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LHS Top 10 Seniors honored by Tri Kappa

This year would have been the 11th Annual Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it had to be cancelled. Members of the local Tri Kappa chapter sponsor this event every year. In preparation for the dinner, each Top 10 student is asked to name their mentor and prepare a short essay about their mentor and how they have influenced them in their lives.

The honored students, their parents and their chosen mentors were, respectively, Elly Wagler, daughter of James and Shannon Wagler, mentor Jolene McAtee; Sarah Wagler, daughter of Jennifer Wagler, mentor Cassie David; Garrett Williams, son of Brian and Jennifer Williams, mentor Shelley Christmas; Christopher Jones, son of Michael and Kristy Jones, mentor Jarrod Rose; Hannah Bailey, daughter of Carroll and Alisha Bailey, mentor Lindsey Walton; Melaina Tippery, daughter of Mike and Brandy Tippery, also her mentors; Ariana Gomez, daughter of Rhonda Hawkins and David Gomez, also her mentors; Makenzie Wagoner, daughter of Mary Wagoner, mentor Katie Cawood; Danielle Abel, daughter of Dale Abel and Jamie Truelove, mentor Kayla Abel; Kaitlyn Bruner, daughter of Patrick and Michelle Bruner, mentor Marie Hawkins.

The students had been asked to write a letter to the person whom they had chosen as their mentor telling them why they had made a positive influence on them. The letter was included on a framed Cer-

tificate of Appreciation which the student is asked to present to the mentor. Each student also received a copy of the framed letter and an embroidered laundry bag to take to college. Since the letters did not get presented at a dinner this year, we have compiled them to include in this article.

Tri Kappa works each year to promote charity, culture and education. Tri Kappa donates to many organizations and activities around the state and county. They budget funds for the Loogootee School activities, including a scholarship and valedictorian and salutatorian awards. The funds for the donations are raised through the birthday calendar and assorted nut projects the chapter conducts each fall. On behalf of the chapter, President Katie Milligan would like to congratulate the students on their academic achievements in high school and wish them the best in the future from the members of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa.

The following are the essays:

I've chosen both my parents as my mentors. My parents have always been there to support me in everything I do. They made it to all my dance recitals, soccer games, and basketball games when I was little, and have made it to all of my tennis matches and band concerts throughout high school. Not only do they support me in my activities, but they also support me with my schoolwork as well. They always try their best to help me out when I'm struggling with something homework related. They've been there for me through all the ups and downs of high school and have taught me some important life lessons. The three most important

to me are that sometimes the right thing to do isn't always the easiest, if you don't put in the work for change, then nothing will change; and to choose kindness all the time. These are things that I

will strive to live by and I hope to pass on to my own children someday.

Melania Tippery, Class of 2020
Daughter of Mike and Brandy Tippery

I have chosen my parents as my mentors. Even though I do not live with both of my parents at the same time, they have both played a big role in shaping me into the person I am today. They have always supported me in everything I do, even if sometimes I didn't make the best decisions. Not only have they pushed me to do well in school, they have also helped me grow to become a better person. I have always considered my parents as my role models, and they have taught me things that I will continue to carry with me throughout life. If it wasn't for them, I definitely would not be as successful as I am today. No matter what the situation may be, they always have my back and are there to help however they can. They have both been such a big part of my life and I am truly grateful to be blessed with the best parents.

Ariana Gomez, Class of 2020
Daughter of Rhonda Hawkins and David Gomez

I chose my great Aunt Marie Hawkins as my mentor. She has been a very influential person in my life, especially in my early teens. My Aunt Marie taught me many morals in life such as how to have good work ethic and how to push myself not to give up. She has achieved and

pursued nearly all of her ambitions and I would love to be able to do the same. My aunt is someone who has never given up on her dreams such as skydiving, traveling the world, and owning her own business. I used to work for her business and in my time working with her I learned how to listen and give respect to my elders along with teaching me skills such as parallel parking, trimming trees, mowing, and many more. I want to thank her for many needed morals through work and being my aunt. I love the stories she shares with me and I look forward to sharing my future stories with her.

Kaitlyn Bruner, Class of 2020
Daughter of Patrick and Michelle Bruner

I met Lindsey Walton five years ago when she directed the musical "Annie" when I was a young kid, dreaming of a career in theater. Ever since that time, Lindsey has fostered and encouraged my love for the theater and is always positive, kind, and passionate. She is completely dedicated to each production she puts on, pouring her heart into her work, and it definitely shows in the final product. After five years of knowing Lindsey, the impact on my life she has had is immeasurable. She has opened so many doors for me that I never would have imagined I could walk through, and she continually looks for ways to help others. Lindsey is a wonderful director and even inspired me to become a director myself. She brings out the best in everyone in a cast and she is the glue that holds every show together. Without Lindsey in my life, I would not be the person I am today; she has taught

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ELECTION 2020

The 2020 Primary Election that was scheduled for May 5, 2020 has been postponed until Tuesday, June 2, 2020 by order of Governor Holcomb.

You must have a photo ID to match your voter registration address in order to vote in person. You can call the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651 or go to www.Indianavoters.com to check status of your registration.

In-office absentee voting will start May 26, 2020 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The last chance to vote absentee in the clerk's office will be Monday, June 1 from 8 a.m. until noon.

You can request an application to vote by mail at any time by calling the clerk's office at 812-247-3651 or you can get application online at www.Indianavoters.com. The last day to send out an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday, May 21.

To help with overcrowding, the Martin County Election Board has moved the precincts of Lost River, South Center and Southeast Halbert from St. Mary's Church to the Shoals American Legion. All other precincts remain the same.

The clerk's office will be looking for poll workers. These are paid positions. Anyone interested in being a poll worker can contact the Martin County Clerk's Office 812-247-3651.

Shoals Council discusses mobile home ordinance, security camera vandalism

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Shoals Town Council met Monday night, May 11. All council members were present. The main topic discussed was a request from Bobby Holt who wanted to move a mobile home onto a lot he owns on Second Street. Holt said he purchased a 60-foot, 1972-model mobile home from Kevin Boyd. Council Member Cary Albright asked what the town ordinance says on this issue. Council Member Cecil Ragsdale replied that ordinance 2019-1 states that a mobile home is not allowed on a lot that did not previously have a mobile home in place. The lot in question did not. Ragsdale noted that this is the fourth time the council has had to turn down a request for a mobile home in town and they are trying to get away from mobile homes. He noted that the area in question is also a flood plain.

Council Member Albright agreed saying the town council is trying to meet state and federal regulations which prohibit installing water and sewer lines in a flood plain.

Holt was asked if he owns the lot behind the property in question. Holt replied that he does. It was noted that this lot does have a current mobile home and that Holt can move it out, clean up the

property and come back to the council to request having the purchased mobile home moved into that lot. They told Holt to talk to Kevin Boyd and see if they can get that worked out. The council noted they have been working with Boyd to get his trailers moved off of his property in town and get the area cleaned up. The deadline to do that was supposed to be

March 1.

In other business, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge said that she spoke to Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, about the town's master utility plan. Hunt said a formal rate study needs to be done first. Rutledge said they have a quote from a company to do the study. The council

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Young hawks

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Shown above are young red-shouldered hawks. The female adult hawk remains with young most of time for first 1-3 weeks after they hatch. The male brings food and the female feeds it to nestlings. The young leave the nest at about 5-7 weeks after hatching, and are fed by parents for another 8-10 weeks.

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told the clerk-treasurer to work on getting more quotes and report back.

Rutledge also noted that Hunt said he is getting bids together for the work to be done with the Community Crossings grant money.

The council approved \$400 for landscaping rock and \$1,000 for other landscaping supplies needed for the Beautification Board.

The council approved a declaration making May 29 the Class of 2020 Honorary Day. The town has events planned for the day (See article on page 7)

The council approved purchasing a "no outlet" sign to place on the street next to the Jug Rock. It was noted that the traffic is heavy in that area and causing problems.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge told the council that they received 94 responses by mail and 362 responses electronically to the banking survey. The survey was created to get resident feedback on banking in Shoals, as the council is working to get another firm to relocate to Shoals since Old National closed.

The council approved re-opening the ballpark and playground on May 24, per the governor's guidelines. The re-open date is subject to change if the situation warrants.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge noted that the Catfish Festival, typically held the week of Independence Day, has been moved to July 31 through August 2. She said the reason was due to possible changes in the state's reopening down the road. The festival committee wanted to go out far enough in scheduling to avoid having to cancel the event altogether.

The clerk-treasurer also reported that

one of the security cameras at the ballpark was vandalized. One of the other cameras caught the vandals hitting the camera with a baseball bat. The police department is currently working to identify the culprits. The clerk-treasurer said the vandalism happened in daylight hours and was more than one individual. Rutledge said she is currently working to get a price for a replacement camera.

Rutledge reminded the council that a dumpster will be at town hall starting Thursday for the town residents to do spring cleanup. The dumpster will be picked up by the trash company on Sunday.

Rutledge said her office is in the process of sending out letters to residents who are behind on their water bill. She said the governor put an order in place preventing anyone from being disconnected however that order will end eventually. Rutledge said they didn't want residents to receive a large bill and end up getting their water turned off. The letter tells residents to call into town hall to make a plan for repaying their balance.

The clerk-treasurer also asked permission for town hall to be closed daily from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch and for trips to Loogootee for banking. The council approved. The clerk-treasurer also asked the council members to be on the lookout for any used vehicles that can be purchased for town workers to travel to the bank in Loogootee. She said she doesn't care what the vehicle looks like, as long as it can make daily trips to Loogootee.

The council approved renaming Street No. 1 to West 1st Street. Residents on the street have had issues with getting packages delivered due to the non-standard address.

As testing increases, COVID-19 cases climb

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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As of today, Wednesday, May 13, Martin County still has had seven positive cases of COVID-19 and zero deaths. As of today, 97 Martin County residents have been tested. Dubois County has had 66 positive cases and two deaths and had 406 residents tested. Daviess County has had 56 positive cases, 15 deaths and 475 residents tested. Lawrence County has had 124 positive cases, 16 deaths and 747 residents tested. Greene County has had 151 positive cases, 17 deaths and 629 residents tested. Orange County has had 118 positive cases, 18 deaths and 437 residents tested.

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb laid out a plan to get Indiana back open from COVID-19, in phases. Beginning on May 24, retail stores and malls are allowed to move to 75 percent capacity but community areas, such as food courts, will be still limited to 50 percent capacity. Gyms, playgrounds, basketball courts, public pools, and campgrounds will be allowed to open, still practicing social distancing guidelines. Movie theaters can also re-open at 50 percent capacity. Bars, nightclubs, sports venues, and all school facilities will remain closed. Also, nursing homes will remain closed to visitors and groups up to 100 people are allowed to gather.

On June 14, state government building access restrictions will be lifted, professional office buildings can resume work at full capacity, retail stores and malls can open at full capacity, restaurant dining rooms can move to 75 percent capacity and bars may open at 50 percent capacity. Also, cul-

tural, entertainment and tourism businesses can open at 50 percent capacity, along with amusement parks. Large events, such as conventions, sporting events, fairs, festivals and parades will remain closed. Nursing homes will still not be allowed to have visitors and will continue to be evaluated.

After July 4, social gatherings with more than 250 people can resume, nursing homes will be evaluated to potentially open back up to visitors, and school operations will be evaluated. All businesses may operate at full capacity.

The timeline on the state's reopen plan is contingent to COVID-19 outbreaks and is subject to change.

The National Guard Armory in Jasper is a local COVID-19 testing site. You can register for a COVID-19 test by appointment only at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> or by calling 888-634-1123.

Individuals must be symptomatic, be a close contact of a positive case, or a symptomatic resident of congregate living settings to be eligible for testing. You will go to the portal and self-report your symptoms using the online screening tool. If you qualify, an option will appear to register for an appointment date and time. There is no charge for testing, however, if you do have private health care insurance, you are asked to bring that to the testing site.

People can expect to get the results within 48 hours. Optum will send a text or email to the patient if the test is negative. A phone call will be given if there is a positive test result.

Visit the ISDH website at <https://coronavirus.IN.gov> for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19 in Indiana.

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me many things, but the most important thing she taught me is how to chase your dreams until they become your reality.

Hannah Bailey, Class of 2020
Daughter of Carroll and Alisha Bailey

I have known Jarrod Rose for almost 2 years now, and he is someone I can't help but look up to. Although I haven't known him for that long, I feel like I have gotten to know him pretty well. Even though he works a full-time job, takes classes during the week, is married and building a house, he still finds the time to help me with no hesitation. He works hard, values family and friends, and there's nothing he wouldn't do for someone that asks. I wouldn't be where I am today if not for Jarrod, nor would I have the same outlook on life had I not gotten the chance to know him.

Christopher Jones, Class of 2020
Son of Michael and Kristy Jones

For my mentor, I chose my grandmother, Jolene McAtee. Jolene has been a part of my academic life all the way from kindergarten to senior year. Growing up, I always saw how she was an active member of our community, and how she was always helping those around her with whatever events they needed planned. My grandma even comes to my school multiple times a day to help teachers with their errands and jobs, especially with our musicals! While there were times that she couldn't get every task done, Jolene put all of her energy, resources, and time into every project she took up. This inspired me as a child to always try my hardest in all areas of my life, and as a result gave me my passion for learning and school. Jolene has also been there for me when I am overwhelmed or stressed about all of my classes and extracurriculars. While she may not always understand what a derivative is or how to break down a limerick, she constantly reminds me that I have the drive and skills to succeed in anything I put my mind to. Her endless love and support means the world to me.

Elly Wagler, Class of 2020
Daughter of James and Shannon Wagler

I have chosen to recognize Shelley Christmas as the most influential mentor in my school career. Throughout my high school career, Mrs. Christmas has pushed me to achieve greater things through her classes, teaching, and positive attitude. She has consistently challenged me in her college level courses, such as Chemistry 105, Chemistry 106, and Anatomy and Physiology. Despite these challenging classes, she always finds a way to make learning lighthearted and fun. Through her teaching I have acquired many useful skills, such as efficient studying, critical thinking, and a hard work ethic. Throughout my final year in high school, Mrs. Christmas has assisted me in the college application process with her experience and knowledge. In addition, she has been invaluable in the process of applying for prestigious scholarships, such as the Wells. Above all, Mrs. Christmas has impacted me due to her ability to believe in me, even when I did not.

Garrett Williams, Class of 2020
Son of Brian and Jennifer Williams

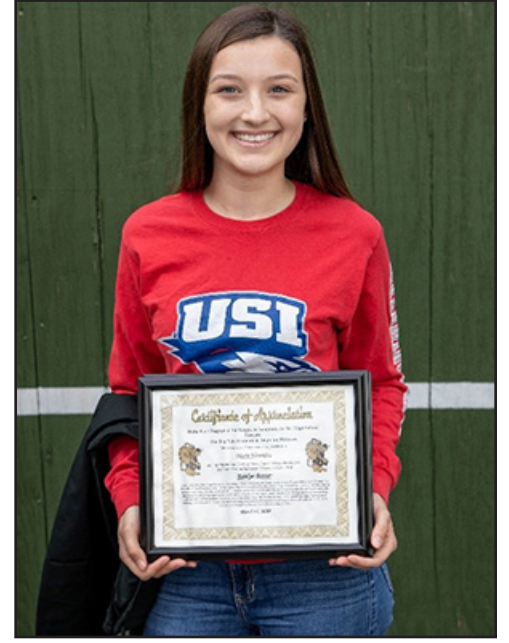
I have chosen my aunt, Cassie David, as my mentor. Cassie has been one of my greatest influences throughout my life. She is someone who would do anything for anyone, which is something I strive to be like as well. She has cheered me on, and she encourages me to continue to reach for my goals. She pushes me to do my best in school and in everything I do. She inspires me to do great things. Cassie is there for me no matter what. When



MELANIA TIPPERY



ARIANA GOMEZ



KAITLYN BRUNER



HANNAH BAILEY



CHRISTOPHER JONES



ELLY WAGLER



GARRETT WILLIAMS



SARAH WAGLER



DANIELLE ABEL

my mother was unable to attend one of my competitions, Cassie traveled with me so I could have someone there. She is a hard-working person. When she wants to achieve something, she does. I got my ambition from her. The way she lives her life motivates me to follow her footsteps. She wants the best for me, and does everything in her power to make sure I have what I need. She's an admirable, reputable woman. The impact she's had on my life is tremendous, and I don't know what I would do without her.

Sarah Wagler, Class of 2020
Daughter of Jennifer Wagler

As I got older, I was always told that as a little girl, I wanted to be just like you. I would follow you around and copy you constantly. However, when it came to school grades, I followed a different path. I know you wouldn't care for me to say this in front of many, but you told me you did not care to try that hard at your grades. However, the reason you are a role model to my top ten spot isn't because of your grades but because of your constant support and guidance. You told me and helped me not to, how you liked to say, make the same mistakes as you did in high school. You would always be

there to let me know that I was doing a good job, and that I should be proud of where I am and where I am going to be. You would always make a point to express my grades and make sure that people knew that you were proud of me. So, I want to say thank you, for not only being a great sister, but for being a great support in my life. I love you.

Danielle Abel, Class of 2020
Mentor: Kayla Abel
Daughter of Dale Abel and Jamie Truelove

My Aunt Katie is someone that I will always be grateful for. She has always supported me no matter what. It would be impossible to list all the ways she has impacted my life. My aunt gave me my passion for photography, teaching kids, and so many other things in life. She is one of the strongest people I know. She suffers from a rare brain disorder that has impacted her daily life. She's had to have brain surgery and has lost most of her vision. But that hasn't stopped her from doing what she loves. She runs her own nature-based preschool from her house while running another business that creates original educational resources. And while doing all of that, she is a mother



MAKENZIE WAGONER

and a wife. Watching her be able to do all of this has inspired me to pursue all of my goals with hard work and dedication. She will forever remain a major contributor to my achievements and success. And I couldn't ask for anyone better to play such a big role in my life.

Makenzie Wagoner, Class of 2020
Mentor: Katie Catwood
Daughter of Mary Wagoner

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 4

2:12 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Reed, Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

7:22 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised All Martin County Law Enforcement.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for assistance in Daviess County. Major Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded with the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

8:53 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check. Major Keller responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident in Loogootee. Major Keller, ISP, Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Haysville. Deputy Wells responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

3:08 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and ISP Detective Lents responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle needing assistance in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County EMS responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

5:33 p.m. - ISP Detective Lents on station with Jacob Fox.

6:35 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check. Deputy Lents responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

9:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

8:34 a.m. - Received a report of a line down in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Frontier responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. The county highway department responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a request to speak with animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:07 p.m. - Received a request for a lock out in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Deputy Barnett took this call.

2:15 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals.

2:38 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check north of Loogootee.

4:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

5:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east toward Shoals. Advised All Martin County Law Enforcement.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of fraud charges. Deputy Lents responded.

8:17 p.m. - Received a report of a scam. Deputy Lents responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

7:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

8:34 a.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Chief Rayhill.

9:31 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a syringe located in Loogootee.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of a water leak east of Shoals. East Fork responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:30 a.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Barnett and Major Keller responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a request to speak to animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:52 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Barnett responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for an unlock. Deputy Barnett responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a for assistance south of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:40 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Gibson responded.

9:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

3:15 a.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer south of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

3:34 a.m. - Received a report of a deer in the road south of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received reports of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Shoals town workers responded.

12:29 p.m. - Received a report of a down power line. REMC responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer. Advised the Loogootee Police Department.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a trash dumped north of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Martin County EMS responded.

3:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Lost River. Martin County EMS, Lost River Fire, Deputy Barnett, and Major Keller responded.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

11:26 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock. Deputy Seymour responded.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

9:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

1:16 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Sergeant Reed, Deputy Barnett, Deputy Wells, ISP Trooper Beaver, and ISP Trooper Wilson responded.

2:12 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County EMS responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a phone line down in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of an abandon trailer north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of live-

stock out south of Shoals. Advised landowner and Deputy Wells responded.

4:39 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputy Wells and Martin County EMS responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

3:18 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident south of Shoals. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Seymour and REMC responded.

10:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

1:33 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and Deputy Wells responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Civil defense responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

4:47 p.m. - Received a request for a vin check. Deputy Wells responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County EMS responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Wells responded.

9:16 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allan, Deputy Lents, Deputy Wells and Sergeant Reed responded.

9:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire, Sergeant Reed, Deputy Wells, and Deputy Lents responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Daviess County EMS responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MAY 4

6:04 p.m. - Steven Truelove, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with reckless driving and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

4:51 a.m. - Robert Roach, 34, of French Lick, was arrested by Sergeant Reed and charged with possession of meth with a weapon and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle. He is being held on a \$30,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

12:30 p.m. - Devon Payne, 28, of Odon, was arrested by Major Keller for a petition to revoke warrant. He is being held on no bond.

12:30 p.m. - Cecorra Holt, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Barnett for a petition to revoke warrant and possession of marijuana. She is being held with no bond.

11:49 p.m. - Nathaniel Pedigo, 19, of Columbus, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Dorsey and charged with reckless driving and possession of marijuana and charged in Daviess County for violent crimes. He is being held in Daviess County.

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10:58 p.m. - Received a report of a semi needing assistance south of Shoals. Deputy Lents and West Baden Police responded.

Pursuit in Lost River leads to meth charges for French Lick man

On Wednesday, May 6 at 3:47 a.m., Sgt. Tyler Reed was on patrol on Rusk Road, near Emmons Ridge Road, when he observed a vehicle commit two moving violations. Sgt. Reed initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle near Spencer Hollow Road. The vehicle turned onto Spencer Hollow and failed to stop. The vehicle then accelerated and fled from Sgt. Reed. Sgt. Reed activated his emergency siren along with his emergency lights and pursued the vehicle. The vehicle blew a tire and it came to a stop between Newlin Lane and Emmons Ridge Road. Sgt. Reed conducted a felony stop and took the driver, Robert G. Roach II, 34, of French Lick, into custody. Deputy Rob Lents arrived to assist.

Sgt. Reed utilized his narcotics-certified K9 Virka for a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K9 Virka gave a positive indication for the odor of narcotics. A search of the vehicle and Roach's person resulted in officers locating methamphetamine, a controlled substance, and a firearm. Roach was transported to the Martin County Security Center without further incident and booked in on the listed charges.

Roach was charged with possession of methamphetamine w/enhancing circumstance (firearm), a Level 5 Felony; resisting law enforcement a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended (prior), a Class A Misdemeanor; and reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Traffic court dates cancelled for 2020

Due to the COVID-19 concerns, the Martin County Circuit Court is postponing the following traffic court dates: May 12, June 14, September 8 and November 10. The next traffic court hearing is set for February 9, 2021 at 5 p.m. You may still pay your traffic court ticket by calling the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651 or by paying online at doxpop.com.

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National unemployment at 14.7 percent for April

Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 20.5 million in April, and the unemployment rate rose to 14.7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. The changes in these measures reflect the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it. Employment fell sharply in all major industry sectors, with particularly heavy job losses in leisure and hospitality.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

In April, the unemployment rate increased by 10.3 percentage points to 14.7 percent. This is the highest rate and the largest over-the-month increase in the history of the series (seasonally adjusted data are available back to January 1948). The number of unemployed persons rose by 15.9 million to 23.1 million in April. The sharp increases in these measures reflect the effects of the coronavirus pandemic and efforts to contain it.

In April, unemployment rates rose sharply among all major worker groups. The rate was 13.0 percent for adult men, 15.5 percent for adult women, 31.9 percent for teenagers, 14.2 percent for Whites, 16.7 percent for Blacks, 14.5 percent for Asians, and 18.9 percent for Hispanics.

The rates for all of these groups, with the exception of Blacks, represent record highs for their respective series.

The number of unemployed persons who reported being on temporary layoff increased about ten-fold to 18.1 million in April. The number of permanent job losers increased by 544,000 to 2.0 million.

In April, the number of unemployed persons who were jobless less than 5 weeks increased by 10.7 million to 14.3 million, accounting for almost two-thirds of the unemployed. The number of unemployed persons who were jobless 5 to 14 weeks rose by 5.2 million to 7.0 million. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 939,000, declined by 225,000 over the month and represented 4.1 percent of the unemployed.

The labor force participation rate decreased by 2.5 percentage points over the month to 60.2 percent, the lowest rate since January 1973 (when it was 60.0 percent). Total employment, as measured by the household survey, fell by 22.4 million to 133.4 million. The employment-population ratio, at 51.3 percent, dropped by 8.7 percentage points over the month. This is the lowest rate and largest over-the-month decline in the history of the series (seasonally adjusted data are available back to January 1948).

The number of persons who usually work full time declined by 15.0 million over the month, and the number who usually work part time declined by 7.4 million. Part-time workers accounted for one-third of the over-the-month employment decline.

The number of persons at work part time for economic reasons nearly doubled over the month to 10.9 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs. This group includes persons who usually work full time and persons who usually work part time.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job, at 9.9 million, nearly doubled in April.

These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks or were unavailable to take a job.

Persons marginally attached to the labor force—a subset of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job—numbered 2.3 million in April, up by 855,000 over the month. 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 but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, numbered 574,000 in April, little changed from the previous month.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment fell by 20.5 million in April, after declining by 870,000 in March. The April over-the-month decline is the largest in the history of the series and brought employment to its lowest level since February 2011 (the series dates back to 1939). Job losses in April were widespread, with the largest employment decline occurring in leisure and hospitality.

In April, employment in leisure and hospitality plummeted by 7.7 million, or 47 percent. Almost three-quarters of the decrease occurred in food services and drinking places (-5.5 million). Employment also fell in the arts, entertainment, and recreation industry (-1.3 million) and in the accommodation industry (-839,000).

Employment declined by 2.5 million in education and health services in April. In health care, employment declined by 1.4 million, led by losses in offices of dentists (-503,000), offices of physicians

(-243,000), and offices of other health care practitioners (-205,000). Employment also declined in social assistance (-651,000), reflecting job losses in child day care services (-336,000) and individual and family services (-241,000). Employment in private education declined by 457,000 over the month.

Professional and business services shed 2.1 million jobs in April. Sharp losses occurred in temporary help services (-842,000) and in services to buildings and dwellings (-259,000).

In April, employment in retail trade declined by 2.1 million. Job losses occurred in clothing and clothing accessories stores (-740,000), motor vehicle and parts dealers (-345,000), miscellaneous store retailers (-264,000), and furniture and home furnishings stores (-209,000). By contrast, the component of general merchandise stores that includes warehouse clubs and supercenters gained 93,000 jobs.

In April, manufacturing employment dropped by 1.3 million. About two-thirds of the decline was in durable goods manufacturing (-914,000), which saw losses in motor vehicles and parts (-382,000) and in fabricated metal products (-109,000). Nondurable goods manufacturing shed 416,000 jobs.

Employment in the other services industry declined by 1.3 million in April, with nearly two-thirds of the decline occurring in personal and laundry services (-797,000).

Government employment dropped by 980,000 in April. Employment in local government was down by 801,000, in part reflecting school closures. Employment also declined in state government education (-176,000).

Construction employment fell by 975,000 in April, with much of the loss in specialty trade contractors (-691,000). Job losses also occurred in construction of buildings (-206,000).

Employment fell in transportation and warehousing in April (-584,000). Transit and ground passenger transportation and air transportation lost 185,000 jobs and 141,000 jobs, respectively.

Wholesale trade shed 363,000 jobs in April, largely reflecting losses in the durable and nondurable goods components.

Employment in financial activities fell by 262,000 over the month, with the vast majority of the decline occurring in real estate and rental and leasing (-222,000).

Employment in information fell by 254,000 in April, driven by a decline in motion picture and sound recording industries (-217,000).

Mining lost 46,000 jobs in April, with most of the decline occurring in support activities for mining (-33,000).

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by \$1.34 to \$30.01. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by \$1.04 to \$25.12 in April. The increases in average hourly earnings largely reflect the substantial job loss among lower-paid workers; this change, along with earnings increases, put upward pressure on the average hourly earnings estimates.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 0.1 hour to 34.2 hours in April. In manufacturing, the workweek declined by 2.1 hours to 38.3 hours, and overtime declined by 0.9 hour to 2.1 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 0.1 hour to 33.5 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for February was revised down by 45,000 from +275,000 to +230,000, and the change for March was revised down by 169,000 from -701,000 to -870,000. With these revisions, employment changes in February and March combined were 214,000 lower than previously reported.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

April 21

Rebecca Allbright, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 365 days with 355 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 60 days with 50 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days.

Robert A. McTague, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 8 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

April 21

Rebecca Allbright, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, dismissed and possession of marijuana, dismissed.

Robert A. McTague, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

April 29

Donna F. Nicholson vs. James L. Nicholson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Nicholas Guy in the amount of \$429.22.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Stacey Andrew Bowling of Loogootee and Andrea Elizabeth Smith of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Levon Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles D. Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Tedrow Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin R. Boyd and Riza L. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot #15 in the original plat of West Shoals, now a part of Shoals, Indiana.

Timothy J. Walker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bailey A. Barnett**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.73 acres, more or less.

Bradley A. Winger, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bradley A. Winger and Breann Winger**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.897

acres, more or less.

Thomas R. VanHoy, Jr. and Sandra L. Crosby, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeremy Grogan and Jayliene Grogan**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Paul Joseph Moffitt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sherri L. Hellums, Timothy E. Lawrence, and C. Justin Hellums**, of Martin County, Indiana, 2 acres in the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West. Also, .227 acres in the same section.

Brent Fellers and Amy Fellers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brent Fellers, Amy Fellers and Andrew Fellers**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Restrictions in place for courthouse reopening

The tentative date for the opening of the Martin County Courthouse to the public has been set for Monday, May 18 with the following restrictions in place:

-If you have a fever or have been unwell please refrain from entering the courthouse.

-All property tax payments must be mailed. In-person payments will not be taken at this time.

-If requests can be submitted by mail or email, please continue to do so.

-Only one member per family/household

-Please arrange for care for children while you are visiting the courthouse

-If possible, please set up an appointment time with individual offices to help us maintain social distancing.

-Only one person allowed in each office at a time

-All visitors will be required to wear a mask

The circuit court offices and probation office have their own restrictions in place. Before appearing, please contact them directly.

Contact the prosecutor's office before appearing to understand their precautionary measures.

The Martin County Commissioners and elected officials want to thank everyone for their patience during the closing and reopening of the courthouse. It is their goal to help maintain the health and safety of the community and county employees. They will continue to take measures to maintain a clean environment and practice social distancing at this time. If they are unable to get all precautionary measures in place, the courthouse opening is subject to change.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A woman goes into Cabela's to buy a rod and reel for her grandson's birthday. She doesn't know which one to get, so she just grabs one and goes over to the counter.

The clerk was standing behind the counter wearing dark shades.

She says to him, "Excuse me, sir. Can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?"

He says, "Ma'am, I'm completely blind; but if you'll drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything from the sound it makes."

She doesn't believe him but drops it on the counter anyway.

He says, "That's a six-foot Shakespeare graphite rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10-lb. Test line. It's a good all-around combination, and it's on sale this week for only \$20." She says, "It's amazing that you can tell all that just by the sound of it dropping on the counter. I'll take it!"

As she opens her purse, her credit card drops on the floor.

"Oh, that sounds like a Master Card," he says. She bends down to pick it up and accidentally farts. At first, she is really embarrassed, but then realizes there is no way the blind clerk could tell it was her who tooted. Being blind, he wouldn't know that she was the only person around?

The man rings up the sale and says, "That'll be \$34.50 please."

The woman is totally confused by this and asks, "Didn't you tell me the rod and reel were on sale for \$20? How did you get \$34.50?"

He replies, "Yes, ma'am. The rod and

reel is \$20, but the Duck Call is \$11, and the Catfish Bait is \$3.50."

She paid it and left without saying a word.

THOUGHTS

*Lead me not into temptation...Oh, who am I kidding? Follow me, I know a shortcut.

*That awkward moment when you put something in a safe place so you don't lose it, then you forget where that safe place is.

*My mind is all, "Let's get this house clean!" My body is like, "Oh, this couch is so comfy."

*Pretending to be a functional adult is exhausting.

*Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

*I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one.

*Every morning is the dawn of a new error.

A man is recovering from surgery when the surgical nurse appears and asks him how he is feeling.

"I'm OK but I didn't like the four-letter-word the doctor used in surgery," he answered.

"What did he say," asked the nurse. "OOPS"

Thomas Jefferson said, "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give to those who would not."

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, May 14 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Food pantry hours

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

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

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!

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

WIC program can do appointments via telephone

Indiana WIC remains committed to serving families and continuing daily operations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please be aware WIC local agencies have been given the flexibility to complete WIC appointments over the telephone. These appointments include enrollment, recertification, nutrition education/issuing benefits, breastfeeding support and referrals to other services.

Please share this information with families of young children or pregnant women that could benefit from a little help on the grocery bill.

Please call 812-247-3303 for more information on the WIC Program or to see if you qualify.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

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Parkview Village Christian Care, in Odon, is taking applications.

Please apply online at www.parkview-village.org or contact us for an application at 812-636-3000.



If you are a honest, dependable, good work ethic, and love the elderly, you will enjoy working at Parkview.

HELP WANTED

Director of Solid Waste District

The Solid Waste Management District Board of Directors of Martin County are currently seeking a full-time District Director with solid waste or other management experience.

The Director is responsible for all aspects of the operation of the District including managing the Recycling Center and all of the employees and special waste disposal and education for Martin County.

The Director reports directly to the county Solid Waste Board.

Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience

Excellent Driving record required.

Include level of education, job history, and dates in your resume.

A copy of the job description can be found on the Martin County Recycling Facebook page.

Only resumes received by mail to the address listed below will be accepted.

The last date to accept resumes is May 22, 2020

Mail Resume to:

**Martin County Solid Waste District, c/o Director
PO Box 343, Loogootee, IN 47553**

SHOALS

Town Wide



Friday, May 15th & Saturday, May 16th

(Rain or shine at seller's discretion)

Yard sale locations:

117 Main Street

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

228 Main Street

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

213 Main Street

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

215 Main Street

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

319 Main Street

Friday 9am-5pm Saturday 9am-1pm

8366 US Highway 50E

Friday & Saturday 7:30am-4pm

8836 Red School Road

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

416 High Street

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

1030 Lower Circle Drive

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

217 6th Street

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

10377 Red School Road

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

931 Upper Circle Drive

Friday & Saturday 8am-4pm

We encourage everyone to be proactive with following all safe social distancing guidelines while participating

LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL



2020 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



JESSIE STOLL

Jessie Elizabeth Stoll is the daughter of Phil and Lisa Stoll. After graduation, Jessie plans to attend a place of higher education to study psychology. While in high school, Jessie participated in Band (9), Musical (10-12), Spanish Club (9), Beta Club (9-12), Chorus (9-12), French Club (10-12), Pep Club (12), SADD (11-12), Cadet Teaching (12), Student Council (12), Concert Choir Secretary (11), and Vocal Jazz Vice President (12).



MAURA GREGORY

Maura L. Gregory is the daughter of Monty and Brooke Gregory. After graduation, Maura plans to attend Vincennes University to study nursing (BSN). While in high school, Maura participated in Beta Club (11-12), French Club (9), Intern (12), Student Council (9), Students for Life (10-12), FFA (10-12), FFA Sentinel (10), FFA Treasurer (11), and FFA Secretary (12).



MADISON WAGONER

Madison Jade Wagoner is the daughter of Mary Wagoner. Madison plans to attend Indiana State University to study speech pathology. While in high school, Madison participated in Beta Club (9), Chorus (9-12), French Club (10-12), SADD (9-12), Cadet Teaching (9-12), Spanish Club (9), and Student Council (9-11).



JAMES MESAROSH

James Tyler Mesarosh is the son of James Mesarosh and DeVaughn Holt. After graduation, Tyler plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Tyler participated in Intern (11) and FFA (9-12).



KAYDEN FUHRMAN

Kayden Jaxon Fuhrman is the son of Audra Lyon and Ricky Fuhrman. After graduation, Kayden plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study kinesiology.



LOGAN JACOBS

Logan Arvin Jacobs is the son of Denny and Susan Jacobs. After graduation, Logan plans to attend Indiana State University to study cyber security. While in high school, Logan participated in Intern (11-12), Spanish Club (9), Intramural Basketball (11-12), Baseball (9-12), Basketball (9-10), and Tennis (9).

Town of Shoals to honor 2020 seniors on May 29

The Town of Shoals has declared Friday, May 29 at "Class of 2020 Honorary Day" and will host "Cruise into the Future" through town.

Seniors:

- Each senior can enter one vehicle into the cruise. (No tractors, ATVs, trailers or floats. Candy or any other items are not to be thrown from vehicles).

- Please wear blue and white and/or Jug Rox attire. Cap and gown wear is optional.

- You may take your commemorative item that will be placed in the grassy area of the school home with you at the conclusion of the cruise.

- To register for the cruise or if you need assistance to be able to participate please contact SHS Principal Kindra Hovis at (812) 247-2090 or hovisk@shoals.k12.in.us.

ON THIS DAY:

Residents and businesses are asked to decorate with blue and white and/or any Shoals Jug Rox decorations they may own. Organizers also ask that you leave on any outdoor or decorative lighting until 10 p.m. to honor the Class of 2020 as they "Cruise into the Future".

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Citizens of all ages are encouraged to go the front parking lot of the Shoals Community School where sidewalk chalk will be provided to draw pictures and leave words of congratulations for seniors to see as they show up to get in line for the cruise.

6:30 p.m. -Town Marshal Todd Eckert will lead the seniors on a "Cruise into the Future" cruise route that will depart the Shoals Community School at 6:30 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to be outside in their yards, on their porches, on the sidewalks along the designated route to wave the students on as they pass by and "Cruise into the Future". Spectators are encouraged to wear blue and white

along with any Shoals Jug Rox attire they may own. They also encourage spectators to make signs of encouragement and congratulations to cheer students on as they pass by. Out of town spectators are encouraged to attend and find a safe place along the designated route to participate.

Cruise-In Route: Depart from front entrance of Shoals Community School taking a left turn towards the Town of Shoals. Continue on Highway 50 until the intersection of High Street. Take a right onto High Street and continue until the intersection of Main Street. Take a left onto Main Street and continue straight until intersection of US Highway 50. At intersection take a right onto US Highway 50 and head east across the bridge to Capital Avenue. Take a left onto Capital Avenue and continue all the way until the loop around Circle Drive past the car wash and back to Capital Avenue. Take a right on Capital Avenue and proceed to the US Highway 50 intersection. Take a right onto US Highway 50 to Main Street. Take a right onto Main Street and proceed to the four way stop intersection at 2nd Street. Turn left onto 2nd street and proceed to stop sign. Take a left onto High Street and proceed to intersection of US Highway 50. Take a right on US Highway 50 and proceed to front entrance of Shoals Community School. Cruise will circle thru back parking lot by baseball field where it will conclude.

Anyone participating is encouraged to follow all safe social distancing guidelines set in place by the CDC. Organizers feel that all plans above can be accomplished while still following all guidelines in safe manner. The designated cruise route has several sidewalk areas to spectate and properly social distance.

The rain date is Friday, June 5.

Radius Indiana and South Central ISBDC leading effort to help small businesses in the region

Radius Indiana, in partnership with the South Central Indiana Small Business Development Center and Ivy Tech's Gayle & Bill Cook Center for Entrepreneurship, are hosting a series of webinars to help Indiana small business owners navigate through the masses of resources being offered in response to COVID-19.

The newest webinar, Social Media: Mic Check-1-2-3... Wait is This Thing On?, was scheduled for today, Wednesday, May 13 via Zoom. This session provided strategies for engaging content and provide resources and tools to understanding how to get the most out of your social media strategy.

The Radius region is home to 6,180 small businesses, accounting for nearly 82 percent of all businesses within its eight counties. Small businesses employ 35,148 workers, totaling 40 percent of the regions' jobs.

Radius Indiana and the South Central ISBDC share a common goal of supporting small businesses and regularly partner on efforts to coordinate resources and educational programs in the region.

"Small businesses fuel economic growth. Through this strategic partnership, we look to bolster South Central Indiana's drive to support and grow entrepreneurship across the region," said Radius Indiana Vice President of Talent Attraction and Retention Keeley Stingel. "Despite the current challenges, small businesses continue seeking ways to adapt to meet their customers' needs. We hope by offering the webinar series, businesses have the resources they need, delivered in a way that makes the most sense to them."

The first webinar, which was present-

ed earlier this spring, focused on helping employers understand financial statements for small businesses, as it can be hard to understand why a banker is asking, and what they're looking for. The workshop explained the three main financial statements, the ratios banks use to determine loan terms, and the most common mistakes small businesses make when looking for a loan. It aimed to help employers grow confidence when talking to a banker about their business.

A second webinar was an E-Commerce Crash Course to help employers quickly transition to online sales and generate revenue. This webinar helped small business owners brainstorm ways to alter their business model to continue to generate revenue even during COVID-19 limitations.

"Small businesses are facing unprecedented challenges due to the COVID-19 situation. Many small business owners have never had to consider E-Commerce as a significant part of their business strategy and it is sometimes complex and confusing for businesses to know what to do and where to find information. The E-Commerce series is one way we are working together with community partners to help small business owners learn some simple strategies and tools to use to get on-line to sell their products and services," said Steve Bryant, Executive Director of the Ivy Tech Gayle & Bill Cook Center for Entrepreneurship and Regional Director, South Central Indiana Small Business Development Center.

The past webinars can be viewed at the Cook Center for Entrepreneurship YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/channel/UCGIR4auhEBqFbuer2yr-T4g.

Ag Barometer index drops below 100 as coronavirus disrupts agriculture

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Coronavirus concerns, commodity price declines and supply-chain disruptions sink producer sentiment to a three-year low, according to the April Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. The barometer recorded a reading of 96, marking the first time the barometer has fallen below 100 since October 2016 and registering 72 points below its record high just two months prior. The Ag Economy Barometer is based on responses from 400 U.S. agricultural producers and this month's survey was conducted from April 19-24, 2020.

Producers' expectations for current and future agricultural economic conditions also declined sharply. The Index of Current Conditions suffered its largest one-month drop, down 39 points in April to a reading of 72, and the Index of Future Expectations fell 18 points to a reading of 108. April's decline pushed the Current Conditions Index 53 percent below its all-time high set back in February, while the Future Expectations Index fell 39 percent over the same two-month time period.

"Over the past two months, producers have felt the first shock waves being created by the coronavirus," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "Disruptions in the supply chain are causing many to look at ways they can mitigate risk in this uncertain environment and sharp declines in commodity prices have added significant financial pressure on many U.S. farming operations."

In the April survey, two-thirds of respondents indicated they were "very worried" (39 percent) or "fairly worried" (28 percent) about the impact of coronavirus on their farm's profitability and over half (54 percent) said they anticipate applying for one of the federal government's COVID-19 related financial assistance programs. When asked their number one concern regarding their farm and COVID-19, 42 percent of respondents said they were worried about their farm's access to markets, 37 percent said financial, while just 13 percent said health and safety. However, 35 percent of this month's respondents said they have already implemented changes in their farm's operations in response to COVID-19 concerns.

Underpinning the rise in pessimism among farmers was a swift decline in principal commodity prices over the last couple of months. Commodity futures prices declined sharply from early March through late April. Over the course of less than two months, July corn futures declined 15 percent and July soybean futures prices fell by 8 percent while June live cattle and June lean hog futures prices declined 21 percent and 33 percent, respectively. The sharp drop in commodity prices added to an already strained financial situation for many farmers. When asked to compare their farms' expected financial performance in 2020 to 2019, 55 percent of respondents in the April survey said they expect a worse financial performance in 2020 than in 2019.

That pessimism also trickled down to producers' near-term farmland price expectations. When asked to look 12 months ahead, 35 percent of respondents said they expect farmland values to de-

cline, up from only 13 percent expecting a decline on both the January and February of 2020 surveys. However, producers' longer-term farmland price expectations were more optimistic. When asked to look ahead five years, 44 percent of producers expect higher farmland values, up from 41 percent who said they expect higher values in the March survey.

"The divergence between producers 12-month and 5-year ahead expectations for farmland values suggests they view the current disruption in agriculture and food markets to be temporary and are looking for markets to rebound down the road," said Mintert.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/agbarometer>. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars. Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results, available at <https://purdue.ag/barometervideo>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECCBARO, AGECCURC and AGECCFTX.

DNR gives advice on managing private ponds

Owners of private ponds and lakes can now find more resources for managing those areas and adding aquatic structures to them on DNR's updated website at wildlife.IN.gov/3614.htm.

Pond owners will now find information and links to content about pond construction, where to purchase fish to stock, nuisance wildlife concerns, fish kills and other common issues.

There are more than 40,000 private ponds and lakes in Indiana, many of which are stocked with fish by landowners and used for recreation. With spring weather, many are starting to think about their ponds and potential maintenance and improvements.

"The majority of questions we receive from private pond owners pertain to fish kills, advice on fish stocking, or aquatic plant management including nuisance algae," said Corey DeBoom, DNR fisheries biologist for central Indiana. "The answers to most of the common questions can now be found on our updated pond management webpage."

Information about constructing artificial habitat for ponds or lakes has also been added. Artificial structures can provide places for fish to hide, eat, or spawn and may help reduce impacts of fish-eating predators. Structures can be as simple as cutting and felling shoreline trees, but a variety of structure options are highlighted for pond owners to consider.

Questions from the public regarding private ponds or lakes can be answered by district fisheries biologists. Media questions regarding private pond management in specific regions can also be answered by district fisheries biologists. Contact information for your area's biologist is at wildlife.IN.gov/3590.htm.

For general questions regarding private pond management, contact Sandy Clark-Kolaks, south region fisheries research biologist, DNR Fish & Wildlife, 812-278-8303, SClark-Kolaks@dnr.IN.gov.



Last week's frosty temperatures were a prime example why I always advise waiting until after May 10 to plant tender plants outdoors. If you did not get out and cover plants, you may have had some frost damage Saturday morning. While it looks like the frost threat is over, there is no need to be in a big hurry to get your seedlings out. Most need soil temperatures in the 70's to really start growing, so the plants are as well off inside as they would be in the cold soil. Once things warm a little, you can get the tomatoes, peppers, eggplant and other summer crops in the ground.

At Sandhill Gardens, most of the raised beds where I do my vegetable gardening are ready for planting. I will start setting the beautiful tomato plants in the greenhouse out into the beds during the days to begin to acclimate them. By the end of the week, I will plant them into the beds, being careful to put tomatoes in beds where there were not tomatoes, peppers or potatoes planted last year. This helps guard against diseases and pests that may have over-wintered in the soil.

It should also be safe now to put out bedding plants in the ornamental gardens. True annuals, such as petunias and tender perennials, such as impatiens, may be planted in pots or in the ground. Like vegetable transplants, those planted in the ground may not put on any growth until the earth warms a little.

I have had several people ask what the effects from the frost Saturday morning will be. My best answer is, "wait and see". It was not a hard freeze, so it depends on the frost tolerance of the individual plants and the stage of development of buds. Many of our native plants can take a little late frost with virtually no damage. On other plants, flowers may have been damaged and will wilt and turn dark. Plants that were still in tight bud should have little to no damage.

While the first herbaceous peonies are usually in bloom by Mother's Day, they seem to be lagging a little behind this year. At least at Sandhill Gardens, I be-

DNR properties resume entrance fees, reopen riding trails and restrooms

Turkey Run, Shades and Indiana Dunes state parks, and Deam Lake and Starve Hollow state recreation areas will resume collecting entrance fees tomorrow. All other DNR properties will resume charging entrance fees no later than May 15.

A full breakdown of entrance and other fees is at stateparks.IN.gov/5062.htm.

Regarding other imminent changes:
-Equestrian and mountain bike trails will open, for day use only, on Monday, May 11.

-Day-use restrooms and vault toilets will open at DNR properties by May 15. Until then, guests should come prepared for restroom use to be restricted.

-Nature Centers and historic facilities in state parks properties will open the week of May 11; however, hours may be reduced, and social distancing may limit the number of guests allowed in the respective facility at one time.

-Marinas will open the week of May 11, with limited operations.

-The Fort Golf Course is open, and

believe that the buds were still tight, and the cold should have no effect of the blooms. I did notice some ants on some of the peony buds Saturday afternoon. Ants and peonies seem to have a symbiotic relationship. Many people once believed that the ants did something that made the buds open. Further study finds that is not the case, but there is a relationship of insect and plant. The plant buds ooze a sugary sap that attracts the ants. The ants then protect the plant from aphids and other insects that might cause damage to the plant.

The peony is Indiana's state flower. Some people, myself included, believe that should be changed to a native flower, but there is at least some justification for keeping the peony in that status. Peonies, like Hoosiers, are tough and beautiful. Peonies may live for more than a century. In fact, there are still several peonies here at Sandhill Gardens that my grandmother planted in the 1920's.

Grandma called them "pineys". Some people still use that term, and I am fine with it. Actually, the Latin name is *paeonia*, which is pronounced "pie-oh-knee-uh". Piney is therefore closer to the Latin than peony.

As a student of languages, I find the names given to plants fascinating. I love the different names that are given to plants in different regions, and chuckle when someone is certain that the name assigned in his or her area is the "correct" one. Even the Latin names are not set in stone. With the advancement in genetics, scientists are now able to ascertain the DNA shared by different plants. Plants once assigned to a particular genus are now sometimes found to be less closely related than assumed. The result has been the reclassification of many plants. Even the professionals sometimes disagree, and nurseries are slow to adopt the new names of plants. Shakespeare says that a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. I agree. If you like a plant, grow it and do not get too wrapped up in knowing the "right" name.

the golf pro shop at Fort Harrison State Park reopens the week of May 11, with self-service cart rental available with a limit of one person per cart.

A complete status list for facilities and services at DNR properties is at on.IN.gov/dnrcovid19.

Guests at DNR properties should remember the following when visiting:

-Practice social distancing at all times, particularly, as you hike, picnic or use boat ramps. Keep a minimum of 6 feet from other individuals you encounter, for your safety and theirs.

-Keep your group size small – fewer than 25 individuals is ideal.

-Bring your own drinking water and hand sanitizer.

-If you picnic, bring and use a covering for your picnic table and take it with you when you leave.

-If a parking lot is full, move to another location.

-If you feel sick or are running a temperature, plan a visit for a different day for the safety of other guests.



Purdue entomologist Cate Hill is inviting citizen scientists to collect and send in ticks to be analyzed for the Tick INsiders program aimed at advancing detection, diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne diseases in the state. Directions for safe and proper tick collection, including making and using a tick drag as seen here, can be found on the project's website. (Photo courtesy of Tick INsiders)

Purdue seeking citizens with time to track down ticks

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Hoosiers and residents of neighboring states looking for something to do while social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic could consider becoming citizen scientists.

Purdue University entomologist Cate Hill is looking for volunteers willing to find ticks and send them to the university where they'll be stored and then analyzed once regular research operations resume.

Hill runs the Tick INsiders project, which aims to advance detection, diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne diseases in Indiana. To do that, they need to know which bacteria and viruses are present in the state's tick population.

"One reason diagnosing and treating tick-borne diseases is difficult is because every tick bite is different. When you add human biology into that picture, you get another layer of complexity," said Hill, who is a professor in the Department of Entomology. "Developing new therapeutics or vaccines requires knowledge about how patients' bodies are affected by and react to the different pathogens that can be transmitted in a tick bite. Gathering ticks and understanding what they carry is a critical first step toward those goals."

Tick INsiders started in 2017 with Hill's laboratory tracking down ticks and later included teams of high school students. Last year, they opened the project to anyone who wanted to send in ticks, and they're putting out the call again this year.

"During the stay-at-home orders, people are looking for things to do. It's the

perfect time to get involved," Hill said. "If you've got a tick crawling on you from your backyard, you can send that in. Or if you want, you can create a tick drag and look for them in your neighborhood or nearby wooded areas so long as you're following distancing and safety guidelines and government restrictions related to the pandemic."

In particular, the team is looking for Ixodes scapularis (lyme disease tick), Dermacentor variabilis (American dog tick), and Amblyomma americanum (lone star tick). They are known to carry the pathogens that lead to Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever and other illnesses.

The data is used to determine geographic range of each type of tick and the pathogens they carry. Hill's team then develops detailed, region-specific disease-risk maps.

The Tick INsiders website has detailed instructions and videos for building a tick drag cloth, safely collecting ticks and sending in specimens. Ticks that have bitten a human or animals cannot be used.

Anyone wanting to send in a tick should place it alive in a zip-top plastic bag, and place that into an envelope with the following information: Your name; email address and/or phone number; location where the tick was collected (city/county or zip code); collection date; and temperature when the tick was collected.

The envelope should be sent to Tick INsiders, 901 W. State St., West Lafayette, IN 47907.

For more information, visit the Tick INsiders website at tickinsiders.org.

Seeing more dead fish during spawning season is natural

As water bodies warm and receive more hours of sunlight, Hoosiers may begin to notice more dead fish floating on them. This is a natural occurrence.

Warmer water temperatures are triggering spawning activity for many of Indiana's native fish species. The timing and length of spawning periods varies between species and also among fish of different sizes within a species. These activities require a lot of energy and can weaken fish, leaving them susceptible to secondary infections from diseases or parasites that can lead to their demise. Spawning activities can last for weeks, and large numbers of fish can die during that time; however, these events are rarely substantial enough to have a lasting effect on the species' population.

Any die-off is typically a single-species event, because each species spawns during a different time period, although some overlap can occur. Natural die-offs can even benefit some populations of species.

For example, a die-off event can reduce populations that have reached unsustainable numbers. Normally, older

and weaker fish of a single species are the ones affected.

Other natural causes of death in fish include injuries or old age, lack of food, lack of dissolved oxygen in the water, parasites or diseases, abrupt or extreme temperature changes, severe weather, and predation. Coming out of winter, many in Indiana have seen "winter kills" and gizzard shad die-offs.

Find more information on fish die-offs in the Indiana Fish Pond Management guide at wildlife.IN.gov/3614.htm.

For other fish kill information, see Purdue Extension's "What? Killed the Fish" at extension.purdue.edu.

If you happen upon a large number of dead fish of several species or sizes, or a pollutant is suspected, please call the Indiana DNR TIP line at 800-847-4367 or the Indiana Emergency Spill Line at 888-233-7745 or 317-233-7745.

Other fish-related inquiries can be directed to DNR district fisheries biologists, whose contact information is at wildlife.IN.gov/3590.htm.

Full Moon 5K at Patoka Lake on June 5

The race is still on for 2020! Registration is open for the Full Moon 5K taking place at Patoka Lake beach on Friday, June 5 at 9:15 p.m. Race 3.1 miles through the woods on roadways, a well-maintained gravel and grass lane and paved bike trail lit by moonlight and tiki torches.

All proceeds from this event will go to support Patoka's non-releasable raptors; a red-tailed hawk, eastern screech owl and bald eagle.

Early registration is \$25 which includes a race t-shirt. Go to <http://fullmoon5K.itsyourrace.com> to register today. For more information call (812)685-2447.

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

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

Kids' Fishing Derby at Patoka Lake still set for June 6

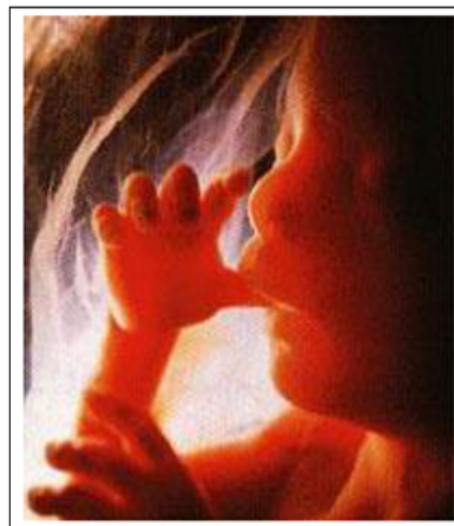
Grab your friends, family, fishing pole, tackle and bait, and head over to Patoka Lake on Saturday, June 6 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the annual Kids' Fishing Derby. Park at Osborn Ramp, off Highway 145.

This event is for children 12 years of age and under and they must be accompanied by an adult. Prizes will be awarded. The award ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. Advance registration is required this year to enhance safety of participants due to Covid 19. Register by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at (812)685-2447. Plan to bring lawn chairs, sunscreen and refreshments.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

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