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Memorial Day 2023

-Photo by Josh Hughett

This past Monday, Memorial Day, the Ceremonial Unit of The American Legion Post 120 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9395 paid homage to veterans of all wars with a visit to 10 Martin County cemeteries. This is the 66th year the organizations have performed the ceremonies. Roll call was read for all deceased veterans in each cemetery, followed by a 21-gun salute and playing of taps. The above photo was at Truelove Church Cemetery in Rutherford Township.

Commissioners open paving bid, approve ARPA money spending

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, May 30.

County Attorney Dave Lett opened the one bid received for Community Crossings grant paving from E&B Paving. The bids were for sections of the following roads:

County Farm Road \$234,224.10
Cherry Road \$188,726.60
Rama Dye Road (two sections) \$44,689.40 and \$145,034.50
Sherfick School Road \$104,766.40
Rutherford Road \$81,339

The total cost for all the paving is \$798,800. It was noted that the county received almost the maximum of \$1 million and also has the 25 percent match. The roads were put at a high estimate, however the costs associated with road paving have gone down. They will apply again in July to regain the rest of the money not spent.

The commissioners tabled the bid from E&B Paving so it could be reviewed prior to the next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported he ordered the grader the commissioners approved purchasing at their last meeting. He expects it to be late in the year before it is delivered.

Seals said one of his long-time employees has turned in his notice. He said he greatly appreciates the 30 years the employee gave to the county. Commissioner Paul George agreed saying he's been a great employee.

Veteran Service Officer Jonathan Cropp said he found out veterans, in the past, have been using the county's veterans' van and driving themselves to their medical appointments. He said he is putting a stop to that but wanted the commissioners to know because he is sure they will receive complaints. Commissioner George said those veterans are not on the county's insurance policy and should

not be driving the van. He said this is the first time he has heard this was happening. Cropp said he will inform veterans that if they have a working vehicle and are able to drive themselves, they need to do that. He said the veterans' van will be available to those who do not have the transportation.

Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn reported they have had 466 ambulance runs for the year and have received around \$135,000 in insurance and reimbursements since the ambulance service began last August.

Osborn presented the commissioners with estimates to purchase items needed to get the ambulances ALS (Advanced Life Support) certified now that the county has a sponsor hospital and can perform paramedic-level services. He said Dr. Andrew Waters, with IU Health, will serve as the county's medical director and IU Health, Inc. will be the county's sponsor hospital. Osborn didn't have the contracts, yet, for the commissioners to sign.

The cost to purchase the equipment, which was originally a part of the ambulance start-up costs, is \$127,980.49. This also includes the purchase of cameras for the ambulances that provide a 360-degree view around the vehicles. He said they could be beneficial with insurance claims. The commissioners approved the purchases to come from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.

As a part of the money approved, the commissioners added an additional \$10,428 to J&K Communications for mobile radios that were purchased. Osborn said he inadvertently forgot to turn in the invoice to be paid after he had to go with a different vendor for radios. Some of the money has already been paid.

The commissioners also discussed a request from Osborn to purchase a chase vehicle for the ambulance service. The paramedic chase car is designated ALS and is always dispatched with an ambulance. (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Carter's Legacy 5K to be held June 10 at Boggs

The Carter's Legacy 5k Walk/Run is held every year in loving memory of Carter Lee Kerns, son of Alyssa and Ed Kerns. Carter died in a tragic accident the day before his first birthday. Determined to bring good from tragedy, his parents founded the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund, a permanent endowment fund established at the Martin County Community Foundation. Annual payouts from this fund will go to support



non-profit organizations that work to enhance the lives of children and families in Martin County. All race proceeds will go to the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund held and administered by the Community Foundation Partnership Inc. on behalf of the Martin County Community Foundation.

The run/walk will be at West Boggs Park (by the beach house) on Saturday, June 10. Pre-registration is available on <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Loogootee/carterslegacy> or via paper forms at

Kerns Insurance and Running With Scissors Salon.

Onsite registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk/run begins at 10 a.m. Ages 0 - 17 is \$15, 18+ is \$25. Both include a shirt. Awards will be given for the top three males and females in each category: <18, 18-33, 34-49, 50-65, >65. Plaques will be awarded for the top male and female overall. The Shriners will be participating by leading the race with their karts. Other fun activities for participants include blowing bubbles, making sidewalk chalk art and eating snow cones.

Race Day:
8:30 a.m. - Registration Opens (shirt pick up and onsite registration)
10 a.m. - 5K begins
11 a.m. - 5K award ceremony begins
This event will occur rain or shine.

Thanks to the generosity of West Boggs Park, the gate fee will be waived for everyone attending the 5k.



Fountain repairs

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty chose the new downtown fountain back in February 2021. The marble fountain was shipped from a company in New York early last year and installed in April of 2022. Since that time, it has had issues with leaking water and has had to be turned off several times. According to Mayor Harty, they are working this week to reseal the bottom of the fountain to keep the water in. That is supposed to be completed by Friday. Harty said they have discussed removing the top of the fountain due to its height and the wind causing water to blow outside the structure. Last year, the company where the fountain was purchased, sent a new top, however, Mayor Harty said that top is smaller than the current one and would not be any more beneficial. To date, \$89,200 has been spent on the downtown fountain, with \$20,000 of that coming from the Martin County Community Foundation and \$12,000 from Hoosier Uplands, in the way of grants. The rest has come from the City of Loogootee General Fund and EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) fund. The fountain itself cost \$39,500 with the additional work around the fountain making up the remainder of the \$89,200. It is unclear how much the additional repairs will cost at this time.



LHS Scholarships

-Photos provided

Loogootee Knights of Columbus Council 732 recently awarded eight scholarships to Loogootee High School Seniors in honor of deceased council members. Shown above, from left to right, are K of C Council 732 Grand Knight Tim Bradley, Tylene Williams, Brenna Wade, Anastasia Toy, Mallorie Sutton, Brooklyn Summers, Ava Summers, Lindsey Nolan, Matthew Green and K of C Council 732 Scholarship Coordinator Kenny Greenwell. In the photo on the left, Sherry Wade, Crane Credit Union, Loogootee Branch Manager presented a scholarship to Lucas Brittain, Loogootee High School Senior. Also shown above is Kenny Greenwell, with the scholarship committee. Crane Credit Union presented a total of 17 scholarships at their branches throughout Southwest and Central Indiana.

Councilman's Corner
 By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

"Whatever you are be a good one."
 -Abraham Lincoln

Spring has sprung in Martin County and summer is right around the corner. Sorry, I have not updated my column lately. I've been out with hand surgery for the last few months.

Here are a few things we need to be aware of.

We all want to get out and do yardwork right now. Be very careful around your water meter lid. We have installed very expensive new electronic read water meters. You will see the antenna that's attached to the top of the meter lid. It's a silver disk. Please stay away from small silver plastic, compound round disk with your weed eater and lawnmowers. If this becomes damaged, they are very expensive to replace and they will be the responsibility of the property owners to replace them.

Our infrastructure project has begun, and we're making necessary repairs in order to keep our wastewater system in operation. On the freshwater side of our operations, you'll see crews out replacing old water meters with our new electronic read water meters. We have the majority of meters replaced. The ones we are going after now are the difficult ones that are not so easy to replace. This may be done in phases.

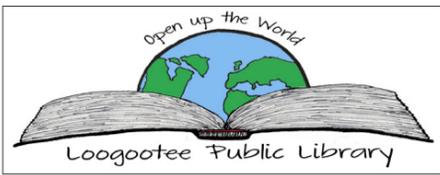
I would like to end on a positive note. If you have a phone number ending in 1502, please call the Shoals Town Hall at 812-247-2110. I would like to talk with you face-to-face. I am concerned about the issues you addressed. I have never resolved an issue from somebody that has refused to identify themselves. I would be more than happy to sit down and talk with you about your concerns.

Shop Shoals, stop by Toy's Napa Auto Parts and say hi.

Executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive meeting Tuesday, June 6 at 8:30 a.m. to discuss personnel issues with Attorney Lett and Human Resources Director Amy Rincker. The meeting is closed to the public.

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BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

It is not too late to register your kids for the 2023 Summer Reading Program. Alyssa Fithian has worked hard on a fun theme about traveling the 50 states. Reading Road Trip 23 Summer Reading Program will begin June 1 for ages up to 12 years old. A teen reading program is offered as well. Please get your kids registered. Prizes will be awarded.

FOLL will hold a YARD/BOOK sale on Saturday, June 10 from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Several nice books, movies and audiobooks plus household items.

Monday, June 5 at 10:15 a.m., Diane Lange BSN, RN, CDCES will provide a Diabetes Education program in the Mary Lett Community Room.

Little learners will meet at 10:15 a.m. and the teen program will be held at 5 p.m. on June 6.

Lots of fun activities at the library for all ages, stop by and pick up a June calendar or follow us on Facebook.

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

COMMISSIONERS

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balance capable of transporting the patient. The chase vehicle is equipped with a complete set of advanced life support equipment. Commissioner George said they would have to finance the vehicle because they cannot spend that much out of ARPA funds, or they would wipe out what is left. Commissioner George asked Osborn to get estimates on the cost and then they can check around with banks about financing.

Emergency Management Assistant Director Andy Ringwald told the commissioners that the civil defense building, that now houses the ambulance service, needs four more controllers for key fobs. He said they have two exterior doors, a supply room and a tool room that need the controllers. The cost is \$6,422.50 through Area One Protection.

Commissioner Cody Roush asked if regular keys would be cheaper.

Ringwald said they would prefer to have the key fobs, so they don't have to track down keys when someone quits. He said they have also had issues with tools missing in the past from the tool room.

The commissioners agreed to pay the cost from ARPA funds.

A resident, who owns property near the WestGate Tech Park, talked to the commissioners about his 86 acres in Martin County, not sure if the county would be interested in purchasing it. He said he recently learned that due to a new law, homes cannot be built near Crane base, so he cannot sell it for that purpose. At-

torney Lett said federal law says there must be a buffer around military installations. He suggested the resident speak to Alliance Director Jessica Potts because she is well-versed in the law and can possibly help him. Commissioner Roush said houses cannot be built on the property however he could still sell the land to someone wanting to do manufacturing or commercial property. Attorney Lett asked to speak with the resident after the meeting to get his contact information for Potts.

The commissioners approved allowing the tourism board to use the commissioners' credit card for purchases. Auditor Norris said the board found out that if they hold onto the money collected for the innkeeper's tax, they are required to provide reports etc. to the commissioners. So, they have transferred their \$54,000 balance to the county so bills can be paid by the auditor's office. She said they need access to the money, however. The commissioners' credit card limit is divided between more than one entity and Norris said there isn't much left to provide to the tourism board unless they lower someone else's spending threshold. Ambulance Director Osborn, from the audience, said he may be able to lower the \$30,000 card limit he has but he will have to check on it and report back. The tourism board would like to have a limit of \$5,000 to \$10,000.

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OBITUARIES

RAYMOND WOODSMALL, JR.

Raymond L. Woodsmall, Jr. passed away at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at his home. A resident of Bedford, he was 75.



He was born March 16, 1948, in Washington; son of Raymond L. Woodsmall, Sr. and Lois (Manning) Flynn Woodsmall.

RAYMOND WOODSMALL

He married Becki Elkins on December 2, 1972, and she survives.

He was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service and retired from the U.S. Air Force and Indiana Army National Guard. He attended the River Church in Shoals.

Survivors include his wife, Becki of Bedford; five children, Andrea Fields and husband, Mike, of Bedford; Christy Farhar and husband, Ed, of Shoals; Johnna Woodsmall and Justin Pack of Columbus, Ohio; Daniel Woodsmall and wife, Crystal, of Bedford, and Jordan Woodsmall of Brooklyn, New York; 14 grandchildren, Caleb and Chloe Fields, Cole Kimmel, Chad Farhar, Aimee Harder and husband, John; Jadaya Farhar, Daniel Farhar, Ryken Farhar, Millie Farhar, Trey Pack, Niko Pack, Jordyn Woodsmall, Kyla Addison and Chase Lady, Trevor Brooks, Alexis and Matthew Aubrey; four great-grandchildren, Savannah Harder, Paul Harder, Everleigh Lady, and Zoey Brooks; four siblings, Nancy Ausman of Washington, Tom Flynn of Florida, Rob Flynn of Sullivan, and Anita Reed of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandmother, Iva Woodsmall, who raised him.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, May 27 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary with Jimmy Johnson and Stephen Johnson officiating.

Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

ORIN BENNETT

Orin Henry Bennett passed away at his home on May 22, 2023. A resident of Muncie, he was 94.

He was born in Bradford County, Pennsylvania on September 9, 1929; son of Robert Oliver and Lydia Marie (Bailey) Bennett.

Orin had a varied work life, ranging from traveling with the carnival to doing construction, including owning his own excavating business. Orin spent most of his work life operating heavy machinery, especially backhoes. Shortly before be-



ORIN BENNETT

ing drafted into the Army, Orin married the love of his life and his best friend, Pauline (Wilson) Bennett in 1950. Orin went on to serve in the Korean War. Orin was known as a laid-back man and a jack of all trades. He was eager to share his knowledge with his three daughters, as well as his family and friends, even if they didn't always do it the way he wanted. He was a big man with a kind and gentle heart. He worked tirelessly to get the job done, often outpacing those around him. Well into his later years, Orin could be seen in his yard, tending to flowers, feeding birds, and even digging drainage ditches.

Orin enjoyed a variety of hobbies over the years, including collecting toys, pedal cars, and Ball jars, and creating stained glass masterpieces. It was said that he would work on a hobby and then tire of it and move on to the next adventure. He enjoyed real country music, wearing out tapes of Roger Miller's "King of the Road." He was famous for building and tinkering with everything from toys to automobiles and even built his own camper.

Orin leaves behind his wife of 72 years, Pauline Bennett and three daughters, Vicky Allen, Cindy Lynch (Mike), and Patti Phillips (Jeff). In addition, his grandchildren are Robert Allen (Heather), Josiah Denny (Andrea), Erka Smits (Nathan), Amy Thompson (Mike), Rebecca Allen, Joel Phillips (Brooke), and Sara Gulia (TJ), 21 great-grandchildren, and special nephew, Jim Wilson and great niece and nephew, Shawna, and Cody, as well as his much-loved dog, Rosie.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Jesse James Allen.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 30 at Parson Mortuary, 801 W. Adams Street, Muncie. Military honors were rendered and a private burial will take place at a later date.

Pauline wanted to let it be known that she will "miss her best friend."

KENNETH SANDERS

Kenneth Les "Kenny" Sanders passed away May 23, 2023, at Jasper Memorial Hospital due to complications of the heart and Parkinson's Disease. A resident of Shoals, he was 78.

He was born at home, in Shoals, on February 2, 1945; son of James Silvan and Mary Rosalie (Johnson) Sanders. Mary passed in January of 1949 of T.B. James

raised his four sons, Jimmy, William, Jerry, and Kenny until his passing in 1972, while the youngest sister, Brenda (Dickens) was cared for by her maternal aunt and uncle Fern and Andy Tharp.



KENNETH SANDERS

Kenny attended several schools in Martin County; Beech Grove for four years; Houghton for one and a half years; Old Shoals High School; and graduated from the New Shoals High School with the class of 1963.

He worked for the State Highway, Jay C. Store, was a pig farmer, and worked for the Martin County Highway Department until retirement in February 2010.

Children born to Kenneth from his first marriage were, Kenneth Dale Sanders, Anthony Scott Sanders, and Curtis Ray Sanders.

Kenny married his second wife, Deirdre Sanders on September 18, 2004, and he inherited two bonus children, Dawn Marie (Vince) Farrell, of Pennsylvania and Noel Dale Harty of Loogootee.

He was of the Catholic Faith since 2004 and was a very proud member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Kenny took pride in the fact that he never had a warning or any type of traffic ticket though his life.

Surviving are his loving wife, Deirdre Ann Sanders; sons, Junior (Janie) Sanders and Scott (Rhonda) Sanders; sister, Brenda (Beryl) Dickens; grandchildren, Megan, Josh, Katlyn, Audrey, Katie, Justin, and Trenton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, one son, Curtis Sanders; and granddaughter, Ashley Sanders.

Kenneth enjoyed traveling with his wife Deirdre to all 50 states and several places abroad.

Kenny was a big IU and Colts fan. He also was a big supporter of the Shoals and Loogootee basketball teams.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, May 26 at St. John's Catholic

Church, Loogootee, with Father J. Kenneth Walker officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

GARY FOX

Gary Fox passed away at 7:42 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2023. A resident of Loogootee, he was 79.

He was born October 3, 1943, in Jasper; son of the late Woody Fox and LoraAine (Freeman) Taylor.

Gary was a member of the Sons of the American Legion. He enjoyed watching NASCAR races and took pride in caring for his disabled son.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn (Street) Fox; daughters, Tammy Fox Hampton and Janet Fox; great-grandson, Hunter Fox; and siblings, John Fox, Kenny Fox, Sonny Fox, Dorothy Fox and Robert Fox.

Gary is survived by a son, Jeffery Fox; grandchildren, Dustin (Trisha) Fox, Travis (Brandi) Fox and Megan Mountcastle; great-grandchildren, Gunner Fox, Alivia Fox, Bryleigh Fox and Emma Evans; sister, Darlene Reese; special niece, Vicki Lawson; and son-in-law, Tim Hampton.

Gary wished to be cremated and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Gary Fox.

City of Loogootee General Election reminder

The City of Loogootee General Election will be held November 7.

Friday, June 30 at noon is the deadline for an Independent to file petition of nomination to appear on the City of Loogootee Municipal General Election ballot.

Monday, July 3 at noon is the deadline for the Democratic or Republican Party to fill any vacancy existing on the City of Loogootee Municipal General Election ballot.

If you have any questions, please call the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

"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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Thank You

The family of Jonathan "Johnny" Payne would like to express our gratefulness to everyone who has helped us navigate the first week of the most difficult period of time in our lives.

Thank you to the Shoals Fire Department, the Martin County Police Department, Martin County Ambulance Service, Indiana State Police CSI, Coroner Cathy Evans and everyone who answered the call May 19.

Kindra Hovis, thank you for creating and administering the Go Fund Me account, assisting with arrangements, and all of the care and compassion you have shown our family. You have truly been a blessing.

To the area churches, Thank You for the generous donations, meals, and prayers.

Thank you to every single member of the Shoals and surrounding communities. Your outpouring of love is felt and appreciated. Whether you prayed for us, hugged us, donated money to help, or sent flowers, we are forever grateful.

To Johnny's friends and the students at Shoals High School - your reverence, respect and love for Johnny has not gone unnoticed. You are a great group of kids and we know you all loved Johnny like a brother. To the Class of 2024, the flowers and memorials you sent were beautiful. Thank you.

Thank you to Johnny's 6 who so reverently and carefully carried him for the last time.

Matt Sullivan-your words at the service were most comforting. Thank you for the memories, your personal memories, of Johnny that you shared.

Finally, to David Smith and the staff at Queen Lee Chapel: Thank You for the kindness and compassion you have shown our family. Thank you all for taking care of Johnny in the way that you did. DAVID, we are humbly grateful and appreciate everything that you did for us and Johnny. You have one of the hardest jobs a person could have and you do it with professionalism, sincerity, integrity, and so many other qualities that are rare to find in one person. Thank you.

We are sorry if we have missed naming anyone. Writing a Thank You in this circumstance is something we never expected to do. We are grateful for everything.

Jim, Starla, Ashley, Caleb, Austin, Elizabeth, Ethan, and Emily Payne
Barbara Payne
Dexter and Norma Thomas

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, MAY 22

6:04 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

6:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Greene County address. Call was transferred to Greene County 911.

7:16 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:14 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Contacted Loogootee Dispatch.

10:46 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call. Received three more accidental calls from the same number.

2:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Corporal Hawkins, Deputy Erwin and Loogootee Chief Means responded.

3:02 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

3:25 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting a property check in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. No one was transported.

4:56 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Captain Gibson, Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

7:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins, Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. No one was transported.

8:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible gunshots in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

3:28 a.m. - Received a call from a Daviess County address. Called Daviess County Dispatch and gave information.

5:29 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle northwest of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

7:22 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer about a damaged mailbox. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:26 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received a report from Dubois County of a reckless driver on Highway 231 South, heading north. All on duty Martin County Law Enforcement were notified.

9:58 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

11:18 a.m. - Received a report of an unsupervised child in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Captain Gibson responded.

1:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:10 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

call.

8:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

10:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

5:32 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Keyholder was notified and advised to disregard.

10:08 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:16 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:58 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Daviess County. Advised caller to contact Daviess County Animal Control.

3:30 p.m. - Received a request from Chief Deputy Keller for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:34 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:54 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:23 p.m. - Received a call reporting a gunshot in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of subjects speeding northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

6:18 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:27 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:29 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:33 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:05 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

8:40 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check in Crane. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:36 a.m. - Received a request for an identification number check on a boat in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

9:42 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

10:58 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Crane. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a call from Life Stance requesting a welfare check south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

2:52 p.m. - Received a report from Convergent Technologies of a panel alarm at the Tech Park in Crane. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a call from Convergent Technologies advising of a commercial burglar alarm at the Tech Park in Crane. Sergeant Wells, Loogootee Chief

Means and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received two accidental 911 calls.

4:17 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

6:46 p.m. - Received a call from WH International advising of a residential burglar alarm north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Lawrence County. Gave caller the number for Lawrence County.

9:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Crane Village. Deputy Branham, Deputy Fischer and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

9:34 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

7:25 a.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:59 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

10:20 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance for a funeral detail from Loogootee to Shoals. Loogootee Chief Means and Sergeant Wells responded.

11:32 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

11:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same accident in Loogootee.

12:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, ISP Trooper Lents and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents, Sergeant Wells and Ruxer Towing responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute Southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Wells responded.

2:52 p.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:54 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:13 p.m. - Received a call from Alarm Company advising of a medical pendant push in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

12:08 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Branham, Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Big John's Towing responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

1:52 p.m. - Received a call from Alarm Company advising of a commercial burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Keyholder was notified and advised to disregard.

2:01 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an aggressive dog in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

2:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a property damage accident south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious male south of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

7:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Greene County Hospital.

8:06 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

2:15 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer. Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:51 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check northeast of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting someone's pigs out northeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:52 p.m. - Received a call from Orange County Dispatch advising of a reckless driver southeast of Shoals on US 150. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers north of Loogootee. Major Reed and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

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

8:23 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

8:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:19 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

May 22

Eric J. Johnson, convicted of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 100 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 50 actual days previously served plus 50 Class A credit days.

May 23

Larry G. Holt, Jr., convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended.

Brandy Lynn Bradford, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 10 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 600 actual days previously served plus 200 Class B credit days.

Christopher W. Allen, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 910 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 904 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 19

John Joseph Sukup, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Sage Samual Earl Banks, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 22

Justin L. Axsom, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Eric J. Johnson, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 23

Brandy Lynn Bradford, trafficking with an inmate, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Christopher W. Allen, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

May 17

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Debbie Bratton, civil collection.

James Mersinger vs. Megan Mersinger, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 18

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Zachary Danielson, civil collection.

May 19

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Angela Ramirez, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Nila Love, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Albert Henry, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

May 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Tedrow Properties, LLC and against the defendant David Blackmer for civil penalty in the amount of \$800.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ross Malcolm Adams of Loogootee and Sarah Renee Bussinger of Loogootee.

Caleb James Payne of Shoals and Tonya Marie Probasco of Shoals.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, MAY 22

6:04 a.m. - Chief Means performed a welfare check on Grant Street.

10:07 a.m. - Assistant Chief Long spoke to a citizen on Grant Street regarding a complaint.

2:16 p.m. - The Martin County Sheriff's Department requested assistance in locating a person in Dover Hill.

3:00 p.m. - Chief Means assisted ISP Trooper Beaver with a welfare check on Grant Street.

4:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a large wood fire on Highway 231 South.

6:15 p.m. - Officer Sims spoke with a citizen on Bloomfield Road about a gun.

7:43 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted with a medical call in Shoals.

8:21 p.m. - Officer Sims investigated possible gunshots around Loogootee High School.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

9:28 a.m. - Chief Means checked for a reported reckless driver on Highway 231 South.

4:43 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long and Officer Sims performed a welfare check on North Oak Street.

5:00 p.m. - Officer Sims performed a welfare check on Southwest Third Street.

6:40 p.m. - Officer Sims investigated a possible breaking and entering on Southeast First Street.

10:20 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a medical call on Wood Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

10:16 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Means responded to a medical call on Cherry Street.

3:30 p.m. - Chief Means assisted Deputy Keller with a welfare check on North Oak Street.

5:23 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an investigation in Shoals.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

3:01 p.m. - Chief Means and Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with multiple alarms in Crane.

4:17 p.m. - Officer Baumgart investigated a possible impaired driver on Highway 231 South.

6:46 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a residential alarm in Shoals.

7:24 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department

with serving a warrant in Shoals.

9:02 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a possible breaking and entering in Crane.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

2:13 a.m. - Officer Baumgart received a report of a stray dog on Southwest First Street.

10:01 a.m. - Chief Means performed a welfare check on Butcher Boulevard.

11:32 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Means and Captain Rayhill responded to an accident at Highway 231 and West Broadway Street.

12:16 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a medical call at the Eldorado Motel.

12:24 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a funeral detail.

1:46 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a 911 hangup at McDonalds.

3:22 p.m. - Officer Sims investigated a suspicious vehicle at the city park.

7:00 p.m. - Officers Sims and Shaw investigated a property damage accident at Marathon.

10:29 p.m. - Officer Sims performed a vehicle unlock on Park Street.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

12:08 a.m. - Officer Sims and Reserve Officer Shaw investigated a possible intoxicated driver on Highway 231 South.

2:01 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long investigated a stray dog on West Broadway Street.

2:09 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long investigated an aggressive dog on North Line Street.

2:38 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long investigated a property damage accident at Marathon.

5:12 p.m. - Officer Baumgart assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a call on Brooks Bridge Road.

SUNDAY, MAY 28

12:12 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long investigated a 911 hangup on Highway 231 North.

5:32 p.m. - Officer Sims investigated an incident at CVS.

7:50 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a civil complaint on Highway 231 North.

7:56 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Sims responded to a medical call on Church Street.

8:23 p.m. - Officer Sims investigated a possible theft on Crane Road.

8:38 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Sims responded to a medical call on Poplar Street.

10:19 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a complaint on Ackerman Drive.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, MAY 22

3:08 p.m. - James Mesarosh, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Keller and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor, criminal recklessness, intimidation, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000/10% bond.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

7:24 p.m. - Jeramie Tharp, 43, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Fischer on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, MAY 26

4:30 p.m. - Darren Lannan, 45, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Wells on a probation violation. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

2:39 a.m. - Charles Bryant, 26, of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, was arrested by Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-controlled substance, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.



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COMMUNITY & EVENTS



Make My Day grant

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Loogootee Pickleball (LPB) recently received a \$500 Make My Day grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to help with their efforts to move forward with building pickleball courts. Shown above, from left to right, are pickleball members Rosie Hogan and Terri Smith, MCCF Board member Tracy Rayhill and grandson Hudson Rayhill, and pickleball members Marina Bouvy and Bill Boyd.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, June 1 from 6-8 p.m. with carry outs starting at 7 p.m. This month, they will be grilling out hamburgers and hot dogs, plus having sides, desserts and drinks. They will be eating outside if the weather permits. All members of the community are invited to attend.

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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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.

Aluminum can drive

The Daviess Right to Life will have their Aluminum Can Drive on Saturday, June 3 at the Tractor Supply in Washington from 9 a.m. until noon. No newspaper will be accepted. Martin County Right to Life will have their Newspaper/Aluminum Can Drive also on Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon at the Martin County Recycling Center.

Loogootee Zoning Board meeting

The Loogootee Zoning Appeals Board will meet for a public hearing Wednesday, June 7 at 6 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss unsafe/public nuisance property.

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 tax 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

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It's all about the connections. I got a lesson in connections in my garden this week. As mentioned in my last column, the beautiful Arum dracunculoides bloomed. It was spectacular. The bloom was about 18 inches long! This unusual plant grows right outside the picture window in my living room, so I could see that flower as I sat and ate my breakfast by the window. It is good to view the Arum through the window. Getting that close on the outside would mean enduring an almost unbearable stench of rotting flesh. However, that scent plays an important role. It attracts flies, which pollinate the plant. Also outside that picture window are several bird feeders and a birdbath with a solar fountain. I do a lot of birdwatching through the window. I get a lot of different birds that visit the feeders. However, there are some birds that do not frequent the feeders. Although I know they are present in the gardens, I do not get close-up views of them often. On Saturday, while admiring the Arum through the window, a flycatcher swooped down right in front of me and scooped up a fly. It was definitely the closest I have ever witnessed a flycatcher.

That made me think about just how much my garden is connected to the animal kingdom. Sandhill Gardens has been certified as a wildlife habitat, and many creatures call it home. In recent days, I have seen all sorts of insects and birds. I have seen squirrels, rabbits and chipmunks, a box turtle, salamanders, toads and frogs. I watched a deer romp through the meadow and saw an opossum and a groundhog at the edge of the woods. During the winter months, I put out some food for the wildlife, but in the summer, the garden feeds them and I try to understand that some garden damage is the price I pay to have this window on the natural world.

It has been a great week for butterflies, also. Monarchs have received a lot of press in recent years, and most people, by now, are aware that the monarchs have a connection to milkweeds. It is the only plant on which the caterpillars of the monarchs feed, and for that reason, monarchs lay their eggs on milkweed. However, other types of butterflies also have specific connections to plants. The pipevine swallowtail relies on pipevine plants, and I delight when I see holes in this vine. Various butterflies rely on trees, flowers, herbs, grasses and even weeds for their larval food sources. Most adult butterflies feed on nectar from flowers, but some feed on animal dung, tree sap and other food sources.

I point out these things to demonstrate how connected our gardens are to everything around us. Our actions make a difference. If we decide to spray something to kill an insect, we may "save" a plant, but that poison becomes a part of the system. Birds, amphibians and mammals that feed on the insects will ingest that poison and may die. Pesticides may even cause health problems for humans, so their use should be very limited. Variety in a garden will also ensure that more types of animals will be able to survive.

I usually caution visitors to Sandhill Gardens that they will find plenty of weeds and insect damage. It certainly is not a finely manicured landscape, but there is variety, and it is alive. There is also great natural beauty.

Come out this Saturday, June 3, for the annual Sandhill Gardens Plant Swap. It will be from 10 a.m. until noon. The address is 3061 N. County Road 810 W., West Baden Springs.

Bring plants, tools, garden décor or just about anything garden-related to trade with other gardeners. I hope to see you then.

Spring Mill State Park hosts program on railroad history

Spring Mill State Park will host What do Railroads Do?, a talk on railroad history, on June 17 at 2 p.m. in its Pioneer Village tavern.

Two long-distance railroad lines were built close to Spring Mill in the 1850s. These lines were a big reason the milling business was successful in the village, and why there was flour milling in nearby Mitchell. A similar story played out in Jackson County, where a mill in Rockford closed, but a new mill opened in nearby Seymour, a town the railroad ran through.

David Nord's presentation will compare these two stories and talk about how the railroads changed these areas. Nord is a professor emeritus of journalism and adjunct professor emeritus of history at Indiana University. He is a former interim editor and associate editor of the Journal of American History of Spring Mill and Lawrence County. The journal

recently completed Mapping Lawrence County, Indiana: An Annotated Bibliography 1818 to 1941. The story is available as a downloadable PDF through the online catalogs of the Indiana Historical Society, the Indiana State Library, and Indiana University.

National Fishing and Boating Week and Free Fishing Days

Celebrate National Fishing and Boating Week, June 3-11, with a fishing trip. Indiana residents who fish on June 3-4 don't need a fishing license or trout/salmon stamp to fish on state waters, as these days are Free Fishing Days.

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Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



The scholarships offered by the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) are one of the 5 types of funds we manage: (1) Unrestricted, (2) Designated, (3) Field of Interest, (4) Donor Advised, and (5) Scholarships. The MCCF had the privilege of presenting 23 scholarships to Martin County students who are pursuing higher education.

-- LOOGOOTE SCHOLARSHIPS --

On May 21, MCCF Scholarships Chairperson Richard Burch and MCCF Board member Tracy Rayhill presented 15 scholarships to the following Loogootee graduating seniors.

-- MALLORIE SUTTON --

Mallorie Sutton was awarded the Loogootee Alumni Scholarship that is reserved for a senior who has been an excellent role model for their peers and embodies the characteristics of good citizenship, gentleness, belief in others, and the strength of self-discovery and individual growth.

Mallorie was also awarded the Rita and Jack Butcher Loogootee Basketball Family Scholarship. It is given to a senior who has participated in sports and/or other extracurricular activities, has demonstrated a good attitude and work ethic, and has performed well academically.

-- LINDSEY NOLAN --

Lindsey Nolan was awarded two scholarships this year. One was the Ben Trout Memorial Scholarship which is given to a student athlete who has performed well in school, shows outstanding mental attitude, and displays extraordinary team spirit and sportsmanship.

Lindsey also received the Wilma L. Bateman Memorial Scholarship. It is for a female senior who has participated in sports for at least two years, has performed well academically, has shown leadership skills, and has participated in community activities.

-- SHAWNA MASON --

Shawna Mason was awarded the Saint Vincent De Paul Scholarship, which is given to a worthy senior with a good all-around work ethic, knows the value of hard work, and how commitment and determination can help a person succeed.

-- MADISON FISCHER --

The Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship was awarded to Madison Fischer. This scholarship is given to a student who is a member of a Christian faith church and is pursuing the field of nursing.

-- PEYTON BLEDSOE --

Peyton Bledsoe received an Ann Jones Burch Tennis Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a student who has participated on the tennis team and has demonstrated good citizenship, is well-rounded and civic minded, and involved in school activities.

-- KIERAGEN NAPIER --

Kieragen Napier also received an Ann Jones Burch Tennis Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a student who has participated on the tennis team and has demonstrated good citizenship, is well-rounded and civic minded, and involved in school activities.

-- LUCAS BRITTAIN --

Lucas Brittain was awarded one of the two Robert Scott Waggener Memorial Scholarships. This scholarship is given to a student who has a good attitude and work ethic, performed well academically, participated in sports and extracurricular activities, and supports others and their school.

Lucas was also awarded one of the four George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarships. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two or four year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- BRENNA WADE --

Brenna Wade received the other Robert Scott Waggener Memorial Scholarship. Again, this scholarship is given to a student who has a good attitude and work ethic, performed well academically, participated in sports and extracurricular activities, and supports others and their school.

-- PARKER ARVIN --

Parker Arvin was awarded one of the four George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarships. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two or four year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- KYLEIGH COURTER --

Kyleigh Courter is also a recipient of a George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two or four year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- ABIGAIL FISCHER --

Abigail Fischer is another of the four recipients of the George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarship. This scholarship is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two or four year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- CAROLINE WALKER --

Caroline Walker was awarded the Gordon Jones Scholarship that scholarship focuses on the value of sports in our students' lives. It is presented to a student athlete who displays an extraordinarily positive mental attitude and has shown improved skills through their high school career.

-- SHOALS SCHOLARSHIPS --

On May 18, the MCCF had the privilege of presenting eight scholarships to Shoals graduating seniors. Presenting for the MCCF were MCCF Board members Janie Johnson and Megan Hawkins. The scholarships were awarded to the following students.

-- LOGAN DAVIS --

Logan Davis, daughter of Mike and Mary Davis, received the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship to an Indiana public or private college or university and provides full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books. It is awarded to a senior exhibiting commitment to the community, dedication to their education and pursuit of excellence in all they do.

-- LYDIA COOK --

Lydia Cook was awarded three scholarships this year. The first is the Saint Vincent De Paul Scholarship which is given to a worthy senior with a good all-around work ethic, knows the value of hard work, and how commitment and determination can help a person succeed.

Lydia was also awarded the Faye Shobe Memorial Scholarship which is given to a senior that values our youth, knows the importance of life skills, and is seeking a degree in the field of Elementary Education.

And lastly, Lydia received one of the three George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarships which is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two or four year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- WYATT ASBELL --

Wyatt Asbell was awarded one of the George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarships which is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two or four year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- AVALEY BRAUN --

Avaley Braun was also awarded a George M and Barbara Cropp Scholarship which is given to a student who has performed well academically and plans to attend a two or four year public or private institution. This scholarship may be renewed in subsequent years if the criteria are met.

-- SAVANNAH STEVENS --

Savannah Stevens received one of two new scholarships this year. The John Hission Family Scholarship goes to students who have demonstrated academic achievement and good citizenship during their high school careers.

-- ELI STOLL --

Eli Stoll received the other John Hission Family Scholarship which is awarded to students who have demonstrated academic achievement and good citizenship during their high school careers.

Congratulations to Savannah and Eli for receiving the first John Hission Family Scholarships!

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about MCCF scholarships or other endowments, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org. You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

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~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'Thank you for supporting all the local veterans'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

The Loogootee American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) appreciates all the residents who took time from their Memorial Day holiday to attend the ceremonies at the local cemeteries. The Legion and VFW veterans are proud and privileged to conduct these ceremonies recognizing all the deceased veterans interred in the cemeteries we visit, and regret not having the time and opportunity to visit more.

These veterans of the Legion and VFW also feel a deep obligation to these family members and ancestors who gave of their time, and many their lives, to never be forgotten. These deceased veterans protected and passed on to the current generation all the freedoms and privileges we now enjoy. They are the true heroes of our nation.

The veterans of the American Legion and the VFW also appreciate the show of support for all the activities and events conducted by both the Legion and VFW throughout the year. The community participation at the various fundraisers and events, including steak night, BBQ chicken and fish meals, and support during the Summerfest and other events, allows the Legion and the VFW to continue to support not only veterans and current Armed Service personnel, but also to provide scholarships, assist local civic organizations, support scholastic, athletic, and other school functions, and support local social events. Local community support of our service organizations has been and continues to be outstanding.

Again, thank you for supporting all the local veterans, both those that have gone to the eternal resting place, and those living in our community.

Phil Todd
Loogootee American Legion

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