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Pictured for the Jug Rox (the center group) in the first row are Colton Mullins, Mallory Waggoner, Alexis Rush, Lydia Cook and Hunter Sipes. In the second row are Austin Rasico, Luke Troutman, Zane Lake, Justin Peterson and Alan Cook. Not available for the photo were Noah Stoll and Shyla Taylor. Jug Rox Robotix are coached by Dean Troutman and Jennifer Mauntel.

Jug Rox Robotix compete at state

Jug Rox Robotix competed at the Indiana State FTC Robotics Championship on May 15 at Crawfordsville High School.

The Jug Rox ended up as the #1 ranked seed after five qualifying rounds before the final matches. This allowed the team to be the captain of one of four robot alliance teams in the final matches.

Their alliance partners, I.C.E Robotics from Bloomington, and XLR8 from Granger, made it past the double elimination semifinal matches to the finals. During one of the semi-final matches, the Jug Rox and their partner, I.C.E. Robotics, scored 407 points which is the high-

est score in the state this year by a team in face-to-face play.

In the finals, the Jug Rox were defeated in the first match but came back to win the second.

During the third and final match, the Jug Rox were not able to capture the win and became the Finalist Alliance at the state tournament.

They also won the Control Award from the robot judging. This award is given to the team that demonstrates innovative thinking to solve game challenges, such as autonomous operation, improving mechanical systems with intelligent control, or using sensors to achieve better results.

The state championship can be viewed on line at <https://twitch.tv/firstinrobotics>. To see the 407-point run view at the 6:08 time mark.

Jug Rox Robotix would like extend their thanks to the following sponsors: DOD STEM, Duke Energy, Martin County Community Foundation, Kimball Electronics, Jasper Engines, Toyota, Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design, RJ's, Bo-Mac's, Rick Bauer OD, Jug Rock Café, Thorne-George Funeral Home, German American Bank, CRANE Credit Union, Hawkins Health Center, Blake Funeral Home, and Shoals High School.

Shoals School losing middle school principal

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, May 13. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Jerry Braun and Sam Boyd. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Kindra Hovis, and Shannon Wagoner. Patron in attendance was Lorna Troutman.

During patron input, Lorna Troutman spoke about how the Robotix Team is preparing for the state competition this Saturday.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

- Austin Malone's resignation as middle school principal effective June 2
- Bryson Abel as varsity boys' basketball coach
- Julia Sanders as the special education teaching assistant
- Bill Bush as custodian
- Cathy Hovis as substitute teacher to fill in for the early resignation for Kevin Holt beginning May 3 until May 25
- Contract extension of Mary Ellen Baker's contract

The superintendent recommended the renewal of stipends for the following:

- Cammie Sanders and Jill Holt to continue to run the Covid online program for one more year (2021-2022)
- Terra Boyd for the Crisis Prevention Intervention training coordinator
- Audrey Gibson for the Corporation Testing Coordinator and Disciplinarian.
- Theresa Holt for the high school dual credit medical class.

Superintendent Roush recommended the school use the federal COVID funds

to hire one high school aide, two middle school aides, and three elementary aides. These will be temporary positions unless more funding becomes available in the future. The board approved.

The superintendent also recommended the school use the federal COVID funds to partner with the Samaritan Center for a full-time therapist and hiring a part-time nurse for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. The board approved.

The board approved the high school principal's recommendation for the graduation plan. They also approved the principal's recommendation for new courses for the 2021-2022 school year.

The board held the first reading of the proposed policy change to the grade policy from the athletic department, the high school handbook changes for the 2021-2022 year and the athletic clubs sports policy.

The superintendent recommended contract renewal with the Martin County Community Corrections for the PBIS Coach. The board approved.

The board approved the approval of K-time software digital time cards to replace the paper time cards for non-certified employees.

The board approved the replacement of the middle school ceilings.

The board approved the following fundraisers:

- Shoals Beta Clubs to sell different types of nachos (a food booth) at the Martin County Fair. Use of funds will be used for various Beta service projects and needs throughout the school year.

Hindostan Days coming back

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Hindostan Days is coming back to the county according to Angie Risacher and Bill Greene, who talked about the event at the Martin County Commissioners' meeting Tuesday night, May 18.

Greene said in order to help with tourism to the county and celebrate the history of Martin County, Hindostan Days will be held on October 2, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. He said organizers are working with other organizations to have booths to make it a larger event than in years past. They are planning to set up in the campground area near the falls. Greene said Hindostan was the first settlement in Martin County before 1820 and he has a large collection of information that will be on display at the event. Economic Development Director Angie Risacher, who is part of the group working to bring back Hindostan Days, said they are not requesting anything from the commissioners except help getting the word out about the event.

Risacher also noted that the COVID grant from OCRA for businesses in Martin County impacted by the pandemic is still in the works. She said she has received a lot of calls from county businesses, and they expect to have a committee formed and an application available in the next few weeks.

Rhonda Rumble, with SIDC, submitted their contract to the commissioners for administrative work they did on the (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



Memorial Day services

On Monday May 31, the Ceremonial Unit of The American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 will pay homage to the veterans of all wars with a visit to the cemeteries listed below. This will be the 65th year for the Legion to conduct these services. Even with the current requirements for social distancing, there should be no challenge at these cemeteries. Last year, they added Mt. Zion in Rutherford Township to the list of cemeteries, and this year they are adding Hindostan Methodist Church cemetery to the list. 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 p.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 Church Cemetery

SHOALS SCHOOL

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fice. He was selected out of a group of applicants as one of 20 students to participate in this program that began last fall. Best of luck to the FTC team as they travel this Saturday to compete for the state championship. Upcoming events include final exams on May 20 and 21; grades 9-11 awards program May 24 at 1:15 p.m.; senior hon-or night May 27 at 6 p.m.; and graduation May 29 at 2 p.m.

Elementary Principal Shannon Wagoner began with the digital fab lab. Students are creating wax museum artifacts with the 3-D printers. She said it is so amazing to see them create these items. Congratulations to Megan Hawkins for being awarded the STEM Fellows of the 5th Cohort with ROI following her principal nomination. She was chosen out of 100s of individuals. Miss Hawkins is an added benefit to the elementary. Preschool had two full field days that were arranged by Ms. Allbright. She worked hard to put together the fun filled days for her class. Standardized testing, NWEA scores were outstanding. ILEARN is completed, thank you to all the teachers. Upcoming events include preschool graduation May 21 at 1:30 p.m., elementary field day May 24, voting begins next week for the official Digital Fab Lab name; PBIS movie and pizza reward days; IREAD 3

Remediation June 1-4, elementary 3rd-5th grade awards May 25 at 1 p.m. Summer Camp, they only have a few openings left, call the elementary office to reserve your child's spot.

Superintendent Dr. Roush reminded the board that the school would be providing the summer food program again and told them about a tornado siren grant that she is applying for to put a new tornado siren at the school. She wished the high school robotics team good luck at the state competition and the athletic teams good luck in their sectionals. Dr. Roush told the board about a new partnership with the Samaritan Center to provide a therapist in the school full-time next year as well as an update on summer projects around the school. Dr. Roush and the board thanked Mr. Malone for his years of service and dedication to the students at Shoals. They wish him well in his new position. Finally, Dr. Roush thanked principals Shannon Wagoner and Kindra Hovis for their hard work and dedication these past few weeks making sure the school year ends smoothly.

Before adjourning, the board wished the Robotix team good luck this Saturday at the state competition. Also, another year is coming to a close and they wanted to thank all the teachers and staff for all they do in helping make this year a successful one.

COMMISSIONERS

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OCRA COVID grant. The commissioners approved the contract.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy presented the contract renewal for the PBIS coach for Shoals School. The contract runs from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022. There is no change in the contract from last year.

Murphy also reported that community corrections currently has 10 clients, seven on home detention and three who are day reporting. She said they did get word today of a new client transferring in from Orange County for home detention and that person will be added to the client list.

Scott Seals, highway superintendent, reported that a meeting was held last week for bridge 58 on Brickyard Road. He said everything is on track with the replacement.

Seals told the commissioners that he is ready to hire a part-time employee but is not ready to release a name yet. He also wanted to note that the highway department is working on mowing and drivers need to be cautious of the machinery and employees.

Kyle Lark, with Lark Ranch, returned to the commissioners to see if repairs could be done on Killion Mill Road. Lark attended a meeting last November requesting road repairs. He said with summer coming, they are working on coming up with a list of activities at Lark Ranch but are hesitant due to multiple accidents in the past due to dust. The commissioners asked if they are looking for dust control but would also like some paving done. Commissioner Paul George requested the highway superintendent go look at the road.

Julia Albright reported the health department now has COVID vaccines for 12-18-year-olds. They will be administered during the regular Tuesday and Thursday clinics. She said the state map shows 25-30 percent of Martin County residents have been vaccinated. She said positive cases have gone down to zero the last few days after an increase earlier in the month. Albright said she is hoping the county goes to yellow status this

week due to the change.

Ernie Abel, of Burns City, said he is still working on getting his property cleaned up. A neighbor had complained about his property earlier this year and the county had sent Abel a letter. Abel said he hopes to have clean up done by summer. The commissioners requested he attend the last meeting in June for another update.



ALECIA WAGNER

New probation officer

Alecia Wagner has become Martin County's newest probation officer. Wagner passed her probation officer exam on May 6, 2021 and received her certification on May 17, 2021. She is a 2020 Indiana State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in criminology and a minor in psychology. Alecia would like to thank her family and friends for all their support and love along the way and her coworkers for being so welcoming and great mentors for her.



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Beautification donation

Midwestern Engineers recently donated \$500 to the Loogootee Beautification Committee. Shown above from left to right are Jon Craig, with Midwestern; Jessica Potts, with the Beautification Committee; Nathan Walker, with Midwestern; and Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty.

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DEBORAH HARMON

Deborah E. Harmon passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh. A resident of Washington, she was 62.



DEBORAH HARMON

She was born September 2, 1958 in Jasper; daughter of Paul S. Winingner and the late Patricia (Gee) Bowling.

Debbie married Dr. Brian L. Harmon on May 11, 1985 at the Loogootee

Christian Church.

Debbie was a beautician and was dedicated to serving her clients for 35 years. She previously managed P.J. Beauty College in Greencastle for three years. Debbie loved taking care of her family, friends and giving to those less fortunate. She enjoyed being outside and being in the sun. She took pride in volunteering at St. Vincent De Paul for many years. Debbie and her husband, Brian, attended Antioch Christian Church. There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others. Debbie was just that.

She was preceded in death by her

mother, Patricia (Gee) Bowling; grandson, Kendrick Keller; and step-brother, Terry Bowling.

Debbie is survived by her husband of 36 years, Dr. Brian L. Harmon of Washington; children, Lori (Keith) Keller, Josh (Savannah) Harmon, and Luke (Abby Ackerman) Harmon, all of Loogootee; and Tya (Paul) Keys of East Kilbride, Scotland; father, Paul (Vicki) Winingner of Shoals; step-father, Don Bowling of Loogootee; grandchildren, Bailey, Kaedon and Lauren Holt, Izabella Winingner, Mya, Kai and Kianna Harmon; brother, Ronnie (Julie) Winingner of Benton, Kentucky; half-sister, Paula Wolf of Cannel-

burg; step-sisters, Dayleen Ragains of Sellersburg and Christine (Terry) Marley of Bloomfield; and step-brothers, Dean Quinn of Shoals, Dr. Frank (Mary Sue) Bowling of Washington and Dr. Stacey (Andrea) Bowling of Loogootee.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, May 17 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the ALS Association.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Debbie Harmon.

NSWC Crane, IU collaborate on \$1.7m grant to pilot AI student education

BY SARAH K. MILLER

NSWC Crane Corporate Communications

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) and Indiana University (IU) were awarded \$1.7 million to collaborate on Artificial Intelligence (AI) programming for rural students. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) funded the AI pilot program, which will begin this summer for middle school students.

NSWC Crane is teaming up with two IU schools, the School of Education and the Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering. NSWC Crane and IU received the National Defense Education Program (NDEP) Award from OSD to pilot the program, "AI Goes Rural: Middle School Artificial Intelligence Education" to Indiana middle schools.

Tina Closser, the NSWC Crane Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Program Coordinator, says the program will focus on how AI is involved in students' lives and the ethics surrounding AI.

"The expertise that IU is bringing to 'AI Goes Rural' program is exciting, and we are thrilled to have them as a partner to bring this curriculum to regional students," says Closser. "People, including kids, think AI is alien and science fiction. They don't realize how it is already integrated into their lives. AI is a hot topic right now and it is more than Netflix and Spotify cu-

Troopers reminding motorists to buckle up

Ninety percent of motorists can be found wearing their seat belts. Unfortunately, the small percentage of people who choose not to buckle up make up a disproportionate amount of the fatalities that occur every year on Indiana roads.

It's a concern that the Indiana State Police- Jasper Post is working to address this spring by participating in the national Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign. From May 17 to June 6, troopers will be out in greater numbers seeking to educate motorists about the importance of wearing a seat belt.

The high-visibility patrols are paid for with funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

Between 2015 and 2019, seat belts have saved more than 69,000 lives in the U.S., according to NHTSA. Despite knowing the benefits, people still refuse to buckle up, a choice that too often can end in tragedy.

Last year, more than 800 people were killed on Indiana roads, of which, 565 occurred in passenger vehicles. Sadly, 364 of those, or 6 out of 10, were not wearing seat belts.

Out of any age group, male drivers, particularly those between the ages of 15 and 34, were the most likely to be found not wearing a seat belt at the time of a crash. Additionally, individuals not wearing seat belts were three times more like-

rating movies or music for the user. This pilot program is unique; I've never seen anything like this. There's a lot out there about the technical side of AI and how it works, but will be talking about what AI does and how it affects their lives."

Dr. Jeff Zaleski, interim vice provost for research at IU Bloomington said about the partnership:

"I'm extremely pleased that IU is continuing our strong partnership with NSWC Crane through this new grant," said Zaleski. "The involvement of the faculty from two of our schools points to IU Bloomington's deep strengths in areas related to artificial intelligence, and the application of this expertise to the lives of rural Hoosier students is especially exciting."

Dr. Kyungbin Kwon, an Associate Professor at the IU School of Education, says learning AI is very important for children's education and career.

"AI will transform our educational systems and learning gaps between students who utilize AI and those who do not will increase," says Dr. Kwon. "Our 'AI Goes Rural' program will develop AI curricula in collaboration with teachers, which will support our teachers and provide students with better learning opportunities. We envision that our program will broaden participation in CS to rural students and suggest teaching models for AI education."

Dr. Raj Acharya, the Associate Vice President for Research for AI Innovation at IU, says the curriculum is designed to

ly to get injured in a crash when the driver was speeding and seven times more likely when the driver was impaired.

"If the pandemic has taught us anything it's that life is precious," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "We expect more people will be venturing out and taking road trips this spring and wearing a seat belt is still the best way to keep you and your loved ones safe on the road."

According to the department, troopers will be writing citations and conducting high-visibility patrols during the day but especially at night, when unrestrained driving is at its peak (midnight to 4:00 a.m.). Under Indiana's primary seat belt law, troopers can stop and cite drivers and passengers just for failing to wear a seat belt.

Drivers can also be cited for each unbuckled passenger under the age of 16, and children under eight must be properly restrained in a federally approved child or booster seat.

Throughout the campaign, troopers will be taking a no-excuses approach to seat belt enforcement, which means anyone caught not wearing one will receive a citation.

Parents and caregivers can choose the safest car seat for their child by visiting TheRightSeat.com, or to find a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, who can inspect and assist with the installation of a car seat, visit www.childseat.in.gov.

help students understand what AI can and cannot do.

"We will educate students on AI and machine learning techniques by designing modules that students will experiment under varying conditions," says Dr. Acharya. "This will help them understand not only the potential of routine AI methodologies used, but also their limitations such as bias and ethical considerations."

Dr. Mehmet Dalkilic, a Professor of Computer Science at IU, says AI is a way of making machines behave like people when solving problems.

"In last few years, AI has come to dominate almost every aspect of technology, including computer science itself," says Dr. Dalkilic. "With AI's prominence, educated its citizenry is of the utmost importance—and especially those who, while affected by AI, will least likely have an understanding of it. This is where computer science (CS) plays a role. CS shows what's behind the AI curtain, explores its limitations, but also points to its advantages in helping both people and our planet."

Dr. Krista Glazewski, professor and chair of Instructional Systems Technology said on addressing economic equity: "We recognize the importance of exposure to advanced technologies for kids of all ages who represent a wide range of contexts, and we see this as an opportunity kids to consider the impacts and potential opportunities of AI technologies in their lives. There is a well-documented opportunity gap in STEM that we will bridge with project. At the same time, we will work directly with kids and their teachers to consider AI technologies, ethics, and the role of AI in their current and future lives."

Dr. Anne Leftwich, associate professor, Instructional Systems Technology and adjunct associate professor, Computer Science said: "Our current students will become the workers, creators, policymakers, and innovators of the future. By time these middle schoolers are in the workforce, Artificial Intelligence will likely be integrated into every crevasse of society and jobs. For example, law about who has access to our personal data, who is held responsible for AI like self-driving cars, what are the unintended consequences of using AI... Preparing these future innovators and citizens requires a reframing of education that deeply considers how to prepare them for their futures with AI."

The program received many letters of support to pilot this program from across the DoD: the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center (JAIC), US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), and US Central Command (USCENTCOM) to name a few. The letters make note of the critical importance of developing the AI talent pipeline. The curriculum and training is intended to be scalable across the nation.

The "AI Goes Rural" team members are from NSWC Crane, IU School of Education, and IU Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering. The NSWC Crane team includes Closser and Dr. Alison Smith. Dr. Kwon, Dr. Leftwich, and

Dr. Glazewski are from the IU School of Education and Dr. Acharya and Dr. Dalkilic are from IU Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering.

Closser says the intention is to create something that has broad applications.

"We wanted to create something that anyone around the country can implement, copy, and paste," says Closser.

A report from the Committee on STEM Education (CoSTEM) of the National Science and Technology Council mentions that investing in STEM education and outreach is critical for several reasons: the demand for STEM professionals will exceed the expected supply over the next decade, our nation's students are 'middle of the pack' when evaluated across other countries, and participation and achievement of underrepresented groups such as women and minorities is lower than desired.

The STEM talent pipeline is part of the DoD STEM Strategic Plan and includes promoting an "increased participation of underserved groups in STEM activities and education programs." Closser says this and several other factors led to the development of this program.

"As our STEM team and IU were in the brainstorming process, we considered the rural, underserved area," says Closser. "There's a large percentage of students that attend Title I schools in the area, or schools that under the Department of Education have high numbers or high percentages of children from low-income families. We have talented people in the area, but the number seeking STEM degrees isn't high. We have an opportunity through this program and programs like this to show kids what options they have and what they can do as a career."

Closser says integrated and early exposure to AI provides insight into what is possible.

"AI isn't going away," says Closser. "We can give these kids more of an opportunity to have a chance to have a voice in how things are done."

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 10

4:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Shoals Fire responded.

6:55 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:19 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:36 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 550, near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

7:05 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on SR 450, north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a request for Shoals Fire to check a house in Shoals.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

4:10 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

6:50 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:58 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist east of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

2:31 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire responded.

4:07 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a pedestrian north of Shoals.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Major Keller responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

ARRESTS

SATURDAY, MAY 15

4:05 p.m. - Virginia Reynolds, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating while intoxicated refusal and is being held on a \$5,000 10% bond.

5:56 p.m. - Chris Bearden, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating while intoxicated and habitual traffic violator. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:01 p.m. - Amanda Moore, 30, of Dexter, Missouri, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Her bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Sergeant Gibson assisted with the arrest.

The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

8:46 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance west of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

4:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft north of Shoals. Deputy Lents was advised.

7:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:42 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

1:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible theft north of Shoals. Captain Reed was notified.

11:24 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Deputy Shaw responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

1:01 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:29 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Lost River Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a snake complaint near Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

8:58 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

4:02 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

7:39 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill responded. All was secure.

10:34 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill responded.

12:37 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

3:39 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

4:17 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

4:23 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:15 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:50 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance near Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

5:52 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded and Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:00 a.m. - Received a dog complaint

in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

1:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.



Ticketing equipment

-Photo provided

With the assistance of Martin County Prosecutor Aureola S. Wright and Mike Wilson of Indiana Court Services, the Loogootee Police Department and the Martin County Sheriff's Department received four new scanners and printers as well as a new laptop for local law enforcement vehicles. This equipment will help law enforcement provide electronic tickets to the Martin Circuit Court through the Odyssey system that Martin County began using in November of 2020. Shown above are Major Keith Keller with the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Prosecutor Aureola Wright. Not pictured is Loogootee Police Chief James Floyd.

Martin County real estate transfers

Indiana Timber & Veneer, of Martin County, Indiana to **Aram W. Wright and Dana A. Wright**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 33, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. A part of the north half of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Second Principal Meridian, Martin County, Indiana, containing 46.39 acres, more or less.

Lee R. Henninger and Mary K. Henninger, of Martin County, Indiana to **Chad Lechner and Tiffany Evans**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Rodney E. Sipes and Anna Marie Sipes, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas C. Sipes**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Numbers 38, 39 and 40 in Sim's Second Addition to the Town of Indian Springs, Indiana. Tract II: Lots Numbered 42 and 44 in Sim's Second Addition to the Town of Indian Springs and Lot Numbered 43 in Sim's Extension to the Town of Indian Springs.

Indiana Timber & Veneer, of Martin County, Indiana to **Aram W. Wright**

and **Dana A. Wright**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south part of the northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 3.5 acres. Also, the south part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 32 acres, more or less.

Larry Payne and Francis C. Sterling, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Larry J. Nelson and Beverly McCormick**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 11.98 acres, more or less.

Neil A. Strange, of Martin County, Indiana to **Neil A. Strange and Emily Johnson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.51 acres, more or less.

Nicholas A. Baker and Krystal M. Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Timothy Ray Howell**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 1, also a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 2, all in Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 11 acres, more or less.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

May 11

Daniel I. Todd, convicted of criminal confinement with moderate bodily injury, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,920 days with 2,399 days suspended and credit for 391 actual days previously served plus 130 Class B credit days. Defendant received 72 months of probation.

Jaycobson J. Wagoner, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor and minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on count one to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 4 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

Gregory E. Guy, Jr., convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 3 months of probation.

May 17

Christopher L. Bearden, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 545 days suspended. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 5

Courtney Elizabeth Palmer, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 10

Gavyn R. Miller, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 11

Daniel I. Todd, strangulation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; criminal confinement, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jaycobson J. Wagoner, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 17

Christopher L. Bearden, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed residential entry, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

May 10

Propane Direct vs. Alfred D. Ratcliff, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

May 5

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Jeremy L. Chestnut, complaint, dismissed.

May 11

Ashley Bearden vs. Jack Van Bearden, complaint, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Yuzuki Takasu of Shoals and Christopher Lane of Shoals.

Dawn Wright of Williams and Nick Divine of Williams.

Jessica Shinn of Loogootee and Quinn Wilson of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 10

11:05 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cooper Street.

11:44 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a property damage accident in McDonald's parking lot.

1:10 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a property damage accident on US 231 South.

1:37 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a semitruck on fire at the Marathon.

2:00 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill was called to the Loogootee Elementary School to attempt to locate a dog that had been on the playground.

2:36 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on West Washington Street.

2:58 p.m. - Caller reported a lost or stolen wallet.

4:38 p.m. - Received a call of a reckless driver on West Washington Street.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

4:18 a.m. - A caller reported a possible theft.

10:59 a.m. - Chief Floyd and Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral procession.

11:30 a.m. - A caller requested extra patrol.

3:05 p.m. - Captain Hennette completed a vehicle check.

4:40 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on High Street.

8:42 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a civil disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

8:40 a.m. - A lost article was returned to a person on station.

9:05 a.m. - Chief Floyd and Captain Hennette responded to a traffic hazard on US 231 North.

9:45 a.m. - Chief Floyd and Captain Hennette responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 231 South.

12:39 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a very young child not in a car seat.

4:37 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a

welfare check.

THURSDAY, MAY 13

12:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a civil dispute on Southeast First Street.

12:34 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a local business that had reported an RV in their lot that was leaking fluid.

12:38 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

4:02 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

FRIDAY, MAY 14

11:46 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a domestic disturbance on Lincoln Avenue.

1:30 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a complaint of excessive speed in a work zone on Indiana Avenue and West Washington Street.

11:16 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a suspicious person on private property on North JFK Avenue.

SATURDAY, MAY 15

7:35 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to an alarm at a local business.

11:03 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a residential burglar alarm.

6:05 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East 75 North.

9:14 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Redbud Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:19 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a dog complaint near Redwing Trailer Court.

1:38 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walker Street.

5:45 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette responded to a report of possible utility theft at a local church.

6:11 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a complaint of a suspicious person.

8:00 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of a civil disturbance at a local business.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



89-year-old Ron Chester was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of night.

Ron replied, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late."

The officer asked, "Really? Who's giving that lecture at this time of night?"

Ron replied, "That would be my wife."

THOUGHTS

*You know when you buy a bag of salad and it gets all brown and soggy? Cookies don't do that.

*In the Midwest, we don't say, "I'm leaving." We slap both hands on our knees and say, "Well, I spose' and then continue talking for 30 more minutes.

*Most folks don't know that Lawrence Welk had two daughters, Annal and Anna 2.

*Some days you eat salads and go to yoga. Some days you eat cupcakes and refuse to put on pants. It's called balance.

*Tonight, we're having Himalayan rabbit stew for dinner. We found Himalayan in the road.

*Pros and Cons of making food. Pros: Food; Cons: Making

Wife: Did I get fat during quarantine?

Husband: You weren't really skinny to begin with.

Time of Death: 11 p.m.

Cause: Covid

A pessimist sees a dark tunnel.

An optimist sees light at the end of the tunnel.

Lady Lions Softball sweep WRV

BY JACK FELLERS

Guest sports writer for the MCJ

Last Thursday night at Costello Field the Loogootee Lady Lions hosted the White River Valley Lady Wolverines. Senior Makenzie VanHoy got her first-ever start in the pitching circle for the Lady Lions. To begin the game, she started well, showing a strong arm and good discipline within the zone. Her first inning saw nothing but strikes and a groundout to the shortstop, a flyout to third base, and finally a groundout back to the circle. At the bottom of the 1st, the Lady Lions started the game strong with their bats. Kyleigh Courter led off Loogootee with a fly double to left center, and Grace Lingenfelter reached on a drop third strike, which Courter, who got to 3rd on a stolen base, would score off. Makenzie VanHoy reached on a walk, stole second, and scored off an Asia Crim single to left field. Crim would also steal second then advance to home and score after Sara Street forced an error. An Isabelle Waggner groundout ended the inning 3-0.

The following two innings went by in a stalemate. VanHoy struck out three in these two innings, and WRV struck out three of our own. Into the 4th, the Lady Wolverines once again came up dry and left one on base. The bottom of the 4th for the Lady Lions would once again be productive, led off by Isabelle Waggner. She hit a flyball single to center field, then advanced twice to third, off a passed ball and a stolen base. Jaelyn Walker made it on with a walk

A realist sees a freight train.

A train driver sees three idiots standing on the track.

A national news reporter asked a school principal "What are we missing? What do children need?" The principal's answer was....

1. Children need a mother and a father who respect each other and work together as a team.

2. Children need a bicycle, neighbors, and cousins.

3. Children need a grandma to bake with and a grandpa to take em fishing.

4. Children need a church, a Sunday School class, and a truth telling pastor.

5. Children need a dinner time with home cooked food, prayer, and conversation.

6. Children need Sunday afternoon football and fried chicken.

7. Children need books and coloring pages.

8. Children need summers at the beach and Bazooka bubble gum.

9. Children need hotdogs and Fourth of July Fireworks.

10. Children need fire pits, s'mores, ghost stories, the drive in, and real popcorn.

11. Children need discipline from their parents.

12. Children need chores, a job, a way to earn what they want.

13. Children need education that recognizes mama and daddy as the authority, God as the creator, and the Bible as the roadmap.

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and move on defensive indifference. Then both easily scored after a Kyleigh Courter grounder up the middle. Adie Nolley got on after getting plunked in the ankle, then Makenzie VanHoy hit a grounder by the shortstop and scored both the previous runs. Then Asia Crim hit a grounder to the same place and scored VanHoy. Sara Street grounding out to the shortstop ended the inning 8-0.

The 5th inning would come up empty again for the Wolverines, and VanHoy would strike out another. The bottom of the 5th only needed to see two Lady Lions scores to end the game. Waggner, who led off the inning, scored on a walk, a stolen base, a wild pitch, and finally a passed ball. Walker also followed, scoring off a walk, stolen base, wild pitch, and an Adie Nolley single. The game ended here as the 10-0 score satisfied the set "run-rule" after five innings.

Makenzie VanHoy earned her first varsity win in the circle, pitching a five innings shutout seeing four strikeouts, four hits, and only one walk. At the plate, Kyleigh Courter led the night going 2/2 with two singles; Asia Crim also had two hits in three at-bats. Adie Nolley and Isabelle Waggner also both ended with a hit.

The Lady Lions continue their roll and are now at a 15-3 record with 11 in a row. The schedule ahead for Loogootee becomes more challenging as the season winds down, four of their next five games are conference, and they play five ranked teams out of their last seven games.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, May 20 at 5 p.m. in the LHS Media Center. The meeting is open to the public.

5K Walk/Run

First Choice Solutions, formerly the Pregnancy Care Center, will hold a 5K Walk/Run event on Saturday, May 22, at the Kiwanis Cabin in Eastside Park, Washington. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., with the Walk/Run starting at 9 a.m. Please call the clinic at 812-257-1041 for registration forms. The registration fee is \$20 for ages 15 and older, \$10 for children ages 5-15, and no charge for children under 5 years. You can also register the day of the walk/run.

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 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

Tennis Sectional starts tonight

Sectional for high school tennis will begin this evening, Wednesday, May 19, at LHS. Barr-Reeve will take on Paoli at 4:30 p.m. and Loogootee will go up against Northeast Dubois at 6:30 p.m. On Thursday, May 20, the championship game will be played at 5 p.m.

The Loogootee Tennis Teams went up against Vincennes Lincoln at home Friday, May 14. The varsity girls lost 1-4 and the junior varsity son 1-0. The varsity record moved to 11-5 on the season.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "After a tough match yesterday, you could tell our legs were a little tired. Lincoln has a solid singles lineup. We would have had to play our best to beat them. They just played better in key moments of the match and deserved to win today."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Payton Dugan (VL) defeated Annalise Powell 6-3, 6-1

#2 Singles Savannah Purdom (VL) defeated Kieragen Napier 7-6 (3), 6-4

#3 Singles Ashlyn Hillenbrand (VL) defeated Kalea Fleming 6-1, 0-6, 6-2

#1 Doubles Macey Fisher/Abby West (VL) defeated Grace Foddrill/Katie Callison 7-5, 6-2

#2 Doubles Grace Gingerich/Madison McAtee (L) defeated Dalyla Anderson/Mallory Friend 6-0, 6-1

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Morgen Wolfe (L) defeated Mary Bahr 8-0

Last Thursday, the Lady Lions defeated Evansville Christian at home. The varsity won 3-2 with the junior varsity finishing 1-0.

"This was a nice win against a quality opponent. Our doubles teams played well tonight. Evansville Christian has the best #1 and #2 singles we have seen all season. Despite losing, we played well at those spots. Kalea came through for us with a clutch performance winning the last three games of the third set to seal the victory."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Madison Smith (EC) defeated Annalise Powell 6-1, 6-3

#2 Singles Berkley Carter (EC) defeated Kieragen Napier 7-6 (0), 6-1

#3 Singles Kalea Fleming (L) defeated Diana May 6-3, 3-6, 6-4

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Ava Floyd/Chloe Riecken 6-1, 6-2

#2 Doubles Grace Gingerich/Madison McAtee (L) defeated ZoZo Zhou/Alexa Cushing 6-0, 6-1

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Grace Foddrill (L) defeated Taylor Ludwig 8-5

#1 Doubles Olivia Dant/Ana Toy (L) defeated Allie Boggeman/Tori Mayer 8-1

Loogootee Pool Mandatory Meeting

A mandatory meeting for all applicants for summer jobs at the Loogootee Municipal Pool will be held Sunday, May 23 at 2 p.m. at the Loogootee City Council Meeting Room at Loogootee City Hall.



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

The cooler-than-normal temperatures have made for an interesting spring in the garden. Since we have not had any major storms with winds, hard rain or hail to destroy blossoms, the flowers have stayed around much longer than they usually do. This has resulted in some strange juxtapositions. I have daffodils sharing the garden with roses and herbaceous peonies are coming on while the last bluebells fade. The hummingbirds continue to eat from thousands of columbine blooms as a half dozen weigelas provide a second course for their dinners. My daily walks through the gardens have been feasts for the senses of sight and smell. I cannot recall a year when the gardens have been more beautiful.

The cool temperatures may have delayed the hum of cicadas. The 17-year swarm will arrive this spring, but the cool weather has had an effect. I have found some larvae when digging planting holes and I have heard of some adults in the area, but the steady hum expected by the middle of May has been delayed. Warmer temperatures expected later this week may bring them to the surface. It is time to wrap fruit trees and other newly-planted trees and shrubs to protect them from the egg-laying female cicadas. Use a netting with holds no larger than one-half inch to prevent the cicadas from getting to the small branches where they will lay eggs.

In the vegetable garden, it should be

safe to set out transplants. However, there need not be any rush. Tomatoes, peppers and eggplants prefer warmer soil, so waiting another week may actually be beneficial. Sweet potatoes should not be planted for a few more weeks. They need very warm soil to thrive. Seed planting may proceed, but there is no urgency. Germination will be quicker when the soil warms a bit more.

Great growing conditions have also resulted in a lot of plants to be dug and divided. That means that it is time to share. Sandhill Gardens will host a plant exchange on Saturday, May 22 from 10 a.m. until noon. If you have plants to trade with other gardeners, bring them along. You may also trade items of garden décor and hardscape materials. We have even had some garden-related clothing exchanged in the past. Of course, even if you do not have things to trade, you are welcome to come and tour the gardens and perhaps learn from the experienced gardeners who usually come to the exchange. Gardeners are very generous and helpful, and you will likely go home with a plant anyway. There is a sign here that proclaims, "Weeders Welcome", and I guarantee that taking that to heart will earn you a plant or two. The great growing conditions this spring have also been good for the weeds, so there are plenty available. The address for Sandhill Gardens is 3061 N. County Road 810 W. (Sandhill Road), West Baden Springs. Come and join in the fun.

Purdue Extension focuses on renewable energy education efforts

BY ABBY LEEDS

Purdue University News Service

Purdue Extension is partnering with Hoosiers for Renewables and Indiana Farm Bureau to conduct a comprehensive study on land use regulations for wind and solar renewable energy and trends related to climate change planning in Indiana.

Purdue Extension's Land Use Team will survey county plan directors to determine the land use policies and strategies Hoosier communities currently have in place in regard to climate change and renewable energy. The team is also looking to discover factors communities consider when addressing land use policies and motivations for local governments to approve or reject climate change and renewable energy in policy.

The survey results will be unveiled at the Indiana Land Use Summit, a community planning and land use virtual workshop hosted by the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Land Resources Council and Purdue Extension on September 8-9. The Land Use Team will also provide a summary report of wind and solar ordinance findings in Indiana. With the gathered information, Purdue Extension will create community snapshots of renewable energy efforts that local leaders can use to make policy decisions and revitalize renewable energy efforts.

"We appreciate the Purdue team taking on this initiative to collect and analyze the planning data that counties are currently utilizing. Our goal is to better understand how Indiana communities make decisions regarding these complex issues and their associated impacts on planning for renewable energy projects," said

Steve Eberly, executive director of Hoosiers for Renewables. "Ultimately, this project will provide local officials with an additional resource to assist with their decision-making process."

County plan commissioners and local planning departments can expect the survey to be available Monday (May 3) through May 28. Survey participants will be asked to upload content from wind and solar ordinances and zoning maps. For information regarding the survey, contact Kara Salazar at salazark@purdue.edu.

Patoka Lake hosts kayak trip June 12

Patoka Lake is hosting a kayak tour with the interpretive naturalist on Saturday, June 12 at 9 a.m. at the Little Patoka Boat Ramp. A caravan will leave from the Patoka Lake office at 7:45 a.m. to caravan to the ramp.

The five-mile tour will feature a rock quarry and waterfall. Paddlers will have a chance to see wildlife such as beavers and bald eagles. Participants should bring life jackets, preferred snacks, refreshments, and sunscreen. The tour is not suitable for beginner kayakers or children under 12.

Non-motorized boat launch permits are required and will be sold at the event for \$5 or can be purchased at the Patoka Lake office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

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

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.



The Scarlet tanager

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

The numbers of Scarlet tanagers are declining due to exposure and starvation.. Scarlet tanagers are serially monogamous and form pairs that stay together for one breeding season. When capturing bees, wasps, and hornets Scarlet tanagers rake their prey against a branch to remove their stingers before consumption.

Online purchase of Hoosier National Forest trail use permits now available

Visitors ages 17 and older, who wish to ride a bike or horse on the Hoosier National Forest are required to have a trail use permit. Visitors may now purchase trail use permits for day or annual use online at Recreation.gov, via a mobile device at the site or in advance. This new public service provides additional payment options for those required to have a trail use permit. With the electronic payment option, mobile transactions may now take place on site, if cell service is available, or in advance if service is unavailable. Mobile coverage at sites varies widely, so purchasing in advance can eliminate on-site coverage issues. A transaction receipt can be printed and carried, or the visitor can have it available on their mobile device. There are four steps for electronic permit purchase:

Scan the QR code or visit Recreation.gov/activitypass/hoosier-trails

Select your pass type (daily or annual)

and enter your information, including the dates you're visiting. Be sure to include your license plate.

Check out using your recreation.gov username and password.

Enter your payment details and complete the transaction.

After the transaction is complete, the visitor will receive an email with their digital permit receipt, which must be printed and carried or be available on their mobile device when visiting. Trail Use Permits are still available via traditional methods of payment, such as cash, check or credit card, at Forest offices in Bedford and Tell City, and at local vendors.

For any issues with electronic payments, contact Recreation.gov. For site-specific recreation information, visit <https://fs.usda.gov/hoosier> or contact your local Forest Service office. Our offices are serving the public remotely and are available by phone at 866-302-4173.

Canada geese bag limits increase; migratory bird hunting seasons announced

Hunters can now take more Canada geese as a result of a recent increase in bag limits.

The daily bag limit for dark geese (Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and brant) is now five in aggregate for the entire season. This means that hunters can harvest any combination of the three species as long as the total does not exceed five. Previously, a daily bag limit of dark geese could only include up to three Canada geese, except during September. The daily bag limit for light geese (snow and Ross's geese) remains 20.

"Canada goose populations in the Mississippi Flyway are doing very well," said Adam Phelps, DNR's waterfowl biologist. "We remain above our population goal for this species, so additional hunting opportunities make sense. We

will continue to monitor populations and harvest to ensure that hunting remains sustainable."

There are no changes in other migratory bird bag limits from 2020-21, including for ducks. This includes the scaup daily bag limit, which is one scaup during the first 15 days of the season and two for the remainder of the season.

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