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Commissioners agree to sell remaining land in tech park

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, May 16.

Alliance Director Jessica Potts told the commissioners that StrongBox Commercial, LLC, who is bringing in the new microelectronics company at WestGate, has requested to purchase Martin County's two acres in the tech park for \$32,750. The property contains 1.32 acres of buildable land and .68 acre of ditch area. The company is currently renting the former SAIC building but wants to build a warehouse on the Martin County property. "Sold!" said Commissioner Paul George. "Where do I sign?" asked Commissioner Cody Roush. The commissioners approved the sale of the property to StrongBox and the money will go back into the county's general fund.

Public Health Nurse Julia Albright told commissioners that the health department will receive extra funds from the state, including \$131,250 in 2024 and \$262,500 in 2025. She said it could be more if some counties opt out of the agreement with the state. She said the county is required to match a portion of the funds however what the health department is provided by the county is more than enough to cover the match. She said the state did the match to prevent counties from taking away the funding they already provide due to the new influx of funds. The extra funding is to be used to expand services, including access to immunizations and blood testing. "I see no downfall with this," said Commissioner George citing he found nothing that would indicate

there were any hidden motives. He said he also had asked if any of the money could be used for the ambulance service, and he was told it could not.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals presented a quote from McCoy Construction and Forestry for a new John Deere grader. The cost is \$320,684 and has the same specifications as their current model. When asked if Seals plans to trade in the current model, Commissioner George said they are not sure they want to get rid of the current grader based on the prices that are being offered. The highway

Shoals Council hears about speeding traffic, wastewater improvements

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, April 10. In attendance were Council Members Cary D Albright and Roger Abel Jr., Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney Lett Dave Lett, Shoals Beautification Board President Tania Brown and Shoals Beautification Board member Kelly Tinkle. Others in attendance were Cassie Sumner, Breeann Sumner, Adam Greene and Cody Roush. Councilwoman Micky Crew was absent.

Citizen Cassie Sumner came before the council to request something be done about the speeding traffic on 2nd Street. Sumner suggested a four-way stop at the Low Street intersection. Council Member Albright said the board would take the suggestion under advisement and would request extra presence from Town Marshal Eckert in the meantime.

Tania Brown and Kelly Tinkle, with the Shoals Beautification Board, came before the board with a drafted design of a new restroom facility at Overlook Park. The restroom would be a one-unit unisex facility, ADA compliant, concrete buildings for easy cleaning. The quote to build the facility is \$27,500. After discussion concerning water and wastewater logistics, Council Member Albright told the beautification board they have the support of the town to move forward with options of making the project work. Councilman Abel agreed.

Council Member Albright stated he had a quote from Layne for repairs desperately needed to the silo water well in order for it to be made safe for working in. The quote was \$7,218. Councilman Abel made a motion to approve the quote with Councilman Albright making the second.

Albright stated he has a quote from Straeffler Pump & Supply for repairs or replacement of one lift station pump that is currently down. To replace is \$19,000 and to repair is \$10,000. Councilman Abel made a motion to approve the repair of the pump with Councilman Albright making the second.

President Albright said the updates start date for the wastewater improvements project had been moved back to May 15, with a contingency start date of May 22 at the latest. Albright stated the bridge would be down to one lane once the work started. There is no start date yet for the bridge portion of the project.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented current fund balances to the board for review. Next Rutledge presented a Keystone license renewal for the key device for the electronic read meter system.

department will have to finance the purchase. The commissioners approved.

Seals said he picked up the new dump truck the commissioners approved purchasing last week. He said there were a few minor leaks that were found and those are currently being fixed.

Seals also reported that the Green Cemetery project is complete, and the new culvert is in place. He said Augie Bauer has offered to mow the cemetery for \$500 for the rest of the year. "Sounds pretty good to me," said Commissioner George. Seals said he is not sure if Bauer

plans to mow every week or every other week. The commissioners approved once a contract is established. Commissioner Aaron Summers asked who mows the other cemeteries in the county. It was noted that the trustees are in charge of making sure all other cemeteries get mowed however Green Cemetery is owned by the county and is the only cemetery owned by the county.

Seals said he has been asked about the progress of work to be done on bridge 44 on Deep Cut Lake Road. Attorney Lett said he needs to speak with CLR about prices before he moves forward with litigation. The bridge was damaged back in 2021 by a truck driver.

Seals said signs have been ordered for the new speed limit on Red School Road. The commissioners discussed this at their last meeting after a resident made the request to reduce the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 25. Attorney Lett said a resolution will have to be approved after advertised.

Seals said the highway department's Gradeall is in Evansville getting repairs. He said they have found one issue and repaired it and are still working to try and fix the second issue.

Craig Beuhler, with Global Life Supplemental Insurance, talked to the commissioners about policies his company offers including what is not currently being provided to county employees. After his presentation, the commissioners suggested he come back and speak to the human resources director.

Sheriff Josh Greene, who was not at the meeting, had sent information regarding a fingerprint machine that another county had offered to his department at no charge. His current machine is not working properly. The maintenance agreement for the new machine, however, would cost \$3,355 more than the current machine. The commissioners agreed to help Sheriff Greene pay this year's maintenance agreement, not to exceed \$4,000. They discussed using ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds however Commissioner Roush and Attorney Lett said they didn't think the purchase would fall under the APRA guidelines. It was decided to find the money in another fund.

The next commissioners' meeting is Tuesday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioners buy dump truck for highway department

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting last Thursday morning, May 11 for the purpose of buying a dump truck for the highway department.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals said he found a 2017 International dump truck in Jasper with 14,325 original miles. It has a snowplow and a spreader bed. The cost is \$75,000. He said told the commissioners he thought it was a good buy. "It's a really good buy," said Commissioner Paul George.

The commissioners approved the purchase and told Seals the auditor will get him a check so he can go pick it up.



Memorial Day 2023

On Monday, May 29, the Ceremonial Unit of The American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 will pay homage to veterans of ALL wars with a visit to the cemeteries listed below. This will be the 66th year for the Legion to conduct these services. Note that we will be at Mt. Zion and Hindostan Methodist again this year, as these two cemeteries were added the last couple of years. They will be announcing a roll call for all deceased veterans in each cemetery, followed by a 21-gun salute and playing of taps.

9 a.m. – Burns City Cemetery
9:30 a.m. – St. Joseph's Cemetery
10 a.m. – St. Mary's Cemetery
10:30 a.m. – Goodwill Cemetery
11:15 a.m. – St John's Cemetery
12:15 a.m. – St. Martin's Cemetery
12:45 p.m. – Truelove Church Cemetery
1:15 p.m. – Mt. Zion Cemetery
1:45 p.m. – South Martin Cemetery
2:30 p.m. – Hindostan Methodist Cemetery



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Shown above, at the future Pavilion site, are City Park Board member Don Greene, MCCF President Paula Ringwald, Park Board members Lynette and Gary Arvin, Mayor Noel Harty, past MCCF Board member Dan Gregory, Park Board member Karen Slaven, MCCF Vice-President Kristi Ausbrooks, Community Foundation Partnership (CFP) CEO Hope Flores, Community Action Leading Loogootee (CALL) member Teresa Nolley, CFP Grants Officer Lisa Starr, MCCF Board member Richard Burch, Martin County Alliance Executive Director Jessica Potts, Michelle Carrico from the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC), Matt Clark of Midwestern Engineers, and CALL members Nancy Jones and Pam Loughmiller. Not pictured is MCCF Director Curt Johnson.

City of Loogootee receives \$250k grant from community foundation

The Martin County Community Foundation recently awarded the City of Loogootee a \$250,000 grant for the Downtown Park Pavilion project. The pavilion and green space will be located on the empty lot south of the railroad tracks on Church Street, east of Highway 231/John F Kennedy Avenue. The grant is to help pay for the Pavilion, topsoil and grading, and utility work. The full project cost is approximately \$717,000 and will be funded with a READI grant of \$225,000 from Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI), the MCCF Grant for \$250,000, a private donation of \$500, and public funding for the difference of a projected

\$242,000.

This project is within the Recreation and Health & Wellness improvement areas that were defined for Martin County by an ROI effort for area counties to each develop a Quality of Place & Workforce Attraction Plan. The goal of the plan was to identify areas of opportunities and improvements to make Martin County a more attractive place for people to live and visit. The Pavilion project is expected to improve tourism in the area and also help to revive the Loogootee downtown area. The Quality of Place Advisory Team for the Plan was made up of 30 key stakeholders and leaders in Martin County.



MARTIN COUNTY

Making A Difference

Community Foundation Partnership



By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



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Shown above, from left to right, are MCCF Director Curt Johnson, MCCF Board member Janie Johnson, MCCPS Secretary Shannan Wagoner, Rex Knight, MCCPS Treasurer Linda Knight, Tammy Salmon, Andrea Deckard, Karen Jones, Audra Deckard, MCCF President Paula Ringwald, Robin Hart, MCCPS President Rheadawn Street, MCCPS Vice-President Sandy Bratton, and MCCF Board member Megan Hawkins.

-- FILLING A NEED --

So many times, in our community, we have seen people band together for someone or something in need. Service and support gaps are out there, but our friends, neighbors and caring others do what they can to bridge those gaps. And sometimes people think beyond just responding to the immediate need, looking for a longer-term support solution.

-- CANCER PATIENT SERVICES --

A great example of this is the Martin County Cancer Patient Services (MCCPS) organization. As MCCPS says on their Facebook page, our community has several individuals who are fighting a battle against cancer. This terrible disease has touched so many lives while creating a need for patient and family support.

Within the last few months, a group of caring individuals came together to address this need and created the MCCPS. It already has a 501(c)3 non-profit status and is now firmly established in our county. The MCCPS Mission Statement is to assist people impacted by cancer, who reside in Martin County, so that no one faces cancer alone.

-- WHAT THEY DO --

Check out the MCCPS website at www.mccpservices.org for more information. But a key question that they answer is: What kind of services do you offer?

Their answer is that they can provide fuel assistance to get to doctor appointments or treatments, including volunteer drivers for those in need. They can also assist with the cost of food supplements such as Boost and Ensure. And they are gathering or have access to medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers and shower chairs, to loan out as long as a patient needs. They can even help with the cost of wigs or the cost of a mammogram or PSA tests if someone doesn't have insurance. The MCCPS is learning and growing and working to do the best that they can to help.

-- HOW YOU CAN HELP --

Do you want to help MCCPS help those families suffering from cancer? You can

donate supplies or medical equipment like what was mentioned earlier. You can offer to drive patients to doctor appointments or treatments. Please contact MCCPS President Rheadawn Street at 812-276-5857 if you can help. If you are interested in donating money or gas cards, you can send them to MCCPS Treasurer, 2307 Old Vincennes Road, Mitchell IN 47446. You can also donate online on their website.

And you can consider creating a MCCF Martin County Cancer Patient Services Fund to provide funding to this organization for years and years to come. This will also allow others to have a place to honor or memorialize loved ones forever with a donation to the MCCF.

You can also remember the MCCPS in your will or bequest with a direct donation to the MCCPS or to a MCCF MCCPS Fund. Donations through wills and bequests cost nothing out of your pocket now but will have a forever impact on those passions of yours.

-- RECEIVES GRANT --

The Shoals Betterment Fund was established with the MCCF by Steve Deckard in the memory of his father, Sanford. It has been used for several things in the past, but most recently a grant from this fund was made to the MCCPS for \$1,770. Andrea and Audra Deckard were there representing their family and this fund. Grants from the MCCF benefit many organizations in our county, and this one will immensely help the efforts of Cancer Patient Services.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF and how you, too, can help your community and those feeling the pain of cancer, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at mccf@cfpartner.org, 812-295-1022, or at 2668 US Hwy 50 (on the Martin County fairgrounds), PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553.

You are also welcome to visit the MCCF webpage at www.cfpartner.org and follow the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.



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WANDA ALDRED


Wanda Lee Aldred peacefully passed away Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at Madison Hospital in Madison, Alabama, surrounded by her loved ones. A resident of Shoals, she was 87.

She was born March 1, 1936, in Pike County, Arkansas; daughter of Lewis H. and Eunice E. (Graves) Bashaw.

She married George M. Aldred, the most loving and devoted husband, on February 5, 1953, in Warren, Indiana. She will be lovingly remembered by her

daughter, Sherry Beemblossom (Donald) of Bedford; son, George Kevin Aldred (Cheryl) of Washington; grandson, Aaron Aldred (Amanda) of Indianapolis; granddaughters, Jenna Gonzalez (Pablo) of Madison, Alabama and Katie Craig (Jason) of Newburgh; great grandsons, Quentin, Milo and Theo Gonzalez; and step great grandchildren, Matthew Craig, Andrew and Viridiana Gonzalez.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 67 years, George Aldred; her parents, and her two sisters, Linda



(Ethree) Jones, and Elois (Lois) Drain.

After being raised in Langley, Arkansas, her family relocated to Warren, Indiana where she graduated from Warren High School. Upon graduation, she worked at the United Methodist Memorial Home with her mother, Eunice Houser, where she met her husband, George Aldred. Wanda was a homemaker and active in many organizations throughout her life. She enjoyed being a 4-H leader and honorary retired member of Gamma Iota Chapter of PSI IOTA XI. She and George enjoyed being members of the Lions Club and were founding members of the Lawrence County Rock Club, Martin County Genealogical Society - co-authoring many genealogy books for Martin County, including documenting

all cemeteries and headstones. She was a brilliant genealogist and an avid bird watcher. Traveling the country with George was one of her greatest joys as they made it to 49 states. Wanda's love of nature was evident by her ability to care for beautiful flower gardens and large vegetable gardens.

Wanda's joy in life was her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. After her husband's passing, she came to live with and care for her three great grandchildren, who will miss her dearly.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 15 at Shoals United Methodist Church.

Memorial Donations may be made in memory of Wanda Aldred to Martin County 4-H Council 2666 US Hwy. 50 Loogootee, IN 47553 or the Shoals Scholarship Foundation PO Box 323 Shoals, IN 47581.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

Public alert: Attorney General Todd Rokita asks Hoosiers to report signs of human trafficking

Attorney General Todd Rokita has asked Hoosiers to stay alert for signs of human trafficking in communities across Indiana and to report any suspicious activities to authorities.

Unfortunately, large events bringing throngs of spectators are known to create increased demand for trafficked individuals providing manual labor, sex for hire and other services. This month, Indianapolis hosts the Indy 500 and the National Gymnastics Association Midwest Region Championships.

"Human trafficking is a modern form of slavery," Attorney General Rokita said. "We need the eyes and ears of people everywhere to help us root out this evil enterprise, rescue victims and put away perpetrators."

People in certain job roles — such as

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the ordinance for current use and the board stated they would like a current version of the ordinance to be presented for approval.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Abel made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Albright making the second and the meeting closed at 6:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the board is Monday, June 12 at 5:59 p.m.

medical professionals, restaurant workers, teachers and truck drivers —are particularly likely to come into contact with trafficking victims.

Human trafficking is a \$150 billion criminal enterprise. It occurs anytime someone uses force, fraud or coercion to make another individual provide labor, services or commercial sex acts. If the person performing commercial sex acts is under 18, the crime of human trafficking still occurs even without the elements of force, fraud or coercion. (humantraffickinghotline.org)

According to the U.S. State Department, those signs that someone might be a victim of trafficking include observations that someone:

- lives with their employer.
- lives with multiple people in a cramped space.
- otherwise experiences poor living conditions.
- is prohibited from speaking alone to strangers.
- gives answers that appear to be scripted and rehearsed.
- has an employer holding their identity documents.
- shows signs of physical abuse.
- is submissive or fearful.
- is unpaid or paid very little.
- is under 18 and working in the commercial sex industry.

If you have suspicions that someone is being trafficked, you should immediately call local law enforcement. You may also call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

The Office of the Attorney General operates the Address Confidentiality Program, which helps protect victims of certain crimes — including those who have been trafficked — by concealing their residential address from the public and thereby their victimizers. Learn more about the program at the Attorney General's website at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/about-the-office/appeals/victim-services/address-confidentiality-program.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 8

5:28 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard on US 231 South, heading south. Deputy Erwin was advised. Dubois County was notified.

7:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

8:23 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:39 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to remote court.

12:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Crane base address. Transferred call to Crane 911.

3:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:36 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County Dispatch requesting a courtesy ride for an individual. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person on US 50, heading East. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

8:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 50, heading West. Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:39 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting a brush fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Erwin and Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

1:15 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Erwin and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:30 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

11:14 a.m. - Received a call from Vivint Security reporting a residential burglar alarm in Crane. Loogootee Chief Means and Captain Gibson responded.

11:38 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check west of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Chief Means responded.

2:32 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fire east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Corporal Hawkins, Loogootee Chief Means and Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check east of Shoals. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting harassment in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:06 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn northwest of Shoals.

8:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Corporal Hawkins responded.

ed. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

3:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:39 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Daviess County. Called Daviess County Dispatch with information.

8:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

9:56 a.m. - Received a call reporting a theft in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:53 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:08 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

12:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Crane base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

1:40 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Loogootee Officer Baumgart, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Big John's Towing responded. REMC was also notified.

5:20 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:58 p.m. - Received a call advising of debris in the roadway north of Shoals. Notified INDOT.

8:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible vandalism in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

2:55 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:50 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:00 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:22 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Corporal Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Corporal Hawkins and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:08 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:49 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock southeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:37 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

1:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting

a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

1:51 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

1:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting livestock in the roadway southeast of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Wells responded.

3:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Sergeant Wells and Deputy Fischer responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Deputy Fischer responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same accident.

4:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible break in in Shoals. Deputy Fischer responded.

6:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S heading north. Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

7:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Deputy Fischer and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

8:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute west of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart, Sergeant Wells and Deputy Fischer responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

4:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

8:12 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

11:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:43 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

7:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

12:34 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:35 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

1:58 a.m. - Received a call reporting a commercial fire alarm in Shoals. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:24 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:11 a.m. - Received a call reporting livestock in the roadway east of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:21 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:21 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

1:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting a trespasser east of Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Crane. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Advised Daviess County.

6:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health in Bloomington.

7:11 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Shoals.

7:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible trespassers northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

10:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Branham responded. No transport was needed.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

2:39 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:04 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:42 a.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute northeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for officers in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1 and Martin County Coroner responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

2:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. No transport was needed.

3:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check southeast of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

10:55 p.m. - Received a call reporting an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Big John's Towing responded.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS May 5

Marsha Christine Scott, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 2 months of probation.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed May 3

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Andrew Hopkins, civil collection.
Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Gabriel Robles, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS May 3

Martin County real estate transfers

Angel L. Sanchez-Hernandez, of Martin County, Indiana to **Angel L. Sanchez-Hernandez and Violet J. Sanchez**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 62 in the original Town of Crane, Indiana, except a section of Lot 62 containing 0.263 acres, more or less.

Brian Self and Hope (Self) Fischer, of Martin County, Indiana to **Max H. Fischer and Hope E. Fischer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.81 acres, more or less.

James M. Qualkenbush and Debrah J. Qualkenbush, of Martin County, Indiana to **Karen M. Baker, Kevin M. Qualkenbush and Kellie M. Shaw**. Tract I: 0.54 acres, more or less, in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West. Tract II: Part of the southwest quarter in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.21 acres, more or less. Tract III, Parcel A: A part of the southwest quarter in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.18 acre, more or less. Parcel B: Part of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.15 acre, more or less. Tract IV: Part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 4.055 acres, more or less.

Bryan R. Montgomery and Cynthia K. Montgomery, of Martin County, Indiana to **Travis L. Montgomery and Debra K. Montgomery**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 ½ acres, more or less.

Ronald E. Payne and Kathleen E. Payne to **Ohio River Veneer, LLC**, a part of the west half of the northeast quarter and also a part of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 124.70 acres, more or less, except sections containing 0.341 acres, 0.044 acres, and 0.075 acres, more or less.

Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr., of Martin County, Indiana to **Jayden Simpson**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 68 in Campbell and Breen’s Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, except 22 feet off of the south side thereof.

Tommy Ray Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Leroy Wittmer**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 11.90 acres, more or less.

Ruth Ann Allbright, Alice Jean Lewis and Lori Beth Truelove n/k/a Lori Beth Plano and Clyde G. Crowder and Wilma J. Crowder, of Martin County, Indiana to **William L. Heckard and Amanda Heckard**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the northeast

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Rebecca McCoy in the amount of \$1,930.55.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Jenevieve White in the amount of \$2,100.58.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED May 8

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Michael McCoy, civil collection, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mark Frederick Bauer of Loogootee and Andrea Marie Nordhoff of Loogootee.
Austin Dean Hembree of Loogootee and Kaitlyn Brianne Wagoner of Loogootee.

quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Jayden Simpson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Edward Paz**, of Dubois County, Indiana, Lot 68 in Campbell and Breen’s Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, except 22 feet off of the south side thereof.

Patricia A. Kane, Elizabeth Parrent, Michelle Doud, Amy Emery, and Karen Edge, as trustee of the Jack J. Emery Testamentary Trust to **Kenyon Sorrells**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.684 acres, more or less.

Vanessa L. Blanton n/k/a Vanessa L. Dorsett and Scott Blanton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gabriel Ryan Spurgeon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.606 acres, more or less. Also, part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.378 acres, more or less.

Greene’s Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Billy Walker and Lorissa Walker**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 76 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

Braun Timber Industries, LLC, of Indiana to **Ohio River Veneer, LLC**, of Indiana. Tract I: 14 acres, more or less, in Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Tract II: 20 foot right of way in Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Tract III: 182.75 acres, more or less, in Township 4 North, Range 3 West, except a section containing 0.98 acre, more or less.

Carol Westerfield, of Harris County, Texas to **Patricia A. Kane, Elizabeth Parrent, Michelle Doud, Amy Emery, Karen Edge**, as trustee for the Jack J. Emery Testamentary Trust, a part of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.684 acres, more or less.

Pleasant View Turkey Farms, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Farmers Storage Supply, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 43.555 acres, more or less.

Young Rental and Realty, LLC, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Carabelli Rental & Realty, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 108 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 109 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 8

7:20 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of smoke at Country Place Apartments.

8:25 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a complaint on East Broadway Street.

10:50 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long performed a welfare check on North Line Street.

3:55 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Officer Sims assisted with a disabled vehicle on Highway 50 East.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

11:22 a.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with a residential burglary alarm in Crane Village.

1:09 p.m. - Chief Means provided traffic control for INDOT who was working on a traffic light at US 50 and Highway 231.

2:15 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with a welfare check on a pedestrian on US 50 East.

3:38 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted Shoals Police and the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with a fire alarm at Shoals High School.

5:39 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to an accident at Dollar General parking lot.

11:48 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a disturbance on East Broadway Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

3:19 p.m. - Chief Means and Officer Baumgart assisted with a medical call at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

4:09 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with an accident on US 231 South.

4:35 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a stove fire in Sunset Trailer Court.

5:30 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call at the city park.

8:13 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a report of possible vandalism at Goodwill Cemetery.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

12:35 p.m. - Chief Means performed an unlock at Crane Credit Union.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with a call on State Road 550.

8:51 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a domestic disturbance on West Broadway Street.

FRIDAY, MAY 12

4:41 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Mulberry Street.

7:58 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at the Loogootee softball field.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

12:35 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a complaint at Marathon.

1:58 a.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with an alarm at the American Legion in Shoals.

1:32 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with a call on Scenic Hill Road.

6:52 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a 911 hangup at McDonald’s.

7:00 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with a medical call in Crane Village.

9:24 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Main Street.

10:44 p.m. - Officer Sims and Loogootee Fire Department responded to an accident on Highway 50 East.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

10:04 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Sheridan Street.

12:45 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a 911 hangup on North Oak Street.

1:17 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long assisted the Martin County Sheriff’s Department with a medical call in Shoals.

2:48 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Clark Street.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

10:22 a.m. - Rodregus Johnson, 37, Boligee, Alabama, was arrested by Captain Gibson and charged with theft. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, MAY 11

5:53 p.m. - Timothy McKee Jr., 35, of Huntingburg, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baumgart on a Warrick County warrant. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

2:45 a.m. - Michele Horton, 45, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Sims and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

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MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL

Wednesday, May 17, 2023



Head Start celebrates 58th birthday

-Photo provided
On May 18, 1965, in the Rose Garden at the White House, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced the creation of Project Head Start, a comprehensive child development program that has served millions of children throughout the U.S. During his address, President Johnson said "I believe that this is one of the most constructive, and one of the most sensible, and also one of the most exciting programs this nation has ever undertaken." Head Start provides opportunities for preschool age children to grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, and physically to ensure they are well prepared for kindergarten. In 1988, Hoosier Uplands expanded its Head Start services to include Martin County. Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty visited the Head Start center in Loogootee on May 11 to extend birthday greetings and to proclaim May 11, 2023 as Head Start Day in Loogootee.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Redevelopment commission meeting

The Martin County Redevelopment Commission will meet Thursday, May 18 at noon at the Martin County Learning Center at 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN 47553. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, May 18 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public. The board will hold two executive sessions on Friday, May 19 at 8 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the superintendent's office for the purpose of receiving information and interviewing prospective employees. The meetings are closed to the public.

Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic hosts a wellness clinic on the third Friday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the task force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 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

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!

LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 8 a.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 Fridays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



RUPI is a female lab mix puppy, around 4 months old. Very sweet and playful. She is not going to be a very big dog, currently weighing 13 pounds. She is spayed and up to date on all shots. Adoption fee is \$100. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

Warm temperatures and adequate moisture have resulted in lush plant growth. The gardens change daily, with new blooms dotting the landscape every time I take a garden walk. The gardens are so beautiful that it is hard for me to concentrate on working in the gardens. I get caught up in watching the flowers, butterflies, birds and other wildlife and forget that there are weeds that should be pulled, grass to mow and beds that need mulch. I confess that I spend a lot of time just marveling at the beauty of creation.

There are a lot of garden chores that need to be done now. The daffodil foliage is dying down and may be cut back. However, if you have planted other perennials in the same area, those plants may be benefitting from that fallen foliage, which acts as a mulch, conserving soil moisture and inhibiting weed growth. If the missing daffodils leave holes in your landscape, you may have a couple of solutions. You may plant seeds for annuals, but it will take a while for the seeds to germinate. If you have some bedding plants on hand, you may also plant them in these areas, being careful not to dig down to the level of the daffodil bulbs. They will fill in much more quickly than the seeds. The other possibility is to place planters in the empty spaces.

Planters are very versatile. I have been carrying houseplants out for the summer, and many of them need to be divided or cut back. The cuttings may be rooted for more plants and the divisions are ready to be potted. Mix several plants that need the same conditions to create a pot with high interest. Sometimes, I will leave some places to put in decorations. You may fashion a pot into a fairy garden. Such bits of whimsy create interest and may encourage children to spend time in the garden. The “Thriller, Filler, Spiller” recipe for pots is still a great solution. You

may even mix houseplants with annuals or even perennials to fill the pots. Start with a thriller that gives some height. A snake plant, ornamental grass or a small tree may be used. Filler plants are those which give substance to the container and spillers are vining plants that spill over the sides. Those bits of wandering Jew and pothos that broke off when they were carried out of the house sill become the accent that completes a container garden.

It is also time for the Chelsea chop, and that may also yield plants to be used in containers. The tall sedums at Sandhill Gardens are already getting too tall and may fall over. Chopping them back to about six inches tall may seem extreme, but the result will be a plant that is sturdier and less likely to splay. This will delay blooming a bit, but that means plants will be blooming in the fall when the monarchs need nectar for their trip south. Other plants that benefit from the chop include mums, daisies, rudbeckias, coneflowers and tall phlox. Many of the cuttings will take root in moist potting mix, resulting in more plants for containers, other spots in the garden and trading with friends.

It is also time to trim and shape the early-blooming shrubs. If you wait too long, you will be trimming off the buds for next spring’s flowers. Some of these trimmings may also be rooted and used in summer containers. This fall, you may plant them in the garden or give them to friends.

You may want to pot up some of the cuttings for the annual Sandhill Gardens Garden Swap, which will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 10 a.m. until noon. Bring plants, tools, garden décor, books and just about anything garden-related to trade with other gardeners. I hope to see you there.

Partnership is key for conservation success in Indiana

The Indiana Conservation Partnership (ICP) announced its 2022 conservation accomplishments. The ICP works with Hoosier landowners to provide technical or financial assistance for the implementation of conservation projects. In 2022, landowners supported by the ICP installed more than 47,000 new conservation practices, up over 15,000 from 2021.

“It was so encouraging to see that this year was another record setting season for Hoosier farmers and landowners,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “These businesses are passionate about protecting and enhancing their lands for generations to come and this year was no different. This record is thanks to the Indiana Conservation Partnership and many others who help our Hoosier farmers and landowners succeed.”

The Indiana Conservation Partnership report showed that over the last year landowners helped prevent over 1.8 million tons of sediment, over 3.9 million pounds of nitrogen and over 1.9 million pounds of phosphorus from entering Indiana waterways. Cover crops and no-till practices implemented with ICP’s assistance sequestered an estimated 48,000 tons of soil organic carbon, which is the equivalent to the carbon emissions of more than 34,843 cars.

While the term conservation practices can mean many things, in Indiana, some of the most common conservation best management practices are cover crops, nutrient management, residue and tillage management, conservation cover, early successional habitat development/management and grassed waterways.

“Indiana’s exceptional agricultural production is rooted in the soil. In a time when extreme weather events seem to be on the rise, keeping soil on the farm, healthy and productive is of paramount importance,” said Indiana Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Acting State Conservationist David Doctorian. “Indiana farmers are making great strides in adopting soil health principles and systems on their land. More and more Indiana producers are increasing their soil’s organic matter and improving microbial activity

thus reducing the need for expensive inputs — all while harvesting better profits and often better yields. Indiana NRCS is pleased to be part of the ICP as they play a pivotal role in supporting producers as they embrace production systems that armor their operations against extreme weather and ensure food security for the United States.”

Indiana State Department of Agriculture director Don Lamb recognizes the difficulties that come with installing new conservation initiatives but sees the good.

“I know first-hand how timely, expensive and operationally challenging it can be to implement soil conservation practices on farmland. But Hoosier farmers are willing to accept the challenge and strive to make their soil more nutrient rich and healthy for years to come,” said Lamb. “These practices are all voluntary and that is something I think farmers should be recognized for, they don’t have to do them, and they are extra work, but they are willing to do them for the betterment of the soil and our world.”

The ICP is made up of public and non-profit groups, along with landowners, that work together for the betterment of soil health and water quality. ICP organizations include, Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, ISDA, Indiana State Soil Conservation Board, Purdue Extension, USDA-Farm Service Agency and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership is a crucial part of Indiana’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy, this illustrates the continued success and challenges of conservation and serves as a tool to help set watershed priorities and reduction targets, manage conservation resources and to further stakeholder involvement across Indiana.

To find more information on soil and water conservation in Indiana, soil and carbon sequestration, soil conservation trends, Indiana’s work in our three water basins or partnerships between other states in the full report, click here or visit isda.in.gov.

Kids to Parks Day is Saturday

Share your love of the outdoors with a child during Kids to Parks (KTP) Day on Saturday, May 20. It’s a national day of outdoor play designed to connect kids and families with local, state, and national parks. Gov. Eric Holcomb declared May 20 as Kids to Parks Day in Indiana and signed an official proclamation that acknowledges the important initiative to “encourage kids and empower families to get outdoors and visit America’s parks.”

The day is a chance for children to learn about park stewardship, outdoor recreation, and natural and cultural history. It also helps foster an appreciation for public lands in the next generation.

Special events are taking place at state parks throughout Indiana.

Here are some opportunities to engage children in KTP Day:

Find planned events and special activ-

ities related to Kids to Parks Day on the State Parks Program Schedules page at on.IN.gov/instateparksevents.

Check out the Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights with 11 suggested outdoor activities every kid should do. Complete all 11 to become a Hoosier Outdoor Child. See childrenplayoutdoors.dnr.IN.gov.

Get started on Hoosier Quest to earn patches and pins at on.IN.gov/hoosierquest.

Check out the state parks kids webpage at dnr.IN.gov/kids for more ideas.

Share your photos on social media with the hashtag #KidstoParks.

KTP Day is sponsored by the National Park Trust and supported by America’s State Parks and the National Association of State Park Directors.

For more information, see parktrust.org/kids-to-parks-day.

HUGE FARM AUCTION

Mary Sue Keith & the Late Lester Keith



DATE: Sat. May 27th ~ 9am ET

LOCATION: 1258 W 300 N, Washington, IN

Equipment: Kubota Backhoe w/ 51.8 hours, 4020 John Deere Tractor, Dump Trailer, Corn Pro Flatbed Trailer, eXmark Zero Turn Lawn Mower w/ 333 hours, Cultivator, Rotary Hoe, Land Mover, Poulan Pro Tiller, Push Mowers, Garden Seeder, Antique Plow, Auger, Other Farm Equipment

Tools: Forney Welder, Shop Press, Shop Tools, Scaffolding, Drill Press, Pole Saw, Floor Scale, Wood Extension Ladder, Bench Grinder, Hand Plane, Oilers, 2 Man Saws, Chains, Log Chains, Pole Saw, Chain Binders, Long Handle Tools, Shovels, Scoop Shovels, Scoop Fork, Hand Augers, Post Hole Digger, Pick Axe, Antique Hand Scythe, Tool Boxes, Shelving, Bolt Bins, Round Bolt Bin, Metal Welding Tables, Work Benches, Tool Sets, & MANY MORE! (some antique)

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Shown above are the seniors in the Class of 2023 who were honored Sunday, May 7 at the Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner which was held at the Family Life Center of the Loogootee United Methodist Church. In the front row, from left to right, are Maddie Fischer, Shawna Mason, Abbey Fischer, Mallorie Sutton, and Lindsey Nolan. In the back row, from left to right, are CJ (Caroline) Walker, Kage Lyon, Parker Arvin, Euan Graves, and Kyleigh Courter.

Loogootee Top 10 Seniors honored at Tri Kappa Dinner

The 14th Annual Tri Kappa Top 10 Academic Dinner was held Sunday, May 7, in the Family Life Center of the United Methodist Church. Members of the local Tri Kappa chapter hosted the event to honor the top ten academic students in the Loogootee Junior/Senior High School Class of 2023. Also attending were the parents of the students as well as the mentor chosen by each student – someone who had greatly influenced them in their lives.

Audrey Robinson, co-chairman of the dinner, served as emcee. Vice-President Samantha Nelson welcomed everyone. Robinson spoke of the work that Tri Kappa does promoting charity, culture and education. Donations are given annually to Riley Hospital for Children and in our county, especially to the school systems 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.

Following the blessing given by past chapter President Barbara McFeaters, members served a meal of salad, rosemary chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans and a roll prepared by Co-chairman Kathy Lingenfelter and her committee. An assortment of desserts made by chapter members was also served. Guests dined at decorated tables accented in black and gold and included pictures of the honored students.

The honored students, their parents and their chosen mentors were, respectively, Parker Arvin, Brian and Heather Arvin, mentor Brian Whitney; Kyleigh Courter, Brent and Melissa Courter, mentor Shelley Christmas; Abigail Fischer, Chris and Tonia Fischer, mentor Rachel Tedrow; Madison Fischer, Chris and Tonia Fischer, mentor Ann Hohl, Euan Graves, Jarrod Graves and Rhiannon Graves, mentor Bo Gibson, Brantley Kage Lyon, Brantley Lyon, mentor Professor Aiqin Fang; Shawna Mason, Ben Mason and Melissa Brown, mentor Madelyn Cage, Lindsey Nolan, Steven and Amanda Nolan, mentor Amanda Nolan, Mallorie Sutton, Mark and Andrea Sutton, mentor Angie Brookshire, Caroline Walker, Principal Chris and Tamara Walker, mentor Bill Riley.

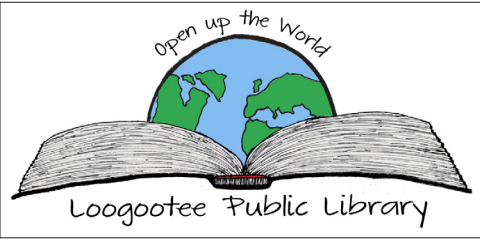
Loogootee High School Superintendent Dr. Brian Harmon attended the event. He and Principal Walker both spoke to the students, their parents and mentors. They both thanked Tri Kappa for their continued support of this event and thanked the students for their excellent academics.

Before Sunday’s dinner, the students had been asked to write a letter to the person whom they had chosen as their men-

tor telling them why they had a positive influence on them. The letter was included on a framed certificate of appreciation which was presented to the mentor as a gift after being read by the student at the dinner.

On behalf of the chapter, Vice President Samantha Nelson and member Barbara McFeaters presented each of the students with a large, personalized laundry bag for college and a copy of the certificate of appreciation given to their mentor.

Audrey Robinson closed the dinner by congratulating the students on their academic achievements in high school and wishing them the best in the future from the members of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

On Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m., Cookies and Canvas (ages 10-14), pre-registration required.

On Monday, May 22 at 10:15 a.m., Dr. Gilbert from Advanced Rehab and Physical Therapy will be here to demonstrate dry needling and ASTYM tool. These are tools used for pain and movement issues. This is a free educational program.

Thursday, May 25 at 4:30 p.m., join Alyssa Fithian as she discusses the importance of chemical free cleaning. Make your own hand soap, reusable all-purpose wipes and cleaner. Pre-registration is required. The program is offered free.

Reading Road Trip 23 Summer Reading Program registration has begun for ages up to 12 years old. A teen reading program is offered as well. Please get your kids registered. Prizes will be awarded.

New Books:
Mystery: “Identity” by Nora Roberts.
Fiction: “Old Lion: A Noel of Theodore Roosevelt” by Jeff Shaara.

Inspirational Fiction: “Hearts Choice” by Tracie Peterson and “In the Shadow of the River” by Ann H. Gabhart.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

LHS Girls' Tennis finish regular season

The Loogootee High School Girl’s Tennis Teams took on Edgewood last Thursday, May 11. The varsity won 3-2 and the junior varsity fell 3-4.

Varsity results
#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Macy Vaughn 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Kimmie Franklin 6-2, 6-4

#3 Singles Ana Toy (L) defeated Ellie Jackson 6-0, 6-3

#1 Doubles Kaiden Harrington/Sophia Kapperman (E) defeated Addy Lengacher/Macy Knepp 6-0, 6-2

#2 Doubles Marley Jackson/Wren Millick (E) defeated Abbey Fischer/Marley Mcatee 6-4, 6-2

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Ashlynn Gilbert (L) defeated Addison Hash 6-3

#2 Singles Izzy Smith (L) defeated Tiffany Walls 6-5

#1 Doubles Brooklyn Knepp/Kamila Wilson (L) defeated Bretchen Mundy/Bailey Evans 6-4

#2 Doubles Helee Patel/Deep Patel (E) defeated Linsey England/Britta Browder 6-2

#3 Doubles Maris Holmes/Ava Norton (E) defeated Ashlynn Gilbert/Izzy Smith 6-4

#4 Doubles Boston Chambers/Molly Adams (E) defeated Brooklyn Knepp/Kamila Wilson 6-2

#5 Doubles Tori Wadsworth/Ashlyn Schaeffer (E) defeated Linsey England/Britta Browder 6-1

Last Friday, May 12, the varsity Lady Lions defeated Vincennes Lincoln at home 3-2. The junior varsity lost 2-3.

Head Coach Mike Tippetery said after the matches, “It was great to finish the season on a winning note. After losing two close 3-2 matches last Saturday, it was good that we stepped it up in these last two matches to get 3-2 wins.”

Varsity results
#1 Singles Payton Dugan (VL) defeated Kieragen Napier 6-2, 6-2

#2 Singles Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Kelsey Howder 6-1, 6-0

#3 Singles Ana Toy (L) defeated Madison Fleck 6-1, 6-2

#1 Doubles Addy Lengacher/Macy Knepp (L) defeated Madelaine Mitchell/Abby West 6-0, 7-6 (4)

#2 Doubles Jade York/Macey (VL) defeated Abby Fisher/Marley Mcatee 6-3, 6-3

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles True Mahrenholz (VL) defeated Kamila Wilson 6-1

#1 Doubles Ava Steffe/Riney Cory (VL) defeated Ashlynn Gilbert/Izzy Smith 6-4

#2 Doubles Linsey England/Brooklyn Knepp (L) defeated Mary Bahr/Adra Luking 6-1

#3 Doubles Zoe Herron/Adelynn Lange (VL) defeated Kamila Wilson/Britta Browder 6-1

Last Tuesday, May 9, Loogootee played Bloomfield. The varsity won 4-1 and the junior varsity lost 1-3.

“It is always nice to pick up a win on Senior Night. Bloomfield came ready to play and had us on our heels early. We matched their intensity and had a strong finish,” said Coach Tippetery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (12) (L) defeated Adalyn Wiseman 7-6 (8), 6-2

#2 Singles Caitlin Carrico (12) (L) defeated Lucy Allen 6-2, 6-4

#3 Singles Adalyn Figg (B) defeated Marley Mcatee 6-3, 6-2

#1 Doubles Ana Toy (12)/Addy Lengacher (L) defeated Sadie Ross/Maddie Stone 6-3, 6-1

#2 Doubles Abbey Fischer (12)/Macy Knepp (L) defeated Lani Graves/Lydia Wade 6-2, 6-0

Junior varsity results

#1 Doubles Layne Miler/Aubrie Frye (B) defeated Izzy Smith (12)/Linsey England (12) 8-4

#2 Doubles Valerie Contofalska/Taylor Hudson (B) defeated Ashlynn Gilbert/Brooklyn Knepp 8-7

#3 Doubles Braelyn Johnson/Ally Walls (B) defeated Kamila Wilson/Britta Browder 8-3

#4 Doubles Kamila Wilson/Britta Browder (L) defeated Lizzie Zaragoza/Josie Astafan 6-4

Old National promotes Melissa Pride to Banking Center Manager

Old National Bank has promoted Melissa Pride to Banking Center Manager at 602 West Broadway in Loogootee.



MELISSA PRIDE Old National is proud to have Melissa on the team and looks forward to having her skills and talents in her new leadership role in Loogootee.

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LACIE ARTHUR
Lacie Nicole Arthur is the daughter of Falisha Salmon and Danny Arthur. She is not sure about the college or university she is attending. While in high school, Lacie participated in Chorus (9-12) and cadet teaching (12).



CASSIDI BRUNER
Cassidi Rose Bruner is the daughter of Rebecca Bruner. After graduation, Cassidi plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Cassidi participated in Band, Basketball (9), and Tennis (9-10).



ARAGARN ASHBY



JAITHAN BURRIS



CLAIRE KEMP
Claire J. Kemp is the daughter of Keith and Dannielle and Keith Kemp. She participated in intern (11-12), Beta club (9-11), chorus (9), student council (9-11). She also participated in softball (9-10).



CONNER HAYDEN



SAVANNAH KINDLEY
Savannah Marie Kindley is the daughter of Cynde Capps and John Kindley. After graduation, Savannah plans to enter the workforce. While in high school, Savannah participated in Spanish Club (9), Recycling (10), and Cadet Teach (11).

2023 Seniors

SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



NAT'ELLIE BLAND
Nat'Ellie Ann-Nicole Bland is the daughter of Kimberly Bland and Michael Bland. Her siblings include Kaitlin Bland and Brent Bland.



JACOB WESSEL
Jacob Alan Luby Wessel is the son of Brent Wessel. After graduation, Jacob plans to join the workforce.



SARA BIRD
Sara Lynn Bird is the daughter of Alicia Wiscaver and Bradford Bird. She has 3 siblings. While in high school she was an aid throughout the school. After graduation she plans to join the workforce.



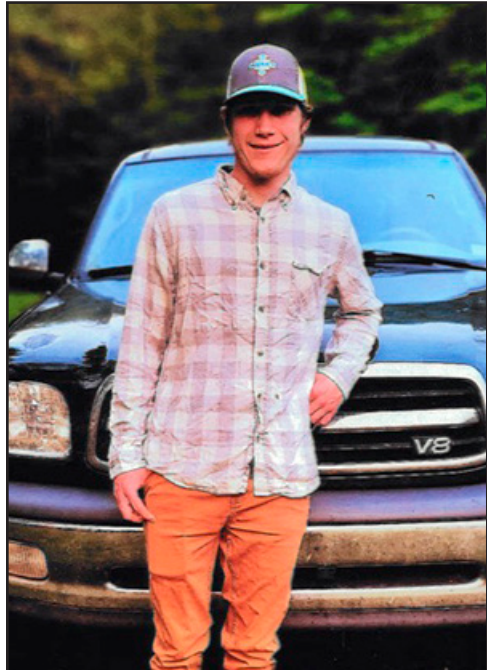
ALEX FUHRMAN
Alex Lee Fuhrman is the son of Ryan Fuhrman and Kendyll Moffitt. His siblings are Kendyll Moffitt, Keaston Moffitt, Ashley Epperson, and Timmy Epperson. After graduation, he plans to continue chasing his goals.



ELIJAH MOFFITT
Elijah James Moffitt is the son of Rachel and William Moffitt. His sibling is Ethyn Moffitt. While in high school Elijah participated in going to BNL trade school for collision repair. His favorite school memory is bei9ng with Ariaiah. After graduation, Elijah plans to get a job.



SAVANNAH STEVENS
Savannah Renae Stevens is the daughter of Nathan and Telesa Stevens. Her siblings include Spencer, Selah, and Sabrielle. While in high school Savannah participated in basketball, volleyball and tennis when she first started high school but stopped due to injury. Her favorite school memory was the haunted corn maze. After graduation, Savannah plans to get a degree in nursing and specialize in mental health.



ZACHERIAH WILLIAMS
Zacheriah Allen Williams is the son of Brandee Spurgeon. His sibling is Harley Spurgeon. While in high school, Zach was very helpful to the office staff and janitors. His favorite high school memory is hanging out with Alex and Jacob. After graduation, Zach is hopeful to attend school for diesel mechanics.