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## Nature's innocence

-Photos by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

The Indigo Bunting was taking a leisurely stroll across a stump, enjoying the warming weather throughout the county. The first day of summer is officially June 21. Indigo Buntings migrate at night, using the stars for guidance. Researchers demonstrated this process in the late 1960s by studying captive Indigo Buntings in a planetarium and then under the natural night sky. The birds possess an internal clock that enables them to continually adjust their angle of orientation to a star—even as that star moves through the night sky.

## Sheriff wants public input on remodeling the jail

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Sheriff Travis Roush brought a proposal to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Wednesday night, May 8, to remodel the jail to add additional beds. Roush said he is in the very preliminary stage of this project and his main concern is hearing feedback from the community on whether they are for or against. Roush said that the jail currently has an indoor recreation area and an outdoor area. The proposal would remodel the indoor recreation area and add up to 24 more beds to the jail to house more out of county inmates.

The estimated cost of the project is \$500,000-\$600,000 with interest on a loan totaling \$30,000-\$100,000 depending on the length of the loan. Roush noted that these were very rough estimates and provided the commissioners with loan figures for payoff in three years or seven years.

Roush said that currently, out of county inmates are bringing in additional revenue of more than \$300,000 a year. Adding the additional beds would bring in around \$500,000 a year, at 40 total inmates from out of the county. Roush said with jail overcrowding around the state, he doesn't see other counties ending the need to move their inmates for a long time.

"Someone is going to be housing

these inmates, I don't know why it can't be Martin County," said Roush. He added that the extra revenue will also help prevent Martin County from having to raise taxes.

He also said that adding the beds is a proactive plan for Martin County in case there is a population increase, which comes with a crime increase, and additional space is needed. Roush said that many jails are overcrowded and are facing lawsuits and he doesn't want Martin County to be in that position in the future.

The sheriff did note that the additional beds would require one or two extra jailers once the inmate count increased.

Roush said he also had a visit from the state fire marshal recently who gave him a list of things that need to be corrected in the jail. He said this is one con to doing the remodel project right now.

Roush said he would like to hear from the public in the next six weeks on their thoughts on the project and if there is not a lot of negative feedback, he would like to move on the remodel project in July. They estimate the work could be done in less than a year once it is started.

The commissioners were on board with the proposal and noted they would like to see it paid off in a three-year timeframe to avoid having ongoing debt in case out of county inmates stop

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## Shoals Schools reaching for the stars with "COSMOS"

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Shoals Community School Corporation held a public meeting last Thursday about the ROI (Regional Opportunities Initiative) grant that Shoals will be applying for with Mitchell and Orleans school corporations. The three schools have formed a consortium called, "COSMOS" (Collaboration of Shoals, Mitchell & Orleans Schools). Shoals Staff Members Ben Kent, Jessica Hert, Myrna Greene, Jennifer Montel, Dennis Dahlen and Larry Sherfick, along with Superintendent Candace Roush, gave portions of the presentation.

The ROI grant could bring \$1 million to the consortium and will be spread out over a three-year period. Staff members explained the year-long process the school has undergone has included school and community interviews, collecting data, forming needs statements, identifying solutions to needs, and finally putting together a grant proposal to help meet those needs. The school has conducted 292 interview with 557 participants, received 4,000 community responses and constructed 11 needs statements.

There were four main categories that the school will address in the grant include community resources, student en-

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## Commissioners hold work session to talk about Brooks Bridge

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The Martin County Commissioners held a work session on Wednesday night, May 8 to discuss what can be done with bridge 68 - Brooks Bridge, on Brooks Bridge Road. The bridge, built in 1894 and significantly rehabbed through federal aid monies in 2009, is in critical need of repairs, not only with the connections in the trusses but the erosion on the west bank of the bridge. The erosion is slowly wiping away the bank and could eventually get behind the abutment which could collapse the

structure. Brent Roberts, with BF&S, told the commissioners that the estimated cost to repair the abutment and trusses would be \$800,000. The cost to repair the erosion alone is \$130,000.

The bridge was rehabbed through federal aid 10 years ago. Roberts said that at that time, the estimated life of the bridge was 25 years. He said that the engineers, architects and contractors didn't do anything wrong when they did the rehab work, they were just wrong about how long the bridge would last.

Roberts said work would require permits through DNR and Army Corps of

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## Martin County teens learn about hunger during trip to Ouachita Mountains



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown in the photo, from left to right, are Mason Harder, Delanie Bateman, Lucas Harder and Wade Burris, all of Martin County, talking about their experience at Heifer Ranch at the commissioners' meeting last Wednesday night.

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Wade Burris, Lucas Harder, Delanie Bateman, and Mason Harder, of Martin County, were four of 44 Indiana teens who took a trip last month to the Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas, at the foot of the Ouachita Mountains, as part of The Global Gateway Experience through 4-H. The teens told about their experience at the Martin County Commissioners' meeting Tuesday night. The kids were accompanied by Martin County Extension Educator Dena Held.

The purpose of the Global Gateway Experience is to teach young people about world hunger, strife, and work-

ing together.

The teens lived in refugee-type camps and were given a limited amount of supplies to "survive", including a small amount of firewood, rice, carrots and corn oil. The 4-Hers were encouraged to trade with other "villages" to get by. "There was a lot of teamwork involved," said Burris.

The Global Village is made up of different sites such as Guatemala, Thailand, Zambia and the USA (Appalachia Region) as well as an Urban Slum and a Refugee Camp. Each teen spent the night in a different sites, some being rougher than others.

Wade Burris said the experience changed him and changed how he

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# SHERIFF

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coming in.

Roush said he knows he has some council members on board and one in opposition. He said, however, "The opinion I care about most is the public."

In other business, Grant Swartzentruber, an attorney representing a client who wants to purchase a tract of land in Rutherford Township, came back before the commissioners to discuss former County Road 31. At one time, County Road 31, provided access to the property but hasn't been recognized for many, many years. The road is not on the current county map nor is it a part of the county's road inventory. Swartzentruber wanted the commissioners to acknowledge that County Road 31 was never officially abandoned by the county, which is a legal requirement of the commissioners, and is still a public road.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett said the road is now a cornfield and a pasture field with an old coal mining strip pit. Swartzentruber said the landowners around the property will not speak to him about the issue however his client wants to purchase the land and can't do so if it is landlocked. "Clarity is what I am looking for," said Swartzentruber. "Public right of way is public right of way; it is what it is."

Commissioner Kevin Boyd made a motion stating that the county doesn't recognize County Road 31 as a road. Commissioner Dan Gregory made the second and the motion passed, 3-0. Swartzentruber said he has nothing against the commissioners however his next step will be to file a civil lawsuit against the property owners and the commissioners so that access can be granted to the property. The commissioners said they understand his need to move forward.

Prosecutor Aureola Wright presented a contract with Area One Protection to provide security to her office. She said there were multiple proposals presented by Area One including upgrading all the equipment. She chose to go with the most basic plan, costing \$15 a month, which is \$10 less than what the prosecutor's office has been paying. It would also come with a one-time fee of \$916.30. The commissioner approved the contract.

County Attorney Dave Lett asked the commissioners if they have heard from Bunkum Valley Roofing who was awarded the bid to replace the courthouse and jail roofs last December. In January, Bunkum Valley was paid \$32,500 of the \$97,949 of the total cost, to purchase materials and the project was supposed to be completed this spring. Commissioner Paul George said he hadn't heard from them and asked the sheriff. The sheriff said he hadn't heard from them either. County Attorney Lett suggested that the commissioners not sign the paperwork from Radius Indiana, who provided the loan, until it is addressed. "It's been six months since you accommodated him and you haven't heard a word," said Attorney Lett. Commissioner George said he would call the owner of the

company after the meeting. The commissioners tabled signing the loan paperwork until the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett requested that the commissioners allow him to hire a part-time worker to help with mowing so he could have the entire county done in a timely fashion. He plans to start mowing on Monday. The commissioners approved.

Padgett said DNR has provided the permits they've been waiting for to do repairs on West River Road, where the road is eroding into the river. The commissioners closed the road at their last meeting due to safety concerns. Padgett said Indian Creek Quarries will start bringing in rock on Monday to repair the area. Padgett said he doesn't know how long it will take to get it back open.

Jake Eisenburg, with HWC Engineering, gave the commissioners a draft copy of the historical analysis that has been completed on bridge 58 on Brickyard Road. Since the bridge is of historical value, built in 1848, there are special requirements prior to replacement. There are several options for the bridge, including closing the current structure and bypassing it with a new bridge, installing another one-lane bridge next to the current structure making two lanes of traffic, or removing the current structure and building a new bridge. HWC recommended the option of removing the bridge and completely replacing it. However, since the bridge is of historical value, it will be removed and offered to anyone who would be interested in relocating it for use on a walking trail or other purpose. The bridge cannot be destroyed and must be repaired and used by whoever takes it.

The new bridge will be 16-feet wide with a 27-ton weight limit.

The analysis will now be turned over to INDOT (Indiana Department of Transportation) for approval to apply for federal aid which will pay for 80 percent of the project. The county will be required to pay the other 20 percent.

Eisenburg said the county will also be required to do environmental mitigation for the wooded area around the bridge. The county can hire a company to replace the trees and then maintain it for three years or hire a mitigation company to do all of it for a lump sum. He estimated the cost to be \$629,000 or 80,000 an acre if a mitigation company was hired.

Vicki Wathen asked when someone would be at her property in Rutherford Township to replace a culvert in her driveway. Highway Superintendent Padgett said the locates would be expired now and need to be done again because Wathen told them, about a month ago, to hold off on work being started because she wasn't ready. Wathen said she had been out of town, but she wants work to start now. Padgett said he would get the locates done again and get with Wathen on a date and time.

Due to the auditor's conference, the commissioners voted to move their next meeting to Monday, May 20 at 6 p.m. instead of Tuesday.

# COSMOS

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agement, family and school connections, and educator collaboration.

Under community resources, the school hopes to address the issue of wi-fi accessibility for students by equipping school buses with wi-fi to provide additional and extended internet access time, not only two and from school but to and from athletic events. It was noted that this would be educational only and students would not be allowed to utilize this time for games or social media. They would also like to provide wi-fi access to centralized locations in the town to increase wi-fi availability for students by 25 percent.

Also, as part of the community resources need, the school will find a connection between the school and community resources that are already available. The school will serve as a hub for many non-profit organizations that already offer resources. This will allow those non-profit or government agencies to sign up families who need those resources at the school.

For the student engagement and development piece, the school will be building in time somewhere in the daily schedule for students to focus on soft skills and career exploration. This will allow the school to engage students earlier and set them on career paths to be more college ready. The students will have also have access to more project-based learning and staff members will be given training in this area.

Going along with earlier engagement to be college ready, the elementary school will have a Makerspace lab available which will give students more hands-on learning activities. Students will be using a career exploration software and the

## BROOKS BRIDGE

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Engineers and the fact that the bridge is historical will also come with additional requirements.

Roberts said the cost of a new bridge would be several million and the county could add the repair work needed to the Community Crossings grant or apply for federal aid again. The west bank would have to be repaired immediately however because if it continues to erode, it jeopardizes the structure.

The bridge has an average of 107 drivers crossing it each day, at last count, and is a one-lane bridge. Commissioner Paul George said he felt it was unfair to Martin County taxpayers to use Community Crossings grant dollars on a bridge that has such low traffic when there are well-travelled roads in need of repair. Using Community Crossings money would be three-quarters of any money allotted to the county for a year. "I'd hate to see anything happen to it but that's not one of our lifelines right there," said George.

Highway Superintendent Padgett asked if the federal government would give another grant since they just gave one for the bridge 10 years ago. Roberts said that is a concern however the historical significance could be enough. He said it depends on how much the state wants to save this bridge. Due to the length of time it takes to do a federal aid project, Roberts said the bridge would have to be closed long before work could be started, if a grant was even approved.

Roberts said he doesn't see how the county can afford to repair the bridge without INDOT being involved in some way. He said that even if the commissioners decided to close the bridge, they would still need to do repairs to the erosion. Due to its historical significance, if the bridge would collapse, the com-

missioners would face consequences. Roberts said the commissioners could be accused by the state preservation department of anticipatory demolition by allowing nature to collapse the bridge and not intervening. He said he doesn't know what the consequences would be, the commissioners would have to talk to the state to find out.

Roberts said the best thing to do now would be to have a fluvial erosion hazard index done on the bridge to see how fast the bank is eroding. This would allow the commissioners to have a timeline on if the erosion will eventually go behind the abutment and if so, how long.

"If that river keeps marching to the west like it is right now, the truss connections are kind of a secondary problem," said Roberts. He said the main concern now would be the erosion.

Also, by having the index done, this may allow DNR to permit more feet of repair. Currently they are only allowing 50 feet.

The fluvial hazard index may only be possible if there is enough data for that area of the river. Roberts estimates the cost to be under \$5,000.

If the erosion is taken care of and the connections are not repaired, Roberts said the bridge will have to be closed anyway. But the bridge will not be threatened with collapse.

The commissioners could not vote in a work session but told Roberts to look into getting the fluvial hazard index done and report back at the next commissioners' meeting.

Several bridges need work in the county, totaling \$5.5 million. This includes bridge 58 on Brickyard Road which is currently being put in for federal aid. If awarded, the federal government will pay 80 percent of the cost with the county paying 20 percent.

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## LOIS ANDIS

Lois Madge Britton Andis passed away with her loving family by her side, on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at Parkview Village in Odon. A resident of Odon, she was 94.

She was born April 18, 1925 in Scotland, Indiana; daughter of Zachariah and Bessie (Ashcraft) Boling. Lois married Harold H. Britton on November 11, 1942 and after his passing, she found love again and married Loyal G. Andis on February 27, 1993.

She was a member of the Odon United Methodist Church, the Rebekah Lodge and was a lifetime member of the Odon VFW Ladies' Auxiliary. She was retired from RCA.

Family members left to cherish the memory of Lois include three sons, Richard (Linda) Britton of Loogootee, Steve (Jama) Britton of Odon



LOIS ANDIS

and Willard (Janet) Britton of Washington; two daughters, Kay (Bob) Gilles of Newburgh and Glenda (Jim) Wolford of Odon; 21 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Harold Britton; second husband, Loyal Andis; great-great-granddaughter, Maggie Neiderberger; brother, Maynard Boling and sister, Anna Laura Kollmeyer.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 13 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Ashley Shurtz officiating. Lois was laid to rest in Sugarland

Memory Gardens in Washington.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity in memory of Lois.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## CHARLES NEEDS III

Charles W. Needs, III passed away Monday, May 13, 2019 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 43.

He was born March 6, 1976 in Aurora, Illinois; son of Charles Jr. and Janet L. (Burton) Needs.

Charles was employed at the Dairy Queen in Loogootee and was previously employed by Kimball International in Jasper and Lloyd Graber of Odon.

He is survived by his mother, Janet L. Burton of Evansville; his father, Charles

W. Needs Jr. of Illinois; three daughters, Mekah Terry of Shoals, Jasmine Needs of Loogootee, Alyssa Needs of Texas; brothers and sisters, Alex Hendrick of Wisconsin, Misheal Salinas of Aurora, Illinois, Chad Needs of Illinois, Gary Needs of Illinois, Brandy Needs of Illinois, Jen-neal Needs of Illinois, Krista Murry of New Albany, Mississippi and Nicole Dowdy of New Albany, Mississippi and many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 18 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 1-5 p.m. Friday at the Queen-Lee Chapel.

Donations may be made to the family.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

# Board of Works talks trees, new hires, utility dispute

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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The Loogootee City Council couldn't meet this past Monday night, May 13 due to only two council members being in attendance, and not having enough for a quorum. Teresa Nolley and Carroll Rayhill were present, but Roger Downey, Collin Padgett and Ruth Smith did not attend. So, only a Board of Public Works and Safety meeting was held, with members Ron Gilbert and Jason Greene.

Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson presented quotes from East Fork Tree Service and Melton's Tree Service for two tree removals. Melton's quote for a tree on Bloomfield Road was \$2,600 and East Fork was \$2,500. A tree on High Street from Melton's would cost \$1,800 for removal and \$1,200 from East Fork. Wilson recommended going with East Fork Tree Service as the low bids.

Teresa Nolley, from the audience, asked Wilson if any of the trees that didn't get done last year would be included.

Wilson said he didn't update the list from last year. Nolley said it just seemed to her that the city got a better price when they grouped several trees together and not quoted them out individually. Wilson replied that the two trees in question were brought to the meeting last month and he was asked to get additional quotes at that time. The mayor agreed. Wilson said due to lack of staffing, he hasn't been able to get anything done. He said he would go back to the list later this year.

Mayor Noel Harty said he has received multiple complaints about the tree on Bloomfield Road and Wilson said he has had numerous complaints about the one on High Street.

The board of works agreed to do the High Street and Bloomfield Road trees.

Wilson told the board that he had brought two quotes for vac trucks to last month's meeting. One for a 2003 model for \$100,000 and a new model for \$335,000. He said since last month's meeting, the newer model was sold however the company he has been working with offered to sell the city a 2018 demo model for \$340,000. He said the list price is \$405,000.

At last month's meeting, the city council had suggested that Wilson look into financing rates. Since the council was not meeting Monday night, no decision could be made.

Richard Taylor, who was in the au-

dience, asked what is wrong with the city's current vac truck. Wilson said that the debris body of the truck is failing. The cost to have it re-lined would be \$40,000 and the cost of a new debris body would be \$90,000. The current truck is a 1994 model with 2,000 hours.

Wilson also reported that Rae Greene was hired as the part-time utility clerk and Austin Gilbert and Austin Woody were hired as seasonal help.

The board voted to hire Aaron Means, Nathan Allen and Justin Davis as reserve officers for the police department.

A utility bill dispute was brought to the board. An owner of a rental property on Sheridan Street is disputing a bill for \$64.40.

Bo Wilson explained that his understanding of the situation is that someone came in and made a deposit to have water turned on, on Sheridan Street, at some point. The water was turned on in the name of Charles Davis and no one in the water office knows who that is. A new tenant apparently moved in without changing the name of the deposit. The rental property owner called the water office recently, after evicting the current tenant and wanted to know how much was owed on the bill. There was no record of that current tenant on file, so they told the property owner there was no balance. Later, a bill was sent to the rental property owner in the name of Charles Davis stating it had to be paid in 20 days. The rental property owner does not want to pay the balance because he felt he had covered the bases on finding out if there was a balance from his former tenants. The property owner said it will cost more than twice as much now, in legal fees, to go after the former tenant to recover the money.

Teresa Nolley said she has had the same problem in the past. She has received a letter a year or more after the tenant moved out saying money was owed. She said it should not take that long. The mayor's secretary, Phyllis Panko, who was in the audience, said she is the one that sends out the letters for delinquent water bills. She said she can't say one didn't slip through the cracks, but she sends out the letters as soon as she receives the names and she doesn't believe it took a year and a half.

Panko said the property owners need to contact the water office after tenants move out to see if money is owed. Nolley said she had talked to the utility clerk after her issue with receiving the

bill so late and she was told a different reason why it happened. "I'll leave it at that," she said.

Wilson said the property transferred ownership and the new owner didn't ask for the tenant's name. So, that's where the confusion came in. They noted that this was a problem that needed to be corrected in the future.

The board of public works voted to not excuse the \$64.40 and require the property owner to pay the balance. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan said the property owner can request that the \$64.40 be added to the eviction judgment so as not have to file a new case.

The board gave Utilities Clerk Wilson the go ahead to sell two 2003 trucks through a bidding process.

Wilson told the board that he is interviewing in the next few days to fill one full-time laborer position with water and sewer. He said that due to two employees being on extended medical leave and one resigning last month, he is short staffed. He told the board that due to his aging workforce, he would like to develop another full-time position within his department.

Wilson also told the board that he looked into the prices of speed humps after it was discussed at last month's meeting. The width of Walker Street,

the road in question, is different on each end which would require different lengths of speed humps. Wilson said the shorter ones are \$359.80 each and the longer ones are \$509.75 each.

A resident in the audience, as a final order of business, requested the city repair potholes on Lynn Drive. The mayor said he would see what they can do.

Building Commissioner Tim Hudson approved the following building permits since last meeting:

- Justin Davis at 1101 Broadway Street for a new porch
- Donna Walker at 102 Lynn Drive for the demolition of a carport
- Kevin Canady at 115 Cedar Street for a new house
- Casey Taylor at 219 SE First Street for a new porch
- Tracy and Donna Rayhill at 124 Garrett Avenue for a new house
- Garrett Arvin at 101 East Williams Street for a new carport
- Alley Signs at 105 Cooper Street for a new sign
- Jennifer Northover at 403 SW Second Street for a new porch
- Robin Hamby at 102 West Williams Street for a new fence construction

The issues that were not decided on, on Monday night will be tabled until the next city council meeting.

# TEENS

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thinks about life. The Martin County teens agreed that they had no idea how much some people struggle and how Americans waste so much. Burris said it was pouring rain and cold and he has no idea how people live this way. "It's hard to say all the things I learned on this trip. It had a ton of shock value to it," said Burris. "I learned a lot and I changed a lot in the way I do things in my daily life."

Lucas Harder explained that Americans waste 300 pounds of food, per person, per year and 40 percent of the food supply in America is thrown away. "We still have world hunger, so that's a terrible statistic," said Harder. "Don't take more than you have to; only take what you need."

Delanie Bateman said she lived in the "best" of the slums and her take away was to be fortunate for what you get and help people who are not as fortunate as you are. She said her group, since they were in the "best" slum, wanted to go to the other villages and give them items they needed.

Mason Harder told the audience

that even though the United States only contributes to five percent of the world's population, they consume 32 percent of the world's resources. He said this is higher than anywhere else in the world.

"Personally, I really want everyone to know about this experience," said Burris. "It's emotionally charging, and you feel compelled to do the right thing."

The 4-H teens were so moved by the experience that they are planning a food drive to collect items for the county's food pantries, at this year's 4-H Fair. The team was awarded a grant for \$750 for this program from the Indiana Take A Bite Out of Hunger campaign. The group also plans to cut down on waste at any 4-H events this year.

They are also working to put a team together to take another trip to the ranch in April of next year. Anyone interested can contact Extension Educator Dena Held at 812-295-2412 or any of the four 4-H members who participated.

When asked if they went home and hugged their parents after their experience, Wade Burris replied, "You bet we did."

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MAY 6

5:27 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Corporal Reed responded.

7:28 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

8:40 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:00 p.m. - Deputy Barnett performed two vehicle identification checks north of Loogootee.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Lents transported three inmates to court.

2:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Loogootee. Major Keller and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a report of a property line dispute in Crane. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of cows out on the roadway near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

### TUESDAY, MAY 7

9:40 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Loogootee First responders were notified but did not respond.

1:56 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Lents, and Deputy Barnett responded. Everything was found secure.

5:34 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the Daviess Community Hospital.

6:00 p.m. - Received a horse complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:19 p.m. - Corporal Reed assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock north of Shoals.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

6:46 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Corporal Reed responded. Everything checked okay.

8:23 a.m. - One inmate was transported to a rehabilitation facility in Lafayette.

10:50 a.m. - Received a cat complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, ISP Trooper Beaver, and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush responded.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Shinn took one inmate to court.

12:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi west of Shoals on US 50. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of an illegally parked semi in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Shinn and Reserve Deputy Ochs took four inmates to court.

11:10 a.m. - Deputy Shinn and Reserve Deputy Ochs took four inmates to court.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of an illegally parked vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Shinn and Reserve Deputy Ochs took three inmates to court.

2:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:45 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Ochs took two inmates to court.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 150 near Shoals. Major Keller and Town Marshall Eckert responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

10:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. No one was transported.

### FRIDAY, MAY 10

7:00 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out west of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Major Keller and Animal Control Officer Hughett were notified.

10:03 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:05 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

10:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:50 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute southeast of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and the Dubois County Sheriff's Office responded. Dubois County Ambulance transported one individual to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:19 p.m. - Received a report of a battered subject in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

4:26 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. All was secure.

9:01 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

2:16 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

### SUNDAY, MAY 12

9:08 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. ISP

Trooper Beaver responded.

9:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and ISP Beaver responded.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Francis Wagler and Mary Ruth Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Owen Wagler and Martha Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 9.37 acres, more or less.

**Wilma Lorraine Crutchfield**, of Tarrant County, Texas to **James Lee Peek and Ashley Marie Peek**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.39 acres, more or less.

**Dana L. Drew a/k/a Dana L. Kroll** to **Nathaniel Rainey and Brandi Rainey**, property known as 305 Walker Street, Loogootee IN 47553.

**Owen Wagler and Martha Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Francis Wagler and Mary Ruth Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 14 acres, more or less.

**Julia K. Staggs, n/k/a Julia K. Jackson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Denver Craft and Helen Craft**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 26 and 28 in the Town of Harrisonville, Indiana, except a part of Lots 26 and 28 in Block 9 in the Town of Harrisonville, also known as Trinity Springs, Indiana, containing 3,896 square feet, more or less.

**Michael C. Poole**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Prestin J. Hart**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.25 acres, more or less. Being Lot No. 4 in the New Second Fairway Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**Janet Bowlin**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Janet Bowlin and Christine M. Barone**, Lot Number 50 and a strip of even width 22 feet wide off of the south end of Lot Number 68, all in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Robert E. Perkins and Carol A. Perkins**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Lance Dye**, of Maricopa County, Arizona. Tract I: A part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 7 acres, more or less. Tract II: The south half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 9.796 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Alan J. Williams**, of Martin County,

Indiana to **Thomas J. Williams, Sr.**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot Number 3 in Houghton's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Janet Marie Dorsey, n/k/a Janet Marie Stroud**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey Dorsey**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.758 acres, more or less.

**Johnnie Mark Seals**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Michael Seals**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

**William G. Bauer and Lisa Bauer and Victoria Sue Bauer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Clint D. Hoffman and Amber D. Hoffman**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 74 and 89 in the Original Plat of the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis, Indiana. Also, Lots 73 and 90 in the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

**Brenda J. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Waynessa J. Franklin and Fanessa R. Harmon**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A tract of land in Risacher's Second Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: A tract of land in Risacher's Second Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee.

**Dennis L. Wagoner**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Andrew R. Kluesner and Emily M. Kluesner**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.585 acres, more or less.

## COURT NEWS

### CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

April 23

Timothy J. Bailey, convicted of hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to restitution in the amount of \$500 to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

David J. Mains, Jr., convicted of unlawful taking of a deer or wild turkey, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to restitution in the amount of \$500 to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Hunting license suspended for 7 months.

# ISP partner with federal and local government agencies for 17th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 27, Hoosiers participated in the 17th nationwide "Prescription Drug Take Back Day" by visiting Indiana State Police Posts, locations sponsored by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, and other sites across the state.

"Kudos to everyone who helped protect their loved ones from substance misuse by safely disposing a total of over 11 tons of medication," said Indiana Executive Director for Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement Jim McClelland. "We hope more people will take advantage of convenient prescription drop-off locations available year-round across Indiana."

In partnership with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the drug take back initiative seeks to

prevent prescription drug abuse and theft through proper disposal of prescription drugs. 95 sites across Indiana partnered with the DEA to collect unused medication.

During the one-day event, the DEA reports that Hoosiers safely disposed of 22,757 pounds of unused medication. Collectively the Indiana State Police received 1,794.9 pounds of unused, expired or unwanted medications for proper disposal. Partners from the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency and the Board of Pharmacy received 1,153 pounds of prescription medication.

For more information about the bi-annual 'Prescription Drug Take Back Day' or to find year round disposal locations visit <https://takeback-day.dea.gov/>.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MAY 6

2:44 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.  
2:50 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.  
3:38 p.m. - Received a call of a 911 hang-up on East Broadway Street.  
6:45 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.  
10:07 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## TUESDAY, MAY 7

11:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on North Line Street.  
2:13 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.  
7:22 p.m. - First responders were requested at the baseball field for a medical call.  
8:15 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.  
9:30 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a suspicious vehicle complaint.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

10:45 a.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Vehicle was located and the driver checked out okay.  
11:08 a.m. - Female reported a domestic dispute on Park Street.  
2:40 p.m. - Officer Floyd reported a broken down semi on Hwy 50.  
6:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for a medical call.

## THURSDAY, MAY 9

9:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.  
8:20 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Vehicle was located.  
11:30 a.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the IGA parking lot.  
2:19 p.m. - Caller reported a two-vehicle accident in the Family Dollar parking lot.  
4:26 p.m. - Female requested an of-

ficer check a local business for an item she left.  
8:24 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.  
10:32 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Park Street.

## FRIDAY, MAY 10

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.  
3:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.  
8:00 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a domestic dispute.  
9:45 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.  
11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

## SATURDAY, MAY 11

9:45 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.  
2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.  
3:16 p.m. - Female on South Oak Street reported being threatened by a male.  
8:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.  
11:33 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a suspicious vehicle.

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

4:26 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a residential alarm.  
6:28 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.  
4:00 p.m. - Caller reported a male walking too close to the road on Hwy 50.  
7:45 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.  
10:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

*The Loogootee Police Department will be beginning to tag abandoned vehicles. Vehicles that are deemed abandoned are vehicles that are inoperable due to mechanical issues and/or no current license plates and are visible to public view and haven't been moved for four days.*

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, MAY 6

12:09 p.m. - Dewayne Decker, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, and resisting arrest. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Major Keller and K9 Officer Roxy.

9:34 p.m. - Kimberly Spurgeon, 54, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn for operating while intoxicated endangerment and resisting arrest. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Deputy Gibson assisted with the arrest.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

1:33 a.m. - Austin Boitnott, 23, of Loogootee, was arrested by Corporal Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of

marijuana. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was K9 Officer Virka.

7:15 a.m. - Austin Hammock, 23, of Petersburg, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Rayhill and charged with public nudity and resisting arrest. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was Corporal Reed.

### SATURDAY, MAY 11

12:57 a.m. - Brook Hawkins, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with domestic battery and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

6:40 p.m. - Brian Hawkins, 53, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with two counts of battery with a deadly weapon, two counts of criminal recklessness, and false informing. He is being held without bond.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## FOR SALE

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## YARD SALES

**BURNS CITY TOWNWIDE YARD SALES!** June 8th, 8 a.m.-? Watch for signs. Food will be served on First Road and Third Road.

**FRIDAY AND SATURDAY** 8 a.m., large garage sale at Gregory Farms, 12 miles south of Loogootee.

# GARAGE AND BAKE SALE



**Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church**  
will be holding a garage sale and bake sale  
**FRIDAY, MAY 17**  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Directions: 8 miles south of Loogootee down Hwy. 231 South, turn on Old School Road. Follow yard sale signs to the church. From Haysville: take Hwy. 231 North 4 1/2 miles turning onto Beard Road and then following the signs.

Restrooms are available. • All proceeds go to the church.

Among other items to sell are:

Baked goods, books, lots of clothes in infant, children, women and men's sizes-clothing is \$6 a bag; household and kitchen items, electric range, chest of drawers, computer desk, 2 sets of dishes, 2 glider rockers, toys, bedding, desk, cookie jars, and lots of miscellaneous.



# SATURDAY MAY 18 DMMC SPRING FLING

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8am-11am

## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A police officer pulled over a driver and informed him that, because he was wearing his seat belt, he had just won \$1,000 in a safety competition.,

“What are you going to do with the prize money?” the officer asked.

The man responded, “I guess I’ll go to driving school and get my license.”

At that moment, his wife, who was seated next to him, chimed in, “Officer, don’t listen to him. He’s a smart ass when he’s drunk.”

This woke up the guy in the back seat, who, when he saw the cop, blurted out, “I knew we wouldn’t get far in this stolen car.”

At that moment, there was a knock from the trunk and a voice asked, “Are we over the border yet?”

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SLANG TERMS NO LONGER USED: For you too young to remember, meanings are at the end of the article. (More next week)

1. Cruisin’ for a bruaisin’ - 2. Daddy-O - 3. Made in the Shade - 4. Burn Rubber - 5. Pad - 6. Greaser - 7. Passion pit - 8. Razz my berries - 9. Classy chassis - 10. Word from the bird -

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A man brings his best buddy home for dinner...unannounced at 7:30 p.m. after work.

His wife begins screaming at him and his friend just sits and listens in.

Wife: “My hair and make-up are not

done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I’m still in my pajamas, and I can’t be bothered with cooking tonight! Why the heck did you bring him home?”

Husband: “Because he’s thinking of getting married and I promised him a demo.”

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THOUGHTS:

\*Sometimes I shock myself with the smart things I say and do. Other times, I try to get out of the car with my seat belt on.

\*I kinda want to look good in a swimsuit. I kinda want to eat 47 Tacos. I’m kinda annoyed that I have to pick one.

\*If you love something, set it free. If it comes back to you, it’s probably your child who needs to borrow your phone charger.

\*I have finally discovered what’s wrong with my brain: on the left side, there is nothing right, and on the right side, there’s nothing left.

\*You come from dust, you will return to dust. That’s why I don’t dust. It could be someone I know.

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MEANINGS

1. The dude is so annoying, he’s cruisin’ for a bruaisin’.
2. Your daddy is your actual father, but your Daddy-O is just a generally cool dude - 3. Means things are going well for you and you don’t have a care in the world - 4. When you put that pedal to the metal, your tires are gonna burn some rubber - 5. Your home or apartment - 6. someone who uses an excessive amount of hair products or just a tough guy you might want to stay away from - 7. drive-in theater - 8. when something excites you (but in a non-filthy way) - 9. to tell a lady she’s got a great body - 10. if someone doubts you’re telling them the truth you can assure them that it’s the word from the bird.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### City Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will hold a special meeting on Thursday, May 16 at noon in the municipal building meeting room. The purpose of the meeting is to approve prior month’s claims. The meeting is open to the public.

### Sons of the Revolution meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter, is Tuesday, May 21 at the Free Methodist Church, 630 R Street in Bedford. Dinner is at 6 p.m., with the meeting at 7 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$15. New members will be inducted and Indiana SAR awards will be presented.

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 22 at noon at the West Boggs Park Activity Center. Anyone interested in being a part of the Chamber is invited to attend.

### Food pantry hours

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



JUNO is a female orange tiger stripe adult cat, around 2 years old. She is very sweet, wants to be around people all the time. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$45. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. For info or to see all the dogs and cats available for adoption, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

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### Humane society meetings

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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



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# 2019 Seniors



# SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



# LOOGOOTEE HIGH SCHOOL

## 2019 Senior SPOTLIGHTS



**MELANIE HAWKINS**

Melanie Hawkins, daughter of Rodney & Mimi Hawkins, was born on January 10, 2001. While in high school, Melanie was involved in cheerleading, Pep club, Academic bowl, Mayor's Youth Council, SADD, and Spanish club. Her favorite memory of high school was going on trips with her class. Melanie's future plans are to attend either the University of Evansville or University of Southern Indiana and major in elementary education.



**HALLIE WYMAN**

Hallie Wyman, daughter of Jason & Cara Wyman, was born on June 18, 2001. While in high school, she was involved in volleyball, cheerleading, softball, pep club, and IMPACCT club. Her favorite memory of high school was all the memories and friendships made during sports. After graduation, Hallie plans on attending VU for nursing.



**NICOLE ARVIN**

Nicole Michelle Arvin is the daughter of Michelle Haggard and Andy Haggard, and Steve Arvin and Cathy Arvin. After graduation, Nicole plans to attend Ball State University to study Elementary education. While in high school, Nicole participated in Intern (12), Beta Club (9-12), SADD (10), Spell Bowl (9-11), Cadet teach (11-12), FACS (11), French club (9-12), Job Shadow (12), Student Co. (9-11), and Girls Basketball Manager (9-10).



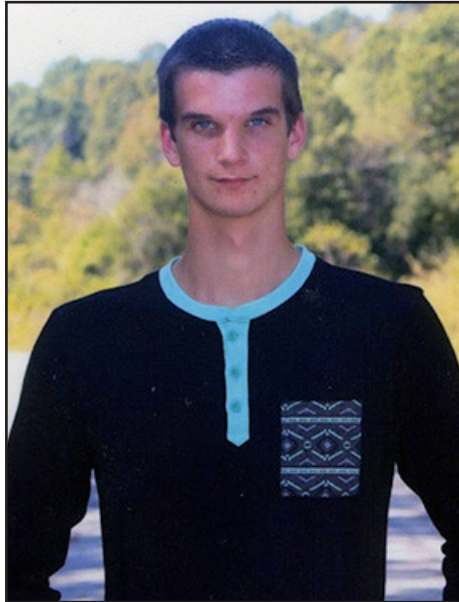
**MAELEE HAWKINS**

Jessie Maelee Hawkins is the daughter of Lonnie Hawkins and Kate Persinger. After graduation, Maelee plans to attend IUPUI to study Radiation Therapy. While in high school, Maelee participated in Intern (11), Spanish Club (9-12), Yearbook (10), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), FACS (9-12), Student Council (9,12), Basketball (9-12), Softball (9-12).



**GARY COOPER**

Gary Cooper, son of Gary Cooper and Ashley Ledbetter, was born on April 18, 2000. His favorite memory of high school was being in shop class with Mr. Kent. After graduation, Gary plans on working at IGA or Ruler.



**KYLE MONTGOMERY**

Kyle Montgomery, son of Bryan and Cindy Montgomery, was born on July 4, 2001. While in high school, he was involved in Beta club. His favorite memory of high school was playing hangman at the beginning of Mr. Smith's Health class. Kyle's plans after graduation is to work at Old Paths Printing.



**JAYDEN SEITZ**

Jayden James Seitz is the son of Ryan Seitz, April Seitz, Eric Strange, and Kasey Strange. After graduation, Jayden plans to enter the military to become an Army Ranger. While in high school, Jayden participated in Intramural basketball (11,12), Spanish club (9-11), Intern (12), Cadet teaching (11), Job shadow (11), Basketball (9), Cross country(12), and Track (11,12).



**KASHTEN BURCH**

Kashten Shae Burch is the daughter of Andrew and Shannon Burch. After graduation, Kashten plans to attend Indiana University for Marketing and Management. While in high school, Kashten participated in Lionettes(9-12), Spanish club(9-12), Beta Club(9-12), Fellowship of Christian Athletes(9-12), Pep club(9-12), SADD(9-12), Job Shadow(10-12), Student Council(9,12), Volleyball(9,10) and Tennis(9-12)



**AMBER FIELDS**

Amber Fields, daughter of Scott & Melissa Fields, was born on November 30, 2000. While in high school, Amber was involved in volleyball, track, SADD, Beta club, Spanish club, Academic team, Pep club, band, and the Mayor's Youth Council. Her favorite memory of high school was running track. After graduation, Amber plans to attend the University of Kentucky for nursing and eventually go back to school to become a nurse practitioner in the ER.



**CHASE HECKARD**

Chase Heckard, son of William Heckard and Malissa Amstutz, was born on July 19, 2001. Chase's favorite high school memory was driving fast cars and picking up women. After graduation, Chase plans to get a full time job.



**JAYMISON WAGONER**

Jaymison Justus Wagoner is the son of Pat and Nikki Wagoner. After graduation, Jaymison plans to attend Ivy Tech to study Cyber Security. While in high school, Jaymison participated in Intern (11-12), Intramural Basketball (12), Job Shadow (11-12), Pep Club (9-10), Right To Life (9-11), SADD (9-11), and Community Service (11-12).



**JACE TOY**

Jace R. Toy is the son of Heather Hager and Alex Toy. Following graduation, Jace plans to achieve a higher education at Ivy Tech University. While in high school Jace participated in tennis in the 9th grade.



The cool night temperatures recently have helped the blooms of many shrubs and perennials last for a longer time than usual. The pink Koussa dogwood along the sidewalk to my house has been in bloom for at least three weeks and is only now beginning to lose some petals. A large hot pink rhododendron has also held its blooms for an extended period. The rain beat up on the blooms of some tree peonies, but the herbaceous peonies have started to put on a show. I took a bouquet to church last Sunday of single and double-blooming peonies that have been growing here since Grandma Hooten planted them when she came here in 1924. Peonies are notably long-lived plants, often growing undisturbed for a century. With several varieties here at Sandhill Gardens, I should have peonies in bloom for the next month.

The perennial beds are particularly lush. The bluebells have faded, but the bleeding hearts continue to set new blooms. Hostas have exploded onto the scene and the new ferns I planted last fall give great contrast to the hosta foliage. Actually, there is considerable contrast among the hostas themselves. With more than forty varieties in the gardens, there are hostas with gold, chartreuse and blue foliage, as well as various shades of green. There are also numerous variegation patterns and leaf sizes range from the size of a quarter to nearly two feet across.

The astilbes are also exhibiting superior qualities in the shade gardens this year. While I have had no plumes so far, many of the plants should be in bloom soon. I recently acquired a chocolate astilbe with deep burgundy, nearly black, foliage. I also have a new big-leaved ligularia which already stands out boldly and should only increase its status as it matures. The various variegations of the brunneras are still ac-

cented by sprays of tiny blue flowers, which earn the plant the common name of perennial forget-me-not. Although the flower show of the lungworts has slowed, there are still some blooms to accent the spotted foliage. Bright English primroses in a variety of colors testify to the fact that shade gardens need not be boring.

The cool weather also slows down the development of the vegetable garden. Warm-season crops, such as peppers and tomatoes, do not grow rapidly under such conditions. If you have not yet set out your transplants for these crops, do not be in any hurry. They will do better when the temperatures warm and those later transplants will likely catch up with the plants that are already in the garden. When the soil warms, it will be time to plant direct-seeded crops, such as beans, okra and corn.

Of course, with lush growth in the garden, it also means lush growth for weeds. That never-ending battle may take a little extra time right now. Many of the early annual weeds have set seeds and need to be removed as soon as possible. Do not put these weeds in the compost bin. If you do not have an out-of-the-way place to dispose of the weeds, put them into plastic bags and dispose of them in the trash.

Each year, I try to host a plant exchange at Sandhill Gardens. This Saturday, May 18, will be your chance to bring ornamental and edible-crop plants, tools, garden décor and anything else garden related to trade with others. This will be in conjunction with the Orange and Crawford County Independent Living Council meeting. The council meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and will include a demonstration of making a hypertufa container. The plant exchange will follow at 11 a.m. Come and join in the fun.

## Historic Indiana En Plein Air art project launches

The Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Plein Air Painters Association (IPAPA) are partnering on a project that will eventually culminate with a traveling museum exhibition titled "Historic Indiana En Plein Air."

During the next 15 months IPAPA artist members will paint scenes from nearly 2,000 Indiana entries in the National Register of Historic Places, and 60 paintings will be selected to commemorate the event and tour throughout the state.

"En plein air" is defined as the act of painting outdoors, as opposed to studio painting.

Indiana's state historic preservation

office will be 50 years old in 2020. The eventual tour will celebrate the DNR's 50 years of managing Indiana's portion of the National Register of Historic Places. A perfect-bound four-color extended catalog will be produced to accompany the tour.

Once the selection of the paintings is complete, an opening exhibition will be held at the Indiana State Museum in September 2020. After that, the exhibit will travel to different museums throughout the state for a year.

To view all DNR news releases, please see [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov). For more information on the IPAPA, see [inpainters.org](http://inpainters.org)

## Second Free Fishing Day is Saturday

Bring the family to the local fishing hole on Saturday, May 18, the second of four Free Fishing Days in Indiana.

On Free Fishing Days, Indiana residents can fish public waters without a fishing license or salmon/trout stamp. For this reason, Free Fishing Days are a great opportunity for families to learn to fish together. Children age 17 and younger do not need a license on any day.

There will be several Family Learn to Fish workshops on May 18 throughout the state. All events run from 9 a.m. to noon. Advance registration is required.

-Pinhook Park in South Bend: [bit.ly/2DPR62G](http://bit.ly/2DPR62G).

-Monon Community Center in Carmel: [bit.ly/2YkNlUH](http://bit.ly/2YkNlUH).

-Krannert Park in Indianapolis: [bit.ly/2VLSdeb](http://bit.ly/2VLSdeb).

-Fort Harrison State Park in India-

napolis: [bit.ly/2DWn6lM](http://bit.ly/2DWn6lM). Register by emailing [dallison@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dallison@dnr.IN.gov) or by calling 317-591-0122.

-Munger Park in Lafayette: [bit.ly/2Jk1hjD](http://bit.ly/2Jk1hjD).

-Garvin Park in Evansville. Register by emailing [Gena@wesselmanwoods.com](mailto:Gena@wesselmanwoods.com) or by calling at 812-479-0771.

These specialty workshops are also offered on May 18:

-Family Learn to Fish the River, Island Park, Elkhart. Event will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Advance registration is required. To register visit: [bit.ly/2PpqBWr](http://bit.ly/2PpqBWr).

-Learn to Fish with Lures, Krannert Park, Indianapolis. The event will run from 1 to 4 p.m. Advance registration is required. To register visit [bit.ly/2Jq7zOG](http://bit.ly/2Jq7zOG).

For more information about Free Fishing Days and related events, visit [dnr.IN.gov/fishfree](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishfree).

## Dairy Margin Coverage program sign-up begins June 17

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced this week that the March 2019 income over feed cost margin was \$8.85 per hundredweight (cwt.), triggering the third payment for dairy producers who purchase the appropriate level of coverage under the new Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) program.

DMC, which replaces the Margin Protection Program for Dairy (MPP-Dairy), offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all milk price and the average feed cost (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

"I encourage all dairy operations to sign up for DMC when we begin accepting applications in June," said FSA Administrator Richard Fordyce. "Under certain coverage levels, the amount to be paid to dairy farmers for the months of January, February and March already exceed the cost of the premium."

The signup period for DMC opens June 17, 2019. Dairy producers who elect a DMC coverage level between \$9 and \$9.50 would be eligible for a payment for January, February and March 2019.

For example, a dairy operation that chooses to enroll an established production history of 3 million pounds (30,000 cwt.) and elects the \$9.50 coverage level on 95 percent of production would receive \$1,543.75 for March.

Sample calculation:

$\$9.50 - \$8.85 \text{ margin} = \$0.65 \text{ difference}$

$\$0.65 \times 95 \text{ percent of production} \times 2,500 \text{ cwt. (30,000 cwt./12)} = \$1,543.75$

DMC premiums are paid annually. The calculated annual premium for coverage at \$9.50 on 95 percent of a 3-million-pound production history for this example would be \$4,275.

Sample calculation:

$3,000,000 \times 95 \text{ percent} = 2,850,000/100 = 28,500 \text{ cwt.} \times 0.150$

premium fee = \$4,275

The dairy operation in the example calculation will pay \$4,275 in total premium payments for all of 2019 and receive \$8,170 in DMC payments for January, February and March combined. Additional payments will be made if calculated margins remain below the \$9.50/cwt level.

All participants are also required to pay an annual \$100 administrative fee in addition to any premium, and payments will be subject to a 6.2 percent reduction to account for federal sequestration.

Operations making a one-time election to participate in DMC through 2023 are eligible to receive a 25 percent discount on their premium for the existing margin coverage rates. For the example above, this would reduce the annual premium by \$1,068.75.

## Patoka Lake Nature Center reopens

The newly renovated Patoka Lake Nature Center has reopened and has several new features for families to learn about area wildlife.

The new features include a new land-to-lake view of wildlife commonly seen at Patoka Lake. There's also a terrarium and aquarium exhibit featuring box turtles, a tiger salamander, an albino alligator snapping turtle, and new interactive wildlife management displays.

The center is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$9 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe, Highway 164. For more information regarding this program other interpretive events, please call the Visitor Center at 812-685-2447.

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## Loogootee Girls' Tennis results

Last Friday, May 10 the Loogootee Girls' Tennis Teams took on Vincennes Lincoln at home. The varsity won 4-1 and the junior varsity also took the victory 5-0.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "Annalise played a great match at #3 Singles. She has made consistent improvement throughout the year and is playing well at the right time. Overall, we were not as sharp as Thursday but played well when we needed to."

The varsity record moves to 11-6 on the season. The junior varsity stands at 9-2.

### Varsity results

#1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Allison Hein 6-7, (1), 6-1, 6-3

#2 Singles Anna Purdom (VL) defeated Emily Wade 6-2, 6-3

#3 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Fatima Ayala 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles Leonna Hedrick/Kashten

## Loogootee Middle School Softball on winning streak

The Loogootee Middle School Softball Teams defeated North Daviess at home on Friday, May 10. The "A" team won 12-4 and the "B" team won 9-3.

The "A" team had a total of 14 hits led by Mayson Simmons with three. Sydnee Wittmer, Caitlin Carrico, Kyleigh Courter, and Allie Henninger each had two and Kortni Rumble and Claire Kemp each had one.

The "B" team had 10 hits led by Kortni Rumble and Ashlee Arvin with two each. Alana Hedrick, Abbi Nonte, Ashlynn Gilbert, Chrislynn Holland, Caitlin Carrico and Mayson Simmons had one each.

Last Wednesday, both Loogootee teams travelled to Bloomfield and both teams brought home a victory. The "A" team won 18-3 and the "B" team 5-0.

Ashlynn Gilbert and Mayson Simmons led the "A" team in hits with three each. Gilbert also had a game-high four RBIs. Lindsay Nolan, Kyleigh Courter, and Kortni Rumble had two hits apiece and Caitlin Carrico, Allie Henninger and Brooklyn Summers each had one hit. In the "B" game, Ashlee Arvin finished with two hits and Abbi Nonte, Kortni Rumble and Mayson Simmons had one each.

The girls played at South Knox on Monday, May 6. The "A" team won 4-2 and the "B" team also won 9-1.

Allie Henninger led the "A" team in hits with two. Lindsay Nolan, Caitlin Carrico, Kyleigh Courter and Brooklyn Summers had one each.

Sydnee Wittmer led the "B" team in hits with three. Alana Hedrick, Abbi Nonte, Mayson Simmons, CJ Walker and Kyleigh Courter each contributed one.

On Friday, May 3, the girls played at home against Northeast Dubois. The "A" team won 4-3 with a walk off single by Kyleigh Courter, in the bottom of the fifth inning, scoring Brooklyn Summers. The "B" team won 6-5 with a walk off single in the bottom of the fifth inning by Caitlin Carrico, scoring Ashlee Arvin.

In the "A" game, Kyleigh Courter led in hits with two followed by Lindsay Nolan, Allie Henninger and Sydnee Wittmer with one each. In the "B" game, Caitlin Carrico and Lindsay Nolan had one hit apiece.

Burch (L) defeated Kaylee McKnight/Savannah Purdom 6-3, 1-6, 6-2

#2 Doubles Brittany Potts/Madisyn Wade (L) defeated Logan Rickert/Abi Kirk 6-3, 6-1

### Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Sofi Valabrega (L) defeated Claire Isler 6-0

#2 Singles Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Claire Isler 6-0

#1 Doubles Hope Fischer/Katie Callison (L) defeated Amelia Lane/Cameron Carie 6-0

#2 Doubles Sina Poulsen/Madison McAtee (L) defeated Amelia Lane/Cameron Carie 6-1

#3 Doubles Olivia Dant/Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Dalyla Anderson/Kathleen Frey (6-1)

Last Thursday, May 9, the varsity Lady Lions swept White River Valley at home, 5-0. There were no junior varsity matches played.

"We worked on some things in practice Wednesday and were able to execute those shots today. This was the first match this year I felt like all the players played well at the same time. With Sectional less than a week away we need to continue our improvement," said Coach Tippery.

### Varsity results

#1 Singles Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Summer Blanton 6-0, 6-1

#2 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated McKinley Frye 6-3, 6-2

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

#1 Doubles Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Olivia Myers/Caroline Drinkrow 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles Brittany Potts/Madisyn Wade (L) defeated Darci Fulk/Madie Godfrey 6-0, 6-0

Last Tuesday, both teams defeated Bloomfield at home. The varsity won 3-2 and the junior varsity 3-1.

### Varsity results

#1 Singles Kylee Shelton (B) defeated Melaina Tippery 7-5, 7-5

#2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Lucia Vicent 6-0, 6-4

#3 Singles Annalise Powell (L) defeated Brooklyn Bucher 4-6, 6-4, 6-3

#1 Doubles Malea Toon/Maizy Gilliland (B) defeated Leonna Hedrick/Kashten Burch 6-4, 5-7, 6-2

#2 Doubles Madysyn Wade/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Nicole Kilzer/Gra-cie Lowry 3-6, 6-4, 6-4

### Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Sofi Valabrega (L) defeated Alison Tinsley 8-1

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Hope Fischer (L) defeated Regan Miller/Ainsley Arthur 8-2

#2 Doubles Sina Poulsen/Madison McAtee (L) defeated Thaida Uland/Violeta Crespo 8-3

#3 Doubles Malia Edlin/Emily Neighbors (B) defeated Grace Gingerich/Grace Foddrill 8-7 (2)

## 80s Retro Dance at Shoals

The Shoals Parent Association will be sponsoring an 80's Retro Dance on Saturday, May 18 at the Shoals High School from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Admission is free. DJ Charlie will provide the music and concessions will be available to purchase.

A silent auction of baskets made by various classrooms will end at 7:30 p.m.

Sumo Bots will be on display for a Robot War. Parents must attend with children; no babysitting will be available.

## Lady Lions trip up WRV

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

Maria Chestnut (2-0) knew it as soon as she threw it, but that one pitch didn't get her down as she picked up her second varsity win of the year, this time over the White River Valley Lady Wolverines, 17-1, in five innings.

Chestnut, who struck out two, scattered four hits during her three innings of work, and even though the pitch that floated got hit for a home run, Maria settled back in and

got the Lady Wolverines 1-2-3 right after. Isabelle Waggner went to the center for the last two innings and gave up one hit and struck out two herself.

Loogootee scored early and often in all four innings they went to the plate. Tyanna Graber had another stellar night at the dish, going 3-3, 4-4 on base, with a home run, two singles, a couple RBI, and four runs scored. Adie Nolley, Makenzie VanHoy, each had three hits on the night, Calli Winger collected two hits, as did Maria Chestnut.

## Lady Lions stymie Wood Memorial

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

Loogootee picked up a Blue Chip Conference road win over the Wood Memorial Lady Trojans behind the pitching of Sydney Davis, and the hitting of Tyanna Graber, Adie Nolley and Makenzie VanHoy by a 12-0 score which shortened the game to six innings. Davis, struck out seven, while scattering 5 hits, to pick up her sixth win of the season.

Wood Memorial put a runner on base each inning, but great pitching, timely defense, and a great pick-off at first base, orchestrated by Tyanna Graber and Sara Street, ended each Memorial threat.

On the offensive side, Tyanna Graber was 5-5 at the plate, with three runs scored and two runs batted in. Adie Nolley provided some pop on the night, as she went 3-5 with a home run and 3 RBIs. Asia Crim, Sydney Davis, Makenzie VanHoy, and Grace Lingenfelter all had a multi-hit game, with

## Lady Lions win at North Daviess

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

Isabelle Waggner came out ready to pitch, and threw a one-hitter, leading the Lady Lions to a 10-0 win over the Lady Cougars of North Daviess High School. The Lady Lions bats came out ready as well, as Loogootee scored four in the first, four in the second one in the third and one in the seventh on their way to the win.

Waggner, gave up the only hit to the first batter for the Lady Cougars, a slap hit by the speedy Cornelius. A sacrifice bunt moved her to second and a wild pitch to third, before a walk to Sanders had the Cougars with a first and third with one out. When the runner on first, broke for second, Loogootee catcher, Tyanna Graber, threw through to the second baseman, Sydney Davis, who caught the ball and ran the runner down who headed back to first for the second out of the inning. Sara Street made a great play on a foul pop up to end the inning, and the Cougars only threat of the game.

Loogootee used twelve hits, seven walks and three hit batters to their advantage to score the 10 runs. Sydney Davis, Tyanna Graber, and Isabelle Waggner each had a multi-hit game, with Graber and Waggner each having a double for the Lady Lions. Waggner drove home four runs and Graber three to lead the Lady Lions offense.

Jaelyn Walker and Isabelle Waggner each clubbing doubles.

In JV action, Maria Chestnut twirled the win in the circle, and stayed hot at the dish, collecting three hits, two for extra bases, in the 10-0 win over Wood Memorial. Kaitlyn Bruner clubbed a triple, while Chelsie Sutton, Rachel Lents, and Haylie Mathies each had a multi-hit game for Loogootee.

## Lady Lions down Lady Warriors

BY GREG CLARK  
LHS Head Softball Coach

Loogootee used a five run second inning to take control of the game, and Sydney Davis had another stellar game in the circle, striking out seven Lady Warriors, as the Lady Lions cruised to a 6-0 win over the visiting North Knox Lady Warriors.

A one error by North Knox, off the hot bat of Calli Winger, opened the door in the second. Consecutive walks to Jaelyn Walker and Sara Street loaded the bases for Loogootee. With two outs, Asia Crim line a single to center to score Winger, Sydney Davis then drew a bases loaded walk to score Walker. Sara Street scampered home on a passed ball, then Tyanna Graber roped a double to right center to score Crim and Davis to put five on the board for the Lady Lions.

North Knox did threaten in the 4th inning, as a couple of hits and a hit batter loaded the bases with no outs. Davis got the next batter to hit a soft ground ball back to the circle, which she flipped to Tyanna Graber at the plate for out number one. With the bases still loaded, Davis struck out the next Lady Warrior and got the two out batter to pop out to Sara Street at first base.

Loogootee would put another run on the board in the fifth. Graber lined a double to right center, moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a 195-foot sacrifice fly off the bat of Makenzie VanHoy.

## Art show to be held Friday

Come out and support the middle and high school art students, at Loogootee, Friday, May 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. for Loogootee's first annual Spring Art Show. Artworks include photography, drawing, painting, printmaking, pottery, sculpture, graphic design, and more. The exhibit will be held in the gallery space inside the Loogootee High School lobby prior to the band concert. Light refreshments will be provided.

# Shoals School Board makes staff changes, plans for end of school year

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, May 9. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Samantha Boyd and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Janie Johnson, April Sutton, Jennifer Mauntel, Miranda Beaver and Dr. Candace Roush. No patrons were in attendance.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

- Miranda Beaver's resignation as the varsity and junior high Rockettes Coach.
- Sharon Garsnett's resignation from the position of English Teacher.
- Heidi Hoffman's resignation as the junior high girls' track coach
- Jennifer Mauntel's resignation as dyslexia coordinator.
- Patti Schnarr's resignation as pre-school teaching assistant.
- Dalton Roush and Kenyon Sorrells as seasonal field maintenance.
- Cecil Ragsdale, Cody Roush and Carter Roush as volunteers for seasonal maintenance.
- Rebecca Harmon and Leeza Adams as the Summer IREAD remediation teachers.
- Andrew Beaver as high school and junior high boys' and girls' cross country coach
- Jeff Gee as varsity soccer coach
- JJ Johnson as varsity assistant soccer coach and junior varsity soccer coach
- Cody Douglas as junior high soccer coach
- John Wright, Darren Tanksley, Travis Brett, Nick Gerkin, and Dylan Erwin as volunteer boys' basketball coaches
- Darek Turpin as a boys' basketball volunteer coach. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Drexel Turpin abstaining.
- Edmund Neely as a boys' basketball

volunteer coach. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Eva George abstaining.

- Samuel Dahlen as the new IT Assistant
- Tina Sullivan as the new dyslexia coordinator.

-Bryson Abel as the co-athletic director for 2019-2020.

-Danielle Cornett as the co-athletic director for 2019-2020. Motion passed 3-0-1 with Drexel Turpin abstaining.

The volleyball team requested to sell t-shirts to help pay for the cost of their team camps. The athletic directors requested that all proceeds from the track meet and baseball game on April 16, 2019 go to the Roush family. The varsity softball team requested to host a summer camp for four weeks starting June 4, 2019 going through June 25, 2019. The board approved all requests.

A correction to the current temporary job description for the athletic director joint position was presented. The board approved.

The varsity and junior varsity baseball teams requested to stay overnight in Evansville after their games against Bosse. The high school volleyball team requested to travel to Louisville, Kentucky for a camp at the University of Louisville July 11-13, 2019. The board approved both requests.

The board approved the high school volleyball request to have American Volleyball Camp June 6-8 at Shoals, the Shoals Boys' Basketball team to host an AAU Basketball Tourney July 19-21 and Darren Tanksley to host 3-on-3 tourney in benefit of Shoals Athletics on June 8 in the auxiliary gym.

Graduation will be on June 25, 2019 at 2 p.m. in the main gym.

Dr. Roush extended a warm thank you to Linda Sherfick for her many years at Shoals Community Schools. She will be greatly missed. And a thank you to Sharon Garsnett for her time at Shoals. They appreciate all that she has done for our students.

Summer school will take place the last three weeks of July. July 15-August 2 are the dates and is free to all students. Please contact the high school or elementary office if you are interested in having your child attend. The times are 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. The cafeteria will be serving breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and lunch at 11 a.m. This is open to all students, not just those attending summer school.

Dr. Roush thanked all of the teachers for their hard work and dedication to the students this year. Dr. Roush thanked Mr. Kent and his Ag students for working hard to complete the first phase of

the walking trail. They have been pouring concrete this week. There are multiple awards programs taking place in the next two weeks, so be sure to check social media and the school's website for details.

The school received a \$10,000 grant from AT&T to help hang digital signage throughout the school. The middle school classrooms, restrooms and the offices will be painted this summer. The school appreciates all of the donated dirt from the Dollar General. They will be getting some gravel to make the area behind the bus barn into additional parking for sporting events.

Dr. Roush extended heartfelt condolences to the many families and students that have suffered loss these past couple of months.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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