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## LHS Prom candidates *-Photo provided*

Loogootee High School will hold their prom this weekend. Prom royalty candidates have been chosen. The princess candidates are shown in the front row. Six candidates were chosen due to a tie. From left to right are Madisyn Wade, Leonna Hedrick, Chloe Carrico, Jayleigh Wagoner, Hope Fischer, and Olivia Wininger. Queen candidates, in the second row, from left to right, are Emily Whitworth, Cora Hedrick, Katie Sims, Julianne Bell, and Savannah McAtee. Prince candidates, in the third row, from left to right, are Max Christmas, Jacob Carrico, Sheldan Christmas, and Nicholas Bowman. King Candidates, in the back row, from left to right, are Cade Wilcoxon, Brandon Armstrong, Jayden Wagoner, Cole Harmon, and Joshua Cook. Not pictured is prince candidate, Cade Chezem.

## Martin County's jobless rate at 2.6 percent for March

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Martin County's unemployment rate dropped a bit in March to 2.6 percent, down from 2.9 percent in February. The county had the 12<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Daviess and Jackson counties.

In March, the county had 5,076 residents in the workforce with 132 of them unemployed. In February, there were 5,027 residents able to work and 147 of them without jobs. In March of last year, Martin County's unemployment rate was 3.3 percent with 5,083 residents in the workforce and 169 of them unemployed.

Dubois County also saw a small decrease in their jobless rate, moving from 2.6 percent in February to 2.3 percent in March. The county had the third lowest jobless rate of the 92 Indiana counties for March.

In March, the county had 23,087 residents in the workforce and 526 of them were unemployed. In February, there were 22,843 residents able to work and 605 of them without jobs.

In March of 2017, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 23,085 residents in the workforce and 620 of them without work.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also decreased a bit in March to 2.6 percent, down from 3 percent the month before. The county had the 12<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Jackson and Martin

counties.

In March, the county had 15,952 residents in the workforce and 408 of them unemployed. In February, there were 15,762 residents able to work and 475 of them without jobs. In March of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 2.8 percent with 15,947 residents in the workforce and 454 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate dropped from 5.1 percent in February to 4.5 percent in March. The county had the eighth highest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Owen County.

In March, the county had 13,455 residents in the workforce and 600 of them were jobless. In February, there were 13,456 residents in the workforce and 687 of them were unemployed. In March of 2017, Greene County's unemployment rate was 5.1 percent with 13,653 residents in the workforce and 700 of them were jobless.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for March were LaGrange and Elkhart counties at 2.2 percent, Dubois County at 2.3 percent, Kosciusko County at 2.4 percent, and Steuben, Hamilton, Gibson, DeKalb, Boone, Bartholomew, and Adams counties at 2.5 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for March were Vermillion County at 5.6 percent, Lake County at 5.1 percent, Crawford and Newton counties at 4.8 percent, Starke (See 'RATE' continued on page 2)

## Commissioners approve new highway dump truck, payroll upgrade

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Commissioners met Thursday, April 24.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett talked to the commissioners about washed out pilings on Brooks Bridge. He said that when the water went down, the pilings came out and although the bridge itself is not affected, the road leading up to the bridge, on the Loogootee side, is. Brent Roberts, with BF&S, said he would do some research and find out what company handled the rehabilitation of Brooks Bridge, less than 10 years ago, and find out what the purpose of the pilings was and the seriousness of the issue. Commissioner Kevin Boyd also pointed out major erosion happening on the other side of the road that needs attention. He showed photographs of the rock beams that have split. Roberts and Highway Superintendent Padgett said they would look into this as well.

Padgett also spoke about West Boggs Park's request that the county help with road patching on Martin County's portion of the park. Commissioner Dan Gregory asked how much money West Boggs would be willing to put in to help pay for materials. Highway Superintendent Padgett said he would have to meet with West Boggs Super-

intendent Jamison Hibbs and find out and also look at how much work was needing done. He would report back to the commissioners at their next meeting.

A resident on Butler Bridge Road has requested culvert work be done to his driveway at a cost of around \$400. Padgett said that the extra water runoff from the new Lost River Fire Station has caused the damage. The commissioners asked if the Lost River Township Trustee would be willing to pay for the work. Commissioner Gregory said it would be hard to justify the county paying for the work since it was not county property. Padgett said he would check with the Lost River Fire Department and trustee.

The commissioner approved the highway department to purchase a 2007 Freightliner dump truck for \$67,500. The truck currently has 38,000 miles and Padgett said it has been used to haul paper. He sent his mechanic and an employee to look over the truck and they found no problems.

Bobbie Abel, with the auditor's office, requested that the commissioners approve the purchase of new a new service for payroll to allow county employees to have a self-service website to access check stubs, W-2s, request time off, change their address or bank (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

## Loogootee loses principal, hires band director, art and CTE teachers

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The board accepted the resignations of Andrea Huff as high school principal and Jackson Hembree as middle school track coach. Loogootee Superintendent Chip Mehaffey said that two years ago when they were looking for a new high school principal, the candidate pool was not very strong. He said Loogootee was fortunate enough to get Andrea and she went above and beyond his expectations.

The board also thanked Huff for her time at Loogootee.

Huff is going to Barr Reeve to lead the school's new STEM/Career Academy.

The board voted to hire Chase Wagler as middle school track coach and Chris Jones as volunteer assistant middle school track coach.

The board also hired Amy Hamm as middle school and high school band director. Hamm has a music degree from Indiana State University and has helped out this year with band students at Loogootee.

Madeline Ueltschi was hired as the new art teacher. Ueltschi is from Bedford and was a Lilly Scholar winner in Lawrence County. She will be graduating from Indiana Wesleyan University

this month.

Angie Boyd, 1994 Loogootee High School Graduate, was hired as the middle school and high school career and technical education teacher. Mehaffey said that with the hiring of Boyd, the school will be able to start a computer science program. Boyd will also be able to teach dual credit business courses for students to get college credits.

The board held a first reading of changes to the student handbooks. Superintendent Mehaffey said that one of the big changes is with graduation requirements. The state is requiring students, starting with the class of 2022, to have two different career and technical education (CTE) credits. The school will be offering more CTE pathway courses including computer science I, introduction to agriculture, introduction to business, introduction to engineering and design, and principals of biomedical science. These classes will begin being offered to incoming freshmen next year.

A second reading and adoption of the handbook changes will be held at the next meeting.

Mehaffey also reported that interviews are underway for a replacement for the high school principal. He said they expect to hire someone by early May.





-Photo provided

Pictured above are the seniors in the Class of 2018 who were honored on Sunday at the Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner which was held at the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. In the front row, from left to right, are Elizabeth Stoll, Kristin Norris, Shalyn Bruner, Emily Whitworth, Marina Lents and Jody Seals. In the back row, from left to right, are Lane Keller, Dylan Arthur, Carson Rayhill and Ross Adams. Not pictured is Chase Fleming.

## Top 11 LHS Seniors honored at Tri Kappa Academic Dinner

The Ninth Annual Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner was held on Sunday, April 22 in the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church. Members of the local Tri Kappa chapter hosted the event to honor the top eleven academic students in the Loogootee Junior/Senior High School Class of 2018. 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. This year 11 students were recognized as there was a tie with GPAs. 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 Martin 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, 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 was 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 Ross Adams, son of Bryan and Julinda Adams, mentor: his mother; Emily Whitworth, daughter of Francis and Becky Whitworth, mentor: her brother Nick Schuetz; Lane Keller, son of Clint and Robin Keller and Angel Keller, mentor: Shelly Christmas; Marina Lents, daughter of Kelly and Michelle Lents, mentor: Brian Whitney; Dylan Arthur, son of Scott and Marci Arthur, mentor: Michael Foster; Carson Rayhill, son of Kelly Rayhill and Heather Rayhill, mentor: Senora Ronetta Bough; Elizabeth Stoll, daughter of Bradley and Tracy Stoll, mentor: Cammie Sanders; Kristin Norris, daughter of Angie Boyd

and Chris and Brenda Norris, mentor: her parents; Jody Seals, daughter of Mike and Sheri Seals, mentor: her parents; Shalyn Bruner, daughter of Patrick and Michelle Bruner, mentor: Carolyn Fuhs; and unable to attend, Chase Fleming, son of Charles and Michele Fleming, mentor: Mickeul Smith

Other guests at the dinner included Principal Andrea Huff, Guidance Counselor Tracy Anderson and office secretary Tiffani Sergent.

Before Sunday's dinner, the students had been asked to write a letter to the person whom they had chosen 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 Miligan, 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.

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# COMMISSIONERS

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account information, etc. The cost of the employee portal has a one-time set-up fee of \$4,379.75, an annual fee of \$2,995 and an annual hosting cost of \$334.75. Abel said it would help with time-consuming payroll tasks and department heads could all log on to the service to perform maintenance tasks. The commissioners approved the request however an additional appropriation will have to be approved by the county council first.

Due to animal control being a county ordinance, the commissioners had to approve or deny a \$25 ticket written to Jerold Ervin of Shoals, for a nuisance violation due to his dogs running loose around Shoals. Animal Control Officer Josh Hughett explained that after multiple instances of complaints from residents, who are also in fear of one of the dogs, he had to issue a ticket, af-

ter a written warning. Officer Hughett provided photographs to the commissioners of the dogs in various locations around Shoals. Ervin said that his dogs do get loose sometimes but he has seen other dogs running loose too. Commissioner Gregory told Ervin that if Officer Hughett is called about those dogs, he will respond to that as well. This is the first monetary ticket written by animal control since it started last April. The commissioners voted to have Ervin pay the \$25 and asked him to try to keep his dogs contained in the future.

The commissioners approved the Martin County Alliance's website [www.mcedc.org](http://www.mcedc.org) to be redirected to [www.martincounty.org](http://www.martincounty.org).

At the end of the meeting, Commissioner Gregory asked that the public be aware of farm equipment that will be out on the roadway. He asked that residents stay alert and slow down.

# RATE

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County at 4.7 percent, LaPorte and Sullivan counties at 4.6 percent, Greene and Owen counties at 4.5 percent, and Fayette County at 4.4 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.2 percent for March and remains lower than the national rate of 4.1 percent. 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 four 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 7,513 over the previous month. This was a result of 2,077 unemployed residents no longer seeking employment within the past four weeks, and a 9,590 increase in residents employed. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.32 million, and the state's 63.8 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 62.9 percent.

In addition, Indiana's initial unemployment insurance claims continue to be at historical lows.

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

#### Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has grown by more than 27,300 over the year, and has increased by 4,300 over the previous month, primarily due to gains in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (2,600) and the Construction (1,100) sectors. Gains were partially offset by losses in the Leisure and Hospitality (-300) and the Financial Activities (-200) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,702,900 and is 14,00 above the December 2017 peak.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



TOBY is a male lab mix, very sweet, high energy. He is neutered, up to date on shots and tested negative for heartworms. Adoption fee is \$80. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

## Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: Baked Spaghetti

Thursday: Pork Chops

Friday: Creek Rocks

Friday night: Chicken Bruschetta

Saturday: BBQ Chicken

Saturday night: Seafood Platter

Sunday: Honey Sage Roasted Turkey



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# Obituaries

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## MELBA MONTGOMERY

Melba C. Montgomery passed away at 10 p.m. Friday, April 20, 2018 at The Waters of Huntingburg. A resident of Huntingburg, she was 68.

She was born September 29, 1949, in Duff; daughter of Orville "Jum" and Catherine E. (Nolan) Lemond. She worked as a nursing center dietary aide in Jasper and was a member of Redemption Christian Church in Jasper. Melba enjoyed bowling in the Thursday Night Women's Bowling League and playing bingo and cards at the Huntingburg Senior Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville Lemond and Catherine Lemond Miller; five brothers, William, Joseph, Peter N., Edward T., and Robert E. Lee Lemond; and great granddaughter, Jocelyn Demitt.

She is survived by five children, Gary (Anita) Montgomery Jr. of Hudson, Florida; Cheryl (Keith) Cross of Owensboro, Kentucky; Christina (Jeff) West of Ithaca, New York; Amanda (Charles) Taylor of Loogootee, and Christopher Wilz of Otwell; eight siblings, James L. (Cordelia Uppencamp) Lemond of Huntingburg, Oscar S. Lemond of Newburgh, Albert E. Lemond of Mount Carmel, Illinois; Erwin C. Lemond of Birdseye, Margaret E. Brown of Huntingburg, Esther M. Peach of Mount Carmel, Illinois; Mary A. (Wilfred) Bohnert of Huntingburg, and Henrietta B. (James) Toby of Huntingburg; 20 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 24 at Redemption Christian Church in Jasper with burial following at Mayo Cemetery in Duff. Minister Ryan Stiles officiated the service.

Nass & Son Funeral Home in Huntingburg was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be shared online at [www.nassandson.com](http://www.nassandson.com).

## LEONA MILLER

Leona Miller passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Monday, April 23, 2018 at her home. A resident of Odon, she was 89.

She was born in Daviess County on October 13, 1928; daughter of John and Amanda (Gingerich) Stoll. She married Joseph Miller on January 31, 1948.

Leona was a homemaker and enjoyed taking care of her home and family. She had worked at Dearmins and as a cook at Raglesville School. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother and will be missed by her family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, Ronald L. (Deborah) Miller of Odon and Charles (Rhonda) Miller of Elnora; daughters, Brenda (Glen) Lengacher of Loogootee, Karen (Gary) Swartzentruber, Dianne (Steve) Raber and Joann Miller, all of Odon; and sister, Mary Miller of Loogootee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Joseph Miller;

son, Clarence Eugene Miller; daughter, Shirley Miller; daughter-in-law's, Deborah Miller and Jeannie Miller; son-in-law, Glen Lengacher; sister, Edna Knepp; brothers, Henry, Raymond, Jacob, Lester, Noah, Louis, Alvin and Homer Stoll.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, April 27 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Pastor Ed Graber officiating. Leona will be laid to rest in Bethel Mennonite Cemetery in Odon.

Family and friends may call from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 and from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 10 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Helping Hearts Hospice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

All arrangements have been entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and Meng Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## DAVID CROPP

David Joseph Cropp passed away Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 8:50 a.m. at The Heart Hospital at Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh. A resident of Loogootee, he was 79.



He was born in Loogootee on February 17, 1939; son of Joseph and Viola (Norris) Cropp.

He graduated from St. John Catholic High School Class of 1957. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church. David was a United States

## Daviess Community Hospital receives an 'A' for patient safety in Spring 2018 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade

The Leapfrog Group, a Washington D.C.-based organization aiming to improve health care quality and safety for consumers and purchasers, on Tuesday, released the new Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades. Daviess Community Hospital was one of 750 awarded an 'A' for its efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the U.S. The Safety Grade assigns an A, B, C, D or F grade to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

"Safe, high-quality patient care is a priority of Daviess Community Hospital," said Tracy Conroy, CEO. "This A-grade is a reflection of longstanding commitment by staff, physicians and hospital leadership to keep our patients in the forefront and best-practices in place for exceptional outcomes."

"This is the only national rating of how well hospitals protect patients from preventable harm and death, such as medical errors, infections, and injuries,"

Airforce Veteran. He married Linda (Livers) Cropp on November 17, 1962. He began work at National Gypsum on June 22, 1961 and worked until he retired in 2003. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting, fishing and mowing his lawn. He liked to spend time playing card games with his family and friends. He was an avid sports fan and Loogootee basketball fan, but his first love was always his family.

He is preceded by his parents, Joseph and Viola; and his brothers, James and Robert Cropp.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Linda Cropp; his children, Dennis and Lisa (McKinney) Cropp of Batavia, Ohio; Jamie (Cropp) and Rick Bell of Loogootee, and Jonathan and Leslie (Arney) Cropp of Loogootee; his grandchildren, Joshua and Robin (LaFountain), and Samuel Cropp, Kayla (Nolan) and Astar Wright, Abby Hamilton, Garrett and Griffin Bell, and Madeline and Zane Cropp, and seven great grandchildren and nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker Monday, April 23 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church or St. Vincent De Paul.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements handled by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## CAROLYN TAYLOR

Carolyn S. Taylor passed away at 11:48 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 77.



CAROLYN TAYLOR

She was born April 4, 1941 in Martin County; daughter of the late Russell Robert and Lucille Vivian (Gosnell) Hunt.

Carolyn was a lifelong member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She loved her grandchildren and going to bible study. She was the proud owner of Carolyn's Haircare. She took joy in taking care of her clients for 45 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Lucille Hunt; siblings, James Hunt, John Hunt, Peggy Spaulding and Diana (Ed) Harder; and brother-in-law, Mike Taylor.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Richard Taylor of Loogootee; children, Kristi Wilson of Washington, Rick Taylor (Michele Hart) of Montgomery, and Brandi (Jason) Hennette of Loogootee; grandchildren, Eric and Cameron Wilson, Melinda Taylor, Jamison and Hailey Hennette; siblings, Bill (Kay) Hunt of Loogootee, Larry (Angel) Hunt of Montgomery, and Darryl (Debbie) Hunt of Loogootee; sisters-in-laws, Sue Hunt and Janice Taylor, both of Loogootee; brothers-in-laws, Dave (Linda) Martin of Loogootee and Roger (Cookie) Taylor of Shoals; and Josie, the dog.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker this morning, Wednesday, April 25 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. John Catholic Cemetery Fund.

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

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, APRIL 16

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle on Indian Springs Road. Captain Dant responded.

9:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:49 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of vehicles blocking the roadway in Crane. Captain Dant responded.

5:30 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 17

12:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, and Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

4:19 a.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

5:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:00 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. Everything checked out okay.

12:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:54 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took two inmates to court.

12:54 p.m. - Jail Officer Hockersmith took one inmate to court.

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

2:35 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 231, south of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Crane. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle blocking roadway in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:18 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:50 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:02 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Reed and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

1:13 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:54 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

6:22 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

12:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:09 p.m. - Received a report of a scam phone calls in Shoals.

5:10 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

5:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious individual in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:02 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:05 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:49 p.m. - Received a report of a power line down in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Duke Energy, and Major Burkhardt responded.

9:22 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

11:51 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check and ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer Floyd, ISP Trooper Johnson, ISP Trooper McBeth, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 19

9:36 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:07 a.m. - Received a report of unsecured commercial doors in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:51 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of cattle in the roadway on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

11:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:11 p.m. - Received a request for an officer escort in Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

12:59 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 231, south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of shots heard south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:17 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Major Burkhardt

and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 20

3:19 a.m. - Received a report of a turkey in the roadway on US Hwy 50, in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Shinn responded.

9:49 a.m. - Received a report of controlled burn in Shoals.

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush conducted an active shooter lecture in Loogootee.

10:01 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:16 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:43 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded. Everything checked out okay.

12:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt and ISP Trooper Lents assisted a motorist on US Hwy 50, east of Shoals.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

1:38 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist on US Hwy 50, east of Shoals.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

2:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush conducted an active shooter lecture in Loogootee.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US Hwy 231, north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, and ISP Troop-

er McBeth responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Shoals.

8:57 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US Hwy 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:30 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist in Shoals.

10:30 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist on US Hwy 50, west of Shoals.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21

8:25 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush, Major Burkhardt, Deputy Reed, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and K9 Officers Asher, Virka, and Roxy presented a K9 demonstration in Shoals.

2:03 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted with a property dispute near Shoals.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

6:18 p.m. - Received a noise complaint west of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of unauthorized control of a vehicle. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:23 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:22 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle inlock north of Loogootee.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of a bad check being written in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

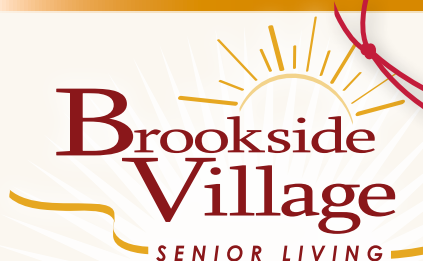
5:35 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:48 p.m. - Received a complaint of small children playing near the river in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

**March 20**

Jason Tyler Jones, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 714 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 9 Class A credit days. Defendant received 23 months of probation.

**March 27**

Lourdes M. Vega-Castellvi, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

**March 20**

Jason Tyler Jones, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**March 27**

Lourdes M. Vega-Castellvi, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II

controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

**April 16**

Amanda N. Hodson vs. Joseph L. Hodson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

**April 12**

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ashten L. Goldsberry, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Clarence L. Cooper, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Brittany N. Aikman, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Debbie M. Ferree, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Sheena L. Brown, complaint.

**April 17**

Joseph L. Zins vs. Sharon K. Zins, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

**April 18**

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Jonathan Davis in the amount of \$1,509.22.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

**April 11**

Kurtis Kent Allbright of Shoals and Jianhong Hu of Shoals.

**April 16**

Michael Edward Muck of Bothell, Washington and Kristan Kay Hall of Loogootee.

## Indiana State Police partners with DEA for 15th Drug Take Back Day

On Saturday, April 28, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is sponsoring the 15th nationwide "Prescription Drug Take Back" initiative. The "Take Back" initiative seeks to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft through proper disposal of prescription drugs.

Collection sites will be set up nationwide for expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs which will be properly disposed of without threat to the environment. This program is for liquid and pill medications. Needles, new or used, will not be accepted for disposal. This service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital pub-

lic safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines, flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, both pose potential safety and health hazards.

Once again, the Indiana State Police

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, APRIL 16

10:49 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

6:12 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:23 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 17

12:30 a.m. - First responders were requested to Shaded Estates for a medical alarm.

5:12 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

8:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

11:02 a.m. - Female came on station for a vehicle identification check.

11:05 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a property damage accident.

1:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

2:58 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

7:52 p.m. - Caller reported a shoplifter at Family Dollar.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

6:22 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with traffic at a property damage accident.

6:40 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Church Street.

7:02 p.m. - Female reported a male receiving threats.

7:42 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:22 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on a male.

11:51 p.m. - Female reported a juve-

nile to be suicidal and the juvenile left the residence. Juvenile was later transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 19

10:07 a.m. - Caller reported an unsecure business.

3:33 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

5:58 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

9:56 p.m. - First responders were requested in Country Court for a medical call.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 20

3:19 a.m. - Caller reported an animal in the roadway.

10:01 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at the Crane Credit Union.

1:05 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a residential alarm.

1:56 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

5:43 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street.

6:18 p.m. - First responders were requested in Bramble for a property damage accident.

10:19 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in North Street.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 21

9:15 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

2:45 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

7:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

9:30 p.m. - First responders were requested a Walnut Street for a medical call.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 22

1:52 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

2:20 p.m. - Male reported a controlled burn.

6:30 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

## Real estate transfers

**Michael J. McAtee**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rocky R. Riggle, Ralph J. Riggle, and Ada E. Riggle**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1 acre.

**Fred L. Woods and Florence B. Woods**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Kyle Swartzentruber and Yvonne Swartzentruber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20.18 acres. Also, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.11 acres, more or less.

**James Kaleb Bratton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Kaleb Bratton and Abbi E. Bratton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.899 acres, more or less.

**Juanita L. Moffitt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Juanita L. Moffitt and Debra G. Nolan**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 55 in the original plat of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

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## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

2:21 p.m. - Lordmeister Powers, 28, of Williams, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant for burglary and theft. He is being held on a \$75,000 10% bond. Jail Commander Abel assisted with the arrest.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21

11:57 p.m. - Thomas Holt, 56, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment and operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Reed.





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MCCF Executive Director



## NSWC Crane enters cooperative research and development agreement with Purdue@WestGate

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division has entered into a cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) with Purdue Research Foundation at Purdue@WestGate aimed at connecting the division's unique, leading-edge technical skills and technology with private Indiana companies.

"This CRADA is yet another unique resource for new technology ventures in the state," said Jason Salstrom, director for Purdue@WestGate. "This CRADA complements the award-winning programming taking place at WestGate by providing access to NSWC Crane's extraordinary technology resources."

Salstrom said the CRADA will connect small businesses to Crane's numerous labs, equipment and expert workforce and will help companies in solving commercial technology challenges.

"This CRADA is unique in that it connects businesses directly to Crane's expertise in areas such as advanced electronics, human systems integration, sensors and sensor fusion, robotics, system of systems test and evaluation, and power and energy management," Salstrom said.

Brooke Pyne, NSWC Crane Technology Transfer (T2) Program manager, said the CRADA will provide opportunities for Indiana's thriving technology economy.

"The NSWC Crane Technology Transfer program is foundational for

building relationships with academia," Pyne said. "The CRADA fosters collaboration of strategically aligned mission needs with a national research institute that rapidly addresses technology advancements that support the warfighter."

Salstrom said the CRADA is a "fantastic complement" to the agreements Purdue@Westgate has with Crane.

"This will further the robust innovative ecosystem here at WestGate," he said.

The Purdue Research Foundation promotes entrepreneurial activities on behalf of Purdue University. The PRF is a private, nonprofit foundation created to advance the mission of Purdue University. Established in 1930, the foundation accepts gifts; administers trusts; funds scholarships and grants; acquires property; protects Purdue's intellectual property; and promotes entrepreneurial activities on behalf of Purdue.

### -- GIFTS IN A WILL --

Last week I talked about bequests, particularly charitable bequests. Gifts like these made through a will are an extremely popular way of providing long-term support for the charitable organizations that mean the most to us.

There are many reasons donors choose to make these gifts: the opportunity to make a statement about personal values, the satisfaction of supporting an important cause to benefit future generations, or the chance to honor a loved one or provide a gift that inspires others to give.

### -- PLANNING YOUR GIFT --

Tax planning can be an important factor in this decision. With some foresight, you can make a gift in your will that helps you meet specific planning goals.

Every gift in your will should accomplish these important objectives: provide personal satisfaction; complement important personal goals as an integral part of an estate plan; and enjoy tax and financial rewards for your family or other beneficiaries.

### -- FLEXIBLE PLANNING --

Gifts in your will can take different forms, so it is important to plan your gift in a way that will accomplish all of your estate objectives. Your gift can be outright or deferred. It can be absolute or contingent upon certain events. It can honor a beloved family member or cherished friend. It can provide general support to the charity or be restricted to a purpose you feel is especially important.

When you make a gift in your will, you retain full use of your property during life, so there is no immediate out-of-pocket cost, reduction in net worth, or disruption of cash flow. What's more, you can change your gift at a later time, which means you remain in complete control of the process.

### -- TYPES OF GIFTS --

Typically, when we think of a gift made through a will, we see it as a direction to distribute a specific asset or to pay a certain sum of money to a designated charitable beneficiary. This is an outright gift and is the most popular method of benefiting a charity.

You can make an outright gift in your will simply by indicating a specific sum of money or a specific asset (for instance, 100 shares of stock) be used to make your gift. Alternatively, your gift can be a specified percentage of the value of your estate. Because the value of an estate can change up or down quickly and dramatically, a percentage gift is often the best way to accomplish your personal objectives. This is the option that I chose for my will.

You could also decide that a residual gift to charity will best accomplish your objectives. The residue of an estate is the amount remaining after all costs, debts and taxes have been paid and all monetary and specific bequests have been satisfied. This form of charitable bequest can be especially appropriate if you want other bequests in your will to have priority.

### -- YOUR CHOICE --

In planning your outright gift in your will, you have several basic options. Your personal objectives should determine the exact form of your gift. Consult your attorney for advice on your situation. And, of course, we will be pleased to provide any assistance you

or your attorney may need in planning your gift.

### -- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about how to meet your charitable goals with a will, please contact the MCCF Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

You can also receive a complimentary copy of "Planning for the Future: A Guide to Planning your Will & Trust". This document will help you prepare for your discussion with your attorney, tax and/or financial advisor.

And there are several online documents in the "Wills and Bequests" folder in the MCCF Resource Documents library. Other folders in the library can help you with estate planning, types of gifts, and retirement and personal planning. Contact Curt to find out what documents and information are available. He can either send you a copy or provide a link to the files.

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## Loogootee Girls' Tennis results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Tennis team soundly defeated Washington Catholic last Thursday, April 19 by a score of 5-0. No junior varsity matches were played. "This was a great all-around team effort," said Head Coach Mike Tippery, after the matches. The girls move to 6-1 on the season and 4-0 in the Blue Chip Conference.

**Varsity results**  
 #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Hannah Ashby 6-0, 6-0  
 #2 Singles Katie Sims(L) defeated Caroline Burch 6-1, 6-0  
 #3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Erika Vega 6-0, 6-0  
 #1 Doubles Jody Seals/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Shaylee Truelove/Sofie Soby 6-1, 6-0  
 #2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Hallie Hichsner / Aimaly Sorensen 6-0, 6-1

Last Tuesday, April 17, both the varsity and junior varsity Lady Lions swept Wood Memorial. The varsity finished 5-0 and the junior varsity, 3-0.

Coach Tippery said, "Jody and Kasht-

en played a great match from start to finish at #1 doubles. It was our first road match of the year and we came out a little flat in a few spots. As the match went on, we picked up our level of play to get the 5-0 victory."

**Varsity results**  
 #1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Cori Pflug 6-1, 6-0  
 #2 Singles Katie Sims(L) defeated Hannah Thacker 4-6, 6-2, 6-1  
 #3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Adison Stone 4-6, 7-5, 6-2  
 #1 Doubles Jody Seals/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Ashton Stone/Kennedy Wilkerson 6-0, 6-0  
 #2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Sabrina Lindy/Madie Boyd 6-2, 6-2

**Junior varsity results**  
 #1 Singles Brittany Potts (L) defeated Abi Davis 8-3  
 #1 Doubles Brittany Potts/Rachel Robinson (L) defeated Taylor Houchins/Tori Daltry 8-1  
 #2 Doubles Elly Wagler/Cindy Chen (L) defeated JJ Jones/Rachel Pollack 8-5



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## GetSchooled Tour

Shoals and Loogootee students team up with the Samaritan Center and System of Care for the GetSchooled Tour. The Getschooled Tour was an hour-long, high-energy convocation that combined music, interactive polling, and a compelling video designed to educate students about mental health issues. Students in grades 7-9 were encouraged to talk to a trusted adult about their social and emotional struggles. It was specifically tailored for teens in public schools to provide courage to share their struggles with caring adults and look for others around them that need support as well. Students participated in an anonymous poll through their mobile device about mental health issues they are struggling with. At the conclusion of the convocation, students had the option to speak directly to a counselor or school staff for help with their struggles. Crisis chat center cards were provided to the students following the event.

## Lady Lions Softball blast Rams

BY GREG CLARK  
 LHS Softball Head Coach

Julianne Bell hammered two home runs in leading the offensive onslaught as the Lady Lions overpowered the visiting Rams, 13-5, in a non-conference win last Tuesday night at Costello Field.

Bell, who also doubled, scored three runs and stole two bases on the night. Sydney Davis pitched the win for the Lady Lions, striking out 1 along the way. Davis also had a hot bat, driving a double off the center field wall. Tyanna

Graber homered, Maelee Hawkins had two doubles, while Calli Wininger, Mallory Berry and Maddie Cropp each had three hit games.

JV Lady Lions rout Rams  
 Maria Chestnut struck out two and scattered four hits on the way to an 11-0 victory over the Rams of Paoli High School Tuesday night at Costello Field. Kendall Berry and Jaelyn Walker each had a multiple hit night, with Makenzie Wagoner, Brooklyn Jones, Sara Street, Jayleigh Wagoner, and Kaitlyn Bruner each having a hit and driving in a run.

## Smash Cancer event to honor Brittany Walker

On May 4-5, the Loogootee High School Girls Tennis Team will be participating in the Smash Cancer Tennis Tournament at Jasper High School. Schools participating use this event to raise money and honor those impacted by cancer and various other illnesses.

This year the girls' team will be honoring Brittany Walker. Brittany was a four-year member of the Loogootee Middle School Tennis program and would have been a freshman on this year's team. At birth, Brittany was diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver and has battled various illnesses related to this. On September 21, 2017, Brittany received a much-needed transplant. She is on the road to recovery but still has a long road ahead. More information about Brittany can be found on the Children's Organ Transplant Association website at: <http://cotaforbrittanyw.com/>

Members of the girls' tennis program will be selling green t-shirts to raise

money and promote organ donation. T-shirts are \$12 with \$5 of proceeds going directly to Brittany's family to offset recurring costs or to a charity of their choosing.

A ceremony will take place Saturday, May 5 at approximately 8:30 a.m. at the Ed Yarbrough Tennis Complex at Jasper High School to honor Brittany and others from the participating schools.

Past Honorees: 2016: Ann Burch; 2017: Colin Nelson

If you are interested in purchasing shirts, you can contact Tennis Coach Mike Tippery or contact a member of the girls' tennis team. You may also fill out an order form online at the LHSJT website (<https://sites.google.com/loogootee.k12.in.us/lhsjt>). Checks should be made payable to LHS Activities. The deadline to order is noon on Monday, April 30. You can pick up shirts at the ceremony on May 5 or at Loogootee High School starting May 7.

## Loogootee Softball game recaps

BY GREG CLARK  
 LHS Softball Head Coach

Bell rings twice, sends Paoli packing  
 Julianne Bell hit two home runs leading the Lady Lions seventeen hit parade and to their win over the visiting Paoli Rams by a score of 13-5. Sydney Davis got the win in the circle for the Lady Lions, striking out one, and allowing seven hits.

Loogootee opened the scoring on a Tyanna Graber home run in the first inning and scored runs in each inning except the fifth. Maddie Cropp, Calli Wininger and Bell each had three hits on the day, with Mallory Berry, Maelee Hawkins, Graber and Sydney Davis each collecting two hits in the game.

Chestnut blanks Rams  
 Maria Chestnut had all the right stuff against the Paoli JV Rams, striking out two and scattering four hits in the 11-0 win.

Loogootee jumped all over the Rams in a big 10 run second inning, Makenzie Wagoner, Brooklyn Jones, Sara Street, Kendall Berry, Jayleigh Wagoner, and Kaitlyn Bruner each had RBIs in the inning. Kendall Berry and Jaelyn Walker each had a multiple hit game for the Lady Lions.

Lady Lions topple T-Birds  
 Asia Crim had a big night at the plate with a home run and a triple, and sister Frosh, Maria Chestnut, picked up the win at Eastern Greene, 16-3.

Crim, Tyanna Graber, Jaelyn Walker, Calli Wininger, and Kendall Berry all had multiple hits for the Lady Lions.

Lady Lions defeat Lady Trojans  
 A Tyanna Graber three run blast in the first inning would prove to be all Sydney Davis would need to secure the Lady Lions win in their Blue Chip Conference opener against Wood Memorial. Eventually winning the game 5-2, Davis struck out three, walked none in allowing five hits and two runs.

Julianne Bell, Calli Wininger, and Isabelle Waggner each had multiple hits for the Lady Lions.

Waggner blanks Wood Memorial  
 Isabelle Waggner turned in a very strong performance in the circle, striking out eight, walking one, and scattered three hits over five innings in the

6-0 JV win.  
 Kendall Berry had three hits for the ladies, while Maria Chestnut and Sara Street each collected two hits.

LadyBirds trip up Lions  
 The Lady Lions came into the game riding a four-game winning streak, and a five-game winning streak looked pretty good, as Loogootee was sitting on a 4-0 lead after three complete. However, the LadyBirds of North Central did not go quietly into the afternoon sun as the scored eight runs over the final four frames to defeat the Lady Lions 8-4 at Costello Field.

Sydney Davis suffered the loss, when she came in to relieve Makenzie VanHoy after the freshman faced the 'Birds line up twice.

Loogootee's Tyanna Graber homered in the second inning, pushing the lady Lion lead to 4-0. Graber was 3-3 overall on the day, with Maelee Hawkins also having a multi-hit game.

Waggner blanks LadyBirds  
 Isabelle Waggner turned in another strong performance in the circle, striking out six, giving up two hits, on her way to an 8-0 victory.

Jaelyn Walker led the Loogootee attack with three hits on the day, with Asia Crim and Adie Nolley each getting two hits.

## Loogootee MS Golf

On April 17, the Loogootee Middle School Golf Team competed in a tri-meet at Paoli CC. The Lions shot a 195, Paoli shot 208, and Orleans totaled 230. Rory Tippery was medalist with 45. Conner Swartzentruber chipped in a 46, Jacob Bowman shot a 49, and Sam Graber scored a 55. Reece Tippery and Matt Green also competed.

On April 19, the team was victorious against Washington Catholic and Washington at Washington Country Club. The team scores were Loogootee 193, Washington 217, and WC 218. Individual scores were Tucker Walton 44, Conner Swartzentruber 44, Jacob Bowman 50, Reece Tippery 55, and Rory Tippery 56. Others competing were Sam Graber, Matt Green, Parker Arvin, and John Hart. The Lions are now 4-0.

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**MEKAH NEEDS**

Mekah Cheyenne Needs is the daughter Sharla and Charles Needs. She was born on November 18, 1998. Her siblings include Jasmine and Alyssa Needs. Her favorite school memory is changing schools four times in the last two years and meeting new people and making new friends. Her future plans are going to trade school a year after high school then moving out to Georgia for special effects makeup.



**SARA CRAFT**

Sara Lenae Craft is the daughter of David and Lenora Craft. She was born on October 27, 1999. Her siblings include Stephanie Craft. Her school activities include chorus, reading, and hanging out with friends. Her favorite school memory is doing a play in Mr. Dahlen's English Class. Her future plans are to spend time with her niece and to find someone who makes her happy.



**SYNTHIA BLEVINS**

Synthia Marrie Blevins is the daughter of Greg and Samantha Blevins and Ray and Betty Salmon. After graduation, Synthia plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Synthia participated in Intern (11, 12), Cadet Teaching (12), and Employability Program (11, 12).



**JUSTIN CLARK**

Justin R. Clark is the son of Danny and Sheila Clark. After graduation, Justin plans to attend Vincennes University to study agriculture. While in high school, Justin participated in Intern(12) and Recycling(9).



**DALTON PARR**

Dalton Lance Parr is the son of Jesse and Charlene Breidenbaugh. He was born on July 29, 1998. His siblings include Andy Purdue and Mikey Shartzler. His school activities include SADD Club and FFA. His favorite school memory is trying to paint a Minecraft themed art project. His future plans include is truck driving and joining the Army.



**AARON LENTS**

Aaron Lents is the son of Kevin and Sheila Lents. He was born on March 17, 2000. His siblings include Kerian, Cassidy, Sean, and Brady Lents. His school activities are Track, FTC Robotics, Pep Club, Film Club, and SADD Club. His future plans are to go to college and get a degree in PTA (Physical Therapy Assistance).



**MONICA COWIN**

Monica N. Cowin is the daughter of Adam and Jessica Coleman. After graduation, Monica plans to study nursing at the University of Southern Indiana. While in high school Monica participated in Beta Club (9-12), Cadet teaching (11), and Choir (9-12).



**JOSH COOK**

Joshua James Cook is the son of Mr. Collin Cook and Ms. Nina Cook. After graduation, Josh plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study biochemistry. While in high school, Josh participated in Academic Team (9-12), Band (9-12), Beta Club (9), Choir (9-12), Show Choir (9-12), French Club (9-12), Musical (9-12), Lion Pride (9-12), and Student Council (11). Josh was also Class Vice President (11) and French Club Representative (11). Josh participated in Track (9-11).



**FAITH ABEL**

Faith Abel, daughter of Jennifer Pritchett, and granddaughter of John and Sandy Abel was born on July 14, 1999. Siblings are Gabe and Johnny Abel. While in high school, Faith has participated in SADD, Beta Club, Film Club, and Spanish Club. Favorite school memory was painting the mural with Mrs. Sherfick. Faith's future plans are to attend Ivy Tech and study Art.



**ROBERT BOUGH**

Robert William Bough, son of Jack Bough and Shannon Reinhart, was born on March 5, 2000. Siblings are Christie, Kimberly, and Misty Bough. While in high school, Robert has participated in SADD, Spanish Club, and Band. His favorite school memory was the Chicago Art field trip. Robert's future plans are to pursue a career in technology, and major in Information Technology.



**BRANDON ECKERLE**

Brandon Michael Eckerle is the son of Jeff and Karla Eckerle. After graduation, Brandon plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study Sales. While in high school, Brandon participated in Chorus (9-12), FACS (10), FCA (9-10), Intern (10-12), Intramural BB (11), Job Shadow (9-12), Recycling (9-11), Musical (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD Club (9-12), Show Choir (9-12), Spanish Club (9,10), Student Council (9), Yearbook (9), Tennis (9), Baseball (9,11,12), and Basketball (9,10,12).



**JOSHUA DANIELS**

Joshua Robert Daniels is the son of Christy and Rob Daniels. After graduation, Joshua plans to study creative writing at Vincennes University.





## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Finally, some spring weather! As I sat on my porch Sunday afternoon, I saw my first hummingbird of the season. I am happy to say that the garden has plenty of flowers to supply nectar for this hummingbird and several of its friends. It seems every time I take a walk through the garden, there is something new in bloom. Bluebells are brightening the shade garden and a rainbow of primroses dot beds around the garden. There are still daffodils in bloom, most notably the large white Mount Hood daffodils. Some of the early perennial geraniums have also begun sending out blooms.

Some of the most spectacular blooms in the garden right now are on trees and bushes. The American plum has put on a great spring show, with thousands of pink blossoms. I would recommend this plant to anyone considering planting an ornamental pear. The ornamental pears have become very invasive and should be avoided. Another good native option is the serviceberry. The serviceberry blooms in beautiful white clusters, topping any display of pear blossoms. The berries that come a little later are a tasty bonus. There are also several crabapples in bloom at Sandhill Gardens, with blooms ranging from white to light pink to a bright deep pink.

The wonderful scent in the garden right now is from the blooms of a Korean spice viburnum. The perfume is appropriate to the name, smelling like a sweet spice. The umbels of florets give up their odor easily, so the slightest breeze sends that sweet smell throughout the garden.

I have spent some time recently dividing clumps of perennials. Many perennials need to be lifted and divided every three to five years to ensure that the plant remain healthy. If daylilies are not divided, they will become less vigorous and the size of the flowers will get smaller. This division of perennials is a source for new plants for your garden or to share with others.

If you are looking for new plants for your garden, divisions are a great source, especially if economy is important. In my younger days, I often

volunteered to divide plants for some elderly gardeners in exchange for some of the divisions. Both parties benefit from such an arrangement. It is a great way for a garden-lover who can no longer take care of such things to get some help in the garden, and the value of the plants received often is greater than the amount one would be paid for doing the job otherwise. It is one of the few times that payment for doing a good deed is immediate.

Another good source for new plants is plant sales put on by gardening clubs. Prices at such sales are usually much lower than the prices paid in stores and at nurseries. The selection of plants is limited only by the number of gardeners participating. One of the largest sales of this type is coming up on Saturday, May 5 at the Vanderburgh County Fairgrounds. This annual sale is a Master Gardener project and there will be thousands of plants available. Arrive early for the best selection.

Plant exchanges are also a great way to increase the pallet of plants in your garden. These, also, are often conducted by gardening clubs. In general, you take plants that you have dug from your garden and trade them for plants from the gardens of others. If you do not have extra plants or seeds to trade, you may take other items. I have traded plants for pieces of garden art, tools, gloves and even clothing. Many gardeners will also trade plants for services, such as work in the garden. Usually, at such gatherings, there are extra plants after the trades have been made and many gardeners will offer them free to anyone who wants them.

There will be such a seed and plant exchange this Thursday, April 26 beginning at 5 p.m. at the community building at the Orange County Fairgrounds. This is being offered by the Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners, but it is open to the general public. Bring seeds, perennials, annuals and even houseplants to exchange with other gardeners. I have potted up some hellebores, hostas, goji berries, daylilies, columbines, sedums, celandine poppies and an oak-leaf hydrangea. Maybe I will see you there.

## Celebrate Arbor Day with Indiana State Park events on April 27 and 28

A tree giveaway, identification hike, painting events and more are just some of the ways Hoosiers can celebrate Arbor Day this year at Indiana State Parks.

Indiana recognizes Arbor Day on Friday, April 27, although some state park events will take place on Saturday, April 28.

Chain O'Lakes State Park in Albion is hosting "A is for Arbor Day" at 10 a.m. on Friday. Visitors can learn to plant and care for trees. Each participant will go home with a tree to plant, as supplies last. The historic Stanley Schoolhouse will host stories, crafts and hands-on activities for children.

Learn tree identification during a hike at Versailles State Park at 2 p.m. on Saturday. The park's naturalist will lead the hike, which is rated as moderate. Participants are encouraged to bring a field guide and wear hiking boots.

A free, all-ages painting workshop to celebrate Arbor Day at Spring Mill State Park in Mitchell starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Call 812-849-3534 or email interpretive.naturalist@dnr.IN.gov to reserve a spot.

Brown County State Park is hosting two events. From 8 to 11 a.m. on Friday, visitors can watch award-winning local artist Patricia Bartels paint en plein air. Bartels will set up at an overlook near the fire tower. Stop by and learn about the painting method that helped make Brown County famous.

The 33rd annual Spring Wildflower Foray will take place in Brown County April 27 through 29. Programs will be offered at natural areas throughout the county that feature spring ephemerals. The state park is hosting hikes at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, and at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Call 812-988-5240 for more information.

## 'Let's Camp, America! Weekend' is May 4-6 at Indiana State Park properties

Learn to pitch a tent, build a fire, cook outdoors and more during Let's Camp America! Weekend at Indiana State Parks, May 4-6.

Let's Camp America! Weekend is a nationwide initiative of the National Association of State Parks Directors.

The weekend is a chance for beginners to learn basic camping skills, and for experienced campers to get their equipment out for a spring weekend. Activities will take place at all 32 Indiana State Parks properties and on social media. The weekend celebrates all forms of camping, including tents, trailers, recreational vehicles and camper cabins. This year it also includes some family cabin options.

The weekend concludes with free admission for everyone — campers and day-users alike — on Sunday, May 6, in honor of Visit Indiana Week, sponsored by the Indiana Office of Tourism Development. DNR's State Forest Recreation Areas and ORV sites at Redbird and Interlake will also offer free admission on May 6.

The 32 properties owned and managed by Indiana State Parks offer a combined 7,700 campsites and more than 150 cabins, and nearly 700 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails.

Each state park and state reservoir property will offer the usual educational talks and hikes with interpreters, along with a special camping or outdoor skills program sometime during the weekend. Programs are listed at [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov), and also will be posted later at [stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm). Topics vary from s'more-making to fire building.

"We really want to celebrate the joy of camping with family and friends, whether you're a seasoned veteran or new to the activity," said Ginger Murphy, Indiana State Parks deputy director. "We have lots of folks who camp after Labor Day in the fall, but not as many who camp in the spring. The bugs aren't bad, and the fishing and wildflower watching are both good. We encourage Hoosiers to start a new spring camping tradition."

"Camping 101" programs at select properties offer 12 families who have never camped at a state park the opportunity to do so for free that Friday and Saturday. Participants will also receive free guidance with campsite set up as needed, and the use of essential gear for up to four people, including sleeping bags, pillows, a cooler, camp chairs, lantern and firewood, plus free gate admission for the weekend and a free one-day pass for future use.

"Camping 101" tent-camping programs will be at Whitewater Memorial, Summit Lake, Potato Creek and Versailles state parks. Space is limited to three families at each of the four parks, and advance reservations are required.

If sleeping in a tent isn't for you, Mississinewa Lake and Shakamak State Park will host "Camping 101" programs with their camper cabins. These cabins are basically "four-walled camping" structures with simple bunks, a table and an outdoor fire ring. Three cabins at each property are being held for first-time campers. Participating families at Mississinewa and Shakamak will also receive use of the camping gear listed above, along

with free gate admission for the weekend and a free one-day pass for future use.

In addition, two family cabins at Lincoln, Chain O'Lakes and Harmonie state parks are available for first-time cabin users at half price. Family cabins provide a living/dining area, kitchen with some pots and pans, room to sleep up to six in beds/sleeper sofas, and indoor restrooms and showers. Bedding and any personal items must be provided by cabin users. For more complete information on cabins, visit [camp.IN.gov](http://camp.IN.gov).

For all "Camping 101" programs, participants must bring their own food, and submit an equipment deposit of \$25 for tent camping and \$30 for camper cabins. The deposit will be returned after the campsite or camper cabins are used and gear is left in good condition.

To reserve a "Camping 101" site for either tent-camping, camper-cabin, or family cabin use, contact Christie Sorrels at [csorrels@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:csorrels@dnr.IN.gov). Sites will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, and will include a check of our camping and cabin reservation system to make sure those who seek a reservation haven't camped or stayed in a cabin with us before.

The weekend also includes these social media elements and giveaways on the Indiana State Parks Facebook page at [facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs](http://facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs) for all campers to enjoy:

- Share a photo of your favorite camping gadget on the page using the hashtag #myfavcampgadget2018. You can do this whether or not you are camping during the weekend. Selected favorites will win a 2018 annual pass or camping gift card.

- Post your campsite photo, camping selfie or scenic spring image from the weekend. Use the hashtag #LetsCampAmericaFunPix. Selected favorites will receive a 2018 annual pass or a camping gift card.

- Participate in the ongoing Indiana State Parks Spring Photo Contest with scenic park photos, selfies of your park activities or spring wildflower pictures and post them with the hashtag #INStateParksSpringPix. The contest ends on May 12.

Any campers during this weekend can complete the Let's Camp America State Parks Scavenger Hunt posted at [stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/3282.htm) and return it as indicated on the form to be entered in a drawing for a 2018 annual pass or camping gift card. (There's even a rainy day version if the weekend is wet and you need to stay in the tent or camper.) There are also lots of great ideas for outdoor activities in the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights at [childrenplayoutdoors.IN.gov](http://childrenplayoutdoors.IN.gov).

In addition, if you make and keep a regular camping reservation on your own for the weekend, you'll be entered in a drawing for one of two \$50 camping gift cards to be presented for future use, or for an outdoor prize package donated by REI, an outdoor retail partner of Indiana State Parks.

"Anytime you camp at an Indiana State Park or one of our big lakes, you are surrounded by acres of open space for hiking, fishing, playing, relaxing and making great memories," said Dan Bortner, Indiana State Parks director. "So 'Let's Camp, Hoosiers!'"



## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



This is the true story of George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi, who was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the shed. George opened the door to go turn off the light but saw there were people in the shed in the process of stealing things.

He immediately phoned the police, who asked, "Is someone in your house?"

George said, "No," and explained the situation. Then they explained that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be there when available.

George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people in my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them all."

Then he hung up. Within five minutes three squad cars, an armed response unit, and an ambulance showed up. Of course, the police caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you'd shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

There was an elderly couple who, in their old age, noticed that they were getting a lot more forgetful, so they decided to go to the doctor. The doctor told them that they should start writing things down, so they don't forget.

They went home, and the old lady told her husband to get her a bowl of ice cream. "You might want to write it down," she said.

The husband said, "No, I can remember that you want a bowl of ice cream." She then told her husband she wanted

a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream. "Write it down," she told him, and again he said, "No, no, I can remember: you want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream."

Then the old lady said she wants a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top.

"Write it down," she told her husband and again he said, "No, I got it. You want a bowl of ice cream with whipped cream and a cherry on top."

So, he goes to get the ice cream and spends an unusually long time in the kitchen, over 30 minutes. He comes out to his wife and hands her a plate of eggs and bacon.

The old wife stares at the plate for a moment, then looks at her husband and asks, "Where's the toast?"

### RANDOM THOUGHTS:

\*Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.

\*Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

\*No one is in charge of your happiness but you.

\*Frame every so-called disaster with these words, 'In five years, will this matter?'

\*Forgive but don't forget.

\*Time heals almost everything. Give Time time.

\*However good or bad a situation is, it will change.

\*Believe in miracles.

\*Your children get only one childhood.

\*Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.

\*If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.

\*Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have, not what you think you need.

\*No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.

\*Every day is a gift, that's why they call it the present.

\*If you had to identify, in one word, the reason why the human race has not achieved, and never will achieve, its full potential, that word would be

"meetings".

\*A person who is nice to you, but rude to the waiter, is not a nice person (pay attention, this one never fails - although the reverse conclusion is not always true).

\*That that is, is, that that is not, is not. (try understanding that without the commas set)

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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 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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### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

### Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.

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