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## Loogootee gives Shoals their old fire truck

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council voted Monday night to give the Shoals Fire Department a 1974 model aerial ladder fire truck that the Loogootee Fire Department no longer needs. The Loogootee Fire Department recently purchased another 1990 aerial ladder truck from another department for \$18,500. The 1974 truck will require some upgrades and repairs and the Shoals Fire Department is willing to do that and get it back up and running. Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty said he was pleased that the truck would be staying in the county. "I couldn't be more pleased, it's going to a great group of guys," said Mayor Harty.

The council followed up with Jason Tinkle who lives on Clark Street about stormwater drainage issues on his property. Tinkle had attended last month's city council meeting to see what could be done to help with the flooding in his neighborhood. At last month's meeting, Mayor Harty had said that the city is working toward getting a grant to help with stormwater drainage issues.

Last month Tinkle had said the problem continues to escalate to the point of it becoming a health issue, causing his family sinus problems due to the standing water. He noted that it is also a breeding ground for mosquitoes and his children cannot play in the backyard anymore because it is constantly soggy. He said he had been to the council before looking for help but never received

any.

At Monday night's meeting, Mayor Harty said that he and Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson plan to sit down with Tinkle and anyone else in his neighborhood who is having issues to work out a plan. He said that plan may be in conjunction with a potential stormwater grant or done by the city outside of a grant. Mayor Harty said they would also like to hear what property owners were willing to do to help with the problem. Tinkle said that he would be willing to sit down and discuss it.

The council voted to purchase new lab equipment for the wastewater treatment plant for \$9,300. Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson said the current equipment is old and if it breaks down, they have no way to do water testing.

The council tabled discussion on rent paid by city offices. According to Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones, for many years, some city offices have paid rent to the city. The rents vary and she said that going back through the minutes over the past several years, she could not find when the rents were implemented or why they were started. The current rents are \$1,000 a year for the city garage, \$2,000 a year for what is known as the water/sewer "park" room, and the water office pays \$1,500 a year. She wanted to know if the water office should pay more rent now that they have a bigger office in the annex building. It was noted that the AA group paid \$25 a month for the same area but only  
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## Commissioners discuss roads, cemeteries, insurance

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners discussed road paving plans at their meeting Tuesday night, May 9. In preparation for the Community Crossings grant, Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett provided the commissioners with a list of 19 roads in the county that they want to work on first. The Community Crossings grant has a cap of \$1 million with the county being responsible for adding a 25 percent match, or \$250,000. This will give the county a total of \$1.25 million to put toward road repairs.

The commissioners plan to look over the road list provided by Padgett and then vote to approve or amend the list at a special meeting on Monday.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, told the commissioners that grant funds are planned to be available for the next six years. A district meeting with counties, cities and towns will be held next Tuesday with INDOT to roll out the grant and finalize all the details.

Larry Joyner, a resident of Burns City, asked the commissioners about purchasing a lot next to his residence that is owned by the county. It was noted that it is a small lot and is not being maintained by anyone. Commissioner Paul George said that he is working

with Auditor January Roush to get a complete list of county-owned property and requested that Joyner return to the next commissioners' meeting. County Attorney Dave Lett also explained to Joyner that there is a process that must be followed for the county to sell land and that process would need to be followed as well.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins asked the commissioners about who is responsible for maintaining cemeteries. She said she had a concerned resident contact her about a cemetery in the county and she was unsure who to contact. She asked County Attorney Dave Lett if the township trustees were responsible for caring for the cemeteries and if so, how do they approach that issue. Lett said it's been a while since he researched this but he would do that and report back. Collins said she was unsure if the cemetery in question was attached to a church or if it was a stand-alone. She also noted that the road crew does still take care of the Green Cemetery that the county owns.

Attorney Lett spoke to the commissioners about the county purchasing an umbrella insurance policy and a cyber security policy. He said that there are one county and one hospital that he is aware of in Indiana that have had their computer systems hijacked by hackers  
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-Photo provided

Shown above are members of the Shoals Fire Department with the 1974 fire truck that the City of Loogootee donated to them. From left to right are Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby, Shoals Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Dorsey, Loogootee Fire Chief JD Flynn and Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty.

## Planning for Memorial Day

BY PHIL TODD  
Martin County Veteran Services

On Memorial Day, May 29, veterans of the Loogootee American Legion and the Loogootee Veterans of Foreign Wars will visit eight cemeteries to honor veterans buried in that hallowed ground.

The term veteran identifies service members who had the fortune to return home, and Memorial Day is a reminder that veterans everywhere have a responsibility to those who didn't come home.

The ceremonies performed by veterans in cemeteries throughout the nation is a continuation of service that honors our country and our brethren in arms who fell defending it.

The Loogootee Legion/VFW Honor Guard announces the names of all veterans buried in each cemetery visited. We have been asked why we read the names of veterans of all wars, including the Revolutionary and Civil War, when applicable. Pres. Harry Truman stated,

"Our debt to the heroic and valiant men and women in service of our country can never be re-paid", and the local veterans feel this applies to all deceased veterans of all wars and conflicts. Each one of these veterans fought for future generations, and sacrificed themselves to maintain a free and independent Republic. For those now serving in the military, and those who have yet to serve, this heavy responsibility now falls on you.

The local Legion has also been asked why we don't go to additional cemeteries, as there are many more that have the graves of veterans. The Legion recognizes that surviving family members would appreciate a visit by the Legion/VFW, but there is not enough time to visit all the cemeteries. The veterans buried in these cemeteries deserve all the respect and honor as those in the cemeteries the Legion does visit, but the members of the Honor Guard want to  
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Ducklings -Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

Wood Ducks pair up in January, and most birds arriving at the breeding grounds in the spring are already paired. The Wood Duck is the only North American duck that regularly produces two broods in one year.





## Legion Child Welfare donation

-Photo provided

Shoals Sons of the American Legion Commander Tim Sanders is shown above presenting 7th District Commander Jeff Coulter with \$1,000 check for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. The purpose of the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation is to contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs of children and youth; to improve the lives of children and youth through funding projects or in other ways, including youth activities and programs sponsored by The American Legion. The Sons of The American Legion is the single largest contributor to CWF.

## COMMISSIONERS

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and each entity had to pay a ransom to get back their systems. He said he felt the county needed to be proactive in the new cyber security issues that seems to be popping up. He noted that an umbrella policy was extra backup protection to the county's liability coverage. He provided quotes for both policies, separately, and suggested that the commissioners look them over and make a decision on whether they want to add the coverage.

Chris Zimmer, with the US Forestry service, talked to the commissioners about the Secure Rural Schools Act. The Secure Rural Schools Act provides funding for over 775 rural counties and 4,400 schools located near national forests across the United States. The Act also helps pay for restoration and stewardship projects on public lands and forests. He said the Act recently expired and the current Congress did not vote to

renew which will cause Martin County to lose money.

According to the U.S. Forestry website, Martin County received \$8,814 for fiscal year 2015 and with the new formula, without the renewal of the Secure Rural Schools Act, the county was set to receive \$2,202 for fiscal year 2016. Zimmer recommended that the commissioners contact their Congressmen and request that they renew the Act.

Commissioner Paul George told County Attorney Lett that one of his constituents contacted him about how they could go about burying someone on their own property. Lett replied that he has never been asked that question before and he would have to look into any state law pertaining to that issue. He would report back.

The commissioners voted to hire Ken Jones as a truck driver for the highway department. Commissioner Dan Gregory was not present for the meeting.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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## Indiana ranked first in the Midwest for business second year in a row

Indiana ranked first in the Midwest and fifth in the nation for doing business by Chief Executive magazine, maintaining its position as a top state for business.

The magazine's "Best & Worst States For Business" ranking is based on surveys of more than 500 CEOs. According to Chief Executive, the results of the 13th annual survey show that CEOs favor states with friendly tax and regulatory climates, quality workforces and strong living environments, which includes cost of living, education and state and local attitudes toward business.

"Over the last 12 years, Indiana has worked to create a world-class economy by passing balanced state budgets, reducing regulatory burdens and investing in the future," Governor Eric J. Holcomb said. "Today's ranking reaffirms the benefits of our pro-business climate as we work to take Indiana to the next level."

As highlighted by Chief Executive, Indiana's tax and regulatory policy ranks in the top 15 in the nation while the state's workforce quality ranks in the top 10. The magazine highlighted Indiana's focus on preserving and enhancing roads and

bridges through Major Moves 2020 and recent legislation that will provide \$1.2 billion in new annual funding by 2024 to support state and local infrastructure. As the Crossroads of America, this dedication to infrastructure will continue to strengthen Indiana's competitiveness and quality of life by improving travel times for businesses, commuters and tourists.

Indiana's ranking makes it the only Midwestern state in the publication's top five. Among neighboring states, Ohio ranked No. 11, Kentucky ranked No. 22, Michigan ranked No. 36 and Illinois ranked No. 48.

The Chief Executive ranking comes on the heels of recent economic success stories in Indiana. Just last week, Infosys, a global technology firm, announced plans to establish a tech and innovation hub in central Indiana, investing \$8.7 million and creating 2,000 high-skilled jobs over the next five years.

Chief Executive magazine is a bi-monthly publication for top management executives published by the Chief Executive Group LLC. Founded in 1977, the Chief Executive Group LLC is headquartered in Greenwich, Connecticut. The full survey results are available online.

## FIRE TRUCK

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used it a few hours at a time. Wilson said he doesn't understand it because the clerk-treasurer's office and mayor's office don't pay rent and are considered city offices too. The council decided to think the issue over until next month.

The council discussed road paving and the Community Crossings grant. The city will get another payment into the riverboat fund later in the year, of around \$16,000. Council Member Tim Lawrence suggested letting that money roll over to next year to use as matching money for the grant. The grant has a match of 25 percent. Lawrence said it's something they need to think about. The city has spent all the money they had allocated for paving this year, including the grant funds they received, but they have around \$19,000 left in the riverboat fund. Lawrence noted that they may spend some of that money doing patching or repairs this summer.

Mayor Harty told the council that the library is interested in the city lot located by the city pool. The lot is two acres and is currently used as the landing zone for the Air Evac rescue helicopter. Fire Chief JD Flynn said that if the city sells the lot, they will have to find a suitable landing zone as a replacement and there are requirements for that. It was suggested that Flynn start looking into other areas that could be used for a landing zone and it was noted that it does not have to be owned by the city. Council Member Roger Downey said that Flynn has a while to get another landing zone because the library has a lot of work to do before they start building. Council Member Teresa Nolley said her decision on selling the lot would be contingent on the fire department having a suitable landing zone available. They will discuss it again in June.

Mayor Harty said someone approached him about purchasing the lot located by the railroad track that the city owns. The city had two appraisals done on the lot a few years ago but Mayor Harty said he is not sure those appraisals would still be valid. Council Member Nolley asked if a signed pur-

chase agreement needed to be signed before the city spent money again for more appraisals.

City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said there is a statute the city has to follow in order to sell property and the appraisals have to be done and then sealed bids accepted.

Mayor Harty said he will speak to the person interested in the property again and get a better feel about whether they indeed wanted to purchase it before the city goes through the appraisal process again.

The council approved on building permit for Brian and Samantha Nelson on Poplar Street for a detached garage.

The council voted to pay half the cost, \$750, for tree removal at the Greg Bateman residence. Superintendent Wilson said he measured the city's easement on the Bateman property and some of the trees that had partially fallen were on the city's portion of the property.

Mayor Harty reported that the pool received a \$10,000 donation from an anonymous donor a few months ago. That money was put in the pool's donation account.

Mayor Harty also reported that the feasibility study done for the senior housing development came back favorable. The company is now looking for land opportunities to move forward.

Council Member Carroll Rayhill was not present for the meeting due to illness.

During the board of public works meeting, the board voted to hire Kevin McBeth as a full-time officer for the Loogootee Police Department.

## MEMORIAL DAY

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spend at least some of the holiday with their families and friends.

Thanks to all of you that share with the Legion during the ceremony. Your time and respect for these veterans is a testament to your appreciation for what these veterans have done for all of us.

A schedule of visits to cemeteries will be made available next week.



## JOHN SCHROCK

John Stephen Schrock went to his Heavenly home surrounded by his family and friends at 9:05 p.m. Friday, May 5, 2017 after a courageous three-year battle with pancreatic cancer. A resident of Loogootee, he was 52.



JOHN SCHROCK

He was born December 10, 1964 in Washington; son of Jonas and the late Anna (Yoder) Schrock.

He was the Pastor of Mt. Joy Mennonite Church and was ordained a pastor December 5, 1999 and a bishop May 12, 2002.

He loved camping with his family, collecting iron skillets, antique shopping and traveling. His grandchildren were the joy of his life and was looking forward to meeting his new grandson, who will arrive in July.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Anna (Yoder) Schrock.

He is survived by his wife, Fannie (Lengacher) Schrock, whom he mar-

ried August 22, 1986; children, Melissa (Luke) Graber, Jevon (Rose) Schrock, Charity Schrock and Joseph Schrock, all of Loogootee; grandchildren, Lincoln Graber and Jasmine Schrock; father, Jonas Schrock of Elnora; siblings, Mary Esther Schrock and Olen (Juan-

ita) Schrock, both of Elnora, Emma Arlene (Luke) Rhodes of Newberry, Thomas (Fae) Schrock of Elnora and Marvin (Pam) Schrock of Alaska; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Simon and Lydia Lengacher of Loogootee.

Funeral services were conducted

Tuesday, May 9 at the Simon J. Graber Complex. Burial followed in Mt. Joy Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

## National unemployment stays at 4.4 percent

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 211,000 in April, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 4.4 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality, health care and social assistance, financial activities, and mining.

### Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate, at 4.4 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 7.1 million, changed little in April. Over the year, the unemployment rate has declined by 0.6 percentage point, and the number of unemployed has fallen by 854,000.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for adult men declined to 4.0 percent in April. The jobless rates for adult women (4.1 percent), teenagers (14.7 percent), Whites

(3.8 percent), Blacks (7.9 percent), Asians (3.2 percent), and Hispanics (5.2 percent) showed little change.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was essentially unchanged at 1.6 million in April and accounted for 22.6 percent of the unemployed. Over the year, the number of long-term unemployed was down by 433,000.

The labor force participation rate, at 62.9 percent, changed little in April and has shown little movement over the past year. The employment-population ratio, at 60.2 percent, was also little changed over the month but was up by 0.5 percentage point since December.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) declined by 281,000 to 5.3 million in April. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time jobs. Over the past 12 months, the number of persons employed part time for economic reasons has decreased by 698,000.

In April, 1.5 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, down by 181,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 455,000 discouraged workers in April, down by 113,000 from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.1 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in April had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

### Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 211,000 in April. Employment rose in leisure and hospitality, health care and social assistance, financial activities, and mining.

In April, leisure and hospitality added 55,000 jobs. Employment in food services and drinking places continued to trend up over the month (+26,000) and has increased by 260,000 over the year.

Employment in health care and social assistance increased by 37,000 in April. Health care employment continued to trend up over the month (+20,000). This is in line with the industry's average monthly job growth during the first quarter of this year but below the average gain of 32,000 per month in 2016. Social assistance added 17,000 jobs in April, with all of the gain in individual and family services.

In April, financial activities added 19,000 jobs, with insurance carriers and related activities accounting for most of the gain (+14,000). Over the

year, financial activities has added 173,000 jobs.

Employment in mining rose by 9,000 in April, with most of the increase in support activities for mining (+7,000). Since a recent low in October 2016, mining has added 44,000 jobs, with three-fourths of the gain in support activities for mining.

Employment in professional and business services continued to trend up in April (+39,000). The industry has added 612,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

Employment in other major industries, including construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, transportation and warehousing, information, and government, showed little change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 0.1 hour to 34.4 hours in April. In manufacturing, the workweek edged up by 0.1 hour to 40.7 hours, and overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.2 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 7 cents to \$26.19. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 65 cents, or 2.5 percent. In April, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 6 cents to \$21.96.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MAY 1

3:27 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded. The subject was transported to Good Samaritan in Vincennes.

7:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:40 a.m. - Captain Dant and Communications Officer Abel transported one inmate to the Rockville Correctional Facility.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:52 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Shoals Fire responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of a semi stuck on a fire lane near Shoals. Major Burkhardt and ICO Mann responded.

12:40 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel transported one inmate to the doctor.

1:29 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer was notified.

2:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:46 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

4:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals on US 50. Major Burkhardt stopped the vehicle and all checked okay.

10:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, MAY 2

5:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Williams Fire responded.

5:04 a.m. - Received a report of a car-dog accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

8:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

9:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt did a personal appearance at a day care in Shoals.

9:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:13 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

11:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded and checked the person.

12:45 p.m. - Captain Dant took one

inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

2:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:55 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

6:02 p.m. - Major Burkhardt performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to the Daviess Community Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

5:08 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

8:48 a.m. - Jailer Emmick took one inmate to the doctor.

8:50 a.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

10:03 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Major Burkhardt, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:05 p.m. - Received a complaint of reckless drivers in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:45 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

7:31 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and stopped the vehicle. Everything checked okay.

10:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

7:10 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported one inmate to the Logansport Mental Health Facility.

10:30 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

12:27 p.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

2:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took two inmates to court.

4:04 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist north of Shoals.

4:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:52 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire responded.

6:29 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, just east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Major Burkhardt responded.

7:48 p.m. - Received a report of a

tree down just west of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

1:53 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

4:58 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Officer McBeth, Haysville Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across SR 150, just east of Shoals. State highway and Shoals Fire responded.

11:30 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

2:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control was notified.

5:05 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted the Greene County Sheriff's Office with a detail in Crane.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of smoke east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded and found nothing.

9:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Shinn and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:55 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded and all was okay.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:27 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:40 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

2:47 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:02 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:51 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:29 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Shinn, Reserve Deputy Harmon, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

2:49 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on SR 150, east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Ewing, Deputy Shinn, and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

3:04 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, Deputy Shinn, Reserve Deputy Harmon, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:38 a.m. - Received a report of a truck in the water east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:32 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.

9:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:18 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled truck on US 50, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller and Shoals Fire responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Sergeant Keller responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received report of a break-in in Crane. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:33 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

6:16 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

7:33 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded and all was okay.

8:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals. Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:44 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist near Shoals.

## Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: Meatloaf

Thursday: Pork Chops

Friday: Beer Battered Fish Sandwich

Friday night: Seafood Boil

Saturday: Ham and Beans

Saturday night: Cajun Shrimp Pasta

Sunday: Chicken and Noodles



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## COURT NEWS

### CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed May 2

Capital One Bank vs. Tina M. Todd, civil collection.

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed April 26

Crane Credit Union vs. Melinda S. Scott, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Amber R. Sebastian, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Deborah K. Couch, complaint.

### May 1

Business Consulting & Collection Services vs. Dalton J. Gibson, complaint.

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Tannya Stout, complaint.

## Accident report

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

2:20 p.m. - Glenna I. Haley, of New Washington, was operating a 2008 Toyota on Broadway Street when she changed lanes and struck a 1998 Ford operated by William Oliver, of Loogootee. Chief Rayhill investigated.

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

7:40 a.m. - Jana M. Neukam, of Freelandville, was operating a 2011 GMC on Broadway Street and struck the rear of a 2000 Buick operated by Devin D. Swartz, of Loogootee. Officer McBeth investigated.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

6:20 p.m. - Mary Salmon, of Loogootee, was operating a 2003 Ford and trying to pull out onto Broadway Street when she pulled into the path of a 2014 Ford operated by John W. Graber, of Loogootee. Sgt. Norris investigated.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Carl W. Walton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jordan Divine and Ashlye Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.060 acres, more or less.

**Jeffrey D. Meyer and Nancy R. Meyer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jordan Divine and Ashlye Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.164 acres, more or less.

**Joshua D. Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jordan Divine and Ashlye Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.842 acres, more or less.

**Bernard F. Smith and Mary Ann Smith; and Virgil Lanning and Dolores Lannan** to **Bruce Fithian and Julie Fithian**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of fractional Lot Number 47 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Bernard F. Smith and Mary Ann Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bruce Fithian and Julie Fithian**, of Martin County, Indiana, fractional Lot Number 47 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, except 96 feet of even width off the west side thereof and the full width of said lot. Also, Lot Number 5 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to

# Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, MAY 1

9:00 a.m. - Male came on station to request a welfare check on a male.

11:30 a.m. - Male came on station to report threats.

12:01 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted on a funeral procession.

7:55 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a dog. Animal Control was notified.

8:50 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:20 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted a male who had locked himself out of his residence.

### TUESDAY, MAY 2

9:25 a.m. - Caller reported property damage.

4:23 p.m. - Female requested two vehicle identification checks.

5:27 p.m. - Caller reported an animal problem.

6:47 p.m. - Female reported a small fire. She stated she had it contained.

7:50 p.m. - Female reported a child custody issue.

8:02 p.m. - Caller requested a security check on a business.

11:49 p.m. - Female reported her vehicle stolen. The vehicle was later learned to be repossessed.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

10:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

11:35 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill and Major Burkhardt assisted the ambulance service.

1:10 p.m. - Caller reported dirt bikes on Truelove Drive.

7:03 p.m. - Female caller requested an officer escort a male from her property.

7:31 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless

driver on Hwy 50. Officer Floyd located the vehicle.

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

10:50 a.m. - Male came on station to request a vehicle identification check.

11:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle identification check.

1:40 p.m. - Caller reported a low hanging utility line on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

4:33 p.m. - First responders were requested on NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street for a medical call.

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

1:53 a.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a dispute on Hwy 50.

5:28 p.m. - Caller reported a tree had fallen over a utility line on Mulberry Street.

9:39 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

11:27 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

11:40 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted a motorist.

3:02 p.m. - Caller reported dirt bikes on Truelove Drive.

3:51 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Officer McBeth located the vehicle.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

8:40 a.m. - Officer McBeth cited a male into court for possession of marijuana.

6:33 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

9:31 p.m. - Female reported a lost or stolen purse.

9:40 p.m. - Caller reported a chemical odor on Hwy 50.

## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

7:36 a.m. - Rusty Sutton, 27, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and domestic battery. He is being held without bond.

1:55 p.m. - Greg Tolbert, 56, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

2:30 p.m. - Jason Oliver, 30, of Montgomery, was arrested by Major Burkhardt for possession of a controlled substance and is being held without bond. Captain Dant assisted in the arrest.

### SATURDAY, MAY 6

5:14 a.m. - James Woody, 46, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

### SUNDAY, MAY 7

12:55 a.m. - Mindy Holt, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. She is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Shinn, Reserve Deputy Harmon and ISP Trooper Beaver.

8:24 p.m. - John Hattabaugh, 32, of Mitchell, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with invasion of privacy. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.



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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



The following is a story that should make all of us think before we speak!

Once upon a time, an old man spread rumors that his young neighbor was a thief. As a result, the young man was arrested. Days later he was proven innocent. After being released, he sued the old man for falsely accusing him.

In court, the old man told the judge, "They were just comments. They didn't harm anyone."

The judge, before passing sentence on the case told the old man, "Write all the things you said about him on a piece of paper. Cut it up into little pieces of paper and throw them out of your car window on your way home. Tomorrow, come back to hear the sentence."

The next day, the judge told the old man, "Before receiving the sentence, I want you to go out and gather up all the pieces of paper that you threw out of your car window yesterday."

The old man said, "I can't do that! The wind spread them all over the place and I won't know where to find them."

Then the judge replied, "The same way, simple words and comments may destroy the honor of a person to such an extent that a person will not be able to fix it. If you can't speak well of someone, don't say anything at all. Let's all be masters of our mouth so that we won't be slaves of our words."

The judge continued, "Gossips are worse than thieves because they steal another person's dignity, honor, reputation, and credibility which are impossible to restore. So, remember this: when your feet slip, you can always recover your balance, but when your tongue slips, you can never recover your words!"

### 11 QUOTES TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU FEEL LOST IN LIFE:

1. Always remember that your present situation is not your final destination. The best is yet to come.

2. Sometimes the bad things that happen in our lives put us directly on the path to the best things that will even happen to us.

## 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.

3. If you don't like where you are, move. You are not a tree.

4. You can't start the next chapter if you keep reading the last.

5. If it doesn't open, it's not your door.

6. Sometimes you need to step outside, get some air, and remind yourself of who you are and where you want to be.

7. Sometimes you need to talk to a three-year-old so you can understand life again.

8. Listen and silent are spell with the same letters. Think about it.

9. Sometimes you have to stop thinking so much and just go where your heart takes you.

10. You don't have to have it all figured out to move forward.

11. Never stop believing because miracles happen every day.

### ON A LIGHTER NOTE:

1. I really think tossing and turning at night should be counted as exercise.

2. Telling an angry woman to calm down works about as well as baptizing a cat.

3. Three-year-olds these days can turn on computers and work every app. Me? When I was 3, I ate mud.

4. I do not "rise and shine." I usually caffeinate and hope for the best.

5. They say you're only as old as you feel. I think I may be an exhumed mummy or something.

6. Not only did I fall off the diet wagon, I dragged it into the woods, set it on fire and used the insurance money to buy Twinkies.

7. "Do what you love and money will follow." Ate pizza, drank beer, took a five-hour nap, and took selfies with my dog . . . Now, I wait.

8. Brain cells, hair cells, and skin cells – they all die constantly, but freaking fat cells seem to have eternal life.

9. I googled my symptoms. Turned out I just needed to go camping.

10. The sad part of getting old is . . . You stay young on the inside, but nobody can tell anymore.

Make someone smile today!

## ACCTS School Supply Giveaway

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year for the Area Churches honoring Christ Together in Service (ACCTS) School Supply Giveaway. The first 13 years have averaged over 90 students served each year. This year's signups are being held in Shoals at the Shoals Library and the Hoosier Uplands/WIC office and in Loogootee at the Loogootee Library and the St. Vincent De Paul store. The School Supply Giveaway is for those Loogootee and Shoals students in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade (2017-2018 school year) needing assistance. A parent or guardian must sign up students between Monday, May 8 and Friday, May 26.

Loogootee and Shoals students signed up by May 26 will receive their school supplies in the classroom on the first day of school.



## Donation for the animals

-Photo provided

Hawkins Health Care recently did a donation drive for the Martin County Humane Society by offering a consultation to customers for a donation of dog or cat food. Shown above are Blake Callahan and Audrey Gaines, with Hawkins Health, sitting with the donations for the shelter.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Sons of the Revolution meeting

Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter will hold their quarterly meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at the Free Methodist Church on R Street in Bedford. Times are 6 p.m. for dinner and 7 p.m. for the meeting. They will be inducting new members into the Chapter.

### Chamber of Commerce meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, May 17, at noon, at the Martin County Courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to anyone interested in the work of the chamber.

### AL-ANON meetings



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of April, the veteran service officer assisted eight veterans, had one meetings, and visited the Legion's and VFW's in Crane, Loogootee, Shoals. The veterans' van took nine trips transporting nine veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I currently have only three drivers for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for Veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

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. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.

### 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.

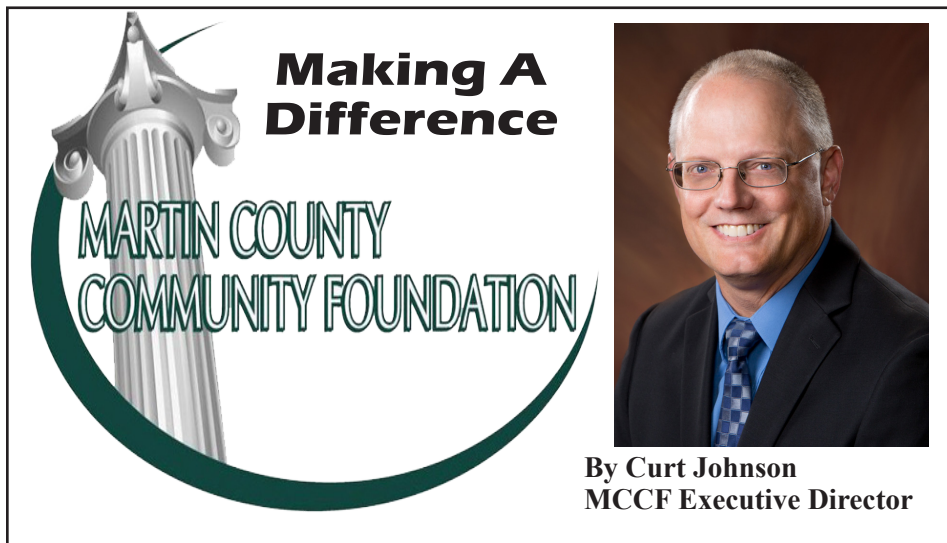
### Tourism meetings

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.





-- ONE TO MANY --

“One to many.” What do you think of when you hear that phrase? You may just be thinking “One WHAT to many WHAT?” Or an old memory of a mathematics test may have raised its ugly head. Maybe a computer database design comes to mind. Or you may remember an organizational structure or process model that you helped develop or tried to understand. It could be any number of things.

-- RELATIONSHIPS --

Last week I talked about how even giving one moment of your time to help someone else can multiply to impact many others. Whatever it is, I can guarantee it’s about a relationship of that “one” and how it impacts the many.

That is one of the fundamentals of funds created with the Martin County Community Foundation – how the generosity of one donor can positively impact the lives of many others, forever. These funds (endowments) are designed to last essentially forever, giving back to the community for generations to come.

-- STAYING INVOLVED --

Some donors wish to have some input on how and where the fund payouts are used. A “donor advised fund”, as I’ve discussed in previous columns, allows for this kind of donor involvement. The donor(s) work with the MCCF staff to identify ways of using the dollars from their fund to address the issues and needs they care about most.

-- A LASTING MEMORY --

One such “donor advised fund” is the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund, created in the loving memory of Ed and Alyssa Kerns’ son who passed away in an accident the day before his first birthday. With this

fund, Carter leaves a memory and a legacy that will forever improve the lives of children in Martin County.

-- FOR THE KIDS --

This year Ed and Alyssa were bothered that some children in our community aren’t able to have a nutritional meal on the weekend, after the school week where they get good lunches. One group they saw addressing this issue is the New Beginnings Community Church. Under the guidance of Ina Patterson, the church and other community members prepare around 200 meals every Saturday and deliver them to homes all over Martin County.

-- ONE TO MANY --

So, the Kerns’ found a way that their Carter can still impact many lives. They decided that this year the New Beginnings kids’ lunch program is where that impact will be made. By advising that \$1,000 of the fund payout go to this much-needed program, Ed and Alyssa know that Carter’s smile will spread to many other tiny faces. This is reinforced with the smiles and shouts of welcome each time that Ina, Pastor Ernie Canell, his wife Shirley, and others walk up to the kids’ homes with their lunch. Ed and Alyssa know that Carter’s smile continues on and is seen in each of those 200 kids’ faces.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF and endowment funds, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm), follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](http://www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccommunity-foundation](http://www.facebook.com/mccommunity-foundation).

# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown  
Martin County Purdue  
Extension Educator

Performing Arts Festival

The 2017 Martin County 4-H Performing Arts Festival was held on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Martin County Fairgrounds. A group act by the Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club entitled “Little Red Hen” found Melanie Hawkins teaching Sebastain White about the Read a Book 4-H project by reading a story to him. Meanwhile other members of the club acted as the characters in the book. Kanton Dearwester performed a musical act singing “The Star Spangled Banner” and Lillie Bauer, Olivia Harker and Emma Holt tap danced to “Mom” by Megan Trainor. All three acts did a great job and are eligible to move on to the area 3 contest. The area contest will be at the Jasper Arts Center on May 12 at 7 p.m.

Club Meetings

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

Jolly Jug Rox—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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building starting January 9.

Upcoming Events

- Livestock weigh-ins
- Swine: May 13, 2017, 9-11 a.m.
- Poultry: June 17, 2017, 9-11 a.m.
- Become a Volunteer

Volunteers for 4-H have the unique opportunity to grow true leaders in our community. Volunteering can be as active as leading a 4-H club or just helping out at fair time. Volunteers learn educational programs to take out to community youth. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please call the Purdue Extension Martin County office at (812) 295-2412.



Kanton Dearwester of the Jolly Juniors 4-H Club sang “The Star Spangled Banner”



Emma Holt, Olivia Harker, and Lillie Bauer tap danced to “Mom” by Megan Trainor.



-Photo provided

Pictured left to right are Pastor Ernie Canell, with wife Shirley, and Ina Patterson (Program Coordinator) receiving a \$1,000 grant check from Alyssa and Ed Kerns.



Jolly Jug Rox 4-H Club performing “Little Red Hen.” In the front row, from left to right, are Dixie Riggins (pig), Lillie Bauer (dog), Emma Holt (chick), Olivia Harker (chick), Melanie Hawkins, and Sebastian White. In the back row are Luke troutman (goat) and Alysse Wadsworth (hen).





**In the Garden**  
By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Water, water everywhere...well nearly everywhere. Heavy rains and flood waters have resulted in saturated soils in many areas. Just like human cells, plant cells need oxygen to survive. Unlike humans, most plants do not get the oxygen they need from the air. The roots of plants take up oxygen from the soil. When the soil is saturated, the water displaces the air in pockets in the soil. If plants are deprived of oxygen for long enough, the cells essentially drown. The amount of time a plant can survive in saturated soil varies greatly. Some plants will die after just a few hours, while others may be able to survive for several days. Some plants actually thrive in such situations.

The problems in southern Indiana this week go beyond saturated soils. Many areas have been inundated for several days, while others were flooded for a while, just to have the waters recede and come back a few days later. That will mean disaster for many plants. Even if one clears the leaves of the mud that remains when the waters go down, the damage from prolonged submersion will result in death. Many bottomland fields will have to be re-planted and some landscapes will have to be re-designed.

There is not much that can be done to save plants that have been submerged for long periods now, but one may plan for future rainy periods. For landscapes in low-lying areas, one may choose plants that can withstand periods of flooding or saturated soils. The list will include many native plants, including the winterberry holly that I have touted as a great plant to add winter interest to the garden. Other good choices are members of the mallow family, including hardy hibiscus. After all, the marsh mallow was a plant long before it was a s'mores ingredient. Bald cypress trees often inhabit marshy areas, but be aware that trees from northern nurseries may not have the same tolerance for flooded

areas as southern-grown trees.

At Sandhill Gardens, the effects of the rainy period were mainly the inability to get work done in the gardens. Walking on saturated soils will result in soil compaction, so allow time after the rain for the soil to drain. Even on high hills like Sandhill, there are areas where water will pond. Last year, I installed a rain garden in such a location, using plants that will survive periods of flooding and saturated soils and rock mulches to create a filtration system for the run-off water. I am happy to report that the water garden worked as planned.

One of the reasons that saturated soils cause such problems in our area is the prevalence of clay soils. Clay holds water and that means that the air pockets in the soil are filled. One way to prepare for future rainy periods is to add organic matter to the soil. Compost will improve soil drainage and will prevent soils from becoming saturated.

While Sandhill Gardens has mostly a clay loam soil, most of the areas where I garden have been amended with compost for many years and bark mulch has been allowed to break down into more organic material. The result has been that the clay loam has been transformed into soil with good tilth and that allows rain to drain well yet holds enough moisture for the plants to grow.

Mother's Day weekend is often called the black Friday of spring. Since it is also near the May 10 frost-free date for our area, nurseries and garden centers see a surge in shoppers. Much to the dismay of florists, the tradition of corsages and bouquets of cut flowers has become a time to buy Mom a beautiful plant to add to her garden or enjoy in a container for the summer. For me, I look around Sandhill Gardens and see many plants that I gave my mother for past Mother's Days. Precious memories are strong in the garden.

## Applications open for Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy

BY CHERI FREDERICK  
Purdue University News Service

High school students are invited to apply for the Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy, which offers participants an opportunity to learn more about the dairy industry.

The program provides career exploration through travel, tours and interaction with industry leaders and professionals.

Participants develop communication, problem-solving and leadership skills to bring positive changes to the dairy industry.

The top 14 delegates will be selected based on their leadership and a written application. Judging will be done by a panel of industry and Purdue Extension representatives. Upon acceptance in the Academy, delegates must pay a fee of \$150.

Eligibility requirements are:

\* Must be a student in grades 10-12

by September 1, 2017.

\* Currently enrolled in 4-H.  
\* Commit to weekly activities from September 2017 to August 2018.

\* Not exhibiting animals at the World Dairy Expo during the current year.

\* Not participating in the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest during the year.

Applications and more information can be found at [www.extension.purdue.edu/dairy/](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/dairy/).

Applications must be submitted by June 15 to Kelly Heckaman at [kheckaman@purdue.edu](mailto:kheckaman@purdue.edu) or mailed to the Indiana 4-H Dairy Youth Academy, 202 W. Main St., Warsaw, IN 46580.

Sponsors of the Dairy Youth Academy are the Purdue Extension Dairy Youth Activities Council, the American Dairy Association of Indiana Inc., Indiana Dairy Producers and NorthStar Cooperative Inc., Fair Oaks Farms, Diamond V, and Merck Animal Health.

## New state ORV helmet law takes effect July 1

Effective July 1, state law will require children under age 18 to wear an approved helmet when riding any off-road vehicle (ORV) on public or private property in Indiana, including Interlake and Redbird state recreation areas.

House Enrolled Act 1200, which was signed into law by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb on April 26, means changes to the rules at the two off-road-riding properties owned and operated by the Department of Natural Resources, Redbird and Interlake. Redbird SRA is near Linton, and Interlake SRA is near Lynnville.

Both properties previously required children and adults to wear approved helmets when riding all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and dirt bikes but not when riding side-by-side ORVs equipped with roll bars or overhead protection. HEA 1200 applies to both ATVs and side-by-side ORVs. The new law will add the requirement that children in side-by-side ORVs wear approved helmets.

Currently the DNR riding properties do not require children or adults to wear approved helmets when riding side-by-side ORVs, but the DNR recommends everyone wear approved helmets when doing any off-road riding.

Under the new law, owners of ORVs who allow children younger than age 18 to ride their ORV on public or private property without wearing an approved helmet can be charged with a Class C infraction, which carries a

maximum penalty of \$500.

"Approved helmets" are those that meet U.S. Department of Transportation standards.

Redbird and Interlake will not have helmets available for borrow or rent. Visitors who want their children to be allowed to ride ATVs at those properties will need to bring the proper amount of approved helmets with them in order to access the properties.

Once inside either property, violators of the new law will be subject to penalties, as well as expulsion from the property.

To prepare for the change and to maximize safety of children, Redbird and Interlake property manager Carman Jackson recommends customers acquire approved children's helmets and have their children start wearing them before July 1.

"Having children wear helmets before July 1 will allow plenty of time to figure out the correct sizing for children's helmets and for children's neck muscles to acclimate to supporting the weight of the helmet before getting into the hilly terrain at our properties," Jackson said.

The new law does not affect the riders of snowmobiles, which do not fall under the legal definition of ORV per Indiana Code 14-8-2-185.

For more information about Redbird SRA, see [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4225.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4225.htm). For more information about Interlake SRA, see [dnr.IN.gov/4226.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/4226.htm).

## Indiana deer hunters donate to feed hungry Hoosiers

Deer hunters donated more than 65,000 pounds of venison in 2016-17 to feed Indiana's hungry through the Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund, according to the DNR Law Enforcement division.

The Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund administered by DNR Law Enforcement provides grants to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, Hunters and Farmers Feeding the Hungry, and the Dubois County Sportsmen Club to pay for processing fees when hunters donate legally harvested deer.

The participating organizations notify food banks throughout Indiana when venison is ready to be collected from certified Sportsmen Benevolence Fund butchers. The food banks distribute venison to soup kitchens and food pantries to feed hungry citizens. The average cost per meal is 35 cents.

In the 2016-17 hunting season, hunters donated 1,307 deer that were processed into 65,443 pounds of venison, which equates to 261,772 meals.

"Once again, the Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund has met its objectives" DNR Director Cameron F. Clark. "With the Fund's support and the generosity of Indiana deer hunters, citizens in need will be able to prepare healthy meals with low-fat, high-protein venison."

The totals are comparable to the 2105-16 donations of 1,333 deer and 67,356 pounds of venison.

"It's evident that the desire to donate to this program by our deer hunters continues to be strong," said Col. Danny L. East, director of DNR Law Enforcement. "Our Indiana deer hunters continue to be valuable partners in carrying out our mission and our programs."

State Sen. Michael Crider, who developed the Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund when he was director of DNR Law Enforcement, said, "This program provides an opportunity for Indiana hunters to enjoy the outdoors and provide for fellow citizens in need."

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# Follow these tips for a safer drive during planting season

BY DARRIN PACK

Purdue University News Service

With planting season underway throughout Indiana, a Purdue Extension agricultural safety and health specialist is urging motorists and farmers alike to use caution when travelling on rural roadways.

"There is a shared responsibility for making sure our roadways remain safe," said Bill Field, professor of agricultural and biological engineering. "There are certain times of year when farm vehicles will be more prevalent, such as spring planting and fall harvest, and motorists need to recognize that and exercise patience."

Field said modern farm vehicles have more safety equipment than previous models, including better lighting, but the individual vehicles are much larger and pose a greater danger in a collision. Tractors, planters, sprayers and other farm equipment can be two to three times the height of passenger vehicles, weigh up to 40,000 pounds, and take up more than a lane of a traffic.

"What appears to be happening is that we are seeing more severe injuries to motorists who run into vehicles much larger than their own," Field said. "For many drivers, speed is of the essence, and that is not a good match for these slower-moving farm vehicles."

Farm vehicles typically travel at 20-25 mph, about half the speed of passenger vehicles on state and county highways. Slamming on the brakes

to avoid a slow-moving farm vehicle could cause a chain-reaction collision.

Although there are fewer farm vehicles on the road than in previous years, farmers are now traveling greater distances between fields, meaning their vehicles are on the road for longer periods, Field said.

"Farmers need to take a look at where their fields are located and maybe think about better ways to transport their equipment, including the use of trailers and escort vehicles," he said.

Farmers should also be aware that changing legal standards mean they could be held liable for traffic accidents involving their vehicles, with potentially devastating financial implications, Field said.

"Thirty years ago, it was rare to see farmers sued for accidents, but these days there is a greater expectation that farmers have greater responsibility and could be at fault," he said.

Field offers tips to keep both motorists and farmers safer on the road throughout the growing season.

For motorists:

- \* Be aware - Watch for roadway obstructions like slow-moving farm vehicles and avoid distracted driving behaviors, such as texting.

- \* Slow down - Especially when passing through agricultural areas.

- \* Keep your distance - drivers should allow at least 3 seconds' distance from any vehicle they are following.

- \* Pass with care - Pass only on straightaways with good visibility, and make sure the farm vehicle is not

swinging wide to make a left turn.

- \* Be patient - In heavy traffic conditions, farmers are expected to pull over and let other vehicles pass but only if conditions are safe to do so.

For farmers:

- \* Don't park trucks on side of a main road while loading grain.

- \* Make sure all farm vehicles are clearly marked with "slow vehicle" signage.

- \* Make sure all vehicle lights are operating.

- \* Consider using escort vehicles and trailers to transport farm equipment over longer distances.

## Purdue Extension flood resources available for homeowners, farmers

BY DARRIN PACK

Purdue University News Service

With persistent, often heavy rainfall triggering flood alerts throughout Indiana during the last week of April and first week of May, many Hoosiers were concerned about possible damage to homes and newly planted grain crops.

In response, Purdue University's Extension Disaster Education Network has compiled a list of online resources that could help Indiana homeowners and farmers coping with the storms' aftermath.

The Flood Resources page, available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/eden/Pages/flood-info.aspx>, provides links to informational materials from a number of agencies, including Purdue Extension, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Board of Animal Health, said Abby Hostetler, Extension disaster specialist.

"No one expects to be affected by a

disaster, but disasters can affect anyone," Hostetler said. "Purdue Extension resources can help homeowners guard against flooding and educate themselves on the proper steps to recovery in the event their home is affected by flood waters."

During the floods of 2015, EDEN produced a website with additional resources for homeowners and farmers. The site is available at <https://ag.purdue.edu/extension/eden/floods/Pages/default.aspx> and covers topics ranging from cleaning up flooded basements to managing crops in unusually wet conditions.


The heavy rainfall in recent weeks has led to school closings and advisories for motorists to avoid high standing water in roadways.

Ken Scheeringa, associate state climatologist based at Purdue, said he had seen daily rainfall totals of more than 8 inches in Dubois and Pike counties and two-week totals of nearly 13 inches in Pike and Posey counties. The average monthly precipitation for April in southwest Indiana generally is 3.90 inches.

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## LHS Girls' Tennis results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Tennis teams matched up against Bloomfield at home last night, Tuesday, May 9. The varsity Lions defeated the Lady Cardinals 4-1 and the junior varsity also took the win, 2-0.

"After a tough weekend, it was nice to see #1 doubles get back on track. They got off to good start and finished the match strong. It is nice to get to that 10-win plateau for the second consecutive year," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

The teams next take on White River Valley this Thursday at home.

### Varsity results

#1 Singles Felicity Graf (B) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-0, 6-3

#2 Singles Katie Sims (L) defeated Malea Toon 6-0, 6-4

#3 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Kasidee Stahl 8-6, 6-2

#1 Doubles Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway (L) defeated Kendra Gadberry/Kayla Linthicum 6-2, 6-2

#2 Doubles Abbie Williams/Kashten Burch (L) defeated Maizy Gilliland/E.J. Priest 6-1, 6-2

### Junior varsity results

#1 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Taylor Rollison/Nicole Kilzer 4-1

#2 Doubles Rachel Robinson/Hope Fischer (L) defeated aylor Rollison/Nicole Kilzer 4-2

The Loogootee Girls' Varsity Tennis team competed in the Jasper Invitational on Friday and Saturday of last week. Two rounds were played Friday, May 5, and one round was played Saturday, May 6 (four-hour rain delay at the start of final round)

### Final results

- 54 Jasper (J)
- 35 Silver Creek (SC)
- 25 New Albany (NA)
- 22 Paoli (P)
- 21 Gibson Southern (GS)
- 19 Jeffersonville (Jeff)
- 13 Loogootee (L)
- 11 Alexandria (A)

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the competition, "I was pleased with the way Emily Wade battled all weekend. She played over six hours of tennis in her three matches and was just a point or two away from winning all three. Overall, I think we played better than our 7th place result. Playing this kind of competition can only make you better as a team."

### #1 Singles

Round 1: Melaina Tippery defeated Lindsie Chaplin (A) 6-3, 3-6, 1-0, (2)

Round 2: Sarah Monesmith (J) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-2, 6-0

Round 3: Ashley Less (SC) defeated Melaina Tippery 5-7, 7-5, 1-0 (3)

### #2 Singles

Round 1: Suchi Bandaru (J) defeated Katie Sims 6-0, 6-0

Round 2: Anna Graves (SC) defeated Katie Sims 6-4, 6-1

Round 3: Katie Sims (L) defeated Taylor Marshall (Jasper JV) 6-3, 6-1

### #3 Singles

Round 1: Emma Ellis (Jeff) defeated Emily Wade 7-5, 7-6 (4)

Round 2: Sara Vanlsenburg (NA) defeated Emily Wade 7-5, 7-5

Round 3: Emily Wade (L) defeated Hadley Myers (Jasper JV) 6-3, 5-7, 1-0 (4)

Emily Wade 7th place.

### #1 Doubles

Round 1: Dhanapal/Yellina (NA) defeated Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway 6-4, 6-2

Round 2: Greenwell/Graper (GS) defeated Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway 6-0, 6-2

Round 3: Elliott/Engleking (P) defeated Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway 6-3, 6-7 (4), 1-0 (4)

Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway 8th place.

### #2 Doubles

Round 1: Kashten Burch/Abbie Williams (L) defeated May/Sanders (P) 7-6 (3), 6-1

Round 2: Boone/Zimmerman (SC) defeated Kashten Burch/Abbie Williams 6-3, 6-3

Round 3: Seger/Messmer (J) defeated Kashten Burch/Abbie Williams 6-0, 6-1

Kashten Burch/Abbie Williams 5th place.

Last Tuesday, May 2, the girls took on Vincennes Rivet at home. The varsity Lady Lions were defeated 1-4 and the junior varsity girls tied 2-2.

"This was the case of two evenly matched teams squaring off. Rivet played better at key moments and the end of each set to get the victory against us," said Coach Tippery.

### Varsity results

#1 Singles Anna Donovan (VR) defeated Katie Sims 7-5, 7-6 (0)

#2 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Faith Herman 6-2, 6-0

#3 Singles Bella Atkinson (VR) defeated Emily Wade (L) 6-4, 6-3

#1 Doubles Madeline Halter/Izzie Finch (VR) defeated Eden Jenkins/Breanna Hollaway 2-6, 6-3, 7-5

#2 Doubles Christina Smith/Macee Hamilton (VR) defeated Kashten Burch/Madisyn Wade 6-4, 6-3

### Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Abbie Williams defeated Isabel Miller 6-0

#2 Singles Nicole Sterling (VR) defeated Victoria Ringgaard 6-2

#1 Doubles Elly Wagler/Rachel Robinson (L) defeated Isabel Miller/Lexi Worland

#2 Doubles Nicole Sterling/Lexi Worland defeated Alicja Ackermann/Claire Kunovich 6-1



**Students, staff of the month** -Photo provided

Loogootee Elementary recently chose their students and staff member of the month for April. In the front row, from left to right, are Rhett Whitney, Julianna Baker, Peyton Blackwell, Reese Gibson, and Gabriella Osborne. In the second row, from left to right, are Dax Lee, Avery Brock, Mrs. Donna Rayhill, Cora Ausbrooks, and Luke Guy. Not pictured were Serenity Wildman, Isabel Smith and Alex Merkley.

## Lions walk past Mitchell

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

Utilizing their usual strong pitching and super solid defense, the Softball Lions walked away with a 13-0, five-inning victory over Mitchell Tuesday night at Costello Field. Sydney Davis had another strong outing in the circle to pick up her 18th win in 20 tries, striking out six, walking one and scattering three hits.

Loogootee took advantage of the 14 walks issued by the Mitchell trio of hurlers, including seven in the first inning, combined with doubles by Julianne Bell and Emily Brookshire, to jump out 10-0 after 1 inning. Emily Thomas provided the power, and the two runs, in the second inning. After Shelby Graber reached via a base on balls, Thomas hit the 1-1 offering from Mitchell pitcher, Tyler Mattingly, off the top of the Costello Field scoreboard

to make the score 12-0 Lions.

After the second inning, Loogootee sent a parade of pinch hitters to the plate, and scored a run in the fifth as Tyanna Graber reached via a walk. Shalyn Bruner dropped a great bunt, and beat the throw, for an infield hit. Davis helped her cause with a single up the middle, before Maelee Hawkins ripped a single up the middle to score Graber.

Chelsie Sutton opened her Varsity career with a nice play on the first play of the game as Cierra Cox hit a hard grounder to the Lions shortstop who fielded the ball cleanly and fired the ball over to first for the first out of the game.

Mayson Riley and Emily Brookshire combined to make a difficult play at first look easy and the outfield play of Calli Winger and Shelby Graber preserved the Lions 8th shutout of the year.

## Little League, DCS family fun night

In conjunction with the Loogootee Little League, the local Department of Child Services (DCS) office is planning a family fun night for Friday, May 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the gravel lot by the batting cages at the Little League fields. If your child is not currently scheduled to play a game on Friday, May 19, the Little League asks that you bring your child up to ball field for a fun time.

DCS has worked hard over the past months to plan activities and giveaways for the area children that participate in Loogootee Little League. DCS has reached out to local law enforcement, fire department, and area businesses to help inform parents and children about what is available in our community as well as some important information that all should be aware of.

The following vehicles will be on site for both children and parents to view; the Martin County Sheriff's Department Humvee, Green Machine, and Indiana State Trooper Jared Lents new vehicle. Judge Lynn Ellis will be speaking, Sparky from the Loogootee Fire Department will be onsite, and local law enforcement officers will be

doing a K-9 presentation. DCS will also be having cookies made by Tina Crane and snow cones. Along with the aforementioned activities, there are many other organizations that will be in attendance as well and possibly (weather permitting and availability) inflatables from Ader's Inflatable Fun and the Loogootee Fire Department's Smokebox.

## Shoals Schools upcoming events

Awards Night - Wednesday, May 24 at 6 p.m.

Graduation Ceremony - Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m.

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