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Residents question library on proposed new building

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee Public Library Board and Librarian hosted a town hall Monday night, April 24 to answer questions from the public regarding the proposed new library building that was presented to the Martin County Council on April 3. Also present were Joe Williams, representing St. Vincent de Paul and Rob King, representing WorkOne. At least 100 members of the community were present.

Librarian Darla Wagler told the crowd that they decided a few years ago that they were outgrowing their current building and needed to come up with a plan. She said that a lot of their programs are done outside the library because there is no room. She said 370 children's programs were held inside the library and 50 outside at other locations last year with a total of 5,852 participants. They had programs at Faith Baptist Church, the city pool, West Boggs Park and German American bank in their community room.

Wagler said they had 24,804 people visit the library last year. She said they get that number by taking a typical week in April and October and write down everyone who comes in the library. She then multiplies that number by 52. She said that the library had 5,356 computer users last year plus 2,241 wi-fi users.

Wagler added that requests for meeting space has been increasing for SOAR (adult literacy program) and from resource teachers that work with students from the elementary school. They have three resource teachers now working with elementary students in the library. She said she proctored 100 tests for college students so they didn't have to go to the learning center.

She also said that the new library could be a pick up and drop off location for the schools.

Susan Harrawood, with the library, said they have been discussing expanding the library for at least two years. She said they looked at multiple available spaces but none were a possibility. They asked Midwestern Engineers to look at their current building to see if it could be expanded. She said that if they added a second story, it would require an elevator to be installed and if they expanded on the side of the building, it would take away parking spaces and wouldn't give them the extra space they want. They did not get cost estimates on doing any renovations to the current building.

The library board has accepted a donation of land from St. Vincent de Paul by the food pantry. Since the plans and resolution for a tax levy increase were presented to the county council on April 3, the library has decided to look at other locations. The library group recently looked at the Martin County Video building that is currently for sale. According to Library Board President Pat Hale, it would cost \$1.7 million to get that building up to code. They also looked at a piece of land in front of the city pool, on the highway and said there is a possibility of having that land donated as well.

The library is also planning to apply for a grant from OCRA. The max on the grant is \$500,000 and according to Rex Knight, with SIDC, the grant is very competitive and requires an income survey. The grant, if awarded, would increase the library building project by \$500,000 but cannot go toward paying on any bond issuance. Library Board President Hale said the grant money could only be used for furnishings to which Knight replied

that this is not the case, it can go toward the overall building project.

Rob King, with WorkOne, explained to the audience that the WorkOne office is a government program but is funded by Vincennes University. WorkOne currently has an office in Cooper Plaza in Loogootee. He said they have wanted to work with the library for a long time and he is unsure if WorkOne would be allowed to pay rent if they took space in a new library building – it depended on what was allowed with a bond. He added that regardless of what happens, WorkOne will remain in Loogootee.

Questions from the audience included:

-Why didn't the library put a question on the ballot asking for a tax increase? The reply was that the library could not put a referendum on the ballot unless their project was at least \$2 million. The library can only get a bond for a maximum of \$1.3 million, that is their debt capacity.

-How many of the estimated library visitors and computer users are repeat visitors? The library did not have statistics for that but they see new people all the time.

-Why cost estimates were not sought for expanding the current library? The response was that expanding the current library would lose parking spaces and not give them the room they need. They said it's also a safety issue for parents who bring children to the library that may dart into the highway.

-Why the KofC and the former Mathias restaurant, that used to be in

the current library building, never had an issue with parking and they were and are as busy or busier than the library? The response was that the KofC uses the library parking lot and asked that the library not have programs on Thursday nights which is the KofC's bingo night.

-Can't the city-owned lot beside the railroad tracks be used for library parking? No direct response was made to this question.

-Why did the library go for the maximum they were allowed on a bond at \$1.3 million and not a lesser amount? Pat Hale's response was that the library's financial advisor put in for the \$1.3 million however they may not spend that much depending on what materials they can get donated.

-Why does the library say that people don't use the learning center at the fairgrounds because they have to drive to get there but the library wants people outside city limits, and in Crane and Rutherford Township, to fund a library in the city when they have to drive to get to it? Wagler replied that having a library card allows people to download eBooks and also allows them to use any other library in the state that is part of the Evergreen program. She said that some people outside the city have poor internet service and many come to the library to use theirs.

Two members of the audience spoke in favor of a new library. One was a resident of Daviess County, who pays \$33 a year for a non-resident library card. She said that she brings her (See 'LIBRARY' continued on page 2)

Frontier wants county to pay for line damages

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, April 25.

County Attorney Dave Lett reported that he had received a letter from a lawyer representing Frontier Communications requesting the county pay \$1,370 due to damages from one of their lines being cut on Brooks Bridge Road. Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said that they had requested a utility locate be done prior to their digging and found the line. Once they dug further down, there was another line, that they were not told existed. So, that line got cut.

The commissioners discussed the fact that the highway department cannot be at fault because they were not informed of the second line. Padgett said that they do hand digging with shovels first until the line is discovered and then bring in equipment. They didn't know they would find another line buried

deeper in the ground.

The commissioners voted to have Attorney Lett deny the claim and they would take the issue to court if needed.

Kristi Terry and Mike Steinhart, with the county's ambulance service, provided a quarterly report to the commissioners on their activity for the past few months.

Commissioner Dan Gregory spoke to Terry and Steinhart about a call he received from a constituent concerning a call to Shoals School for a student having a seizure. He said the constituent told him that it took 20 minutes for an ambulance to arrive. Gregory stressed that the person was not complaining about the ambulance service but really wanted to know if there was any way an ambulance could be based in Shoals. Gregory said he had told the constituent that he didn't think that would be possible due to cost issues however he would bring it up to the ambulance service. Terry said she would go back in (See 'DAMAGES' continued on page 2)

Martin County's jobless rate at 3.5 percent for March

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's unemployment rate dropped from 4.3 percent in February to 3.5 percent in March. The county had the 29th lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Floyd, Steuben, and Vanderburgh counties.

In March, the county had 5,048 residents in the workforce with 176 of them unemployed. In February, there were 4,978 residents able to work and 214 of them without jobs.

In March of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 4.8 percent with 5,156 residents in the workforce and 246 of them without jobs.

Dubois County's unemployment rate also dropped from 3.5 percent in February to 2.8 percent in March. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for March, tied with Elkhart and LaGrange counties.

In March, Dubois had 23,222 residents in the workforce and 647 of them without jobs. In February, there were 22,943 residents in the workforce and 799 of them unemployed. In March of 2016, the county's jobless rate was 3.6 percent with 23,239 residents in the workforce and 832 of

them without work.

Daviess County's jobless rate also dropped to 3 percent in March, down from 3.9 percent in February. The county had the third lowest unemployment rate in the state for March, tied with Boone, Hendricks, and Kosciusko counties.

In March, Daviess County had 15,800 residents in the workforce with 472 of them without jobs. In February, there were 15,552 residents able to work and 599 of them unemployed. In March of last year, the county's unemployment rate was 4 percent with 16,063 residents in the workforce and 649 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state with the lowest jobless rate for March went to LaGrange, Dubois and Elkhart counties at 2.8 percent; Hamilton and Bartholomew counties at 2.9 percent, Kosciusko, Hendricks, Daviess, and Boone counties at 3 percent; and Wells, Adams, Gibson and Jackson counties at 3.1 percent.

The top ten spots in the state with the highest jobless rate in the state for March were Vermillion County at 5.9 percent, Newton County at 5.7 percent, Greene and Lake counties at 5.4 percent, Crawford and Fayette counties (See 'RATE' continued on page 2)



4-H Robotics Club

-Photo provided

The second picture is of the 4-H Martin County Robotics Club at the Crane Sea, Air, Land Challenge. Front row, from left to right, are Lucas Harder, Wade Burris, and Mason Harder. Back row, from left to right, are Club coaches Mike Ringwald and Paula Ringwald.

DAMAGES

(Continued from page one) the log and find out more information on that call and would contact Gregory with what she finds out.

County Attorney Lett told the commissioners that they are trying to find someone to serve as the county's ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) coordinator. He said two-day training is to be held in May and so far, they have no one interested in taking the position. It was noted that the position would pay little and they are not sure what the job description will be or how much time would be required. Anyone interested in finding out more information can call the auditor's office at 812-247-3731.

Highway Superintendent Padgett asked permission to start looking into replacing his department's graders. He said that it's been 10 to 15 years since

they were last replaced and he didn't want to get into a situation where they both broke down, as happened last time. The commissioners gave Padgett the go ahead to start getting costs.

When asked when the commissioners would be discussing the Community Crossings grant and which roads would be put on the priority for that grant, Commissioner Paul George said they will probably be discussing that in the next two commissioners' meetings. Commissioner Gregory said that if the governor passes the bill currently in the House, the matching money would be reduced to 25 percent as opposed to the 50 percent that was originally proposed. The state is capping their portion to \$1 million so as long as the county has the 25 percent match, \$1 million could be obtained to use for road repairs.

RATE

(Continued from page one) ties at 5.2 percent, LaPorte County at 5.1 percent, Lawrence and Starke counties at 5 percent, and Owen and Sullivan counties at 4.9 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.9 percent for March and remains lower than the national rate of 4.5 percent. The unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's Labor Force increased by 6,093 over the previous month with a 12,322 increase in employment and a 6,229 decrease in unemployment. Indiana's total labor force stands at more than 3.32 million, and the state's 64.5 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.0 percent.

LIBRARY

(Continued from page one) daughter to the library often and there is a lack of space and also a lack of parking. She said that the library offers wonderful programs and encouraged residents to visit the library to see what they have to offer.

Another young man, a Shoals resident that graduated from Barr-Reeve, said he volunteers at the library and he believes the library is crucial for the education of residents. He said he would prefer to pay for the cost of a new library as opposed to the cost of ignorant people in the community. He said he received a paid scholarship to college and some are not as lucky but

"Indiana's unemployment rate continues to drop, and the 3.9 percent rate for March is the lowest it's been since 2001," said Steven J. Braun, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD). "While this is a positive economic indicator, there are thousands of good-paying jobs currently available in Indiana that require in-demand skills. Fortunately, our local WorkOne Career Centers can help unemployed and underemployed Hoosiers with training programs, interview coaching, veteran services and more."

Commissioner Braun also noted private sector employment has grown by more than 39,300 over the year. He added that weekly unemployment insurance claims remain at the lowest point in three decades.

there is always an opportunity to learn at the library.

Other comments were made about some people's inability to pay another tax, when taxing will stop, and if fundraising could be done.

Some questions and responses were difficult to hear because most did not use the microphone to speak despite the audience asking repeatedly for the microphone to be used.

The county council was supposed to vote on that tax levy increase at their May 1 meeting however according to Auditor January Roush, as of Monday, that vote has been removed from the agenda.

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MILDRED COX

Mildred B. Cox, formerly of Greenwood, widow of the late Jiggs Johnson and the late Jerry Cox, passed away on Monday morning, April 17, 2017 in Okeechobee, Florida. A resident of Okeechobee, Florida, she was 94.

MILDRED COX

She was born December 17, 1922 in Shoals; daughter of the late John Emmons and Gladys Tedrow Emmons.

Survivors include her children, Joseph Earl Johnson of Rosanky, Texas; Carol Jean Mayo of Mooresville, Judith Ann West of Clayton, Janice Marie Vogus of Mooresville, Linda Jane Walker of Clayton and Jennifer Elaine Green of Okeechobee, Florida; one brother, John Emmons of Florida; 20 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jiggs Johnson and husband, Jerry Cox; one brother, Edward Emmons; two sisters, Anna Bergerman and Lily Chamberlain; and two grandchildren, Joseph Johnson and Joseph Walker.

Funeral services were held at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Services and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, on Friday,

April 21. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery.

Online condolences made be made at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

EVERETT ATKISON JR.

Everett "Junior" Atkison Jr. passed away at 11:27 a.m. April 18, 2017 at the Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 92.

He was born March 25, 1925; son of Everett and Gertrude (Lynch) Atkison. He married Delorma Wade on October 12, 1949 at the Shoals Church of Christ and she survives. They celebrated 67 years of marriage.

He was a retired supervisor at US Gypsum in Shoals and a WWII Army Veteran. He attended the Washington Church of Christ and the West Shoals Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, Greg (Brenda) Atkison of Henderson, Kentucky; Roger Atkison of Franklin and Warren Atkison of Shoals; one sister, Bonnie Elms of Orman Beach, Florida; five grandchildren, Adam and wife Kristi, Andy and wife Karen, John and wife Tiffany, Ryan and Taylor.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held Saturday April 22 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Christopher Wiles officiating. Burial followed in Springhill Cemetery.

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals was in charge of the arrangements.

LUWANNA BOLLIN

Luwanna Kaye Bollin passed away Sunday April 23, 2017 at Regency. A resident of Springfield, Illinois, she was 69.



LUWANNA BOLLIN

1972 in Springfield and he survives.

She attended elementary and high school in Shoals, Indiana and then attended Indiana State University earning her bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in early childhood education. Her first teaching position was as a third-grade instructor at the Divernon School District for seven years. She was the principal at St. Mary's Catholic School in Taylorville for one year. Lu completed her teaching career at St. Patrick's Elementary School teaching kindergarten for eighteen years.

Mrs. Bollin enjoyed reading, putting together puzzles and getting together with her Trivial Pursuit group, Red Hat friends and her St. Pat's friends.

She is also survived by one daughter, Kendra Bollin; one son, Kristopher (Lara) Bollin, both of Springfield; one granddaughter, Molly Bollin, also of Springfield; one brother, Gregory (Penny) Gibbs of Anderson, South Carolina; four nephews, Tyler, Trey, Tanner and Travis Gibbs, also of Anderson; her mother-in-law, Clara Bollin of Nauvoo, Illinois; and her sister-in-law, Lea Gerst of Burlington, Iowa.

A funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday April 28 at Bisch Funeral Home West, 2931 Koke Mill Road, with burial to follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery. The family will meet friends from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at Bisch West. Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Home Hospice and please visit the online "Life Remembered Story" at www.bischfuneralhomewest.com.

CARRIE "COBY" PAYNE

Carrie Lynn "Coby" Payne passed away at 2:30 a.m. April 18, 2017 in Bedford. She was 65.

She was born September 15, 1951 in Daviess County; daughter of Thomas and Marjie (Heichelbech) Arvin. She married William "Bill" Payne and he preceded her in death on April 6, 1993.

She retired from IU Health-Bedford as an OB Tech after 43 years of service, was a 1969 graduate of Shoals High School, and was a member of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Shoals.

She is survived a daughter, Caribeth



CARRIE "COBY" PAYNE

Payne of Bedford; a brother, Loren (Pam) Baker of Washington; one sister, Elizabeth "Piddle" (Jeffrey) Sanders of Loogootee; three granddaughters, Liberty Payne, Madison Livingston and Hayleigh Livingston of Bedford; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, grandparents, Edward and Emma Heichelbech and Thomas and Carrie Arvin and step-father, Loren Baker.

Funeral services were held Monday April 24 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals.

Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals was in charge of the arrangements.

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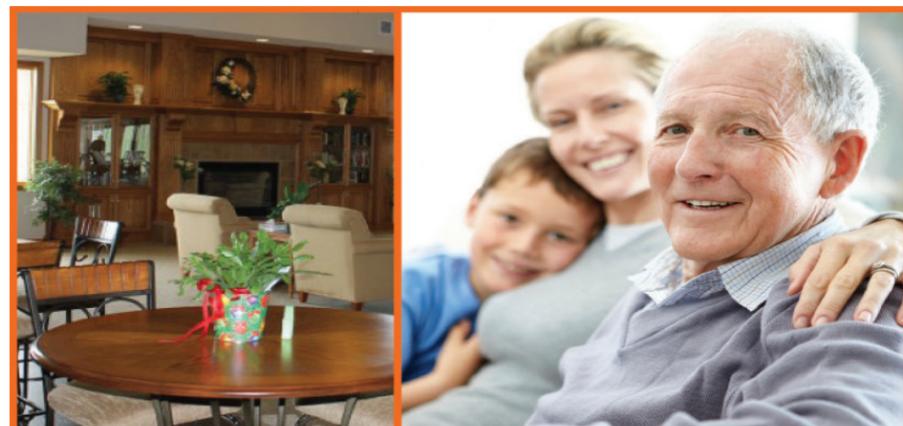
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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

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2:39 a.m. - Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:04 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Salmon responded.

7:52 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

11:30 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to court.

11:44 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of property damage near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

3:03 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

3:07 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Civil Defense, and Williams Fire responded.

8:44 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

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6:16 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

6:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:20 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate to the doctor.

9:21 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:55 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:15 a.m. - Received a domestic complaint in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, and Sergeant Keller responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on SR 650, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:47 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette performed two vehicle identification checks.

12:55 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:00 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded and all was okay.

1:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:48 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

4:17 p.m. - Animal Control Officer Hughett responded to a dog complaint

north of Shoals.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Shoals. Major Burkhardt, Sergeant Keller, Deputy Salmon, and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Crane Fire, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Major Burkhardt responded. No one was transported.

9:47 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and ISP Troopers McBeth and Beaver responded.

11:14 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

5:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:18 a.m. - Received a report of trespassers near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:18 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

9:42 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in near Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

9:50 a.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the Rockville Correctional Facility.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Captain Dant, and Loogootee Officer Hennette responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Major Burkhardt and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a report of a transformer fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Duke Energy responded.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

1:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Shinn responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:20 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:44 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded and all was okay.

9:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:55 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

9:58 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

10:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene took five inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:33 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything was okay.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

12:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:51 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and all was okay.

7:10 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of speeding semi-trucks on SR 450. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

SATURDAY APRIL 22

12:31 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

4:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

12:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:25 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

8:06 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi on US 50 near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire responded.

11:07 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded and stopped the vehicle.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

2:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Deputy Reed, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

8:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist near Shoals.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance south of Loogootee. Hayesville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of cows out west of Shoals. The owners were contacted.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of possible abuse in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of theft south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and ICO Mann responded.

3:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

5:08 p.m. - Shoals Fire assisted with a fuel spill west of Shoals.

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:35 p.m. - Sergeant Keller and Shoals Fire assisted with a medical emergency near Shoals.

7:01 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

Real estate transfers

Robert D. Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the fractional Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, second principal meridian, Halbert Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.13 acres, more or less.

Oscar N. Strieby III and Delores L. Strieby, of Martin County, Indiana to **Max E. Stafford**, of El Paso County, Colorado, a tract of land in Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 4.75 acres, more or less.

Sharon M. Brassine, of Bevard County, Florida to **Julie A. Royston**, of Martin County, Indiana, one-half acre in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

Tyler G. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rita A. Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Matthew J. Lengacher, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Tobias N. Lengacher**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 11 in plat known as Scenic Hill in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana.

Debra Jan Strange, Lynette K. Roush, n/k/a Lynette K. Jones; Micky A. Collins, n/k/a Micky A. Crew and Wendy J. Colglazier, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cynthia R. Cushman**, of Martin County, Indiana, fifty feet of even width off of the west side of Lot Number 227 in Daugherty's Addition to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

April 13

Joshua T. Rush, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 226 days suspended and credit for 113 actual days previously served plus 113 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

Joshua A. Yarbrough, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – legend drugs, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 539 suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

April 20

Jarrod A. Zins, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 299 days suspended and credit for 33 actual days previously served plus 33 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 13

Joshua T. Rush, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; four counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joshua A. Yarbrough, resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 20

Jarrod A. Zins, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

April 12

Professional & Business Collections, Inc. vs. Brenda Hoover and Paul Hoover, civil collection.

April 17

Bank of America vs. Allison L. Braun, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Jill Lake, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

Accident report

MONDAY, APRIL 17

8:45 p.m. - Stephanie Watson, of Worthington, was operating a 2005 GMC in the high school parking lot when she backed into a 2011 Nissan owned by Scott Swartzentruber, of Loogootee. Captain Hennette investigated.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

12:10 p.m. - Noah Cox was operating a 2002 Honda in the Marathon parking lot when he backed into a guide wire. Captain Hennette investigated.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

6:15 p.m. - Pamela M. Chrisman, of Loogootee, was operating a 2010 Dodge on Broadway Street when she struck a piece of metal causing damage to her bumper. Officer Floyd investigated.

April 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isabella Goodpaster and against the defendant Tyrie Thomas in the amount of \$890.

April 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Federal Credit Union and against the defendant Rebeckah J. Babbs in the amount of \$3,993.97.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Charles R. Chrisman in the amount of \$3,357.07.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

April 22

Alexandra Lee Bundy of Shoals and Zachery Douglas Carwile of Heltonville.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, APRIL 17

7:34 p.m. - Brandon Stone, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with conspiracy to deal meth, maintaining a common nuisance, neglect of a dependent x2, and possession of marijuana. He has no bond. ISP Trooper McBeth assisted with the arrest.

7:40 p.m. - Stacy Stone, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, neglect of a dependent x2, and possession of marijuana. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Keller, Sheriff Roush, Deputy Shinn, Captain Dant, Martin County DCS and Reserve Deputies Harmon and Graves.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

4:00 a.m. - Anthony Lawrence, 30, of Elnora, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated prior and driving while suspended. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

5:48 p.m. - Dustin Harris, 25, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with intimidation and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Major Burkhardt, Deputy Salmon, and Town Marshal Eckert.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

10:55 a.m. - Katharina Tuell, 30, of Paoli, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

10:00 a.m. - Charles Needs III, 41, of Odon, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated endangerment and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

6:09 p.m. - Sasha Pottorff, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

10:16 p.m. - Evin Richards, 20, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of marijuana and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

Sunday, April 23

9:42 a.m. - Donna Denny, 57, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. Sergeant Keller assisted with the arrest.

3:51 p.m. - Logan Kelsey, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. Sergeant Keller assisted with the arrest.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, APRIL 17

8:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

11:58 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

1:55 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Deputy Mann on a call on Butcher Boulevard.

5:33 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

6:44 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted ISP with a traffic stop.

8:10 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on Bloomfield Road. Animal Control was notified.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

6:16 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

12:47 p.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

9:58 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver in the Wendy's parking lot.

10:35 p.m. - Female reported a theft.

11:14 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

9:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

5:02 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Truelove Drive.

5:39 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle off the road on Hwy 50. Officer McBeth responded.

7:55 p.m. - Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a juvenile issue.

10:05 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a transformer on fire on Butcher Boulevard.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

9:23 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

5:16 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officer Floyd located the vehicle.

5:39 p.m. - Caller reported a bro-

Two Jasper Troopers honored at awards ceremony

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

Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents and Trooper Jeremy Galloway were presented awards for their service to the State of Indiana.

Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents was awarded as the 2016 Jasper District Trooper of the Year. This award was presented to Senior Trooper Lents for achieving outstanding enforcement efforts in the areas of traffic and criminal enforcement, case and crash investigations, public information programs and community service; and for exemplifying the professionalism and integrity expected of an Indiana State Trooper.

For 2016, Senior Trooper Lents arrested individuals on 264 criminal charges, issued 1914 traffic contacts, and made eight operating while intoxicated arrests as a day-shift trooper. Lents was the Jasper District Trooper of the Year in 2009, and was awarded the Department Purple Heart and Combat Action Award in 2014. Lents is a 12-year veteran of the State Police and primarily patrols Martin and Daviess Counties.

The Top Drunk Driving Award was presented to Trooper Galloway for his efforts in removing impaired and intoxicated motorists from Indiana's roadways. Trooper Galloway was awarded for his efforts of arresting more impaired drivers in 2016 than any other Jasper District trooper. Trooper Galloway received the Top Drunk Driving Award in 2014 and 2015 as well. Galloway is a five-year veteran of the

ken-down vehicle on Broadway Street.

7:16 p.m. - Female reported a male threatening her.

7:53 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog on Bloomfield Road. Animal Control was notified.

9:19 p.m. - Received several calls regarding a power outage in town.

10:14 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted Major Burkhardt in locating a juvenile.

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

1:51 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

7:19 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on State Road 550.

8:03 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

11:35 a.m. - Caller reported a possible suicidal subject on Hwy 50.

7:50 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated person on Church Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

8:06 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

10:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

11:07 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officers located the vehicle.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

12:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible child abuse case. Officer Floyd responded.

2:02 p.m. - Caller reported a dirt bike near Lincoln Avenue.

4:10 p.m. - Caller reported property in the McDonalds parking lot.

5:37 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

The City of Loogootee will begin to tag abandoned vehicles on private property. A vehicle that is mechanically inoperable and is left on private property continuously in a location visible from public property for more than 20 days may be tagged as abandoned.



TROOPER JARROD LENTS



TROOPER JEREMY GALLOWAY State Police and primarily patrols Perry County.

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

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



This is the kind of stuff that made teaching tolerable and even enjoyable. Just had to pass these on. Can you imagine the nun sitting at her desk grading these papers, all the while trying to keep a straight face and maintain her composure! Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. If you know the Bible even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a catholic elementary school test.

Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. They have not been re-touched or corrected. Incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, guinnessis. God got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.
2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.
5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like delilah.
6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.
7. Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, moses went up to mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandments was when eve told adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached canada then joshua led the hebrews in the battle of geritol.
12. The greatest miricle in the bible is when joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.

14. Solomon, one of davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

As I've told you before, puns are my favorites. Here are a few more I think you'd like.

1. We have a genetic predisposition for diarrhea. Runs in our jeans.
2. Apparently, someone in London gets stabbed every 52 seconds. Poor guy.
3. I tried to catch fog yesterday. Mist.
4. Why did the scarecrow get a raise? He was outstanding in his field.
5. Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.
6. Someone stole my Microsoft Office and they're gonna pay. You have my Word.
7. My wife accused me of being immature. I told her to get out of my fort.
8. What do you call a woman on the arm of a banjo player? A tattoo.
9. I called a psychic once. She asked who was on the line, so I hung up.
10. I took the shell off my racing snail, thinking it would make him run faster. If anything, it made him more sluggish.
11. I used to be afraid of hurdles but then I got over it.
12. I used to be addicted to lunch meat. I quit cold turkey.
13. I used to be addicted to soap. I'm clean now.
14. I almost had a psychic girlfriend But she left me before we met.

Frank Martin, coach of the South Carolina basketball team, didn't win the national championship, but his quote will be remembered by a lot of people. I think it should be seriously considered: "You know what makes me sick to my stomach? When I hear grown people say that kids have changed. Kids haven't changed. Kids don't know anything about anything. We've changed as adults. We demand less of kids. We expect less of kids. We make their lives easier instead of preparing them for what life is truly about. We're the ones that have changed. To blame kids is a cop out."

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AL-ANON meetings

AL-ANON, a support group for those impacted by substance abuse, meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at Loogootee Redemption Church.

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.

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.

SOAR Tutoring

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

Life!

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are 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.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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



Auction for animals

-Photo by Noel Harty

The Martin County Humane Society held their annual auction last Saturday at the Loogootee United Methodist Church Family Life Center. More than 100 people attended and more than \$6,500 was raised. Noel Harty and Jerry Sidebottom served as the auctioneers.

Historic resources photo contest winners announced

The winners of the annual DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology's (DHPA) Historic Preservation Month photo contest have been announced.

Norberto Nunes of Columbus won "Best Overall Photo" for his shot of the Bridgeton Covered Bridge at night.

Sophiana Botich of Crown Point won "Best Overall Resource" for her detail shot of the Buckley Homestead's 1916 barn, near Lowell.

Liz Ertle of Evansville won "Most Artistic Photo" for her photo of the George Rogers Clark Memorial in Vincennes.

The photos will be on the DHPA website, dnr.IN.gov/historic, and Facebook page in celebration of Historic Preservation Month in May.

DHPA is celebrating Historic Preservation Month this year by featuring a different round or polygonal barn on its Facebook page every day in May, giving readers a chance to learn more about these picturesque but dwindling

resources.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



Jill is a female beagle, 6 years old. She is very sweet, playful, loves to be outside, gets along with other dogs. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Her adoption fee is \$80. The animal shelter is open Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee.

Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: Beef Stroganoff

Thursday: Braised Pork Chops

Friday: Popcorn Chicken

Friday night: Blacken Tilapia

Saturday: Chicken Wings & French Fries

Saturday night: Surf and Turf (sirloin and shrimp)

Sunday: Oven Roasted Turkey



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-- FIRST LOOKS --

What is important to you? Have you thought about why? About how you are going to treasure it? I would think that the “why” and “how” will be different depending upon what it is. Look around at those things important to you and you’ll have different responses to each. But are you just reacting without much thought? Or should you be taking a deeper look?

-- AND BEYOND --

Sometimes someone will come along that helps you see beyond the immediate to something more lasting. What is important is still important, but your response is taken to another level. Sometimes that spark for something different comes from someone taking a different look. A new look into the old can spark that lasting impact.

-- FROM THE PAST --

Maybe you’ve heard about an important part of our county heritage that is in danger of disappearing. Our Martin County Museum, the old Courthouse, is in dire need of repair. Constructed in 1876, this old courthouse is on the National Register of Historical Places. It has historical significance to our community and quite a few of your families. And did you know that it is one of only seven courthouses, from the 92 Indiana counties, which is not located on a town square? This courthouse has many reasons why it needs to be preserved.

-- THAT NEW LOOK --

When looking for funding to repair the museum, the Martin County Historical Society (MCHS) was fortunate to get a new look at this important issue. And what better look than from someone outside of our county? A look like that has the potential to be as objective and thoughtful as it can be. The MCHS had found a spark for that lasting impact.

-- SUSTAINABILITY --

The spark came from an anonymous donor from Lawrence County. Upon hearing the need for repairs, they looked deeper and asked that question of how are you going to treasure it?

How are you going to sustain it? Repair for the sake of repair, without the realistic hope of someone caring for it years down the road, is not a lasting answer. People must be a part of the solution.

-- PEOPLE WHO CARE --

That answer for the museum and the MCHS was to grow its membership, those who care. So, this donor challenged the MCHS to grow their membership with a matching grant. They will “match” \$20,000 for every 200 new members, looking for them to stay on for 5 years. Every time the MCHS gets another 200 members, they’ll receive another \$20,000, up to \$100,000 of grant money.

-- THE IMPACT --

The MCHS recently received the first \$20,000 when they reached 200 new members. And they already have 70 new memberships toward the next 200 for another \$20,000. This donor knew that people have to come first in almost any answer; this is happening with the MCHS and the museum. People are coming, repairs are following.

-- YOU CAN HELP --

You can help for just \$10 a year or \$50 right at the start for that needed 5-year commitment. Help the MCHS get those additional 730 new members to reach the maximum of the \$100,000 grant potential. For you Facebook fans, the MCHS page has over 1,400 members. How about each of you, or even just half of you, give \$10 for a MCHS membership? Help make a dream come true and preserve your heritage at the same time. And for only \$10 a year. Contact the MCHS at 812-247-1133 for more information.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

And for more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org/mccf. Follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



-Photo provided

Pictured left to right are Curt Johnson (MCCF Executive Director), Jim Marshall (Historical Society Vice-President), Ed Kerns (Historical Society Board member), Bill Greene (Historical Society President) receiving a \$20,000 grant from Hope Flores (Community Foundation Partnership CEO), Martha Wininger (Historical Society Treasurer), Rick Bowling (Museum Director), Liz Chattin (MCCF President), and Bill Bowling (Museum volunteer).

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown
Martin County Purdue
Extension Educator

Crane Robotics Sea, Air, Land Challenge

The Martin County 4-H Robotics Club competed in the Crane Sea, Air, Land Robotics Challenge on April 15. Lucas Harder, Mason Harder, Wade Burris and club coaches Mike and Paula Ringwald traveled to Ivy Tech in Bloomington to compete with their drone. The club members were challenged to fly their drone to drop payloads on specific targets and identify other targets using the drone’s camera. The team worked together to fly, identify, and fix any issues that arose during their flights. Throughout the day long event, they also had the opportunity to discuss robotics with other students from the state and experts in the field. While the team had a successful flight, they weren’t able to bring home the first place prize this year. They did learn more about building efficient drones and other robots to compete in the sea and land challenges in the future. Congratulations on a great challenge.

4-H Area III Livestock Competition Held at Martin County Fairgrounds

The area III Livestock Career Development Event was held at the Martin County Fairgrounds on April 13. 4-H and FFA livestock judging teams and individuals from eleven counties competed at senior and junior levels. There were over 120 participants. During the competition, the teams judged seven classes of animals. Seniors gave reasons for two classes and juniors gave one set of reasons. The Martin County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed 13th overall in the senior division and 4th overall in the junior division. Martin County 4-Hers Cora Ausbrooks placed 4th overall in the individual junior competition. Martin County 4-Hers Delani Bateman and Kenadi Rumble placed 9th and 11th in the senior individual competition respectively. Congratulations to all of the participants and thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the event a success.

Performing Arts Contest

The Martin County 4H Performing Arts contest will be held on May 1, 2017 in the Community Building. Any

current 4H member, including mini’s, are welcome to participate. Just prepare a skit, speech, musical number, dance number, or any other talent you have and present it that evening. The event will be judged and the winners in each category moving on to the Area III contest on May 6th. The categories are musical, non-musical, and group.

4-H Camp

This year’s 4-H Camp will be June 12-14. Any 4-Her grades 3-8 are welcome. Applications have been sent out through the mail. You are also able to pick one up at the Extension Office. This year’s theme is game boards. This is a great opportunity to meet new people from different counties, learn new things, and have lots of fun! Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis.

Club Meetings

Jolly Juniors— Tuesday, May 2; Thursday, May 18; Tuesday, June 6; Thursday, June 22; Thursday, and Thursday, June 29 all at 6 p.m. at True-love Church.

Jolly Jug Rox—Monday, April 24; Tuesday, May 2; Monday, May 22; Thursday, June 6 and Monday, June 19. The last meeting will be Thursday, July 6. All meetings are at the Hindostan Church from 6-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and see you at the meetings.

Shooting Sports—Shooting Sports is becoming its own club. Please join us for meetings every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Upcoming Events

Livestock weigh-ins

Sheep & Goat: May 6, 9-11 a.m.

Swine: May 13, 9-11 a.m.

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The first is of the 4-H Martin County Livestock judging team at the 2107 Livestock Judging CDE. Front row, from left to right, are Karter Burris and Cora Ausbrooks. Back row, from left to right, is Haileigh Suheski, Wade Burris, Delani Bateman, Tucker Walton, and coach Amy Burris.



Last week, I was able to mark something off of my bucket list. For many years, I had wanted to take part in the Tour of Historic Homes and Gardens in Charleston, South Carolina. This was the seventieth year for the tours, which are a major fundraiser for Historic Charleston, a group dedicated to the preservation of the historic area.

Heading to Charleston in mid-April, I experienced a great change in the weather. Hitting spring storms across Kentucky and Tennessee, I entered North Carolina on a beautiful spring morning. One of my first stops was at a rest stop near Asheville. I must say that was one of the most beautiful rest stops I have ever visited. While, like here, the eastern United States has experienced an early spring, with flowers blooming ahead of the normal time, the mountains still had azaleas and other spring flowers in bloom. The dogwoods were also in full bloom both at the rest stop and in the wooded areas along the mountain road. Another tree was also beautiful along the edges of the woods. The royal paulownia trees sported their purple blooms that earned the tree the common name of foxglove tree. It is also known as the princess tree or the empress tree. While beautiful, the Asian invaders have become invasive in many areas, including some areas in southern Indiana.

As I drove into the low-lands of South Carolina, I encountered more summer-like conditions—very warm and humid. The plant palette also changed. I began to see palmettos everywhere. While it is technically not a tree, the palmetto is recognized as the state tree of South Carolina. It is on most of the license plates and almost every yard has at least one. I learned that a fort made of palmetto logs was responsible for one of the earliest victories against the British during the Revolutionary War. The British fired their cannons at the fort, but the balls either bounced off the soft wood or stuck where they hit without penetrating the walls. The British eventually withdrew.

Downtown Charleston is a place full of history. The Civil War began in

Charleston Harbor, with the bombardment of Fort Sumter. The downtown churches and homes are among the oldest in the country. The homes and gardens have endured wars and hurricanes and preservation and restoration are important to the inhabitants.

The Festival of Houses and Gardens has been going on since early March. There are a number of neighborhoods in which tours are conducted, with one of the neighborhood tours offered each day. Since tour tickets were quite expensive, I only took one tour. The Charlotte Street tour included eight estates, ranging from colonial to early twentieth century. Most of the houses were elegant, with expensive furnishings and great art collections. Most of the gardens were limited to small courtyards. Many of them included French parterres, with tightly clipped boxwood hedges in geometric patterns. The hedges surround beds filled with colorful flowers. Most of the gardens included a fountain or water feature and many walls were covered with weeping figs. The instructions with the brochures said that photographs were not allowed during the tour, neither inside the houses nor in the gardens. However, a couple of the property owners were around and said they did not mind photos in the gardens.

I am glad that I took the tour, but I would hardly give it a hearty recommendation. It was billed as a chance to see gardens not normally open to the public and I was expecting to see substantial gardens. One of the houses had no garden at all, and only two of the eight had significant gardens.

However, I did see some great gardens in historic Charleston. There were many historic churches and each had a garden. Some were in graveyards, while others were more park-like, with walking paths and benches. I have a great affinity for church gardens and was happy that the churches supplied my wish for gardens that day.

I also enjoyed visiting some historic sites and browsing the old city market. My South Carolina trip also included other garden visits and I will have more to share on that next week.

More HRI acres open to public in time for youth turkey season

The DNR will open an additional 1,150 acres for public use along the Wabash River in Parke, Vermillion and Vigo counties, just in time for Indiana's youth turkey season.

The new properties will open on April 22. Youth turkey season is April 22-23. The standard spring turkey season runs April 26-May 14.

The new properties, acquired through the DNR's Healthy Rivers Initiative (HRI), will increase the acreage of Wabashiki and Fairbanks Landing fish & wildlife areas and the Wabash River Conservation Area.

More than 13,600 acres have been opened to the public through HRI since the conservation project began in 2010. Since 2010, HRI has acquired a

combined 14,919 acres in the Wabash River, Sugar Creek and Austin Bottoms conservation areas. Combined with existing state-owned properties and land enrolled in federal conservation easements, more than 35,841 acres now have permanent conservation protection within the HRI project area.

Updated property maps with new acreage are at:

—Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area: wildlife.IN.gov/3096.htm.

—Wabashiki Fish & Wildlife Area: wildlife.IN.gov/6188.htm.

—Wabash River Conservation Area: dnr.IN.gov/healthyriver/7641.htm.

The DNR's interactive Where to Hunt app is at wildlife.IN.gov/5427.htm.

737 waterfalls featured in Outdoor Indiana magazine

Outdoor Indiana magazine's May-June issue features a cover article on the state's 737 documented waterfalls.

The issue includes 11 color photos of the state's waterfalls taken by Frank Oliver and John Maxwell. Senior writer Nick Werner's text explains how waterfalls form, what constitutes a waterfall and why there may be more than 737 in the state.

The issue also includes articles on Wyandotte Caves State Recreation Area, which is managed by O'Bannon Woods State Park, and how Mun-

cie worked to achieve the 2016 honor of being named a "bronze" Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.

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2016 DNR Wildlife Science Report now available

Learn about state efforts to protect threatened species and better understand wild animals in the 2016 Wildlife Science Report.

The report is available online at wildlife.IN.gov/3347.htm.

This annual report contains information about nongame species such as birds, fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and mussels, and outlines research on deer, otter, gamebirds, waterfowl, turkey and wild pigs.

The report is packed with infor-

mation about animal habitats and behaviors, including how far box turtles move, how many breeding eagle pairs exist in Indiana, why barn owls are rare, and how many turkeys were harvested in 2016 hunting seasons. It also includes details about the first confirmed black bear to hibernate in Indiana in more than 100 years.

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KAYLA ABEL

Kayla Renee Abel is the daughter of Jamie Truelove and Eric Abel. After graduation, Kayla plans to attend Vincennes University. While in high school, Kayla was involved in Intern (12), Cadet Teaching (10), French Club (9-11), and Job Shadow (11).

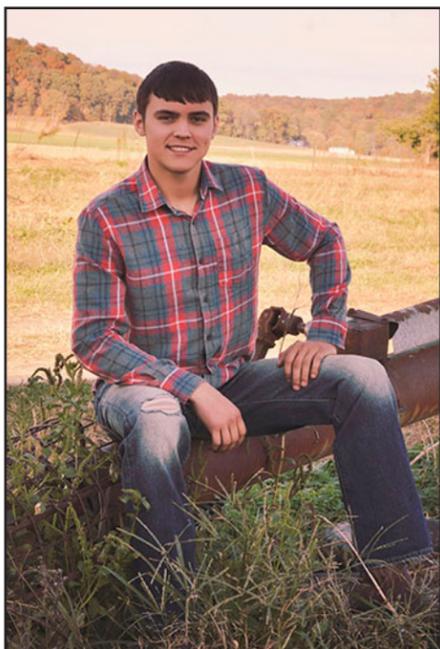


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KAITLYN WAGONER

Kaitlyn B. Wagoner is the daughter of Sherri Wagoner and Max Wagoner. After graduation, Kaitlyn plans to attend Vincennes University then transfer to IU or IUPUI. While in high school, she participated in Cheerleading (9-10, 12), Intern (12), Chorus (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-11), Cadet Teaching (11-12), Show Choir (9-12), and Student Council (9-10).



JAYCE GRABER



LANA GRABER



DYLAN DANT

Derrick Tinkle is the son of Lana Bradley and Kerry Tinkle. After graduation, Derrick plans to attend Vincennes University for welding. While in high school, he participated in job shadow (11) and the Twin Rivers Vocational program (12).



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The Shoals Jug Rox Baseball Team is having a good year standing at 4-0 in the Blue Chip Conference.

Rox no-hit Loogootee in nine innings

Shoals emerged victorious in the battle of Martin County on the baseball diamond as the Jug Rox bested Loogootee, 2-1, in nine innings. The contest was a pitcher's duel throughout as Jace Erwin and Dayson Wright combined on what was likely the school's first varsity no-hitter. Meanwhile, the Lions' Landon Bell was also fantastic, striking out 14 hitters in seven and one-third innings before being relieved at 100 pitches by classmate Justin Wagler who suffered the hard-luck loss. Shoals managed to score the first run of the game on a perfect suicide squeeze bunt by Caleb Belcher in the fourth. The Lions tied the game with a run as Wagler's groundout scored Jacob Nonte who had reached on a lead-off walk.

In the ninth, Dalton Roush led off the game following Dylan Hembree's safety in the fifth frame, but he was retired on a play at the plate. Wright reached on that fielder's choice and raced home when Hembree lifted a fly to center that was not fielded cleanly. Just a frosh, Wright then picked up the W on the mound when he retired Greene, Crane, and Arthur to end the affair. The win allowed Shoals to remain undefeated in conference play at 3-0.

Friday evening took a toll on the upstart Jug Rox, however, as they struggled the next day in the damp

conditions against a couple of squads on this year's intentionally beefed-up schedule. Coach Sorrells wanted his boys to see strong pitching and hitting and that they did against the likes of Franklin Central, 16-1, and West Vigo, 19-3. The bounceback, though, came on Monday when the Rox remained unbeaten in the Blue Chip, stopping Wood Memorial, 12-5. Erwin was solid through five innings, striking out seven and allowing two unearned runs. Kenyon Sorrells struggled in his inning of work – surrendering four hits and three runs, but Wright recorded a couple more K's in the seventh to complete the game.

At the plate, Sorrells hit two doubles and scored twice. Roush had two hits, including a double and two ribbies. Belcher had two hits; Hembree was also 2-4 with a double, two runs scored and three RBI's. Erwin also added a single and double with two runs batted in. Finally, freshman Max Fischer had a day with 3-3 performance, plating three and scoring twice. Shoals shot out to a big lead with an 8 spot in the top of the third and then, with the lead just 8-5, put up four more in the seventh to put the game out of reach.

Now 7-6 overall, and still perfect at 4-0 in the conference, the Rox play Bloomfield and White River Valley in their next two ballgames.



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LHS Academic Teams

On Tuesday, April 18, the Loogootee High School Academic Teams traveled to North Knox for the area meet and competed against Barr-Reeve, North Central, Northeast Dubois, Vincennes Rivet, Shoals, South Knox, Springs Valley, and White River Valley in Class 4. The Fine Arts team comprised of Hope Fischer and Josh Cook (coached by Tyler Walton) took first place, the interdisciplinary team of Josh Cook, Hope Fischer, Sara Bailey, Shania Swigler, Courtney Burch and Garrett Williams placed second, and the social studies team of Courtney Burch, Garrett Williams and Josh Cook (coached by Brad Christmas) placed third.

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Shoals player Dalton Roush is shown watching to see where a fly ball will go as he advances to third base.

Jug Rox Baseball moves above .500

Shoals has found themselves in somewhat unfamiliar territory, as a tremendous youth movement of athletes has paid dividends on the diamond for Coach Tim Sorrells and his baseball staff. Despite losing three close contests to begin the season against the likes of Pike Central and in a double-header at Clarksville, the Rox are currently rolling with a 5-4 marker heading into Friday's game against county rival Loogootee at Les Page Field.

The Jug Rox recorded their first victory on the road at Springs Valley 4-3 with sophomore Kenyon Sorrells garnering the win in relief of senior Jace Erwin. Their next outcome was a frustrating shutout loss versus a hot-hitting North Daviess squad, but the program picked up perhaps its biggest win in a generation when Erwin hurled six innings to overcome last year's Blue Chip Conference champ, Barr-Reeve, 12-9. He also came through at the plate with four runs batted in. Dayson Wright closed the game out for his first save of the young season.

The following afternoon, the Rox topped Mitchell 12-4 with Sorrells and Wright combining on the rubber. Sorrells' three hit, four RBI performance at the dish was also key as was freshman backstop's Dalton Roush 4-4 day at the plate netting him three ribbies. The Big Rock made it three in a row on Tuesday, defeating West Washington 6-5. Frosh Max Fischer pitched five reputable frames, surrendering just two earned runs. Wright pitched in with his

second save, providing two innings of one-hit ball, striking four men out to close the game. Roush remained torrid with another 4-4 outing while Sorrells drove in a pair and Ryan Hawkins cranked out two safeties to keep his eight-game hitting streak intact.

After knocking off the Patriots Wednesday evening by the final tally of 12-2 in six innings, the Rox climbed to 2-0 in the BCC standings. Irwin kept the Pats' bats at bay, giving up just five hits, but the game was knotted at 2 after four innings. Sorrells came on in relief and benefitted with the 'W' when Shoals went ahead with a tally in the bottom of the fifth and then ran Rivet back to Knox County early with nine runs in the sixth. His stick was salty as well, the sophomore going 4-4; Dayson Wright also hit a ton, smacking three hits and driving in four; Hawkins managed another knock to move his streak to nine straight, and Roush stroked a first inning double before flying out a couple of times to end his consecutive at-bats with a safety at nine.

Meanwhile, Martin County proverbial big brother Loogootee stands at just 5-7, though the Lions have found themselves in a tough Big Eight schedule-like stretch against Boonville, Vincennes Lincoln, and Washington along with a difficult double-header sweep at the hands of Lawrenceville, Illinois. The Lions do sit at 3-1 in the BCC as they remain in the hunt for a share of the spoils if they can win out on Shoals, Barr-Reeve, and Northeast Dubois.

Loogootee High School Girls' Tennis results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis Teams took on Washington Catholic last Thursday, April 20 at home. The varsity Lions defeated the Lady Cardinals 5-0 and there were no junior varsity matches played.

Coach Mike Tippetery said after the matches, "It was nice to end the week on a high note. We came out strong on all courts and finished our matches strong."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Hannah Ashby 6-0, 6-1

#2 Singles Melaina Tippetery (L) defeated Sonja Mattingly 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) won by default 1-0

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Meghan Mathies (L) defeated Caroline Burch/Emma Schuler 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles Abby Williams/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Emily Fields/Hanne Lunde 6-2, 6-1

On Tuesday, April 18, the teams went up against Wood Memorial at home. The varsity Lady Lions won 5-0 and the junior varsity were defeated 1-3.

Coach Tippetery said, "After four straight road trips, it was nice to final-

ly play a match at home. Our singles players came out strong and played well throughout. We weren't as sharp in doubles as last night, but played well enough in key stretches to get the wins."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Katie Thacker 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Melaina Tippetery (L) defeated Cori Pflug 6-2, 6-0

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Taylor Andis 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Branna Hollaway (L) defeated Adison Stone/Kenedy Wilkerson 6-0, 6-4

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Cassidy Saulmon/Hannah Thacker 2-6, 7-5, 6-4

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Madisyn Wade (L) defeated Kylie Hicks 6-1

#2 Singles Kylie Hicks (WM) defeated Alijca Ackerman 6-2

#1 Doubles Ashton Stone/Kendal Maikranze (WM) defeated Rachel Robinson/McKenzie White 8-5

#2 Doubles Sabrina Lindy/Katlyn Siekman (WM) defeated Claire Kunovich/Victoria Ringgaard 8-2

Lions perfect against Thunderbirds

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

In what is believed to be the first perfect game in LHS Softball history, Sydney Davis, and the Lions defense, set them three up and mowed them three down over five innings in a 20-0 non-conference win Thursday night at Costello Field. Davis led the way, taking care of nine T-Birds via the strike-out, and one ground ball back to her, while catcher Tyanna Graber caught a pop up for an out, as did 2nd baseman Emily Brookshire. Ground ball outs were also handled by Julianne Bell, Breigh LaMar and Brookshire. Each ground ball was deftly tossed across the infield to the sure hands of first baseman Mayson Riley, who recorded the outs.

Tyanna Graber hit her 8th home run of the season, tying the single season record for home runs, and added another to her growing career total. Graber was 4 for 4 on the night, adding three singles, scoring two runs and driving in four.

Shelby Graber stayed hot at the plate, with a double and two singles and driv-

Davis shuts down Paoli

BY GREG CLARK
LHS Softball Head Coach

Sophomore pitching sensation, Sydney Davis, led the Lions to an 11-0 shutout of the host Rams in Paoli last Tuesday night. Davis was in control for the entire game, striking out 11 and scattering five hits to garner her 12th win in 13 outings and take the team record to 12-2.

Julianne Bell led the Lions 16 hit attack going 4 for 5 with a double, three singles, three stolen bases, an RBI and scored four runs. Breigh LaMar was 3 for 5 with a run scored and an RBI. Shelby Graber was 2 for 3 with an RBI, Tyanna Graber was 2 for 3 with a double, three runs scored and 3 RBI, with Sydney Davis adding two hits and driving in two runs.

The JV lost 3-0 to Paoli, with Chelsie Sutton taking the loss. Kendall Berry lead the JV in hitting,

ing in four runs. Mayson Riley was 3 for 4 with a double and two singles, scoring a pair and driving in two runs. Julianne Bell was 2 for 2 with four runs scored, three stolen bases and two runs batted in from the leadoff spot. Rounding out the Lions hitting were Emily Brookshire, Sydney Davis, Breigh LaMar, Sydney Blankenbaker, and Emily Thomas who all contributed singles in the win.

Loogootee travels to Wood Memorial for a Blue Chip Conference game Friday night, and to North Central (Farmersburg) for a V/JV twin bill on Saturday.

Loogootee Junior High Track results

The Loogootee Junior High Track team traveled to North Knox Wednesday, April 19. Final results for the boys' teams were North Knox 79, Loogootee 40, and Bloomfield 30. Final results for the girls' teams were North Knox 95, Bloomfield 30, and Loogootee 14.

Boys' individual results:
Discus: Brayden Sutton 4th
Shot: Jase Riley 3rd
Long Jump: Levi Pendley 1st
100-meter: Levi Pendley 1st, Aragam Ashby 3rd

1600-meter: Lucas Brittain 2nd
110-meter hurdles: Lucas Brittain 3rd

400-meter relay: Ashby, Kerns, Josh Venters, Julius Castro 3rd

400-meter: Levi Pendley 1st

300-meter: Gage Kerns 4th

800-meter: Lucas Brittain 2nd

200-meter: Levi Pendley 1st, Julius Castro 3rd, Aragam Ashby 4th

1600 Relay: Castro, Kerns, Zane Cropp, Brittain 2nd

Girls' individual results:
100-meter: India Arvin 3rd

100-meter hurdles: Kaylee Auterson 2nd

400-meter relay: Hannah VanMeter, Ashley Nail, Emily Welker, India Arvin, 2nd

300-meter hurdles: Kaylee Auterson 3rd

800-meter: Hannah VanMeter 2nd
200-meter: India Arvin 4th

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