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Ten pages

Loogootee to graduate 66 this Friday, Shoals graduated 38 last Saturday

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Loogootee High School will hold its commencement exercises Friday, May 26, at 7 p.m. in Jack Butcher Arena. The evening will begin with a welcome from Class Vice President Abigail Fischer, followed by the National Anthem by the LHS Choir and "The Prayer" by Teena Chinn.

Class Secretary Kieragen Napier will introduce the speakers who will be Class Co-Valedictorian Abigail Fischer speaking about "Navigate", Class Co-Valedictorian and Class Treasurer Kyleigh Courter speaking about "Experience" and Class Co-Valedictorian Caroline Walker speaking about "Willingness".

Class Vice President Caroline Walker

Loogootee School Board hears patron input, hires new high school principal

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The Loogootee School Board met Thursday, May 18. At the start of the meeting, Board President Chad Wade said a few patrons had signed up to speak. He said the Indiana Open Door Law doesn't give the right for patrons to speak but the Loogootee School Board chooses to allow it. He then gave the restrictions on those speaking saying they can only address the board president, they could speak for three minutes, and comments could not be frivolous, repetitive or harassing.

Tom McBeth was the first patron to speak, and his concern was the expansion and remodeling projects the school is planning which will raise property taxes. He said he knows the board said the project doesn't cost enough to require a ballot vote, but he thinks the district's residents should have that right. "Why should just a select few choose to raise our taxes," he said, referring to the school board. He said economists are saying we are on the verge of recession. "It's going to hurt a lot of people. There's a lot of people who are upset about it," he said. He said he knows the board says no one shows up to the meetings, however they hold the meeting at 5 p.m. when a lot of people are just getting off work. Board Member Wade thanked

will give the introduction of the slide presentation, created by Mrs. Madelyn Cage. The band will perform "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and remarks will then be made by LHS Principal Chris Walker. Superintendent Dr. Brian Harmon, the principal and Senior Class Sponsor Leslie VanHoy will then present diplomas.

Class President Lucas Brittain will give the closing remarks before the Class of 2023 does the turning of the tassels.

The Loogootee High School Class of 2023 motto is "Every story has an end. But in life, every ending is just a new beginning," by Dakota Fanning. The class flower is the white carnation.

The LHS Class of 2023 includes Danny Marion Arthur, Lacie NaCole Arthur, Parker James Arvin, Aragarn Gandalf (See 'GRADUATES' on page 2)

McBeth for his comments but didn't respond further.

William Lyon and Seth Salmon, both students at Loogootee, then spoke out in favor of the school board hiring David Smith to serve as the next varsity boys' basketball coach. They said coaches in the past have not spent time teaching younger players, and Smith did. They said Smith made them better players. Board Member Wade again thanked the boys for their comments but didn't respond further.

In personnel matters, the board approved the resignation of Ryan Haywood as boys' varsity basketball coach and teacher and Bo Gibson as teacher, both effective at the end of the school year.

The board approved hiring Dr. Nancy Harrison on a two-year contract as high school principal. Harrison, who said she has deep family roots in Loogootee, has been the former assistant principal at Vincennes for the past nine years and a teacher for 19 years.

The board also approved hiring Jenna Rufaska as middle school/high school art teacher, Julia Sanders as custodian, Mike Kirk as summer custodian, Luke Lengacher, Andrew Walker and Sam Graber for summer maintenance; and Katie Callison, Amanda Campbell, Trish Fox, Vera Helderma, Caitlin Wagoner, and Katie Kid-

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Solid waste board working on Rumpke contract; debates interim director leaving

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Solid Waste Board met last Wednesday, May 17.

Derek Carpenter, with Rumpke, talked to the board about working with the recycling center to collect glass and plastic #5. Plastic #5 includes butter tubs, yogurt containers, cottage cheese containers, cool whip containers, etc. Glass accepted is glass bottles and jars, windowpane, etc., any color. Rumpke's new facility, in Bloomington, will be recycling these products and Carpenter said plastics are worth between 5 and 15 cents per pound baled or \$100 to \$300 a ton. He said he is working to get quotes together to present to the board at next month's meeting.

The board discussed what needs to be done to end the annual asset fee on

the property tax bills and return the solid waste to collecting a tax levy, as they did several years ago. Bookkeeper June Eckerle said she has been in contact with the Department of Local Government Finance, and they are instructing her on what to do. Board Member Paul George noted the county council will be who decides the rate and they will also have to approve the move to the tax levy.

Interim Director Robin Haulk said he is setting his last day for June 30. He said unless there is an incentive to stay until the end of the year, he plans to leave the position. He said he's been having medical issues due to stress and believes the board needs to be looking around for his permanent replacement.

"I hate to say this, but we can't give anymore money," said Board Member (See 'SOLID WASTE' on page 2)



ABIGAIL FISCHER
LHS Co-Valedictorian



LYDIA COOK
SHS Valedictorian



KYLEIGH COURTER
LHS Co-Valedictorian



AVALEY BRAUN
SHS Co-Salutatorian



CAROLINE WALKER
LHS Co-Valedictorian



LOGAN DAVIS
SHS Co-Salutatorian

Martin County jobless rate at 2.4 percent for April

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Martin County's unemployment rate dropped from 3 percent in March to 2.4 percent in April. The county had the 33rd lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with 12 other counties.

In April, the county had 5,340 residents in the workforce and 129 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 5,329 residents able to work and 162 of them without jobs. In April of 2022, Martin County's jobless rate was 2.3 percent with 5,435 residents in the workforce and 123 of them unemployed.

Daviess County also saw a drop in their unemployment rate, moving from 2.5 percent in March to 1.9 percent in April. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Gibson and Boone counties.

In April, the county had 16,609 residents in the workforce and 308 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 16,598 residents able to work and 415 of them were without jobs. In April of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 1.9 percent with 16,495 residents in the workforce and 309 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's unemployment rate dipped to 2 percent in April, down from 2.7 percent the month before. The county had the fourth lowest jobless rate in the state, tied with five other counties.

In April, the county had 21,777 residents in the workforce with 438 of them unemployed. In March, there were 21,782 residents able to work and 583 of them without jobs. In April of 2022, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 1.7 percent with 21,909 residents in the workforce and 383 of them without work.

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GRADUATES

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Ashby, Korbin Michael Berry, Judd Michael Bledsoe, Peyton Allen Bledsoe, Zoey Rose Brassine, Lucas David Brittain, Jeremy Dwayne Brown, Cassidy Rose Bruner, Jaithan Eli Burris, Tyler Cole Campbell, Caitlin Nicole Carrico, Matthew Gabriel Coleman, Kyleigh Jean Courter, Jayden Michael Denny, Isaac Lucas Eagle, Ethan Lewis Earley, Linsey Nicole England, Madison Elizabeth Esch, Abigail Marie Fischer, Madison Marie Fischer, Daniel JJ Flanagan, Courtney El-yss Glover, Euan David Graves, Matthew Richard Green, Conner Joseph Hayden, Talan Dmitry Hayes, Jack Emery Henninger, Jacob Henry Heschelman, Claire Josephine Kemp, Savannah Marie Kindley, Noah Berziez Knight, Tasha Nicole Kreilein, Kendall (Sunni) Dawn Krohn, Symphony Gabriella Lantz, Bridget Rain Like, Olivia Michelle Lucas, Brandley Kage Lyon, Katelyn Louise Mason, Shawna Star Mason, Thomas Richard Morrison, Ashley Nicole Nail, Kieragen Lynn Napier, Lindsey Ann Nolan, Dari-on James Oakman, Adam Richard Parks, Kortni Danae Rumble, Kaylynn Suzanne Sims, Isabella Naomi Smith, Ava Marie Summers, Brooklyn Gale Summers, Abigail Elizabeth Survance, Mallorie Sueanne Sutton, Jacob Charles Tedrow, Anastasia Rose Toy, Hannah Reece Van-Meter, Brenna Anne Wade, Gianna Kay Wagler, Jeffrey David Wagler, Caroline Jo Walker, Ashden Berniece Walton, Tylan Michael Williams, Morgen Grace Wolfe, and Hiyori Yokoyama.

Shoals High School held their commencement last Saturday, May 20. The afternoon began with a processional and National Anthem performed by the middle school and high school bands. Class President Wyatt Asbell gave the invocation followed by the welcome given by Senior Class Vice President Joe Smith-

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George. “We’re broke.” He said he didn’t think it would be a good idea to be giving raises when they just had to borrow money.

Bookkeeper June Eckerle suggested they promote Jenelle Freeman, who the board hired last month to take Eckerle’s place as she is retiring. Eckerle said Freeman is very interested in the position and she believes she would be a good fit for the job.

“I’m not afraid to ask questions,” said Freeman

Eckerle said they had another application for the bookkeeper position who they can call. Haulk then said he had already reached out to the other applicant.

Freeman said she was hoping for six more months with Haulk to learn. She said they need to be more active in the community to get more customers to bring in more revenue.

When asked, Haulk said he would be willing to stay on until August 31. Eckerle said she will also stay on until they hire a new bookkeeper if they promote Freeman to director.

“I don’t want to be a bad guy, but we actually can’t afford two people,” said George. He told Eckerle she needed to go ahead and retire. “We borrowed money,” he said.

Eckerle said she understands but there is still things Freeman doesn’t know about the bookkeeping job.

“I say retire,” said Board Member Cody Roush. “We’ve had plenty of time, we keep putting a band aid on it, sometimes you just have to jump in the pool.”

Board Member Aaron Summers asked Freeman if she could handle the book-keeping job now, without Eckerle. Freeman said she is feeling better about it but there is paperwork Eckerle does for Haulk that none of them know how to do.

son.

The band performed “Let It Be/Hey Jude” arranged by Michael Brown followed by speeches from Class Co-Salutatorians Avaley Bruan and Logan Davis and Valedictorian Lydia Cook.

A speech will then be made by Class Historian Alexis Rush, followed by the Class of 2023 video presentation by Rush, who is also the Senior Video Editor. High School Principal Josh Mullis then presented the Class of 2023 and diplomas were handed out by Superintendent Kindra Hovis and Principal Mullis.

A farewell address was given by Avaley Braun followed by the turning of the tassels.

The Shoals Class of 2023 class motto is “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has,” by Dr. Margaret Mead. The class flower is the Gerber daisy. The class colors are black and blue.

The Class of 2023 includes Wyatt James Asbell, Sara Lynn Bird, Nat’Ellie Ann-Nicole Bland, Avaley Hope Braun, Cade Hayes Brett, Mackenzie Nikole Bush, Alysa Shae Butler, Austin Ryder Carter, Lydia Carlene Cook, Chase Royden Crowder, Christopher Wayne Davis, Logan Elizabeth Davis, Ashur Pierce Dishman, Cyrus Xaxon Ellis, Alex Lee Fuhrman, Ruby Marie Harder, Emily Sue Hall, Saben Claudia Holt, Emma Rose Justus, Ariaaha Laray Labarge, Nicholas Bryce McCracken, Elijah James Moffitt, Rylan Samuel Perry, Emily Marie Riggles, Alexis Marie Rush, Leila Marie Sango, Anthony Edwin Schnarr, Gracie Erica Shaw, Skylar Ray Smith, Joe Curtis Smithson, Nicolas Cole Spurgeon, Savannah Renae Stevens, Eli David Stoll, Wyatt James Taylor, Campbell Reese Teague, Jacob Alan Luby Wessel, Zachariah Williams, and Alonzo Ray Wininger.

Eckerle said she took over doing the director’s paperwork when Haulk was put in as interim director, and she planned to train the permanent director when one was hired.

Board Member Noel Harty asked Eckerle if working one day a week would help. Eckerle and Freeman said it would.

The board decided to have Eckerle work a maximum of eight hours a week for the next 30 days.

As far as promoting Freeman to director, the board decided to wait until she has more experience and to see if Haulk changes his mind about leaving at the end of August.

Attorney Dave Lett suggested waiting to see how Freeman grows into the position.

Haulk asked the board what they wanted him to do about their 2003 GMC truck, with a camper shell, that needs new brake lines. He said he wasn’t sure they wanted to put the money into it. He said they haven’t used it recently, but it was used to drive back and forth to the White River Co-Op to get weight tickets for semis. The board decided to put it in the next county surplus auction.

Haulk said repairs are needed on the Bobcat. He said they had Hopf Equipment work on it but they were still having trouble and then found out the steering motors were out. Hopf cannot get those parts from Bobcat. It was suggested Haulk ask Bobcat of Daviess County but then the board decided they would rather work with Hopf due to issues in the past. Board Member George said they could ask Bobcat of Daviess County if they have the motors and then have Hopf install them. Haulk said he would work on that.

Haulk also reported the compactor truck needed a cable repaired and that would be done the following week.

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well as summer daycare workers.

In sports, the board approved the following coaching positions:

Baseball: Scott Arthur, Ben Bair, Jarrod Rose, Eric Brittain, Denny Jacobs, Pete Smith, and Jordan Dant

Girls’ basketball: Brian Smith, Jack Fellers, Todd Humerickhouse, Nick Toy, Jaymie Toy, and Kalea Eckerle

Boys’ basketball: Bruce Wade, Josh Jeffers, Andy Marks, Bryant Ackerman, Dave Smith, Mike Wagoner, Wyatt Street, Dylan Street, Tyler Walton, Justin Carrico, Pete Smith, Chad Wade, Jordan Divine, and Steve Downey

Softball: Greg Clark, Chris Brosmer, Taylor Wilcher, Bailey Davis, and Jeff Cooper

Tennis: Mike Tippery, TJ McAtee, Jill Toy, Jamie Wildman, Katie Sims, Brad Christmas, Kieragen Napier, and Reece Whitney

Volleyball: Leslie Summers, Tracie McAtee, Whitney Wagoner, Phil Goodpaster, Lacey Wade, Mya Hedrick, Grace Lingenfelter, Brooklyn Summers, Lindsey Nolan, Christina Ziegler, Megan Nonte, Erin Stoll, Abby Ackerman, Gabe Nolley, Brittany Bair, Molly Johnson, Kali Wininger, Olivia Wininger and Emily Brookshire.

The board also approved a maternity leave request for Brittney Gibson.

Superintendent Dr. Harmon offered con-

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Greene County’s jobless rate decreased from 4.2 percent in March to 3.1 percent in April. The county had the 10th highest jobless rate in the state for April, tied with Lawrence and Sullivan counties.

In April, the county had 13,518 residents in the workforce and 420 of them were unemployed. In March, there were 13,588 residents able to work and 575 of them were without jobs. In April of last year, Greene County’s jobless rate was 3.3 percent with 13,580 residents in the workforce and 450 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for April were Gibson, Daviess and Boone counties at 1.9 percent; Wells, Steuben, Johnson, Hamilton, Dubois and Adams counties at 2 percent; and Whitely, Shelby, Montgomery, LaGrange, Hendricks, Hancock and Floyd counties at 2.1 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for April were Howard County at 4.4 percent, Lake County at 3.9 percent, Fayette County at 3.5 percent, Miami and Starke counties at 3.3 percent, Blackford, LaPorte, Newton and Vermillion counties at 3.2 percent; and Greene, Lawrence and Sullivan counties at 3.1 percent.

Indiana’s unemployment rate in April stands at 3.0 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate for April stands at 3.4 percent.

In addition, Indiana’s labor force participation rate increased to 63.6 percent for April, remaining above the national rate of 62.6 percent. Indiana’s total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3,423,506 - an increase of 7,080 from the previous month.

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 14,200 jobs over the last month, translating to a gain of 76,500 jobs from this time last year. Indiana’s April private employment stands at 2,845,100. This is a new private employment peak for the state. Industries that experienced job increases in April included:

As of May 17, 2023, there were 126,185 open job postings throughout the state. In April, 14,211 unemployment insurance claims were filed in Indiana. Individuals looking for work, training or career information are encouraged to visit in.gov/dwd/job-seekers.

gratulations to Janet and Terry Pielemeier on their retirement and for their years of service as school custodians.

The board approved Martin County Community Corrections helping with students who have multiple absences. Superintendent Dr. Harmon said this will require a change to the handbook to allow community corrections to come in and help in those situations.

The board approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Purdue University to help form curriculum to go along with the new microchip company going in at WestGate, in the hopes of recruiting students with those skill sets. Purdue will also work with Jasper Schools, Washington Schools and Washington Catholic. Nine teachers from Loogootee, grades 7-12, are working to get the curriculum created.

Curriculum Director Shelley Christmas announced that the middle school was certified as a stem school a few weeks ago. This makes all three schools STEM certified, one of five corporations in the state that has full certification. The other four schools are Manchester Community School Corporation, Municipal School District of Mt. Vernon, Municipal School District of North Posey, and Wes-Del Community School Corporation.

William Lyon, eighth grader and Lydia Hawkins, sixth grader, gave a presentation to the board regarding their STEM education and what it has taught them and how it has affected their learning. They talked about projects involving being medical detectives and learning about facial recognition.

Christmas said they are working with the community foundation and Martin County Alliance to create a CEO program for juniors and seniors to start during the 2024-25 school year, for both Loogootee and Shoals. The purpose of the program is to teach students how to run businesses by visiting a minimum of 40 of the more than 400 businesses in the county. The goal is to have students graduate and then return to Martin County to start their own business. Students will meet for a few periods each day and create a class business. Money made from that class business then goes back to the students in the second semester to start their own individual businesses. Christmas said, in other programs, in other schools, several students made enough money to help them pay for college.

Christmas also announced that the elementary and middle schools were selected as 2022-23 PLTW (Project Lead The Way) Distinguished Schools.



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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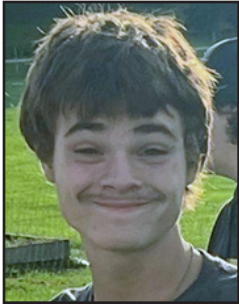
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JONATHAN PAYNE

Jonathan Arlie Payne passed away Friday May 19, 2023. A resident of Shoals, he was 17.



JONATHAN PAYNE

He was born February 15, 2006, in Paoli; son of James A. Payne and Starla A. Enlow.

Jonathan was a student at Shoals High School.

He loved hunting, fishing, working on cars, helping people, and spending time with his family and friends. Jonathan was involved in the youth group at Dover Hill Christian Union Church.

Surviving are his parents, James Payne and Starla Enlow; siblings, Caleb (Tonya Probasco) Payne, Ashley Marie Payne, and her significant other; Austin Payne, and his significant other; Mary Elizabeth Enlow, Ethan Payne, and Emily Payne; nieces and nephews, Axel and Bradley Payne, Juniper and Gwendolyn Shartzer, and Max and Jase Payne; paternal grandmother, Barbara Payne; maternal grandmother, Bobbi Dean Julian; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

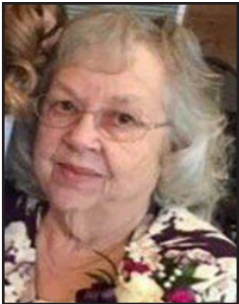
He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, George Payne; maternal grandfather, Walter Eugene Enlow; and uncle, Nathan Enlow.

A funeral service was held today, Wednesday, May 24 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care in Shoals, with Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

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

BARBARA MORRIS

Barbara Lucille (Wade) Morris passed



BARBARA MORRIS

away at 10:35 p.m. Saturday, May 20, 2023, at I.U. Health Hospice House in Bloomington. A resident of Bedford, she was 87.

She was born August 22, 1935, in Martin County; daughter of William and Marjorie (Payton) Wade. She married Chester L. Morris on September 3, 1954, and he preceded her in death on February 4, 2023.

She had been a cashier for S.S. Kresge's and was a floral designer working in numerous flower shops. She enjoyed being a housewife, cake decorating, gardening and traveling. She attended the Central

Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, David Morris and wife, Annette, of Bedford; two daughters, Sandy Buckman and husband, Mike, of Bedford and Cheryl Concannon and husband, Phil, of Owensville; grandchildren, Geoff Morris and wife, Erika, of Bloomington; Michelle Hartman and husband, Andrew, of Bloomington; Brandy Bell and husband, Jamie, of Martinsville; Jayme Buckman of Bedford, Chelsie Buckman of Ft. Collins, Colorado; Michael Walls and wife, Christina, of Iowa; and Chris Walls and wife, Angela, of Owensville; and 12 great-grandchildren.

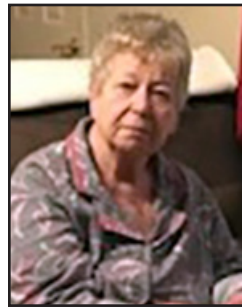
She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and three brothers, Carl and Paul Wade and William Kenneth Wade (in infancy).

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 pm on Thursday, May 25 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary with Bro. Rick Leach officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 24 at the Day & Carter Mortuary. Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

ANITA TERRELL

Anita K Terrell passed away Friday, May 19, 2023, in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 78.



She was born in Paoli on September 23, 1944; daughter of Thomas and Irma Mae Sisco Kendall.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Thomas Orville Kendall Jr. and Jerry Michael Kendall and a daughter, Melissa Davis.

She had been employed by the Shoals News as writer, typesetter, and proofreader. She was the past president of the women's auxiliary American Legion post #76 French Lick and secretary of the Democrat Central Committee of Martin County.

She enjoyed her occupation and spending time with her family and grand dogs.

Survivors include former husband, Thomas Terrell of Salem; son, Greg Terrell (wife Janie) of Spring Hill, Florida; daughter, and Staci Rasico (companion Bobby White) of Mitchell.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, May 23 at Dillman Scott Funeral Home in Paoli. Cremation followed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Orange Coun-

ty Humane Society, 856 N Greenbriar Drive, Paoli, IN 47454.

Online condolences may be made at www.dillmanscottfuneralhome.com.

THOMAS GERKIN

Thomas W. Gerkin was called home to be with his wife, Judy, on Thursday, May 18, 2023. A resident of Shoals, he was 81.



THOMAS GERKIN

He was born March 14, 1942, in Indianapolis; son of the late Clay Marshall and Geneva Gerkin.

Tom was a 1960 graduate of Shoals High School. He later joined the Navy during the Vietnam War and serviced his country as a diesel mechanic for the Naval fleet. After his honorable discharge, he began his career at Crane Naval Base as an engineer. Tom married the love of his life Judith Ann Johnson on May 13, 1967. He and his sweet Jude spent nearly 50 years in love until her passing on February 27, 2016.

Tom was an honorable man who always put his family first. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and old muscle cars.

Those left to mourn the loss of Tom are; his children, Misty Gerkin, Shawn Gerkin, and Angelique Gerkin; and three grandchildren, Nicholas "Nick" Gerkin (Breanna), Alexandria "Alex" Gerkin, and Noah Gerkin.

Tom was preceded in death by; his parents; wife, Judy Gerkin; and a sister Mary Woody; and a niece, Theresa Woody.

There will be private military honors for Tom at Spring Hill Cemetery on Saturday, June 3 at 11 a.m.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Fredrick and Son-Gill Funeral Home, in Washington.

KENNETH WALLS

Kenneth James Walls passed away at his Washington residence during the ear-



KENNETH WALLS

ly morning hours of May 18, 2023. He was 74.

He was born in Washington on December 22, 1948; son of Ernest L. and Ruth (Queen) Walls. On November 5, 1970, he married Patricia Lynn (Bateman) Walls, and she survives.

After high school, Kenneth served his country honorably in the United States Army. He was a Vietnam veteran. Before retirement, he was employed at the Naval Surface Warfare Center (commonly known as Crane) for 32 years where he was a supervisor. A devoted family man, Kenneth loved spending time with his grandchildren and his canine companion, Molly.

Those who now mourn Kenneth's passing include his wife, Patricia Lynn Walls; his children, Kirstie Ann Banks of Loogootee, Ryan James Walls of Bedford, and Jason Charles (Amanda) Walls of Washington. Kenneth was blessed with 13 grandchildren, Chantel Henson; Mack Henson; Marcus Henson; Josie Henson; Chloe Walls; Nathan Walls; Abbie Richardson; Jacob Bowling; Bridget Welborn; Taylor Walls; Drew Walls; Cohen Walls, and Madi Walls. He leaves three siblings: Margaret Lundy, Norma (Larry) McCrary, and John (Nancy) Walls, all of Washington.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Ruth Walls; daughter, Jennifer Lynn Walls; brothers: Ernest Walls, Mike Walls, Larry Walls, and sisters: Virginia McFarland and Linda Dailly.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

The staff of the Ed L. Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with arrangements for Kenneth Walls.



Derek George
Owner & Funeral Director

"The most dangerous phrase in our language is, 'We've always done it this way.'"
-Admiral Grace Hopper

It may seem strange to plan your own cremation or funeral ceremony, but it's the best way to ensure it's what you want. It also helps your family get everything taken care of in advance, so they know they're doing the right thing for you. Gain peace of mind by preplanning with a name you trust.



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Books, DVDS, Magazines, households items, dishes, glasses, and misc.

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LOOGOOTE PUBLIC LIBRARY
504 PARK ST. LOOGOOTE

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 15

2:17 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Crane Village. Major Reed responded.

2:44 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

7:40 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible missing person north of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a road closure in Loogootee.

10:21 a.m. - Received a call from a Greene County address. Transferred call to Greene County 911.

10:25 a.m. - Received a call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

10:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.

1:00 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

5:47 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

6:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

6:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting possible gunshot in Crane Village. Deputy Erwin responded.

9:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting a hydrant spraying water in Loogootee. Advised they are flushing lines.

10:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting hydrant gushing water in Loogootee. Advised they are flushing the lines.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

2:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

8:28 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Crane EMS responded and transported one patient.

11:30 a.m. - Received a call reporting an abandoned vehicle in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Dispatch.

3:46 p.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

4:16 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Deputy Erwin responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received an animal call. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:54 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:32 a.m. - Received a call from Shoals Community School advising they will be doing a fire drill today.

7:57 a.m. - Received a 911 call and a

landline call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Means and Big John's Towing responded.

8:55 a.m. - Received a call reporting a fire alarm at Shoals Schools. Advised it was a drill only.

9:08 a.m. - Received a call from Mid America advising of a road closure in Loogootee.

11:07 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Captain Gibson responded.

1:09 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a semi on fire east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Shoals Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Officer Baumgart and Brigaman's Towing responded.

1:53 p.m. - Received a call from Mid America advising the roadway is now open.

3:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded.

3:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn east of Loogootee.

4:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:24 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:39 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Deputy Erwin, Deputy Branham, Loogootee Officer Baumgart and Big John's Towing responded.

8:22 p.m. - Received a call reporting the stoplight by CVS in Loogootee was not working correctly. Loogootee Officer Sims responded. INDOT was notified.

8:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

10:07 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:59 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

7:21 a.m. - Received a 911 call in Greene County. Transferred call to Greene County 911.

8:21 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County residence. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

10:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic one transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:37 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:55 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Big John's Towing responded.

11:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:47 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

12:28 p.m. - Received a call from Mobile Health advising of a medical alert

northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic one responded but did not transport.

4:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting some road signs missing in Loogootee. Contacted Martin County Highway Department.

4:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting road damage in Crane Village. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Fischer responded.

6:29 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Shoals.

6:41 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard west of Shoals. Deputy Fischer responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received multiple calls reporting water gushing from a hydrant in Loogootee. Advised they are flushing lines.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

8:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:52 a.m. - Received notification of a horse out in Loogootee. The horse owner was notified.

12:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising a car on fire east of Shoals. Chief Keller and Sergeant Wells responded with Shoals Fire Department.

3:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and did not transport.

3:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a deputy southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and 3, Shoals Fire Department, Sergeant Wells, Corporal Hawkins, Deputy Fischer, Martin County Coroner, and Indiana State Police CSI responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Caller called back to advise they had gotten the vehicle open, no assistance needed.

7:10 p.m. - Received report of a scam call. Deputy Branham was advised.

7:52 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible intoxicated subject in Shoals. Deputy Branham and Deputy Fischer responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call which dropped. Deputy Branham responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham, and Deputy Fischer responded.

10:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call which dropped. Dispatch was able to reach the caller who advised it was accidental.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:18 a.m. - Received a call advising a tree down on a line southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and REMC responded.

8:39 a.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn near Shoals.

10:13 a.m. - Received a call reporting an aggressive dog near Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified, and Sergeant Wells responded.

10:22 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with Animal Control Deputy Hughett. Deputy Hughett responded with a telephone call.

10:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call which dropped. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded and was unable to locate any

issue in the area.

11:34 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:00 p.m. - Received a call referencing a threat made in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received a call to report a personal injury accident involving a motorcycle near Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long, Martin County Medic 1, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported 1 to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an issue on Crane Base. RDC was notified and Crane officials responded.

6:44 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a head-on collision with injuries south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells, Deputy Branham, Loogootee Officer Baumgart, Martin County Medic 1, Dubois County Ambulance, Hayesville Fire Department, and Big Johns responded. Medic 1 transported 1 to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a deputy for a stolen phone. Loogootee Officer Baumgart was advised.

8:59 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

3:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance with a vehicle near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

9:49 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded with a telephone call.

10:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with Animal Control Deputy Hughett. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

11:39 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting an animal issue in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting two baby goats running loose. Major Reed was advised.

8:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a child custody issue in Crane and requesting a welfare check. Major Reed responded.

9:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a child custody issue in Crane. Caller was advised to contact the court regarding this issue.

9:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting information from a Loogootee Officer regarding a plate issue for a vehicle. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

9:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting a complaint be documented on the child custody case in Crane. Information noted by dispatch.

10:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:37 p.m. - Received a request to check out a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS May 10

Robert G. Roach, II, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 912 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 142 actual days previously served plus 142 Class A credit days. Also convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 912 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

Taylor Alan Kavanaugh, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended.

May 11

Julia S. Earl, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 357 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED May 10

Robert G. Roach, II, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Taylor Alan Kavanaugh, maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 11

Julia S. Earl, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed;

possession of a controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed May 15

Allen M. Wiscaver vs. Jenny R. Wiscaver, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS May 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Linda Stanger in the amount of \$2,300.72.

May 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff TD Bank USA and against the defendant Phyllis Lannan in the amount of 841.82.

May 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Wells Fargo Bank and against the defendant Amanda Miller in the amount of \$8,528.46.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED May 10

Citibank vs. Nicholas McCracken, civil collection, dismissed.

Real estate transfers

Christopher W. Davis, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cody Ray Overton**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 213 in Daugherty's Addition to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana. Commonly known as 425 Poplar Street, Shoals IN 47581.

Michael J. Ryan to **Brandon R. Knepp and Brittany L. Knepp**, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Ranger 4 West, containing 0.04 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 15

5:46 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Officer Baumgart performed a welfare check on North Oak Street.

9:21 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with debris in the roadway on US 50 East.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

2:20 a.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a civil complaint.

3:31 a.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an investigation.

8:58 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call in Crane Village.

10:07 a.m. - Chief Means performed a vehicle unlock at Marathon.

11:30 a.m. - Chief Means investigated a civil complaint on Sherman Street.

3:52 p.m. - Chief Means and Officer Baumgart responded to a domestic dispute.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

7:58 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a vehicle in the ditch on US 231 South.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with traffic control on US 50 East.

11:12 a.m. - Chief Means investigated a dog complaint on North Oak Street.

11:24 a.m. - Chief Means investigated the report of the smell of a controlled substance.

12:58 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with traffic control at a semi fire on US 50 East.

3:16 p.m. - Chief Means and Officer Baumgart assisted at a medical call on Clark Street.

3:55 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a property damage accident at CVS parking lot.

10:48 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Sims responded to a medical call in Country Court.

11:59 p.m. - Officer Sims investigated a suspicious person on Grant Street.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

10:11 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Means responded to a medical call on US 231 North.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Means assisted a stranded motorist.

3:01 p.m. - Chief Means investigated a road hazard on East Broadway Street.

4:08 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted with a medical call in Shoals.

FRIDAY, MAY 19

9:57 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a lift assist request on Clark Street.

3:02 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a request for assistance in Shoals.

9:29 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Baumgart searched for a reported fire near Bramble.

10:57 p.m. - Officer Baumgart gave a courtesy ride to a stranded motorist.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

10:28 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long investigated a 911 hang-up on North Oak Street.

1:53 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long investigated a civil disturbance on Grant Street.

2:30 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with traffic control at an accident in Shoals.

6:44 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted with an accident, with multiple injuries, in Shoals.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

3:07 a.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted a stranded motorist with a flat tire on US 50 East.

10:54 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Cooper Street.

11:39 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a welfare check on Dover Hill Road.

10:11 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call.

11:37 p.m. - Officer Baumgart investigated a suspicious vehicle at Chuckles.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MAY 15

5:25 p.m. - Alan Abel, 53, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, MAY 16

4:05 p.m. - Joseph Simpson, 48, of Greenwood, was arrested by Chief Deputy Keller by order of court, awaiting sentencing. He is being held without bond.

7:45 p.m. - Shawn Robertson, 27, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baumgart and charged with driving while suspended-prior. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

4:03 p.m. - Jason Beckett, was arrested by Deputy Branham on a Daviess County

warrant.

10:13 p.m. - James Holt, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Erwin on a Martin County warrant, possession of methamphetamine, resisting law enforcement, an Orange County warrant, and a Daviess County warrant. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, MAY 20

12:32 a.m. - Derek Sipes, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baumgart and charged with possession of marijuana, dealing marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. He is held on a 15,000/10% bond.

1:17 a.m. - Andrea Sipes, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Fischer and charged with maintaining a common nuisance. She was held on a 15,000/10% bond.



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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

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MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL

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Make My Day grant

The Martin County Historical Society recently received a \$500 Make My Day grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to help them with the museum and services they provide. Shown from left to right are Historical Society President Bill Greene, Director Rick Bowling and MCCF Board member Jenell Hoffman.

Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers Association meeting

The Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association met at the Gasthof restaurant on Friday, May 19. President Ramona Lennen led the members in the pledge of allegiance and conducted the meeting. The group still collected money for Pennies from Heaven at the meeting, and the money collected this semester will be given to the Power House. Twelve association members prepared a meeting for the Power House in April.

Ramona Lennen gave the Area 8 Director's report and reported she had attended three area meetings so far. She announced they have two delegates and one guest that will be attending the Representative Assembly in Indianapolis on June 7. Those attending will be Pat Brochin, Lawana Hand and Peg Neidigh. Jason Williams, AMBA representative, spoke on the importance of membership and making their voices heard. He announced there will be an Alzheimer's Walk in Indianapolis on September 30.

The program was presented by Elizabeth

Schaffer, former WHS biology teacher and Master Gardener. She gave an interesting and informative program on being a Master Gardener and gave many helpful tips on gardening including how to save money on plants and the importance of planting native plants. She told of the gardens maintained in Daviess and Knox counties by her group, Guardians of the Garden.

Door prizes were provided by Aggie Cooper and Marilyn Read and were won by Donna Keller, Peg Neidigh, and Alana M. Thompson. David Lennen won the Gasthof gift certificate provided by Jason Williams. Attending the meeting were Linda Strosnider, Alana M. Thompson, Donna Keller, Arlene Owens, Elizabeth Schaffer, Peg Neidigh, Ramona Lennen, David Lennen, Kenneth A. Macy, Aggie Cooper, Marilyn Read, Jason Williams and Nancy Adams.

The next meeting will be in August 2023 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof. All retired teachers living in Daviess and Martin counties and the surrounding areas are invited to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Merit board meetings

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet in executive session beginning at 6:30 p.m. (EST) Wednesday, May 24 at the Martin County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about, and interview prospective employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5). The meeting is closed to the public. The merit board will meet in open session following the executive meeting at 7 p.m.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, May 25 at 8:30 a.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting is for personnel approval. The meeting is open 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.

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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.

Veterans' event to be held

Martin County Veteran Service Officer Jonathan Cropp would like to announce a "Save the Date" for a July 27 Appreciation Day for Vietnam-era veterans. This is for all veterans that served from the years of 1955-1975, regardless of duty station.

The event will be held at the Loogootee Public Library, located at 504 Park Street, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be a luncheon and free gift giveaway. Please pass this information to any Vietnam veteran you might know so they can be honored for their service to our nation.

For more information, contact VSO Cropp at 812-247-2210.

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My garden makes a lot of scents. While I realize that I wrote a column about the different ways our senses enjoy the garden not long ago, recent events remind me that a dear friend enjoyed the scents of my garden in a special way. Saturday night, I was honored to sit with the family of David Underhill as the angels bore him to Heaven. David had been blind for the last 15 years of his life. I got to really know him through my former position as an advocate for people with disabilities. Despite his loss of eyesight and a myriad of other health problems, David fought to live and care for his family. He loved to visit Sandhill Gardens, even when he could only sniff the air from an automobile.

Before losing his sight, David had enjoyed gardening himself, and was proud of his landscaping. He loved adding whimsical items to the garden.

This week, I am especially aware of the scents that waft on the breezes through Sandhill Gardens. The scents are diverse, yet each has its area, and nothing is overpowering. My grandmother's old-fashioned pink shrub rose is blooming. Many of the modern roses have been bred for the eye, losing the scent. Grandma's rose has a pleasant, sweet scent that holds precious memories. As a child, it grew outside my bedroom window, and that scent was a comfort on spring nights. It only blooms in the spring, so one must enjoy that odor while it is here. Another miniature rose grows in a small bed in the front of the house. It has a different scent but is still quite pleasant.

Spicy scents dominate another area of the garden. Two plants are responsible. The small blooms of the Carolina Allspice boast a rather strong scent. A bed of Dianthus also lends a spicy note. A third plant lends some spice when one rubs the leaves. Native spice bush has long been used for brewing spice tea.

Make water safety a priority

With Memorial Day weekend around the corner, Indiana Conservation Officers remind Hoosiers to make water safety a priority now and throughout the summer.

"We urge all Hoosiers to recognize the danger water poses when on or around our waterways," said Capt. Jet Quillen of the Department of Natural Resources Division of Law Enforcement.

Follow these basic safety tips:

- Discuss the dangers of water with your family and loved ones before going out.
- Tell someone where you are going and when you will return.
- Go with a buddy.
- Do not venture around flooded or fast-moving waterways.
- Wear a life jacket.
- Keep an extra watchful eye on children.
- Avoid alcohol.

If you go boating, make sure you know the rules and boat safely. Reduce speed in unfamiliar areas and be aware of unusual water conditions respective to your size and type of boat. These are not only safety tips, but also important environmental

When a late freeze caused the young leaves of the sweet bay magnolia to turn black, I feared that there would be no blooms on the tree this year. However, with new leaves coming on the tree, the creamy blossoms have started releasing their scent, which reminds me of honey and vanilla. The mock orange is also in full bloom, greeting visitors along the driveway.

Because I grow several varieties of both peonies and lilacs, I have been enjoying those florals for several weeks. Presently, the herbaceous peonies are blooming in various garden beds. The lilac scent is coming from the Japanese tree lilac and the frilly French lilac. They are the last lilacs to bloom in the spring, but the re-blooming lilacs will bloom on and off throughout the summer and fall.

The many irises also add to the nose treats. Some do not have much of a scent, but I have a white re-blooming iris that smells like grape soda, and the scent is quite heavy.

Not all scents in the garden are pleasant. This week, the Arum dracunulus will open. The spectacular sword-like burgundy bloom will open and release the scent of rotting flesh to attract the flies that will pollinate the plant.

Some of my favorite garden scents come from plants treated as annuals. I love the scent of heliotrope, and I always include that plant in my summer containers. I also like the scent of pineapple sage, which I plant to provide late-season nectar for the hummingbirds. I have two cassia plants growing along the walkway. When one brushes against the foliage of these plants, they release oils that remind one of buttered popcorn.

I will be planting a memory plant for my friend, David. I have chosen a hosta that has a scented flower. I am sure he would approve.

considerations, such as preventing beach erosion. Regardless of your boat type, assess water levels before going out and monitor your speed while underway.

Designate a sober boat operator. Alcohol causes impaired balance, blurred vision, poor coordination, impaired judgment, and slower reaction time. Wave action, sun exposure, and wind can magnify these effects. It is illegal to operate a motorboat or personal watercraft in Indiana while intoxicated due to alcohol or drugs. Indiana law defines intoxication as having a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or greater.

Each life jacket should be United States Coast Guard approved, in good working condition, and size appropriate for the wearer. New life jackets are designed to be lighter, less obtrusive, and more comfortable than those of the past. Inflatable life jackets allow mobility and flexibility for activities like boating, fishing, or paddling, and can be much cooler in warmer weather than older-style life jackets.

To learn more about boating education and safety, see on.IN.gov/boatered.

USDA previews emergency relief assistance for agricultural producers who incurred losses due to 2022 natural disaster events

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack last week announced plans to roll out \$3.7 billion in Emergency Relief Program (ERP) and Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) assistance to crop and livestock producers who sustained losses due to a qualifying natural disaster event in calendar year 2022. USDA is sharing early information to allow producers time to gather documents in advance of program delivery. Through distribution of remaining funds, USDA is also concluding the 2021 ELRP program by sending payments in the amount of 20% of the initial ELRP payment to all existing recipients.

"U.S. agricultural producers nationwide endured crippling natural disaster events in 2022 including a megadrought, Hurricane Ian, epic flooding and catastrophic wildfires. To say these events were costly is an understatement," Vilsack said. "Last year USDA streamlined the delivery of natural disaster assistance, speeding up the timing of payments and cutting the time spent on paperwork by 90% or one million hours relative to the previous disaster programs. While we will use the same streamlined approaches, funding is limited and significantly less than the estimated losses. We are designing payment factors that ensure the fair, equitable and efficient delivery of program benefits to help as many producers as possible offset the significant financial impacts resulting from these ongoing and widespread natural disasters."

Background

On December 29, 2022, President Biden signed into law the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 (P.L. 117-328) that provides about \$3.7 billion in financial assistance for agricultural producers impacted by wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, winter storms and other eligible disasters occurring in calendar year 2022. Additionally, the Act specifically targets up to about \$500 million to livestock producers for losses incurred due to drought or wildfire in calendar year 2022.

ERP 2022 for Crop Producers

USDA, through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), intends to deploy the lessons learned from the development and implementation of ERP and ELRP for previous years' losses to ensure expedited assistance for 2022 losses.

Based on positive feedback from producers, stakeholder groups and FSA county office staff, USDA intends to provide an ERP track for producers who had coverage through Risk Management Agency's federal crop insurance or FSA's Non-insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Through a streamlined application process, USDA intends to be in a position to send pre-filled applications directly to eligible producers in early summer.

For producers who have not been able to avail themselves of risk management coverage or whose losses were not covered, USDA intends to offer a program track to access ERP assistance with assistance provided to producers who suffered a decrease in allowable gross revenue in 2022 due to necessary expenses related to losses of eligible crops from a qualifying natural disaster event.

Instead of implementing these program tracks as two separate phases on different timelines, FSA intends to make both tracks available to producers at the same time, noting that the first track will follow a streamlined process with less paperwork burden, based on existing, available risk

management data. The second ERP track would require that producers provide FSA with certain information related to revenue.

ELRP 2022 for Livestock Producers and Close Out of ELRP for 2021

For impacted ranchers, USDA intends to leverage FSA's Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) data to deliver ELRP assistance for increases in supplemental feed costs in 2022.

To be eligible for an ELRP payment for 2022 losses, livestock producers will need to have suffered grazing losses from wildfire or in a county rated by the U.S. Drought Monitor as having a D2 (severe drought) for eight consecutive weeks or a D3 (extreme drought) or higher level of drought intensity during the 2022 calendar year and have applied and been approved for 2022 LFP. Additionally, otherwise eligible producers whose permitted grazing on federally managed lands was disallowed due to wildfire will also be eligible for ELRP payments if they applied and were approved for 2022 LFP.

In a continued effort to streamline and simplify the delivery of ELRP benefits, eligible producers will not be required to apply for payment.

Meanwhile, FSA also intends to provide additional assistance to ranchers for qualifying livestock losses from drought and wildfire in 2021. More information will be announced in the coming months.

How Producers Can Prepare

To participate in ERP and ELRP for 2022 losses, both crop and livestock producers should have or be prepared to have the following forms on file with FSA:

Form AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet (as applicable to the program participant);

Form CCC-902, Farm Operating Plan for an individual or legal entity;

Form CCC-901, Member Information for Legal Entities (if applicable); and

Form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HELC) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification.

Most producers, especially those who have previously participated in FSA programs, will likely have these required forms on file. However, those who are uncertain or want to confirm should contact FSA at their local USDA Service Center.

In addition to the forms listed above, underserved producers are encouraged to register their status with FSA, using Form CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification, as certain existing permanent and ad-hoc disaster programs provide increased benefits or reduced fees and premiums.

Producers with eligible crop losses who did not have federal crop insurance or NAP risk management coverage for 2022 and intend to apply for ERP assistance will need to pull together revenue information that is readily available from most tax records. FSA encourages producers to have their tax documents from the past few years and supporting materials ready including Schedule F (Form 1040) and Profit or Loss from Farming or similar tax documents. FSA will not require these forms to be submitted with the ERP application, but will require a certification, similar to Adjusted Gross Income certification that has been used for many years for Farm Bill programs. Applicants simply report and certify the information required for the program.

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Hoosiers urged to protect themselves against tick bites

Indiana health officials are urging Hoosiers to protect themselves from tick bites during and after spending time outdoors to protect themselves from tick-borne diseases.

“Even though we’ve had a cool, wet spring, ticks are already out and looking for their next meal,” said State Public Health Veterinarian Jen Brown, D.V.M., M.P.H. “The risk for tick-borne disease is at its highest for the next few months, so we want Hoosiers to protect themselves by taking precautions against tick bites.”

While Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in Indiana, Hoosiers are also at risk for other tick-borne diseases, including ehrlichiosis and spotted fever group rickettsiosis (a group of diseases that includes Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever). While the risk for Lyme disease is highest in northwest Indiana and the risk for ehrlichiosis is highest in southern Indiana, ticks that carry these diseases have been found throughout the state. All Hoosiers should take precautions to prevent tick bites from early spring through late fall, when ticks are most active.

Preventing tick bites is the best way to prevent tick-borne diseases. Hoosiers can take the following precautions to prevent tick bites:

- Know where ticks are likely to be present (close to the ground in grassy, brushy or wooded areas);
- Treat boots, clothing and outdoor gear with 0.5% permethrin (NOTE: permethrin should NOT be used on bare skin);
- Use EPA-registered insect repellents with active ingredients such as DEET, picaridin, IR3535, oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE), para-menthane-diol (PMD) or 2-undecanone;
- Treat your pets for ticks in consultation with a veterinarian.

Once indoors, people should thoroughly check for ticks on clothing, gear, pets and skin. Tumbling clothes in the dryer on high heat for 30 minutes will kill ticks, and showering can help remove any unattached ticks.

“Tick checks are an essential part of preventing tick-borne diseases. Promptly removing an attached tick can prevent you from becoming sick in some cases,” Brown said.

Ticks may be safely removed by using tweezers to grasp the tick close to the skin and then pulling outward with steady and even pressure. After the tick is removed, the area should be washed thoroughly. Ticks should never be crushed with the fingernails.

If desired, an attached tick that has been removed may be saved in a sealed bag or container of alcohol for later inspection in case the person or pet becomes ill. Alternatively, ticks may be flushed down the toilet or wrapped tightly in tape and thrown in the trash. Testing ticks to see if they are carrying diseases is not generally recommended, as the information cannot reliably be used to predict whether disease transmission occurred.

Anyone who becomes ill after finding an attached tick should see a healthcare provider immediately and alert the provider to the exposure. Most tick-borne diseases can be treated with antibiotics, and prompt diagnosis can help prevent complications.

For more information about ticks and how to prevent the diseases they carry, see the IDOH website at www.in.gov/isdh/20491.htm.

You also can visit IDOH at www.health.in.gov for important health and safety information or follow us on Twitter at @StateHealthIN and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/StateHealthIN.

Species	Area	Segment 1	Segment 2	Segment 3
Mourning dove	Statewide	Sept. 1 - Oct. 15	Nov. 1 – 26	Dec. 16 – Jan. 3
Woodcock	Statewide	Oct. 15 – Nov. 28		
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 1 – Dec. 16		
Sora rail	Statewide	Sept. 1 – Nov. 9		
Early teal	Statewide	Sept. 9 – 24		
Ducks, coots, and mergansers	North Zone	Oct. 28 – Dec. 17	Dec. 26 – Jan. 3	
	Central Zone	Nov. 4 – 12	Nov. 24 – Jan. 13	
	South Zone	Nov. 11 – 12	Dec. 2 – Jan. 28	
Geese (Canada, brant, white-fronted, snow, and Ross’s)	North Zone	Sept. 9 – 17	Oct. 28 – Nov. 5	Nov. 18 – Feb. 11
	Central Zone	Sept. 9 – 17	Nov. 4 – 18	Nov. 24 – Feb. 11
	South Zone	Sept. 9 – 17	Nov. 11 – Feb. 11	
Youth and veteran only hunting days	North Zone	Oct. 21 – 22		
	Central Zone	Oct. 28 – 29		
	South Zone	Nov. 4 – 5		

2023-2024 Migratory bird hunting seasons announced

Indiana’s migratory bird hunting seasons for 2023-2024 have been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The hunting seasons include those for mourning dove, waterfowl (i.e., ducks, coots, mergansers, and geese), woodcock, snipe, and sora rails.

The bag limit for dark geese may include any combination of five per day. Dark geese are Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and brant geese, with no limitations by species. The daily bag limit for light geese (snow and Ross’s geese) remains 20.

There are no changes in duck bag limits from 2022-23. This includes the scaup daily bag limit, which is one during the first 15 days of the season, and two for the remainder of the season.

Note that in the central zone this year, the second segment of the duck season and the third segment of the goose season opens on the Friday after Thanksgiving. The duck season closes on Saturday, January 13. Past Indiana waterfowl hunter surveys indicated that Indiana duck hunters strongly preferred for the hunting sea-

son to open on the Friday after Thanksgiving rather than the Saturday.

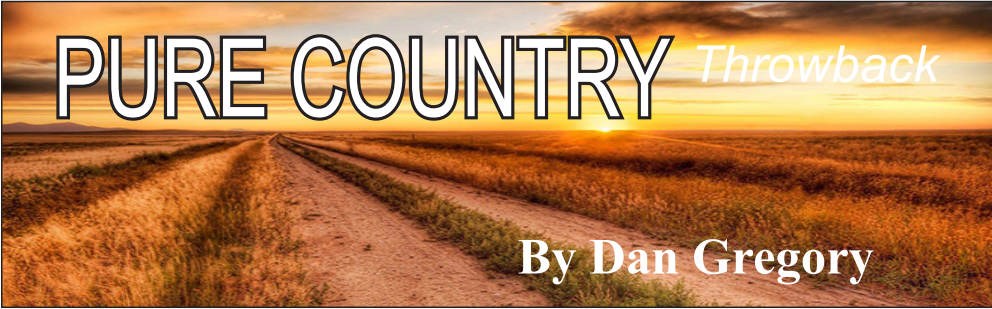
Find more information about the migratory game bird hunting seasons and regulations at on.IN.gov/gamebird-seasons.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



GRACIE is a female gray tabby, around a year old. Very sweet and playful. She gets along with other cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$45. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humane-societyofmartincounty.org.



By Dan Gregory

Originally published March 13, 2017

This column is Author Unknown:

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. “I’m glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap,” I thought.

Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation.

“Where are you headed?” I asked the soldier nearest to me.

“Petawa, we’ll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we’re being deployed to Afghanistan.”

After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time....

As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. “No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn’t be worth five bucks. I’ll wait till we get to base”.

His friend agreed.

I looked around at the other soldiers. None were buying lunch. I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty-dollar bill. “Take lunch to all those soldiers.” She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes were wet with tears, she thanked me. “My son was a soldier in Iraq; it’s almost like you are doing it for him.”

Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, “Which do you like best- chicken or beef?”

“Chicken,” I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of the plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class.

“This is your thanks.”

After we finished eating, I went to the back of the plane, heading for the restroom.

A man stopped me. “I saw what you did. I want to be a part of it. Here take this.” He handed me twenty-five dollars.

Soon after I returned to my seat. I saw the flight captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked. I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand and said, “I want to shake your hand.” Quickly unfastening my seatbelt, I stood and took the captain’s hand. With a booming voice he said, “I was a soldier, and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.” I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all the passengers.

Later I walked to the front of the plane to stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm.

When we landed, I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just outside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars!

Upon returning to the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base.

I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. “It will take some time to reach base.... it will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.”

Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers.

As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little....

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a check made payable to “The United States of America” for an amount of “up to and including my life.”

That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

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By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director

-- MEMORIAL DAY --

This weekend we celebrate Memorial Day. It is a time when people across America pause to reflect on the supreme sacrifice made by American soldiers who have died in service to our nation. It is a particularly meaningful holiday for those who have loved ones who died in military service.

Memorial Day has its origins back to May 5, 1868, when General John A. Logan called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 30, 1868. The day's purpose was to decorate the graves of their comrades who died as a result of the Civil War. At that time, it was called Decoration Day. It was in 1971 that the day was first officially recognized by our government as Memorial Day. It now honors those who have died while serving in our United States armed forces.

-- MEMORIALS --

To memorialize a loved one is an important part of any family's, and their friends', grieving process. Memorials are a way that families can remember and pay tribute to loved ones who have passed on. Memorials allow a person to be remembered for years to come.

A memorial tells the family that while their loved one may be gone, his or her memory and spirit lives on. They will be forever tied together in the circle of life, that the loved one's life mattered and will continue to matter. Their acts of goodness, kindness and courage will never be forgotten. A memorial is a way to remember a loved one forever.

-- GIFTS TO CHARITIES --

There are several ways to remember our loved ones, some of which are headstones or grave markers, memorialization urns, statues, plants, flag cases, acts of kindness, writing a heartfelt letter to the family, or a donation to a charity.

When making a donation as a memorial or tribute to a loved one, you need

LHS Girls' Tennis fall in sectional final

The Loogootee High School Girls Varsity Tennis Team were defeated by Barr-Reeve in the final round of the sectional last Thursday, 2-3. The Lady Lions finished the season with a record of 13-8.

"Barr-Reeve has a good team and played a good match We didn't lose this one. Barr-Reeve won it," said Head Coach Mike Tippery. "It is always tough to say goodbye to the seniors. After missing their freshmen season because of Covid this group stuck together and poured their hearts and souls into this program. Though they wanted to win their 3rd straight sectional, I think they will look back on the last four years and be satisfied with what they have accomplished."

Kieragen Napier 15-4, 2-0 will advance to the individual tournament.

Finals results

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Brylee Fuhrman 6-1, 6-1

#2 Singles Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated Beth Graber 6-1, 4-6, 6-2

#3 Singles Brynlee Rollins (BR) defeated Ana Toy 6-4, 6-0

#1 Doubles Dylan DeCoursey/Sydney Swartzentruber (BR) defeated Macy Knepp/Addy Lengacher 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Claire Harrison/Alli Robinson (BR) defeated Abbey Fischer/Marley McAtee 6-2, 6-0

In the semi-final match on Wednesday, the Lady Lions defeated Paoli 5-0. Barr-Reeve defeated Northeast Dubois 5-0.

Semi-Final results

Loogootee 5. Paoli 0

#1 Singles Kieragen Napier (L) defeated Maddi Warren 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles Caitlin Carrico (L) defeated

to be sure that it is made to a charity that honors that person. In obituaries you will often see the phrase "in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions/donations may be made to...". This identifies where to make your donation as a memorial. If you do, you need to do this in a timely fashion (within 10 days after the funeral), so that the family can include you when writing thank you notes.

If a charitable organization was not specified, then choose one that may have been a favorite charity of the deceased, or perhaps a medical research organization if they passed on from an illness.

-- MCCF FUNDS --

The Martin County Community Foundation has several funds that will let your memorial donation, and the spirit of your loved one, live on forever. The MCCF funds will always be used for future assistance to our local community needs, whether they be for a cemetery, a library, church or other charitable organization, certain areas of interest, or a variety of scholarships.

And if you are not sure which specific fund or need to donate toward, the MCCF has several unrestricted funds that have the flexibility to address the emerging and changing needs in our community, today and tomorrow.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

If you would like to let the memory of your loved one live on forever with a donation to the MCCF, please contact Director Curt Johnson at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org, or at 2668 US Hwy 50 (on the Martin County fairgrounds), PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553. He will work with you to find out what funds meet your need or how to establish a new fund.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

Taylor Patton 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Ana Toy (L) defeated Aurora Hays 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles Macy Knepp/Addy Lengacher (L) defeated Ava Hall/Gracie Brown 6-1, 6-1

#2 Doubles Abbey Fischer/Marley McAtee (L) defeated Lina Zheng/Audrey Hall 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-1

Barr-Reeve 5, Northeast Dubois 0

#1 Singles Brylee Fuhrman (BR) defeated Elizabeth Schepers 6-0,6-1

#2 Singles Beth Graber (BR) defeated Sydney Roach 6-4, 7-6 (1)

#3 Singles Brynlee Rollins (BR) defeated Mya Ziegler 6-1, 6-2

#1 Doubles Dylan DeCoursey/Sydney Swartzentruber (BR) defeated Macey Harrison/Martina Treffeletti 6-3, 6-1

#2 Doubles Claire Harrison/Alli Robinson (BR) defeated Jessa Braunecker/Andrea Simmler 6-1, 6-1

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RoxStars -Photos provided

The Shoals RoxStars FLL robot team traveled to Jersey City, New Jersey, to compete at the American Robotics Open National Championship on May 13-14. It was held in the Liberty Science Center which is a huge interactive children's museum/planetarium. They competed against 41 other top teams from across the United States. The RoxStars brought home many experiences from the trip and the 2nd place award in the Innovative Project category and 20 out of 42 in the robot games. They worked on a project to replace the town lights with solar panel lights. The team is coached by Lorna and Dean Troutman. In the front row, from left to right, are Ian French, Tritt Rutledge, Bentley Smith and Kyle Wininger. In the back row, from left to right, are Jaxon Mullis, Abbi Rollins, Emmalyn McNabb, Remi Lake and Mason Lake.



Community foundation accepting scholarship applications

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for two non-traditional scholarships.

There are many paths to higher education... Many students choose to postpone college; many move directly into the workforce, bypassing a university education altogether; others put their college careers on hold, choosing the more difficult task of raising a family. It is only later that they decide to pursue a higher education, either to improve their personal and professional opportunities, or to expand their general knowledge. We are grateful for the donors in our community who have established non-traditional scholarships for returning students. These scholarships give preference to helping a student begin or return to college or trade school, years after leaving high school. The scholarships and criteria are below.

Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship (\$1,196)

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County.
- Must have graduated or left high school at least one year prior to applying for the scholarship.
- Must seek to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational or trade school.
- Must demonstrate a need for assistance.

The Second Door Scholarship (\$919) is named after the saying "When one door closes, another one opens..."

This scholarship is for non-traditional students who meet the following criteria:

- Must be a resident of Martin County.
- Must have graduated or left high school at least two years prior to applying for the scholarship.
- Must demonstrate a financial need.
- The scholarship cannot be used for GED test fees.
- May also be for a class to further their knowledge, not necessarily enrolled for a degree or certification.
- The scholarship cannot exceed the cost of course and course materials.
- Applicant must provide evidence of program acceptance.
- Program must be administered by a qualified institution/organization, such as an Indiana college, university, vocational or trade school.

Apply online at www.cfpartner.org/scholarships beginning Monday, May 22. Applications must be completed online by 3 p.m. on Thursday, June 22.

If you have any questions, please e-mail the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at mccf@cfpartner.org or call 812-295-1022.

Thank you!

Thank you to Shoals Robotix RoxStars #9426 coaches Dean & Lorna Troutman for all of the time, efforts, knowledge and love that you have poured into our children. We are so grateful for all that you have done for the team and the robotics program.

Sincerely,
The Parents & Families of team #9426 RoxStars.

LOOGOOTE HIGH SCHOOL

2023

Senior SPOTLIGHTS



ANASTASIA TOY
Anastasia Rose Toy is the daughter of Nick and Jaymie Toy. Her future plans are undecided and her college is undecided. She participated in Beta club (9-10), French club (9-11), and recycling (11). She also participated in basketball (9-11) and tennis (9-12).



JEFFREY DAVID WAGLER



OLIVIA MICHELLE LUCAS



JACOB HESHELMAN
Jacob Henry Heshelman is the son of Heather Brummett and Josh Heshelman. After graduation, Jacob plans to enter the workforce and further his studies as an Auto Mechanic at Lincoln Tech.



ADAM PARKS
Adam Richard Parks is the son of Richard Parks. After graduation, Adam plans to enter the workforce at the Union.



BRANTLEY KAGE LYON
Brantley K. Lyon is the son of Brantley L. Lyon. After graduation, Brantley will attend Purdue University to pursue a degree in Biochemistry. While in high school, Brantley participated in band (9), student council (11), SADD (11), recycling (11-12), cadet teaching (12), French club (10-12), Beta club (9-12), tennis (9), and tennis manager (9-11).



TALAN HAYES
Talan Dimitry Hayes is the son of Tracey and Debbie Hayes. After Highschool Talan plans to further his education and study architecture. While in highschool Talan participated in IBA (11-12).



NOAH BERZIEZ KNIGHT

2023 Seniors

SHOALS HIGH SCHOOL



AUSTIN CARTER
Austin Carter is the son of Dawn and Donald Carter. His siblings are Chase and Sophie Carter. Austin's favorite high school memory is relocating the pigs from the big barn and seeing Mr. Kent holding onto a pig as it was running. After graduation, Austin plans to enter the workforce.



ALONZO WININGER
Alonzo Ray Wininger, born April 13, 2005, is the son of Yvonne Haste and Terry Clark. He has 8 siblings. He worked at Papa John's throughout high school. Alonzo's favorite memory is Zach's humor. After graduation, Alonzo plans to enlist in the Navy.



ARIAHA LABARGE
Ariaaha Laray Labarge is the daughter of Kaala and Micheal Spurgeon. Her siblings include Aiden, Hayley, and Chaney Spurgeon. While in high school Ariaaha participated in chess club. Her favorite school memory was playing DND with her friends. After graduation Araha plans to attend college.



MACKENZIE BUSH



SABEN HOLT
Saben Claudio Holt is the son of Danna Holt and Robert Shane Holt. His siblings include Damien Holt, Janine, and Finley. While in high school, Saben participated in Chess Club. His favorite high school memory is all the time he has spent with his friends. After graduation, Saben plans to continue to work for a year then go to college.



ANTHONY SCHNARR
Anthony Edwin Schnarr is the son of Patti Schnarr. His siblings are Joanna Schnarr, John Schnarr, Latisha O'Brian. While in high school, Anthony participated in Chess Club. His favorite high school memory is going to the Indianapolis mall with the seniors. After graduation, Anthony plans to get a full time job.



GRACIE SHAW
Gracie Erica Shaw is the daughter of Eric and Jamie Shaw. Her sister is Maggie Shaw. While in high school, Gracie participated in basketball, volleyball and Beta Club. Her favorite school memory is playing sports and cards in study hall. After graduation, Gracie plans to attend college and get a degree in business.

MACKENZIE BUSH
Mackenzie Nikole Bush is the daughter of Ben Bush and Amanda Payton. Her siblings include Nathan Bush, Keegan Brock, Skylar Boyd, Wyatt Boyd, and Vyllette Self. Her favorite high school memory is making food for the senior citizens in Mrs. Perry's class. After graduation, Mackenzie plans to go to college to become a nurse.