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Annual Loogootee Summerfest starts next Thursday

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The Annual Loogootee Summerfest will be held this year from Thursday through Saturday, June 20-22 in downtown Loogootee.

Starting off on Thursday, June 20, the Lark Ranch Carnival Rides will be open from 5-10 p.m. along with the vendor and food/craft booths. Arm bands for the rides will be available for \$15 per night. Pony rides will be held at the Body Shop Gym throughout the evening, along with face painting from 5-7 p.m.

Opening remarks and the mayor's welcome will begin on the main stage at 6:15 p.m. on Thursday. The queen contest will start on the main stage at 6:30 p.m.

MCL, featuring Manny Ruble, Layne Walton, Yadi Victoriano, and Grayden Corbin will perform on the main stage from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

On Friday night, the carnival rides and

craft/food booths will be open from 5-10 p.m. There will again be pony rides at the Body Shop Gym and face painting from 5-7 p.m. The Eighty-Six Band (vintage rock n' roll and country/rock) will perform on the main stage at 7 p.m., followed by Boys in the Band (an Alabama Tribute band) at 9 p.m.

On Saturday morning, June 22, the West Boggs 5K Walk/Run will begin at the park at 8 a.m. and will end at the beach. The golf tournament

at Lakeview Golf Course will also start at 8 a.m. It's an 18-hole scramble with a \$20 entry fee and a four-person team ABCD format. A volleyball tournament will begin at the city park at 10 a.m. Co-ed teams with a minimum of three female players can sign up at a cost of \$60 per team. Sign up before the tournament until 9:45 a.m.

The CALL (Community Action Leading Loogootee) Farmer's Market will be held from 8

a.m. to noon.

The Park & Spark Car Show will be set up on the square from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The Tri Kappa Kids' Sidewalk Chalk Contest will be held at Faith Baptist Church at 4 p.m. along with the Foam Hoamies Bubble Party.

Carnival rides and vendor booths will be open on Saturday night from 5-10 p.m. Pony rides will be set up on Saturday evening at the Body Shop Gym.

Line up for the annual Summerfest parade will begin at the high school at 5:30 p.m. with the parade starting at 6:30 p.m. Cody Ikerd and the Sidewinders (country) will perform on the main stage from 7-8:30 p.m. with the Van Halen Invasion performing from 9-11 p.m.

Fireworks will signify the end of 2024 Summerfest at 11 p.m.

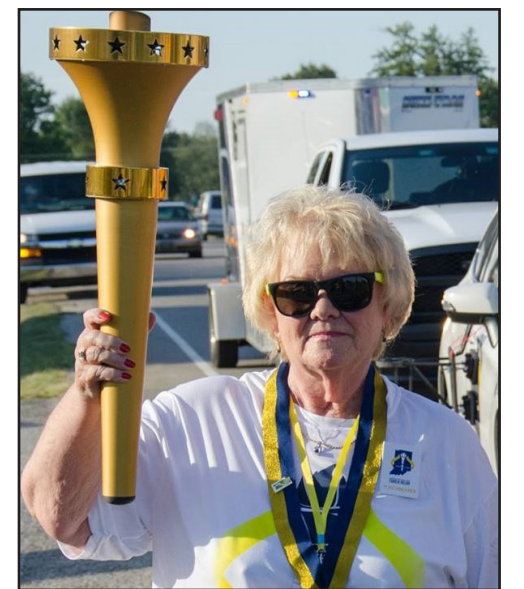
Alcoholic beverages will be available in the basement of the K of C, American Legion and VFW.

Carolyn McGuire chosen as Summerfest Parade Grand Marshal

Carolyn McGuire has been chosen as this year's Summerfest Grand Marshal. Carolyn was born and raised in Rutherford Township and graduated from Loogootee High School. Before beginning her career at the Martin County Courthouse, she worked for Midwest Printing and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Within the courthouse system, she has served the residents of the county as clerk, recorder, and assessor. During the course of her career, she has been recognized as Indiana County Assessor Association District Assessor of the Year and Honorary Secretary of State. She is one of only two people in Martin County qualified to hold the designation of Level 3 Assessor.

In 1982 Carolyn received The Saga-

more of the Wabash Award from Governor Robert D. Orr. "Sagamore" was a term used by American Indian Tribes of the northwestern United States to describe a lesser chief or great man among the tribesmen to whom the true chief could look for wisdom and advice. It is the highest honor which can be bestowed by the Governor of Indiana. It is a personal tribute given to those who have rendered distinguished service. Among those who have received the award are astronauts, ambassadors, artists, musicians and politicians who have contributed to our Hoosier heritage. In 2016, Carolyn was chosen to be a torch bearer for the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay. In 2018, Carolyn was awarded the Gene



Shaw Citizen of the Year Award. In addition to her widely recognized professionalism, Carolyn is known as a great friend to the county, serving on a variety of boards including the Martin County Cooperative Credit Union Board of Directors and the Property Tax Board of Appeals.

On a personal level, she can always be found acknowledging the needs of others by sending cards, attending dinners and reaching out in a number of quiet ways. Carolyn is the mother of two sons, Jeff of Ringgold, Georgia and Jerry of Douglasville, Georgia. She is the grandmother of three and the great-grandmother of seven.

Lane closures planned for U.S. 231 in Martin County

The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced lane closures for U.S. 231 in Martin County. Beginning on or around Monday, June 17, crews will begin lane closures on U.S. 231 in Martin County near Loogootee. These lane closures will occur between Wood School Road and Pineview Drive. Lane closures will allow for work to be performed on the bridge over West Boggs Creek.

The northbound lane of U.S. 231 will be closed first, followed by the southbound lane. One lane of traffic will be open at all times during this project. Temporary traffic lights will control the flow of traffic. Work is expected to last through mid-August, depending on the weather.

Commissioners approve road bids, discuss landlocked property

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The Martin County Commissioners met Monday night, June 11.

The commissioners accepted the bids from Milestone Contractors for the Community Crossings grant road work for \$1,221,500. They also approved \$1,725 from the cumulative capital fund to set aside in case an owner comes forward from land by bridge 58 on Brickyard Road, what will soon be replaced.

County Attorney Dave Lett reported that a property owner who purchased 60 acres on Truelove Church Road was landlocked and couldn't get the neighboring property owners to agree to allow him access. The property owner wanted to use County Road 31 that was on the county maps decades ago. The issue went to court and the court ruled that the commissioners had no obligation to keep the road up. The property owner sent a letter to Attorney Lett saying he plans to go ahead and work on the road anyway. Lett said the property owner doesn't have the right to do this and he believes it is a liability issue for the county. He recommended the commissioners contact the property owner and advise against him proceeding.

The commissioners approved spending from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)

funds to pay for tires for one of the civil defense vehicles for \$5,564.06. They also approved spending \$1,193.82 from ARPA to purchase two "emergency scene ahead" signs, four lights, eight lighted cones and 10 standard cones for civil defense. The ARPA fund had \$61,000 remaining prior to these purchases.

Sheriff Josh Greene reported there are currently 72 inmates in the jail with 27 of them from Vigo County. He said they will have new department trucks in the next few weeks, and they went back to purchasing Dodge Rams instead of Ford F-150s. Greene also reported that the department's fingerprint computer needs to be replaced.

Mary Smith, who was in the audience, asked if the commissioners have found a new veteran service officer yet. Commissioner Paul George said they have a few applicants and would like to find someone soon. Smith reiterated what she has said in previous meetings that the position does not pay enough for the amount of work involved.

The commissioners approved a mutual aid agreement between the ambulance service and Daviess Community Hospital. They also signed off on grant agreement for 30 doses of Narcan for the ambulance service.

The commissioners' next meeting is Tuesday, June 25 at 9 a.m.



School board candidates (non-partisan) can file to be on the ballot until June 20 at noon. Candidates will need 10 valid signatures certified prior to filing deadline to qualify. Currently the following school board candidates have filed:

Loogootee-at-large (2 seats available):
Brooke Hawkins
Shoals has the following districts on the ballot:
Shoals District 2:
Ethan Jones
Shoals District 3:
Shoals District 5:

All the winning candidates from the primary will go on to be on the 2024 General Election ballot on November 5. The Democratic, Libertarian, and Republican parties have until July 3 to file ballot vacancy paperwork with the clerk's office. Independent candidates can file declaration of candidacy and certified petitions of nomination for their names to appear on the 2024 General Election ballot anytime between now and July 15 by noon. Independent candidates will need 67 valid signatures certified prior to filing deadline to qualify. All paperwork is available at the Martin County Clerk's Office at 129 Main Street, Shoals. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Absentee mail-in ballot applications will be accepted by the clerk now through October 24. Please request your application by October 18 to allow time for mail processing.

The 2024 General Election will be on November 5. All voter registration should be updated before Monday, October 7. Please remember that the address on your voter ID should match your voter registration. If you are unsure of your registration, please contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

'Please, be a lifesaver'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Many thanks to all who participated in the June blood drives. The Shoals drive collected 35 units and the Loogootee drive collected 44 units. Many lives have been touched by your generosity.

Scheduling is available for the August 7 and 8 drives at the Shoals Christian Church and the Loogootee Methodist Church respectively.

Please, be a lifesaver.

Lynn Hawkins,
American Red Cross Volunteer

'The deeper we look into the facts'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

The Mid-States Corridor is championed by Hank Menke and Mike Braun, to name just two of the cabal, as a much-needed logistic route from Nashville, Tennessee to Indianapolis. Their logic, in 2011, was that I-65 was too congested, and an alternate route was needed. A recent update shows that, since 2011, I-65 from Nashville to Louisville has been greatly improved. Today it is mostly a 6-lane interstate. Digging a little deeper, today, it takes 4 hours and 21 minutes to travel on I-65 from Nashville to Indianapolis, a total of 289 miles. Traveling the proposed Mid-States Corridor route takes 5 hours and 10 minutes, a total of 300 miles. Why would logistics companies want to add time and miles to their routes? More time and more miles

are money lost. Another fact the cabal doesn't want us to know.

Why would economic development entities want to isolate their communities from traffic? As I have previously pointed out, bypassing our communities does not bring economic activity, the activity by-passes our communities. This concept is understood by the Martin County Alliance (Jessica Potts). So, the question remains, why would Dubois Strong (Ed Cole) and the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation (Bob Grewe) want to by-pass our communities? Could it be they are part of the Dubois County/Spencer County cabal?

As private organizations we don't know who their major donors are. Remember when we were finally able to get the donor list for the Mid-States Corridor, it was 95 percent redacted. Why didn't those donors want their identities known? Was it the amount of money they donated? Was it because they are politicians? Why? If we were able to obtain a donor list for Dubois Strong and the DCEDC, would it be as highly redacted? Just wondering.

The deeper we look into the facts of the Mid-States Corridor the more it seems to be a scheme to line the pockets of a few at the expense of the taxpayers. The Mid-States Corridor has a lot of high-falutin', wealthy supporters; but we the people are a much more powerful group. We can and we will Stop the Corridor.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

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OBITUARIES

ROGER PALMER

Roger Palmer passed away at his home during the early morning hours of June 9, 2024. His wife was by his side. A resident of Washington, he was 80.

He was born in Washington on March 18, 1944; son of Lavere and Margaret (Wood) Palmer. On March 1, 1961, Roger married the love of his life, Marilyn (Coomer) Palmer, and they enjoyed 63 years together.

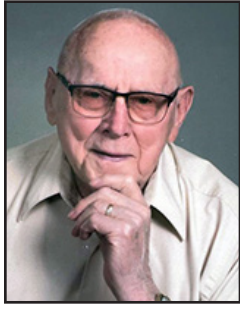
Roger was self-employed and looked forward to going to flea markets. In his early years, he was an avid gun collector and enjoyed going to gun shows.

Those who now mourn Roger's passing include his wife, Marilyn Palmer; daughters, Tamara Lynn (Cary) Albright of Shoals and Angelena Kharchenko of Jacksonville, Florida. Roger was blessed with seven grandchildren, Amanda (William) Heckard; Brandon Ettelt; Paulina Aldrich; Calli (Joseph) Crane; Danielle Albright; Christian Brown; and Taylor Brown; one great-granddaughter, Alexis Heckard; and three great-grandsons, Moses Crane; Reuben Crane; and Royal Parker. Additionally, Roger leaves a sister, Paula Kahn of Orlando, Florida; best friends, Seth Myers and Virgil Knepp; and his beloved fox terrier, Max.

There will be no services.

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

The staff of the Ed Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with arrangements for Roger Palmer.



ROBERT ABEL

the board of the Martin County Recycling Center. He was also on the Board of Directors for Shoals Senior Housing and on the Board for Martin County Council for Aging. Robert was always willing to help anyone in need.

He is survived by his children, Sheryl (Joe) Ogg of Shoals, Robert (Tish) Abel of Martinsville, Anthony (Bobbie) Abel of Dover Hill, Daniel (Michelle) Dwyer of Huntsville, Alabama, and David (Julia) Dwyer of Destin, Florida; grandchildren, Justin (Nikki) Hayden, Aaron (Natalie) Hayden, Joe (Michele) Ogg, Jade (Steve) Sharpe, Jordan (Natalie) Abel, Jen (Mike) Morrison, Joshua Brulla, Jalisa (Greg) Fleitz, Gavin Dwyer, Grant (Ellie) Dwyer, and Jakob (Carmen) Dwyer. He is also survived by 25 great grandchildren, brother, Roger (Rosie) Abel and sister-in-law, Helen Sterns and several nieces and nephews.

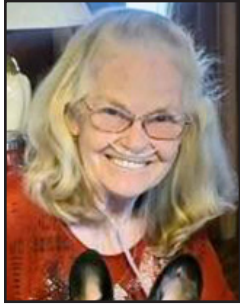
He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Louise Abel; his brother, William; sister, Mary Rose and one grandson, Mathew Hayden.

Cremation was chosen and no services will be held. The family will hold a graveside service at a later date.

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

TERRY WADE

Terry Lynn Wade passed away Saturday, June 8, 2024, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 71.



TERRY WADE

She was born July 26, 1952, in West Monroe, Louisiana; daughter of Carl L. And Mary K. (Reeves) Ross.

She graduated from Loogootee High school with the class of 1970.

Terry worked as a beautician, laborer at RCA, and multiple other jobs throughout her life.

She enjoyed horses, her dogs, being

outside, gardening, and spending time with her family.

Surviving are her children, Rhonda (Dustin) Rumble and Aaron Kaiser; grandchildren, Kenadi (Johnathan) Wells, Kortni Rumble, Gentry, Bayden, Hunter, and Ruger Kaiser; great-granddaughter, Ella Mae Kaiser; siblings, Carla Kline, Debra (Marlin) Graber, Mary Beth (Raymond) Simmons, David (Emily) Ross, and John Ross; sister-in-law, Cindy Ross; her dog, Radar; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Alisha Kaiser; and siblings, Carl Joe Ross in infancy, Carl L. Ross and Jennifer Merydith.

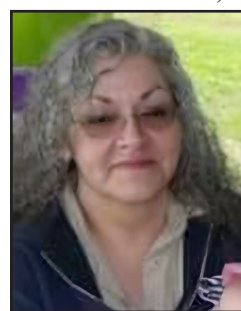
Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. this evening, Wednesday, June 12 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shoals Senior Citizen's Housing.

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

DOMINIA TRUELOVE

Dominia D. Truelove passed away Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 57.



DOMINIA TRUELOVE

She was born May 15, 1967, in Pontiac, Michigan; daughter of Andy Beaty and Adelfa Gomez.

She graduated from Springs Valley High School.

Dominia married Marty Truelove in August 2006; and he survives.

She loved her dogs, Bebe and Brandy, her pool, working, and her grandkids.

Dominia worked at On the Fly in Loogootee and managed the Dollar General in Shoals for three years.

Surviving are her husband, Marty; children, Carlos and Taylor Gomez-Brown; six grandchildren; father, Andy Beaty; siblings, Michael (Phyllis) Gomez and Carlos Christopher Gomez; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Adelfa.

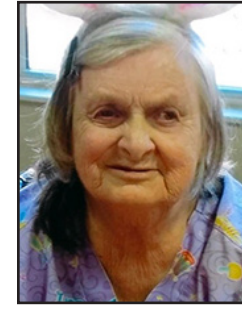
Cremation was chosen with no services planned at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Queen-Lee Chapel to assist the family with expenses.

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

DELPHIA BAKER

Delphia Baker passed away at 4:40 a.m. Thursday, June 6, 2024, at Poplar Care Strategies. A resident of Loogootee, she was 71.



DELPHIA BAKER

Delphia was known by many in Loogootee, especially for her wit and orneriness. She was the official door greeter at Poplar Care Strategies, where she called home for the last four years. Delphia had a love for horses. She was a past member of the Shiloh Church of God in Odon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Baker; her parents, William and Iva Davidson; sisters, Alberta Gould, Betty Tolbert, Patricia Jessen and Carla Skinner; brothers, Gary Davidson, Fred Davidson and Herbert Davidson.

Delphia is survived by her siblings, Shirley Timberman and Wayne Davidson.

Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, June 12 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Shoals.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Delphia Baker.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

11:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Orange County. Corporal Hawkins, Orange County Deputies and West Baden Police responded.

11:48 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn east of Loogootee.

12:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line. Loogootee Officer Rayhill and ISP Trooper Miller responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded.

1:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense and Martin County Highway Department responded.

1:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-pedestrian accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department and Corporal Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

3:37 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. ISP Master Trooper Lents and Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:07 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

8:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

9:53 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

11:53 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded. No one was transported.

12:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting a water line break in Loogootee. Loogootee Utilities was notified.

1:34 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting a structure fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Sergeant Wells responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Advised on duty deputy.

6:31 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on a camper in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

10:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy northeast of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

7:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver traveling north on US 231 North. All on duty units were notified.

7:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. No one was transported.

7:51 a.m. - Received a call reporting a semi leaking fluid traveling north on US 231 North. ISP Trooper Wilson responded.

10:22 a.m. - Received a request from

Daviess County for an ambulance west of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Deputy Baumgart and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

12:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible property damage north of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:37 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. ISP responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:08 p.m. - Received a report of possible harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Deputy Erwin responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

12:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

6:47 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

6:58 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm Northeast of Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

8:47 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one inmate to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Big John's Towing responded.

10:22 a.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported one inmate to court.

11:01 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Corporal Hawkins, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Haysville Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

11:03 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same accident.

11:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Assistant Chief Long and Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded. No one was transported.

12:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting traffic control south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:57 p.m. - Sergeant Wells transported one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Sergeant Wells transported one inmate to court.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, traveling east. Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:34 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:02 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

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

7:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Loogootee Officer Clark, Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw, Captain Gibson, Corporal Hawkins, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree partially on a home south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:13 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

8:52 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting reckless driving and harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious female in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Deputy Erwin responded.

11:45 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

11:49 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and Deputy Erwin were advised.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

12:51 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:57 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:53 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on a boat south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:46 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

4:44 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

5:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, traveling east. Advised all on duty deputies.

6:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

7:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting harassment in Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Deputy Shields responded.

11:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

10:59 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded.

11:58 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn South of Shoals.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

12:48 p.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported one inmate to court.

1:41 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:48 p.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported one inmate to court.

3:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

4:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious male north of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:46 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sheriff Greene responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

6:12 p.m. - Received a report of a wallet being found north of Shoals. Wallet turned in at the sheriff's department.

7:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Officer Clark and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Deputy Branham responded.

10:34 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Loogootee Officer Clark and Deputy Shields responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

12:52 a.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a residential burglar alarm north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

3:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a verbal altercation north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

4:31 a.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

5:24 a.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Shoals. Advised Deputy Shields.

6:46 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north. Loogootee Officer Harmon responded.

6:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an abandoned vehicle north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Officer Harmon responded.

7:23 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree on a line in Loogootee. Frontier was notified.

9:13 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Officer Harmon responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

10:23 a.m. - Deputy Baumgart transported one inmate to court.

10:52 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

11:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Assistant (See 'SHERIFF'S LOG' on page 5)

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 29

Trinity Benton, auto theft, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 30

Trinity R. Benton, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

May 30

Paula S. Mitchell vs. David D. Mitchell, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 31

Cavalry SPV I, LL vs. Zachary Danielson, civil collection.

June 3

Atlantic Specialty Insurance Co. a/s/o JMLA Logistics for FedEx vs. Zachary Giles and Kassy-Anne M. McCarty, civil tort.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

May 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Isaiah Baylis in the amount of \$7,537.10.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

May 29

Gale May vs. Zoey Brassine, civil tort, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

May 31

Myrna Stewart vs. David Craft and Lelona Craft, eviction.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Austin Michael England of Loogootee and Alexandria Lynn Baumgart of Loogootee.

Real estate transfers

John Douglas Daniel and Pamela D. Daniel to **Nicholas R. Wade**, that portion of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.310 acres, more or less.

Greene's Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **City of Loogootee, Indiana**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.934 acres, more or less.

Carolyn Sue Tharp, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Wesley R. Walton and Jessica M. Walton**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A piece of real estate containing 17.5 acres, in Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West. Tract II: A tract of land situated in the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, south of the Rutherford Township Road in said quarter, containing 25 acres, more or less. Tract III: Part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 35.9 acres, more or less, except sections containing 3.5 acres, more or less. Tract IV: The northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

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SHERIFF'S LOG

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Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bloomington.

11:52 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded but did not transport.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of an ambulance needed in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Officer Rayhill and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

2:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

9:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

9:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

2:57 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

3:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Loogootee Officer Clark, Deputy Shields and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

5:53 a.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Still have phone issues.

11:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling north. Notified Daviess County.

12:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless motorcycle driver on US 50, traveling east. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

3:26 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a call reporting a vehicle repossession in Loogootee.

4:47 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree on a house and truck north of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Martin County Civil Defense responded. REMC was notified.

5:25 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

5:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:57 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded but did not transport.

5:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call re-

questing officers and an ambulance north of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Loogootee Officer Baumgart, Loogootee Officer Harmon and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

7:00 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a deputy east of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

8:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. They are still having phone issues.

9:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Shields responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:57 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

10:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

1:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Still having phone issues.

9:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:57 a.m. - Received a call reporting vandalism in a cemetery in Loogootee. Sent information to Loogootee Police.

11:14 a.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy north of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Corporal Hawkins responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Daviess County EMS responded. Daviess County EMS transported.

1:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Hawkins, and Martin County Coroner responded.

2:29 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Ongoing phone issues.

5:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance and officers east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Corporal Hawkins, Deputy Doane and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:46 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Shoals.

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

11:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JUNE 3

1:40 p.m. - Jason Wyman, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with leaving the scene of an accident. He is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.

9:01 p.m. - Cody Major, 29, of Crane, was arrested by Corporal Hawkins and charged with failure to register as a sex offender. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

1:44 a.m. - Myles Hayden, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with minor in consumption of alcohol and possession of a controlled substance. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

1:44 a.m. - Kayden Honeycutt, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw and charged with minor in consumption of alcohol. He is being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

12:46 p.m. - Roger Salmon, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Wells on a Martin County Warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:42 p.m. - Jessica Jones, 32, of Fort Wayne, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

12:26 p.m. - Russell Erwin, 50, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Gibson and charged with driving while suspended-prior. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

5:14 p.m. - Isiah Winger, 18, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Gibson and charged with resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, driving while never licensed, reckless driving and criminal recklessness. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

5:22 p.m. - Joshua Rush, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-prior, possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

5:49 p.m. - Bryson Haines, 19, of Crane, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and charged with criminal trespass. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

12:35 p.m. - Lighthouse Recovery was on station with Regina Campbell, who was dismissed from their program.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

4:36 a.m. - Jeremiah Wells, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shields and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-minor and leaving the scene of an accident. He is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.

7:50 p.m. - Cassandra Sanders, 27, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baumgart and charged with domestic battery. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

10:58 p.m. - Stephanie Ruiz, 46, of Kentucky, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

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G2

By Gordon Grindstaff

Normally, when I sit down to write something for these pages, I don't expect to hear from anyone about what I had to say and usually I don't. A few weeks ago, however, I wrote a Mother's Day column about mothers and my mom in particular and I heard from several folks about that one.

"Why don't you write something about your father for Father's Day?" My daughter, Julie, said after I told her about the letters I had received.

"I can't," I told her. "I barely remember him." He died in an accident 19 days after my 6th birthday and when I try to recollect what I knew of him, all I get are two or three fleeting glimpses of this man racing through a fog in my brain like an MTV commercial. I can never catch those thoughts long enough to nail down a good picture of him. There are a few photographs; a high school class picture and an army boot camp picture which is of no help since he's wearing a gas mask. And now, thanks to my advancing age, the fog surrounding my memories is getting worse each time I try to remember. There's not much I can say.

"Can't do it, Julie." I told her after staring at my computer monitor for a while. Where was I to find nine hundred words to write about this fellow, my father who, thanks to a ride on a prewar vintage motorcycle, one day was in our lives and the next day he wasn't. This meant that my brother and I had to get along without our designated male role model for a few years. It leaves me wondering if he had not taken that ride, would the two of us have been entirely different people than we ended up being?

A few weeks back, on an overcast afternoon, I was on my way to my hometown for a visit having driven the long way down there through Bedford, Dover Hill and on to Highway 50 to Loogootee. (1). The windshield wipers staccato beat cleared the drizzle from my view as I rounded the curve on the hill east of the 4-H fairgrounds where the motorcycle left the road and tumbled down a shallow ravine all those years ago. In hundreds of trips in the intervening time, I have never even so much as slowed down as I went by. But on this trip, something told me I should.

I pulled over a few hundred yards beyond the scene and then walked back in the rain to the spot where I imagined he died. The oncoming traffic, much of it made up of coal trucks, blew drizzling raindrops, bits of dirt and flecks of coal in my face as I made my way along the side of the road. I don't know what I was looking for; it's been over 75 years after all. I was hoping for some sort of epiphany or revelation perhaps but sad to say, nothing came of it. It was just a shallow ravine with a couple of dead trees rotting away at the bottom.

I suppose I will have to be satisfied with what others have told me about him. My mother told me of his prowess on the dance floor and I don't doubt it for a minute. However, my own clumsy efforts tell me that either I did not inherit that skill or else my mother's opinion could have been biased by her love for this man.

I have also heard that my father was a sportsman. One of those fleeting glimpses I spoke of earlier reminds me that I tagged along on a fishing trip to the river on a couple of occasions. My cousin, Jack Butcher, contributed the fact that my father was, indeed, an avid fisherman. Because of this, I feel like I should be a fisherman but try as I might, I have never learned to love the sport.

Although it's neither true nor fair of me,

it's easy to blame the loss of my father for my athletic abilities. I tell myself that his absence left with me no one to teach me how to hit a curveball, reel in a big fish or fine tune a carburetor. All of you folks who were wondering why I ended up a member of the high school cheerleading squad now know why.

The age of puberty was another problem. I never had the birds and bees talk with my father and the duty should have fallen to my poor, almost Victorian-age mother but she could never have done that. I had to learn from my one-year older neighbor, Eddie Joe, who filled me in on some of the particulars (2) but I didn't believe him.

"You're crazy, Eddie Joe. My mom wouldn't do that." I said, whopping him in the stomach as hard as my 9-year-old muscles would allow.

And speaking of that puberty business, I also didn't have my father around to teach me the art of courtship. Being on my own, I bungled my first few efforts at meeting girls and it's only by the Grace of God that I didn't become a priest.

Looking back, it's easy to see that I am who I am because of that ill-advised motorcycle ride my father took 78 years ago and to a lesser degree, the effects are present in my children. In the end, I guess it can be said that for better or worse, most of us are who we are because of our parents. However, dwelling on that thought could soon have a person talking to themselves.

On this Father's Day weekend, if your father's still around, give him a big hug on his day and no matter how hard it is to get the words out, tell your dad you love him.

G2 notes:

1: If you're looking for something to do, the drive from Bedford to Shoals on Highway 450 is well worth the time.

2: As I was to find out later, Eddie Joe, even at age 10, had only a vague idea of the reproductive process; we both still had a lot to learn.

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

By: Elizabeth White WIC Nutritionist

Involved fathers are very important to a child. Children who grow up with an involved father are 39 percent more likely to earn mostly A's in school, two times as likely to go to college and find a steady job after high school, and are at a two times lower risk for developing obesity. Dads tend to encourage more physical play than moms. This physical play teaches children how to control feelings of anger, encourage competition and risk, and manage physical contact while keeping control of their emotions. Being active with your child helps their bones, muscles and brains grow stronger. Remember your children are watching you and look up to you. If you eat healthy they will eat healthy. If you brush your teeth regularly, they will also want to practice good oral health. Even the simple things are very important to your child. For more tips and ways to be involved in your child's daily life go to <https://indiana.wicresources.org/eat-grow-live-healthy/dads-guide-to-a-healthy-child/>

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin County WIC clinic is open Monday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please call 812-407-4282 to make an appointment. Breastfeeding line: 812-226-9820

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Commissioners' special meeting

The Board of Commissioners of Martin County Commissioners will hold a special meeting Thursday, June 13 at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the purchase of real estate for county purposes and any other business that may be presented. The commissioners and Martin County Council will meet at 4:30 p.m. in a closed-door meeting prior to the open meeting.

Free swim day

A free community swim for the youth of Martin County will be held Friday, June 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Loogootee City Pool. The free swim is being sponsored by the Shoals High School Class of 1990.

Tourism meeting

The next Martin County Tourism meeting will be Tuesday, June 18 at 5 p.m. at the Loogootee City Park (weather permitting). In case of rain, the meeting will be moved to the Martin County Alliance office at 404 N. JFK Avenue, Loogootee. Anyone interested in tourism in Martin County is invited to attend.

Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, June 21 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required, first come first serve.

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 third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 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 Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SWCD office located at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. (April-October) and at 6:30 p.m. (November-March). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 812-295-3149 for assistance.

RIGHT TO LIFE SALUTES ALL Fathers ON THIS Father's Day!

The following comes from the heart of someone who remembers his father on this Father's Day.

As we approach Father's Day, I think of the tremendous difference my father made in my life. No, he may not have been a professional person, he was not well schooled, he worked at tough jobs in his life but he was a proud man, not one to take a hand out, not one to ask for anything that he could not earn on his own. He worked long hours to provide for his large family.

No, he did not complain about the hard work or the long hours he was just glad to have the money to put food on the table for us. I remember when I would be getting up on those cold winter morning warming myself by the old coal stove as he kissed Mom good by and see him drive off to work and thinking to myself how can he do that.

But I was thankful he was able to do so. I know there were times he went to work when he did not feel well and many of us kids were sick but he did not complain, he was my father and I was so proud of him for doing what he did. He gave me more than any man could pass on to their children. Determination to work hard and provide for the family and live a good and decent life and set a good example to follow.

Yes, Dad is gone now, but his memories will always be on my heart and He will always be an inspiration to me to be the best Father I can be to my children. He raised a large family but he never complained. He accepted what God gave him and the lives he was given to raise and protect.

Dad, Thanks from the Bottom of my Heart! I will always remember what you have done for me! Love You!



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By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

Councilman's Corner

The Future of 232 Main St.: Challenges and Opportunities for Shoals

****All Shoals, Indiana—All the Time****

One of the most frequent questions I receive is about the future of the 232 Main St. Project. While I don't have a definitive answer yet, I can assure you that significant progress is being made. The project is complex, involving multiple stakeholders including structural engineers, funding bodies, legal advisors, and insurance companies. Each of these elements plays a crucial role in determining the future of the building.

Despite appearances, the 232 Main St. Project is very much alive. Every day, as I walk into the Town Hall and see the building, I envision the potential it holds for the Town of Shoals. Realizing this potential will require thorough due diligence, thoughtful planning, and a commitment to making the best decisions for our community.

Currently, due to potential litigation and insurance requirements, we must maintain the site in its current state following the collapse of the east wall. To enhance safety, a construction fence is scheduled to be installed in June. I understand the community's desire for quick solutions, but the nature of this project demands patience and careful consideration.

Many have offered advice on immediate action, but I caution that a hastily made decision might not be in the best interest of Shoals. The process may be slow and challenging, but with these challenges come opportunities for significant benefits to our town.

In the meantime, I am excited to intro-



Shown above is Shoals Clerk-Treasurer Tina Franklin (seated). Standing, from left to right, are Matthew Copeland, utilities department; Jessica Hodges, deputy clerk treasurer and Dylan Way, utilities department.

duce your new front office staff at Town Hall. Tina Franklin is our clerk-treasurer, and Jessica Hodges serves as our deputy clerk-treasurer. On the backend, Matthew Copeland and Dylan Way manage our operations. Each team member is an invaluable resource, ensuring that our town functions smoothly and efficiently. They are dedicated to maintaining compliance with state regulations and ensuring that our tax dollars are spent responsibly and transparently.

I encourage all residents to attend our

town meetings, held on the second Monday of each month at 4 p.m. at your Shoals Town Hall. Your input is vital, as your council is responsible for the prudent and transparent use of taxpayer funds. Understanding and engaging in these processes is key to the future development and prosperity of Shoals.

For more updates on the 232 Main St. Project and other town matters, stay tuned. We are committed to working through the challenges and emerging stronger for the benefit of our community.

Comptroller Nieshalla highlights Indiana's financial health

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla released her first State of Indiana's Financial Report last week to highlight the solid fiscal standing of the state as published in the 2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), the official, audited record of state finances. "Indiana's ACFR provides tangible evidence of our state's strong financial position," said Comptroller Nieshalla. "In sharing Indiana's low debt, low pension fund liability, healthy cash reserves, balanced budget and AAA credit rating, we are reminded how good it is to be a Hoosier." The comptroller's office annually produces the ACFR, which is audited by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. The ACFR provides an in-depth analysis of all state expenditures, cash flow, debt administration and other financial information.

"The State of Indiana's Financial Report offers Hoosiers a quick tool to better understand our state's economic well-being and how Indiana manages taxpayers' dollars, based on the 300 pages of reporting in the ACFR."

Highlights from the report include:

- General Fund revenue of \$21.9 billion compared to \$20.9 billion in fiscal year 2022.
 - Assets (cash, investments, capital assets, etc.) exceeded our liabilities (payables, pension liabilities, etc.) by \$25.6 billion.
 - Total reserves are \$2.9 billion, which is 13% of the current budget.
 - Indiana ranks seventh lowest in debt among states in the U.S. at \$366 per capita.
- The State of Indiana's Financial Report is a summary of the 2023 ACFR-the current ACFR and previous years are all available electronically on the comptroller's website.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

It is berry season. Last week, we discussed gooseberries. This week, I have been munching on fresh black raspberries and, my personal favorite, blueberries. Many of the berries grown at Sandhill Gardens are consumed by the birds, but I have been able to pick enough blueberries this week to enjoy fresh berries with a few meals.

As a child, I picked many wild blueberries among the large rocks on the farm. I admit that the berries rarely made it to the house. The increased deer population has resulted in few wild berries these days, but I have a few cultivated bushes that have given me a tasty treat.

The wild and cultivated blueberries are quite different. The wild berries are low-bush blueberries. They grow in sandy, or loam soils and bushes rarely get over two feet tall. They need acid soil, so they are often found in oak forests. Low-bush blueberries are found mainly in northeast North America. There are commercially managed low-bush patches in Maine and other parts of New England, but the bushes are still essentially wild. A patch is usually a single organism, with connected root systems. The berries are generally small and somewhat tart.

Most of the breeding for commercially available blueberry bushes has concentrated on the high-bush types. High-bush blueberries may grow up to five feet tall, and bear much larger and sweeter berries. They are not self-fertile, so one must have at least two compatible bushes to get a crop. Since different cultivars bloom at different times, many commercial nurseries sell the bushes in pairs with varieties that will bloom at the same time to ensure pollination and crop set. Rabbit's eye blueberries are bred for warmer areas of the country and produce larger berries.

High-bush blueberries have shallow root systems, so they respond well to fertilizers and a good layer of mulch. Since they need an acid soil, most growers prefer to use a fertilizer that also increases the acidity of the soil. It may take a few

years before the bushes mature to produce a good crop, but you will get a few berries from young bushes.

High-bush blueberry bushes have become more than a food crop. The foliage turns deep red in the fall, and landscapers have started using the bushes as a replacement for the invasive burning bush. They make an attractive hedge, and even the bell-shaped blooms are beautiful. They will grow in sun or partial shade, so they are a versatile landscaping option. Many homeowners choose to plant several varieties, mixing early, mid and late-season varieties to extend the harvest time.

Once established, the high-bush blueberry bushes will provide berries for many years and will become an attractive addition to the landscape. If you do not like blueberries, grow them for their beauty and let the birds feast.

Return of the Least Terns at Patoka River NWR

The Friends of the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge will host a special Least Tern event at the Cane Ridge Management Area on June 15 from 8-10 a.m. CST. Least Terns, an Indiana endangered species, come to the Cane Ridge area every summer to nest.

Come learn about the Least Tern and what the Refuge is doing to ensure the species' survival.

Experienced birdwatchers will assist with the identification of the Least Tern and other birds and waterfowl in the area. Viewing will be from an outdoor observation platform and binoculars are recommended but not required.

Cane Ridge is located in Gibson County just south of Gibson Lake on County Road 1075W. From State HWY 64 heading west from Princeton Indiana, turn south onto State HWY 65, travel 1.3 miles and turn right on CR 125 S. Drive 2.25 miles on CR 125 S to CR 850W, turn left on CR 850W, then turn right on CR 150S and follow to the Observation Deck at Cane Ridge.

Invasive plant control training for landowners

Landowners are invited to register for a comprehensive one-day training on how to manage out-of-control invasive vegetation on forest property Saturday, September 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., located at Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center (11371 Purdue Farm Road, Dubois).

The training cost is \$25. Register by September 13 by contacting Veronica Helming at 812-482-1171 x3, or du-boisswcd@gmail.com.

For several years Purdue Extension has worked with local partners to put on this annual event. The majority of past attendees report that they are very likely to recommend this training to a friend or colleague. As one 2023 attendee put it: "Invasive plants weren't in the conversation years ago, but now I see how my property has changed in the last 25 years. I really wish I had done this years ago. I learned so much PRACTICAL information on winning my invasive battle!"

This is a practical, hands-on training

Tropical seabird spotted at Spring Mill State Park

A tropical seabird was spotted diving into the lake at Spring Mill State Park to catch fish by interpretive naturalist Wade LaHue on Monday.

Last Thursday, assistant state ornithologist Amy Kearns confirmed it as a juvenile *Sula leucogaster*, a species commonly known as a brown booby. She said that because he is a juvenile, he has different colorations than an adult bird.

"This species is not normally found in the United States, let alone Indiana," Kearns said, noting that the bird had wandered naturally out of its normal range.

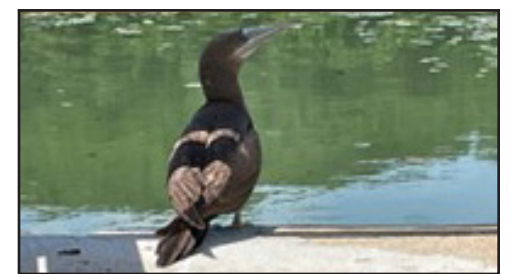
This is only the second time the species has ever been seen in the state. The first on record was on a private lake in Zionsville in May 2019. That bird stayed for less than a day.

The bird has remained near the Lakeview Activity Center at the park, fishing and resting on fallen trees and the newly

built floating dock. by foresters and natural resource professionals, and includes topics such as: assessing your invasive plant program, the three pillars of invasive plant management, selecting control options, herbicide use and considerations, control funding and technical assistance, and setting invasive management goals and objectives. It will consist of classroom portions, as well as in-field demonstrations of equipment and invasive control methods.

Lunch is included, and registrants are encouraged to ask about any accessibility needs during registration.

This event is hosted by Purdue Extension Forestry & Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Orange County Invasives Partnership, the Invasive Species Awareness Coalition of Dubois County, the Dubois and Orange County Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and Indiana DNR Forestry. Purdue Extension is an equal access/equal opportunity institution.



Park staff ask that guests who come to see this special bird give it plenty of space to rest and feed, so it can stay healthy and eventually find its way back to its home in the ocean.

"It could leave at any time," Kearns said.

Spring Mill State Park (on.IN.gov/springmillsp) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

The gate fee at the park is \$7 per vehicle for in-state residents and \$9 per vehicle for out-of-state residents.



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National unemployment at 4 percent for May

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 272,000 in May, and the unemployment rate changed little at 4.0 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment continued to trend up in several industries, led by health care; government; leisure and hospitality; and professional, scientific, and technical services.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate, at 4.0 percent, and the number of unemployed people, at 6.6 million, changed little in May. A year earlier, the jobless rate was 3.7 percent, and the number of unemployed people was 6.1 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.8 percent), adult women (3.4 percent), teenagers (12.3 percent), Whites (3.5 percent), Blacks (6.1 percent), Asians (3.1 percent), and Hispanics (5.0 percent) showed little or no change in May.

The number of long-term unemployed

(those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 1.4 million, changed little in May. The long-term unemployed accounted for 20.7 percent of all unemployed people.

Both the labor force participation rate, at 62.5 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.1 percent, were little changed in May. These measures showed little change over the year.

The number of people employed part time for economic reasons, at 4.4 million, changed little in May. These individuals who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part-time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In May, the number of people not in the labor force who currently want a job, at 5.7 million, was little changed. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who wanted a job, the number of people marginally attached to the labor force, at 1.5 million, was little changed in May. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, edged up to 462,000 over the month.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 272,000 in May, higher than the average monthly gain of 232,000 over the prior 12 months. In May, employment continued to trend up in several industries, led by health care; government; leisure and hospitality; and professional, scientific, and technical services.

Health care added 68,000 jobs in May, in line with the average monthly gain of 64,000 over the prior 12 months. In May, employment growth continued in ambulatory health care services (+43,000), hospitals (+15,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+11,000).

Government employment continued to trend up in May (+43,000), in line with the average monthly growth over the prior 12 months (+52,000).

Employment in leisure and hospitality continued to trend up in May (+42,000), similar to the average monthly gain over the prior 12 months (+35,000). Employment in food services and drinking places continued to trend up over the month (+25,000).

Professional, scientific, and technical services added 32,000 jobs in May, higher than the average monthly gain of 19,000 over the prior 12 months. Over the month, employment increased in management, scientific, and technical consulting services (+14,000) and in architectural, engineering, and related services (+10,000). Specialized design services lost 3,000 jobs.

Social assistance employment contin-

ued to trend up in May (+15,000), primarily in individual and family services (+11,000). Over the prior 12 months, social assistance had added an average of 22,000 jobs per month.

In May, employment in retail trade continued to trend up (+13,000), about in line with the average monthly gain over the prior 12 months (+8,000). Building material and garden equipment and supplies dealers added 12,000 jobs in May, while job losses occurred in department stores (-5,000) and furniture and home furnishings retailers (-4,000).

Employment showed little or no change over the month in other major industries, including mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; transportation and warehousing; information; financial activities; and other services.

In May, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 14 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$34.91. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased

Attorney General raising awareness of household products recalled in May

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in May. The office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchase recalled items that could be harmful to their families.

"Summer is in full swing, and that means you and your family will be spending more time outdoors," Attorney General Rokita said. "Don't let the beautiful weather be ruined by an outdoor item breaking down. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in May:

Crib Bumpers Recalled Due to Suffocation Hazard; Violation of Federal Crib Bumper Ban; Sold by Henan Ouchang Trading and Xinxiang Junshun Trading on AliExpress and Recalled by AliExpress

Black & Decker Recalls CRAFTSMAN V20 Cordless Tillers/Cultivators Due to Laceration Hazard

Medline Industries Recalls 1.5 Million Adult Portable Bed Rails Due to Serious Entrapment and Asphyxia Hazards; Two Deaths Reported

Compare Brands Recalls ADIOS! Super Vinegar All Natural Cleaner Due to Risk of Poisoning and Chemical Burns; Violation of Labeling Requirements under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com

TOPINCN Pool Drain Covers Recalled Due to Entrapment Hazard; Violation of the Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Sanure

Kano Laboratories Recalls Super Lube® Products Due to Risk of Poisoning; Violation of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act

CHZHVAN Combination Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors Recalled Due to Failure to Alert to Fire; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Haikouhuidishangmaoyouxiangongsi

Electrolux Group Reannounces Recall of Frigidaire and Kenmore Electric Ranges Due to Fire and Burn Hazards; Multiple Fires and Injuries Reported

Children's Nightgowns Recalled Due to Burn Hazard and Violation of Federal Flammability Standards; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com; Imported by Zegoo Home

Spin Swivel Chairs Recalled Due to Fall Hazard; Imported by Article Korimefa Multi-Purpose Helmets Re-

called Due to Risk of Head Injury; Violation of Federal Regulations for Bicycle Helmets; Imported by Yangxi and Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com

Children's Robes Recall Expansion Announced Due to Burn Hazard and Violation of Federal Flammability Standards; Imported by SIORO; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com; Additional Units Added

Textron Specialized Vehicles Recalls Prowler Pro and Tracker Utility Vehicles (UTVs) Due to Fire Hazard

Textron Specialized Vehicles Recalls Arctic Cat Model Year 2024 Catalyst Snowmobiles Due to Crash Hazard

Cotton On USA Recalls Toy Pinwheels Due to Choking Hazard

ZLINE Recalls Built-In Electric Wall Ovens Due to Impact Injury Hazard

Bausch + Lomb Recalls Project Watson Eyelid Wipes for Dogs Due to Risk of Exposure to Bacteria and Fungi

Arctic Cat Recalls Snowmobiles Due to Laceration Hazard

DR Power Equipment Recalls Leaf Blowers and Leaf Vacuums Due to Laceration Hazard

Dixon Ticonderoga Recalls Creativity Street Foam Pattern Rollers Due to Violation of Federal Lead Content Ban

American Honda Motor Expands Recall of Lawnmowers and Pressure Washer Engines to include Lawnmower Replacement Engines Due to Injury Hazard; Additional Units/Injuries Reported

True Manufacturing Recalls Commercial Refrigerators with Secop Compressors Due to Fire Hazard

Polaris Recalls Prostar S4 Titan Adventure Snowmobiles Due to Fire Hazard

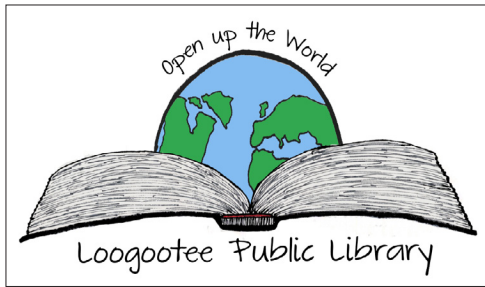
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Skims Body Recalls SKIMS Children's Pajama Sets Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Children's Sleepwear; Sold Exclusively by Skims Body

Igloo Products Recalls Youth Sipper Bottles Due to Choking Hazard

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to May visit www.cpsc.gov/Recalls.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The summer reading program is going full swing with reading programs for all ages. Fun programs have been scheduled by Alyssa Fithian. On Monday June 17 at 3:30 p.m., there is an outdoor Sensory Play and may be a little messy. There will be a large sensory bin ready for sensory play. This is geared toward ages 3-11. On June 15 there is a Smokey Bear Challenge at West Boggs Park at 10 a.m. Lethal Library is on June 20 at 5:30 p.m.

FOLL is having a Book, Bake, and Yard Sale on Saturday, June 29 from 8-noon.

New Books:

Mystery: "Smolder" by Stuart Woods.

Fiction: "Forget Me Never" by Susan Wittig Albert and "The Stolen Book of Evelyn Aubrey" by Serena Burbick

Nonfiction: "College Girl, Missing" by Shawn Coheen, "The War on Warriors" by Pete Hegseth, "Finding God's Will for Your Life" by Joyce Meyer, and "Cheaper Faster Better: How We'll Win the Climate War" by Tom Steyer.

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