with large panicles of white florets late in the spring.

Lilacs should be planted in an area that receives at least six hours of sun each day. They need good drainage but require regular watering. Good air circulation is also important, as they are prone to powdery mildew, a fungal disease that forms a milky glaze over the leaves in summer. Lilacs do best with a slightly acidic soil pH of 5 to 7. They are not heavy feeders but will benefit from the addition of some compost or liquid fertilizer at bloom time.

Any pruning should be done immediately following bloom to ensure you do not remove the buds formed for next year's blooms. The best way to keep a lilac healthy is to remove the oldest of the canes to the ground. Never remove more than one-third of the canes in any year.

At this time of the year, Sandhill Gardens is awash with blooms, but the lilacs are very special to me. Thanks for the memories.

Native Warm-Season Grasses for Grazing Workshop

Producers can get first-hand tips from specialists on the use of native warm-season grasses for their farm's grazing systems during a workshop on June 21. The "Using Native Warm-Season Grasses in a Grazing System" Producer Workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to noon (EDT) and will be held at the Southern Indiana Purdue Ag. Center, 11371 East Purdue Farm Road, located near Dubois.

The workshop will include topics such as the potential role of native warm-season grasses in a grazing system, animal performance and economics, grass establishment, and native warm-season grass management and maintenance. The event will also feature a pasture walk to view native warm-season pastures currently in use at the SIPAC facilities.

There is no charge to attend this event, but pre-registration is required for materials and meals to jhodge34@utk.edu.

Information on the Grazing 102 workshop, which will occur immediately following this event, can be obtained from Jason Tower, Superintendent, SIPAC, at towerj@purdue.edu or

ph. (812) 678-4427.

This native warm-season grass workshop is hosted by the Center for Native Grasslands Management, the Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center, the National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative, Quail Forever, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Purdue Extension.



Spring babies

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

Spring is in the air, as told by the birth of all kinds of animals. Shown above is a red shouldered hawk with her new chick. Red-shouldered Hawks return to the same nesting territory year after year. One Red-shouldered Hawk occupied a territory in southern California for 16 consecutive years.

Producers are invited to Grazing 102 course

Producers can get first-hand tips from experts on how to incorporate management-intensive grazing techniques during a two-day seminar hosted by Purdue Extension. Grazing 102, which will take place June 21-22, will cover numerous topics on best management practices, including plant growth and development, soil fertility, forage identification, rotational grazing, fencing, and watering systems.

Grazing 102, a course which is designed to help producers successfully run their own operations, will be held at the Southern Indiana Purdue Ag. Center, 11371 East Purdue Farm Road, located near Dubois, Ind. The program is 1:00-6:00 p.m. (EDT) June 21, and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (EDT) June 22. The fee is \$60, which covers materials, management tools, and refreshments.

The event will also include pasture walks and field tours to provide hands-on opportunities, identify forage and weed species, and demonstrate rotational grazing.

The seminar provides an invaluable opportunity to have direct contact with expert speakers and peers. Focus is on small group discussions with extensive interactions with seminar experts and guests.

Registration forms are due by June

15, and are available on-line at www.ag.purdue.edu/arge/pac/Pages/sipac-home.aspx. The event will be held rain or shine. Additional individuals from the same operation are permitted at a cost of \$30, but materials and management tools will not be included.

Make checks payable to the Purdue CES Education Fund, c/o Purdue Extension - Dubois County, 1482 Executive Blvd., Jasper, Ind. 47546. The event will be held rain or shine.

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Pictured above are the seniors in the Class of 2019 who were honored at the Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner which was held Sunday, April 7. From left to right are Madisyn Wade, Jacob Carrico, Kashten Burch, Sheldon Christmas, Maddie Strange, Max Christmas, Hope Fischer, and Kirk Bratton. Unable to attend and not pictured were Cade Chezem and Tyanna Graber.

Top 10 LHS Seniors honored at Tri Kappa Academic Dinner

The 10th Annual Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner was held Sunday, April 7 in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Members of the local Tri Kappa chapter hosted the event to honor the top ten academic students in the Loogootee Senior High School Class of 2019. Also attending were the parents of the students as well as the mentor chosen by each student – someone who had greatly influenced them in their lives.

Audrey Robinson, Chapter President and chairman of the dinner, served as emcee. She welcomed everyone and shared that it was member Beth Lett's idea to hold an academic dinner each spring to honor the Top 10 graduates. Audrey also spoke of the work that Tri Kappa does promoting charity, culture and education. Donations are given annually to Riley Hospital for Children and in the county, especially to the school systems including scholarships and valedictorian and salutatorian awards. The funds for the donations are raised through the birthday calendar and assorted nut projects the chapter conducts each fall.

Following the blessing given by chapter adviser Barb McFeaters, Tri Kappa members served a meal of salad, rosemary chicken and potatoes, green beans and a roll prepared by member Kathy Lingenfelter and her committee. An assortment of desserts, made by chapter members, were also served. Guests dined at decorated tables done in black and gold and included pictures of the honored students. The senior boards of the students were also on display in the room.

The honored students, their parents and their chosen mentors were Cade Chezem, son of Kent and Dara Chezem, mentor: Bruce Wade; Max Christmas, son of Daniel and Shelley Christmas, mentor: his mother Shelley; Sheldon Christmas, son of Daniel and Shelley Christmas, mentor: his grandfather Rex Strawn; Hope Fischer, daughter of Chris and Tonia Fischer, mentor: Audra McAtee; Madeline Strange, daughter of Patrick and Helen

Strange, mentor: Rhi Graves; Kashten Burch, daughter of Andrew and Shannon Burch, mentor: her sister Kendall Burch; Jacob Carrico, son of Tom and Tricia Carrico, mentor: his brother Logan Carrico; Madisyn Wade, daughter of Jennifer Swartzentruber and Jason Wade, mentor: her aunt Natalie Christenberry; Kirk Bratton, son of Shannon and Debbie Bratton, mentor: Ronetta Bough; and Tyanna Graber, daughter of Stuart and Angie Graber, mentor: Andi Sutton.

Other guests at the dinner were high school office secretary Tiffani Sergent and the Loogootee High School Principal Chris Walker who spoke highly of the Class of 2019.

Before Sunday's dinner, the students had been asked to write a letter to the person whom they chose as their mentor telling them why they had made a positive influence on them. The letter was included on a framed Certificate of Appreciation which was presented to the mentor as a gift after being read by the student at the dinner.

On behalf of the chapter, Katie Milligan, chapter vice president, presented each of the students with a large personalized laundry bag for college and a copy of the Certificate of Appreciation given to their mentor.

Audrey closed the dinner by congratulating the students on their academic achievements in high school and wishing them the best in the future from the members of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa.

LMS Softball results

The Loogootee Middle School Softball Teams defeated Vincennes Clark last Tuesday, April 16. The "A" team won 16-3 and the "B" team also took home the victory, 17-4.

Mayson Simmons, Ashlynn Gilbert and Kortni Rumble led in hits with three followed by Caitlin Carrico, Lindsay Nolan, Sydnee Wittmer and Allie Henninger with two each; and Kyleigh Courter, Alana Hedrick, Claire Kemp, and Chrislynn Holland with one each.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

LHS Prom Royalty candidates

Shown above are the Loogootee Prom king, queen, prince and princess candidates. Prom will be held this Saturday, April 27. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and Grand March starts at 7 p.m. in Jack Butcher Arena. In the front row, from left to right, are the princess candidates, Emily Wade, Trinity Howell, Madison Wagoner, Danielle Abel, and Melaina Tippery. In the second row are the prince candidates, Jack Fellers, Wyatt Street, Landon Harder, and Niklas Mauer. In the third row are the queen candidates, Madisyn Wade, Olivia Winger, Leonna Hedrick, Jayleigh Wagoner, and Hope Fischer. In the back row are the king candidates, Kirk Bratton, Nick Bowman, Bailey Dearwester, Cade Chezem, and Jake Carrico. Not pictured are Madisyn Wade and Conner Hedrick.

Loogootee Softball game recaps

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Head Softball Coach

Lady Lions over Lady Hatchets

The rain washed out the game at Alan Lemon Field, but the diamond at Costello Field was dry, so the Lady Hatchets hosted the game in Loogootee. The rain didn't wash away the hits, as Loogootee scored a run rule shortened 14-2 victory. Maria Chestnut hurled the win in the circle for the Lady Lions, with Hill taking the loss for the Lady Hatchets. Washington scored their two runs in the third inning, as Devine was hit by a pitch and Moody reached on an error. Sandullo came through with a solid single scoring Devine and Moody scored on a passed ball.

Loogootee scored two in the first, one in the third, five in the fourth and six in the fifth to seal the shortened game. Hannah Harshaw, Maria Chestnut, Haylie Mathies, Tyanna Graber and Grace Lingenfelter all had extra base hits for the Lady Lions.

Lady Lions claw past Lady Tigers

Loogootee used sixteen hits to put twelve runs on the board, and scored a

run rule shortened game at Princeton, winning 12-2. Isabelle Waggner twirled a four hit, six strikeout gem to pick up the win. Tyanna Graber homered twice, and Isabelle Waggner homered once, for the Lady Lions. Makenzie VanHoy tripled, and Haylie Mathies hit two doubles to lead the Lady Lions hit attack. Sydney Davis, Graber, VanHoy, and Mathies all had a multi-hit game for Loogootee.

Lady Lions beat Paoli

Loogootee used excellent pitching, great hitting and flawless defense to overpower a solid Paoli team, 14-1 in seven innings. Sydney Davis pitched the win for the Lady Lions, striking out thirteen, and improving the Lady lions to 6-3 on the season.

Adie Nolley provided the punch for Loogootee, stroking two home runs and driving in seven runs. Tyanna Graber was three for five at the dish, short only the HR from hitting the cycle. Makenzie VanHoy stayed hot at the plate, going 3-5, while Calli Winger, Grace Lingenfelter and Jaelyn Walker each collected two hits on the night. Isabelle Waggner roped a double for the other Lady Lion extra base hit of the night.

Lady Lions Tennis face Barr-Reeve, WC

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis Teams travelled to Barr-Reeve Tuesday, April 23. The varsity girls were defeated 2-3 while the junior varsity brought home a win, 4-1.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Moriah Bullock (BR) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Abriana Gabrel 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles Kinley Schrock (BR) defeated Hope Fischer 6-4, 6-3

#1 Doubles Kaitlyn Mincey/Kadee Claridge (BR) defeated Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Gracie Madison/Hunter Emmons 4-6, 4-3 (retired)

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Sofi Valabrega (BR) defeated Alexis Buse 6-0

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Annalise Powell (L) defeated Amya Stoll/Meagan Miller 6-2

#2 Doubles Grace Foddrill/Sina Poulsen (L) defeated Kaitlyn Wood/Averi Lengacher 6-4

#3 Doubles Grace Gingerich/Madi-

son McAtee (L) defeated MaKana Gabrel/Maggie Miller 6-1

#4 Doubles Amya Stoll/Meagan Miller (B) defeated Mikenna Jones/Olivia Dant 6-1

The Lady Lions Varsity Tennis Team defeated Washington Catholic at home last Wednesday, April 17 by a score of 5-0. No junior varsity matches were held. The varsity team moves to 7-3 on the season.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "This was our third match in three days, so it was nice to end this stretch of matches with a strong finish.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Elena Esser 6-2, 6-0

#2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Hallie Leischner 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles Hope Fischer (L) defeated Sydney Smith 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Maria Vicente/Iris Vicente 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Becca McCarty/Melini Booth 6-0, 6-0