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-Photo by Hilltop Photography, Molly Tharp

Shown above are the 2019 Shoals High School Prom Royalty. From left to right are Queen Lillian Thacker, King Klayton Tichenor, Princess Maggie Shaw and Prince Dalton Roush.

## Shoals Prom Night 2019

BY JESSICA HERT

Shoals HS Guidance Counselor

The 2019 Junior-Senior Prom was held on Saturday, May 4. A theme of black and gold were used to depict a "Great Gatsby" event. Grand march began at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium, while "The Great Gatsby" soundtrack was played in the background. Sophomore Class President Kaydence Sutton and her escort, Sophomore Class Vice President Reece Sherrill, introduced one hundred eleven students and guests as they showed off their evening wear.

The juniors and seniors voted the prior day for prince, princess, king, and queen for 2019 Prom Royalty. Olivia Stoll, Senior Class Vice President, crowned Dalton Roush, son of

## Navy wants to test Burns City wells for contamination

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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The Navy is requesting permission to sample drinking water obtained from private wells within the designated area near NSA Crane. This includes up to 18 wells in the Burns City area. The Navy has developed a proactive policy to address past releases of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as PFAS. These substances may be present in the soil and/or groundwater as a result of firefighter training activities at NSA Crane using aqueous film forming foam (AFFF).

A public meeting will be held Wednesday, May 15, from 4-7 p.m. at the WestGate Academy (13598 E WestGate Drive) to speak about this issue and have property owners sign up for the testing, free of charge. The meeting is open to the public however Burns City residents are encouraged to attend.

January and the late Danny Roush, the 2019 Prom Prince. Klayton Tichenor, Senior Class President, crowned Maggie Shaw, daughter of Eric and Jamie Shaw, the 2019 Prom Princess. Junior Class President Zetta Gore crowned Klayton Tichenor, son of Terry and Vicki Tichenor, the 2019 Prom King. Junior Class Vice President Maggie Shaw crowned Lillian Thacker, daughter of Katrina Jones, the 2019 Prom Queen.

Following the Grand March ceremonies, family and friends were able to offer congratulations and take pictures with the prom goers, who then enjoyed dining, socializing, and dancing until 11 p.m. Place cards, hand-written by Linda Sherfick, allowed the prom goers to find their table assignments. The tables, covered with ivory and gold tablecloths, were decorated with a variety of Gatsby themed center pieces. Each place was set with a keepsake stemless glass with engraved writing of this year's prom theme.

Dinner was donated by Junior Class President Zetta Gore's, family. John and Tammy Gore, along with the help of close family and friends provided dinner for all prom goers to enjoy. Prom goers enjoyed pulled pork, fried chicken, chicken tenders, mashed potatoes and gravy, macaroni and cheese, corn, baked beans, a side salad, and a dinner roll. There were also a variety of desserts available. Iced tea, lemonade, and water were available for drinking options.

Hilltop Photography by Molly Tharp, of Shoals, provided photography services to prom guests and their dates. DJ Charlie Rollins kept the dance floor "roaring" as he played a wide variety of songs, some of which were requested by the students.

Honorees in the Class of 2019 and their guests who attended beginning with class officers:

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## Harty wins Primary for mayor

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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Noel Harty won the race for Loogootee Mayor in the City of Loogootee Primary Election Tuesday night. Harty defeated current City Council Member Roger Downey 446-249. If no Republican or other party candidate registers by June 30, Harty will start his third term as mayor.

In the city council races, Ron Gilbert defeated James Richard Taylor for the at-large seat, 358-312. Gilbert currently serves on the board of public works and safety. He will take over the seat, currently held by Roger Downey, on January 1.

Former member of the council, Rick Norris, defeated Collin Padgett, 351-320, for the city council district four seat. Norris formerly served on the council but by also being a city police officer, he had to leave the position due to a new law the state passed saying that a city employee cannot serve on the city council. Norris is still currently a police officer however will be retiring from the force before he takes office in

January. Padgett has been serving in the seat since Tim Lawrence resigned last year due to moving out of the district.

Lawrence however ran for the council district two seat that is now in his district and defeated incumbent council member Ruth Smith, 349-320.

Retaining their seats and running unopposed were District One Council Member Teresa Nolley and District Three Council Member Carroll Rayhill.

Since all candidates in the Loogootee Primary were Democrats, any Republican, Independent or other party's candidate can be appointed to run prior to June 30 at noon. If no candidate from another party is appointed to run, there will not be a General Election and the current winners of each seat will stand.

There are 2,035 registered voters in the City of Loogootee and just 702 turned out to vote or 34 percent. There were 546 voters who turned out to the polls and 156 who voted absentee. According to Elections Clerk Julie Fithian, there were no issues at the polling location on Tuesday.

## Prosecutor gets new attorney after long debate with council

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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After some contention and a lot of discussion, Martin County Prosecutor Aureola Wright was approved to hire a new deputy prosecutor for her office. The Martin County Council made that decision at their meeting Monday night, May 6 after hashing it out for more than an hour. The salary for the position will need to be advertised for an additional appropriation and the council will vote on that at their June meeting.

Wright had made the request at the March county council meeting, and the council had told her then to check around with lawyers to see if there was any interest in having one come to the county on a contractual basis and if so, for how much.

At the April council meeting, Wright

## Loogootee hires new basketball coach

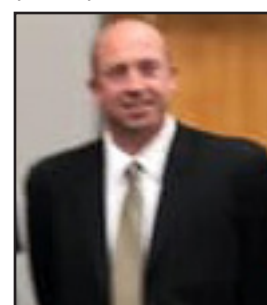
BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

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The Loogootee School Board held a special meeting last Thursday, May 2 for the purpose of hiring a new high school basketball coach.

The board voted to hire Ryan Haywood to replace Kent Chezem who resigned last month. Haywood will also serve as a teacher.

Haywood's first head coaching position was at Mt. Carmel High School in Illinois. During his six seasons at Mt. Carmel, he won three regional titles and the school's first sectional title since 1944. In 2007 and 2008, Haywood was named the Illinois Basketball Coaches'



said she was unable to find a lawyer willing to work on contract because if they are contracted with Martin County in the prosecutor's office, they cannot work anywhere else. She told the council that she needs help on the child support side of her office and with the state reimbursing the county for \$17,000 a year, she felt having a lawyer who specializes in IVD (child support) would make the most sense. That lawyer would be in the Martin County office to do child support cases part-time and could help with the lower level criminal cases the remainder of the time. This would also cut down on the amount of money the county would have to pay out for a full-time regular deputy prosecutor. The current child support attorney is based in Dubois County and Wright said that limits the amount of communication her office

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Association 2A Coach of the Year.

In 2011, Haywood was hired at Princeton High School in Indiana. In 2014, he led Princeton to the Big 8 Conference Championship for only the fifth time in school history. In 2017-18, Princeton finished with a 19-5 record, the second best record at Princeton over the past 25 years.

This past season, Princeton compiled a 21-6 record, won the Big 8 Conference championship again, win the IHSAA Sectional, and advanced to the IHSAA Regional Final, losing a tight game to eventual state champion Silver Creek.

Haywood and his wife Tiffany have three children who will be attending Loogootee Schools.

# PROSECUTOR

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has pertaining to cases. With the reimbursement amount, Wright had estimated that the cost of another attorney in her office for the rest of 2019 would be around \$28,000.

The council, at last month's meeting, had split a vote, 4-3 to table discussion or a decision until the budget hearings held in September. After that vote, however, Sheriff Travis Roush told the council he would be willing to forego purchasing a new truck, for \$27,000, if the council would earmark that money for the prosecutor's office. The council didn't approve the \$27,000 for the prosecutor that night but they also didn't deny Roush's request to remove it.

At Monday night's meeting, Council Member Richard Summers said he had told Prosecutor Wright to come back because the money given up by the sheriff was still up in the air and there was some confusion surrounding the proposed position. Wright, accompanied by her chief deputy prosecutor Mike Fitch, again talked to the council about her office's need for another attorney to help with caseload. Wright explained again that there are numerous cases that are years old along with an increase in new cases. She feels that her office is not doing quality work with cases or with victims of cases due to the volume. She explained that her goal is to improve the prosecutor's office to speed up cases that have been waiting for many months and also help with victim advocacy. She said that with the cases moving through the system quicker, this would have a domino effect with costs associated with cases dragging out and would also free up beds in the jail to help house out-of-county inmates.

Council Member Buck Stiles, visibly annoyed, asked why Wright was back at the meeting with the same request

that was already tabled until September. He pointed specifically at Council Member Summers and asked why she was there. "When you tell your kids no, do you let them keep coming to you?" he asked. He reiterated again that they should not be having this discussion.

Council Member Summers replied that no discussion was held after the sheriff gave up the \$27,000 at last month's meeting so he told Wright to come back. Stiles replied that the money is not the sheriff's to give, it's the council's.

He told Stiles that the council can withdrawal the original vote tabling the decision if they so choose and re-vote. Stiles asked if that was legal. Everyone looked at Prosecutor Wright who said that yes, a previous vote can be rescinded.

"When you hire someone to do a job, you expect them to do the job and . . ." Stiles said to Prosecutor Wright. He didn't finish his thought and instead said, "I give up, whatever."

Wright said that the sheriff gave up the \$27,000 to purchase a new truck and she is requesting that the money he didn't use, be used for her office. She said she doesn't understand why Stiles is saying that there is not money to fund the position. "We're all Martin County," she said. "It's all for the betterment of Martin County."

Council Member Sherri Bowling said she didn't think the county has the money and is not sure how the position will be funded.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said she understands that the change was when the sheriff gave up the money for a truck and therefore freed up money in the budget. She said she believes the position is needed to help catch up the prosecutor's office and can be reevaluated down the road.

Council Member Warren Albright asked what job has ever been created in

government that was eliminated when it was no longer needed. He said you don't ever see that happen. He added that funding the position for the next six months may not be an issue but next year and the years beyond may be an issue. He also noted that funding a new position could have been money used to give raises to current employees.

Wright said she is doing her best to find cost saving solutions for her office. She said she would not come to the council to request the extra help if it wasn't needed. She added that the prosecutor's office doesn't just help with cases through the sheriff's department but also with cases through conservation officers, state police, community corrections, Shoals and Loogootee police, and probation. She said they currently have 730 child support cases in the system, with Martin County residents. She noted that if they could get through more cases, the reimbursement rate from the federal government would go up. Deputy Prosecutor Fitch said Martin County one of the four lowest counties in the state for child support collection.

Council Member Albright said he had great faith in his vote for Wright that when she was in office for a while, she would figure out how to get on top of all of these issues. "You're new at this job," he said. He added that this is why he was in favor of a contractual position so that someone didn't have to be hired permanently.

Kathy Collins, who was in the audience, said there are 13 people currently in the jail that have been there since before January of this year. Collins said the prosecutor's office is working hard to try and get through the old cases as quickly as they can but some of the cases are extensive, including cases from this year. "We're costing this county more dollars every day that those people are sitting there," she said. She added that if the jail beds were freed up, the sheriff could bring in more inmates from out of the county.

In the end, the council voted to rescind the vote at last month's meeting to table a decision on the new deputy prosecutor. They re-voted and approved the position. Council Members Barb McFeaters, Richard Summers,

Warren Albright and Keith Gibson voted in favor and Buck Stiles and Sherri Bowling voted against. Council Member Randy Winger was not present for the meeting.

In other business, the council voted to allow the sheriff to hire another dispatcher. According to Sheriff Roush and his dispatch commander, Brett Richardson, the 911 fund currently contains \$580,000 and the money can only be used for 911-related expenses. Richardson said it is very difficult for one dispatcher to handle communication with the officers and answer all the phone lines. Richard said the 911 fund is replenished every month with \$13,000. He said they received a letter in January from the state asking why the 911 fund is not being used more. He said the state didn't insinuate they would take the money, but he did get the impression that they may lower the monthly rate if it's not being used. He said the sheriff's department received 45,000 calls a year with more than 2,500 of them being 911 calls.

The new dispatcher will be hired and start in June and the amount to be paid in salary and insurance for the rest of the year will be \$20,925.53.

Sheriff Roush reported there are 81 inmates currently in the jail and 29 of them are from Vigo County.

Mark Franklin, deputy coroner, had made a request for \$8,000 for autopsies. Franklin said the coroner's office currently has a bill for \$3,000 and he said the council may want to change that to \$11,000 to get him through the end of the year. The request would need to be advertised and the council will have to approve it at their next meeting.

## ROI grant meeting

Shoals School will be hosting an ROI grant meeting next Thursday, May 9 in the middle school in room 408, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Shoals is partnering with Orleans and Mitchell School Corporations and have spent the past nine months preparing for a large grant to help improve and innovate their schools. This time will be set aside to discuss the grant details and the things that they hope to accomplish over the next few years with the grant funds. The meeting is open to the public.

## SHOALS PROM

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President Klayton Tichenor and Ruth Wright, Vice President Olivia Stoll and Blake Cooper, Secretary Ashley Albright and Ryan Hawkins, Treasurer Kendra Howard and Dayson Blackwell, Historian Melanie Hawkins and Wade Burris, Lori Albright and Josiah Martin, Caleb Belcher and Alexis Bauer, Georgia Bryson and Serenity Hammack, Laythan Cobb and Taylor Ryan, Gary Cooper, Mary Dixon and Lily Thacker, Tanner Doane and Olivia Alcorn, Marshal Ervin and Rhiannon Wilson, Jordan Fromme and Shyla Taylor, Chase Heckard and Madison Burkhead, Cheyenne Perry and Olivia Bobian, Tristian Peterson and Mallory Waggoner, Josh Richardson and Ava Smith, Katrina Sipes and Rusty Bonham, Kenyon Sorrells and Jayleigh Wagoner, Ryan Spurgeon and Aryonna Braun, John Sukup and Mallory Berry, Jonathon Tredway, Bryce Tolbert, and Desiree Montanez, JD Troutman and Cassidy Witt, Jarod Waggoner and Ivory Jackson, Jaycobson Wagoner and Kaley Roush, Hallie Wyman and Justiam Wright, Jacob Wade and Riona Royston, and Evan Wagoner

Members of the Class of 2020 and their guests beginning with class officers were: President Zetta Gore and Kameron Butcher, Vice President Maggie Shaw and Dayson Wright, Secretary Robert Sullivan and Amber Fields, Treasurer Cassidy Shaw and Andrew Newland, Historian Abigail Haviland and Lance Asbell, Bryce Baker and Darcy Soke, Isaiah Baylis and Fayth Warren, Morgan Baylis, AJ

Blankenbaker, Clay Brett and Brooke Dobson, Curtis Brown, Adrian Cole, Hannah Davis and Zane Lake, Max Fischer and Hope Self, Matthew Goodman and Jasie Sipes, Sage Harker and Austin Enlow, Hunter Hightower and Alexas Hutchinson, Hunter Jones and Jocelyn Davis, Kendra Lythgoe and Niklas Mauer, Angel Meece and Logan Rushton, Cody Overton, Kaley Payne and Brady Manion, Lindsey Robinson, Dalton Roush and Olivia Winger, Ethan Sexton and Brayden Souerdike, Chloe Spencer and Hunter Roach, Shana Troutman and Jacob Sanders, Ethan Wagler and Amy Parke, and Jeremy Widdifield and MaKenzie Taylor.

Shoals High School Administration and faculty and guest in attendance were: Superintendent Candace Roush, School Board Members Drexel Turpin and Eva George, Principal Kindra Hovis, Mrs. Jessica Hert, Mrs. Audrey Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sherfick, Mrs. Debbie Howell, Mrs. Charlene Briendenbaugh, Miss Erin Cage, Mrs. Myrna Greene, Mrs. April Sutton, Mr. Ben Kent, and their guests.

The Post Prom, hosted by the junior and senior class parents, was held at Paoli Rock-N-Bowl, in Paoli.

The Shoals Juniors Class and Prom Sponsors Jessica Hert and Audrey Gibson would like to thank Doug Wagoner, Roger Wraley, John Gore and Smokin' Jim's BBQ, Jolene's Decorating, the sophomore clean-up crew, Chastian's Flowers and the Shoals faculty and administrators for their assistance creating a successful 2019 Prom.

## Loogootee Primary results by precinct

	Perry 1	Perry 2	Perry 3	Perry 4	TOTALS
<b>Loogootee Mayor</b>					
Roger Downey (D)	95	54	54	46	249
Noel D. Harty (D)	167	105	69	105	446
<b>Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer</b>					
Carol (Jones) Harder	219	142	106	131	598
<b>Loogootee City Council District 1</b>					
Teresa M. Nolley (D)	197	128	104	121	550
<b>Loogootee City Council District 2</b>					
Tim "Biggins" Lawrence (D)	130	76	70	73	349
Ruth Smith (D)	120	76	51	73	320
<b>Loogootee City Council District 3</b>					
Carroll Rayhill (D)	211	136	108	128	583
<b>Loogootee City Council District 4</b>					
Donald Rick Norris (D)	136	66	58	91	351
Collin J. Padgett (D)	112	86	63	59	320
<b>Loogootee City Council At Large</b>					
Ronald "Ron" Gilbert (D)	131	87	66	74	358
James Richard Taylor (D)	117	67	55	73	312

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# Obituaries

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## PHILIP STRANGE

Philip E. Strange passed away at 9:45 p.m. May 1, 2019 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 82.

He was born October 26, 1936 in Bramble; son of the late Roscoe and Ella (Williams) Strange.

Philip was a proud United States Army veteran and served in Germany. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He enjoyed watching Indiana University and Loogootee High School Basketball and Notre Dame Football. He liked playing cards, especially euchre. He enjoyed walking and competed in many 5k races such as the Loogootee Summerfest, Shoals Catfish and Jasper Strassenfest.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn (Arnold) Strange; infant daughter; great-grandson, Lincoln Strange; parents, Roscoe and Ella (Williams) Strange; siblings, Andy (Mary Ann) Strange, Fannie (Jack) Trout, Doris (Ed) Smith and Gordon Strange; and brother-in-law, Benny Summers.

He is survived by his sons, Michael Strange of Loogootee and Danny Strange of Louisville, Kentucky; granddaughters, Trista Strange and Kyanna (Wade Arvin) Strange; great-grandchildren, Skylyr Raney, and Kori, Kaia, and Kross Arvin; and sister, Camilla Summers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, May 7, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## LEROY PAYNE

Leroy Payne age 64, of Shoals, passed away at his home on April 30, 2019. A resident of Boyd Hollow Road in Shoals, he was 64.

He was born January 18, 1955 in Martin County; son of Henry and Maxine (Spaulding) Payne.

He is survived by one daughter, Crystal Spears; one brother, Larry L. Payne of Shoals; one sister, Jeanette Wade of Shoals; two nieces, one nephew, five great nieces and one great nephew.

He is preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

No services are planned.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Shoals was in charge of the arrangements.

## JOEY WALLS

Joey Keith Walls passed away May 2, 2019 at his home. A resident of West Baden Springs, he was 72.

He was born September 17, 1946 in Shoals; the son of Joey Delbert & Neva Jeanette (Compton) Walls. He married Kathy Busick November 10, 2003. Joey was a veteran of the U.S. Army Vietnam War and he was employed at U.S. Crane Naval Base in Crane.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Walls of West Baden Springs; granddaughters raised in his home, Keira Warren, Kailyn Warren and Kyan Green, all of West Baden Springs; daughters, Jaima Emmons and Jennifer Green, both of French Lick; sisters, Carolene Lundy of Loogootee, Nancy Moore of French Lick, Bonnie Good-



JOEY WALLS

pastor of Paoli, and Beverly Shedd of Ellettsville; grandchildren, Isaac Cox and Jayden Lewis, both of French Lick; and great grandchild, Bo Tinkle of French Lick.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Delbert, Frank and Dean Walls; grandson, Sirelle Warren and father and mother-in-law, Paul and Gladys Busick.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 5 at McAdams Mortuary. Bro. Harvey McAdams & Aron Busick officiated. Burial followed in Stampers Creek Cemetery.

## JERRY MAZE

Jerry W. Maze passed away Sunday, May 5, 2019 at home with his family by his side. A resident of Buck Creek, he was 77.



JERRY MAZE

He was born September 20, 1941 in Loogootee; son of Lloyd E. Maze and Helen Virginia Maze. He married Phyllis Luse and she survives.

Jerry had been in failing health for the last several months. He had worked at Fairfield Manufacturing of Lafayette, for numerous years. Jerry was a United States Marine Corp Veteran. He loved and enjoyed spending as much time as possible with all of his family.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Luse of Buck Creek; brother-in-law, Vernon D. "Pinky" Luse of Monticello; and several nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Gary E. Maze.

Services are pending at Miller - Roscka Funeral Home in Monticello.

## JASPER MCINTOSH, JR.

Jasper Pleze McIntosh, Jr. passed away at 6:10 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 65.



JASPER MCINTOSH JR

He was born September 26, 1953 in Winchester, Kentucky; the son of the late Jasper Pleze McIntosh Sr. and Hallie Mae (Rison) McIntosh.

He lived at the family homeplace in Underwood since he was 12 years old until recently when he moved to Loogootee to be close to his sisters.

Jr. was a 1975 Henryville High School graduate and retired in 2013 from Sellersburg Stone Co.

He enjoyed being around kids, working puzzles, seek and find, watching westerns, reading the bible, studying his weekly Sunday School lesson, fishing, and scrapping. He attended Hindostan United Methodist Church in Shoals and Shoals Nazarene Church with his sisters.

Survivors include his three sisters and their spouses, Clara Ann (Bill) Haulk of Shoals, Sheila (Gary) Smith and Lorella (Steve) Petit, both of Loo-

gootee; and sister-in-law, Tina McIntosh of Underwood.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Greg McIntosh and brother-in-law, Ronald Smith.

Pastor Leon Armstrong will conduct graveside services at noon on Monday, May 27, 2019 at New Chapel (Clarks Chapel) Cemetery. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

Memorial donations may be given to the New Chapel Cemetery c/o the funeral home. Cremation services are entrusted to Adams Family Funeral Home and Crematory, 209 S. Ferguson St., Henryville, IN 47126.

Online condolences and memorial contributions can be given to the family and a video tribute can be viewed at [www.AdamsFuneralHomeOnline.com](http://www.AdamsFuneralHomeOnline.com).

## HAZEL DICKMANN

Hazel Dickmann passed away May 1, 2019 at Primrose Memory Care. A resident of Anderson, she was 96.

She was born on November 6, 1922 in Leon, Kansas, moving with her family to Indiana when she was 6 years old. After graduation from Shoals High School in 1940, she attended Indiana Business College in Indianapolis. She was Assistant Personnel Director for Container Corporation in Anderson.

She and Charles H. Dickmann were married at Anderson First United Methodist Church in 1956.

Hazel was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister and aunt, and she was everyone's friend. Quick to praise, always appreciative and very generous, Hazel brightened the lives of all she touched. Discouraging words were not in her vocabulary.

She was active in the religious, cultural and civic life of Anderson for over 50 years. She served as President of United Methodist Women and as a member of the Administrative Board of First United Methodist Church in Anderson. She was a member of Hawthorne Literary Club for almost 46 years and had served as President. She was active in Community Chest, United Fund Campaigns, Tri Kappa Sorority and St. John's Hospital Victoria Guild. Hazel served on the Board of Directors of the Visiting Nurse Association. She was a Director and Secretary of the Anderson Fine Arts Foundation and past president of Antique Study Club.

Hazel and Charlie established 13 permanent endowment funds with the Madison County Community Foundation.

She also enjoyed reading, antiquing, interior design, gardening, art, and cooking. She and Charlie enjoyed traveling, visiting all 50 states and 72 foreign countries.

She is survived by her daughters, Judy (Jim) Brenner, Amy Jo (Doug) Zeigler; grandsons, Frank and John (Jackie) Brenner and Hugh and George Zeigler; great-grandson, Bradley Brenner; siblings, Joyce Ann Day and Marion Winkel and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Charles Henry Dickmann; parents, Webster "Ray" and Lula (Blackwell) Winkel; siblings, Violet Winkel, Velma Clayton, Susie Pollard, Glenn Winkel, Raymond Winkel, and Phyllis York.

Special thanks and appreciation to the wonderful staff at Primrose Retirement Community and Memory Care.

Services will be held Friday, May 10 at 1 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1215 Jackson Street, Anderson, IN 46016 with Pastor Corinne

Boruff officiating. Visitation begins one hour prior to the service. The family invites friends to join them after the service for refreshments and conversation.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to First United Methodist Church of Anderson, [www.AndersonFirst.org](http://www.AndersonFirst.org), or to the Madison County Community Foundation [www.madisonccf.org/give](http://www.madisonccf.org/give).

## DONETTA FESLER

Donetta G. 'Jean' McRoberts Fesler made Heaven her final destination, on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at her home. A resident of Jasper, she was 83.



DONETTA FESLER

She was born September 12, 1935 in Clay City; daughter of Fred and Emma (Steele) Bollinger. She married Roy V. McRoberts on May 28, 1952 and produced four children. After they divorced, she married Jerry Fesler on September 4, 1981.

Donetta had a great passion for her pets and always donated to the animal shelters. Her other great passions were her gardening and decorating. She was the oldest female and a life member of the Odon VFW and wasn't ashamed to let you know it. She retired in 1985 from Westinghouse in Bloomington.

She loved to cook and eat; her last meal was the joy of having Indiana mushrooms one last time. Wherever they lived, she knew and loved her neighbors, of note are Denny and Donna Day. She loved them greatly, they were so helpful to her after it became apparent that treatments could no longer help.

If time is a teacher, then she learned well and passed on her wit and wisdom in ways we each have benefitted from in countless ways. Her journey is complete, the victory in Christ is here forth forever more hers to possess. She most of all wanted everyone to know how much she loved them.

Family left behind to cherish her memory includes three daughters, Mary McRoberts of Jasper, Marsha (Mark) Smith of Centerville, Texas and Beverly (Mark) Dean of Louisville, Kentucky; one son, Roy (Dee) McRoberts of Solsberry; step-children, Mike (Diane) Fesler of Bloomington and Andrea Fonley of Shoals; fifteen grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews too numerous to count.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Roy McRoberts; second husband, Jerry Fesler; grandson, Chuck Graeter; and three sisters Polly Keller, Vallena Bollinger and Annie Bucklin.

A memorial service is scheduled for noon on Saturday, May 11 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Pastor Roy S. McRoberts officiating. Family and friends may gather from 10 a.m. until the time of service at noon and share their memories of Donetta. The Ladies Auxiliary at Odon VFW will provide a memorial service to honor Donetta's life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the humane society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

12:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:57 a.m. - Received a report of a power line down in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Duke Energy, and Loogootee Fire responded.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:49 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of property damage south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a fox complaint near Loogootee. ICO Mann was notified.

8:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 30

4:45 a.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Corporal Reed, Loogootee Sergeant Norris, and Loogootee Fire responded.

7:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Coroner responded. Loogootee First responders were notified but did not respond.

8:55 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Sergeant Keller responded. All was okay.

9:30 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. No one was transported.

10:25 a.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Sergeant Keller responded.

11:59 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Lents transported two inmates to court.

1:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:30 p.m. - Jail Commander Brulla transported two inmates to court.

3:21 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all was okay.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of an

accident east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Deputy Wright responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals on SR 150. Deputy Shinn responded.

9:47 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

10:24 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

12:22 a.m. - Received a report of a walk away from a group home in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and Town Marshal Eckert responded. Marshal Eckert located the subject in Shoals, and he was returned to the home.

6:50 a.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Crane. ISP responded.

9:30 a.m. - Deputy Lents and Deputy Barnett took one inmate to court.

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Crane. Deputy Wright responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was secure.

2:05 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was secure.

3:33 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of fraud near Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Deputy Wright and Deputy Lents responded.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Shinn responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:09 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:23 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals on US 50. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

5:47 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Williams Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

8:45 a.m. - Deputy Lents and Deputy Barnett took one inmate to court.

10:46 a.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to court.

10:47 a.m. - Received a report of a fire east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:57 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:56 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. All was secure.

2:07 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Deputy Lents, and Deputy Barnett responded.

2:20 p.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

5:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

6:02 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle running a school bus stop arm on US 231, north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Shoals. Deputy Wright and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:40 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the Plainfield Correctional Facility.

6:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:42 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all was secure.

7:20 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:37 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

10:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded. All was okay.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

12:38 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

4:10 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:20 a.m. - Deputy Lents performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the road on SR 150. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

8:47 p.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the road southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire removed the tree. Martin County Ambulance responded but no one was transported.

9:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals on SR 450. Deputy Gibson and Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon responded.

11:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

11:25 p.m. - Received a report of a

car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

11:31 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

1:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a theft east of Shoals. ISP responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person from Lawrence County. Deputy Lents was notified and found the subject in Loogootee.

5:38 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, APRIL 29

10:59 a.m. - Kendra Leighty, 28, of Washington, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

2:00 p.m. - Andrew Lyon, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

10:09 p.m. - William Westhafer, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and driving while suspended. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%. Deputy Shinn assisted with the arrest.

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

9:24 p.m. - Lowell Sanders Jr, 38, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Floyd on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

11:59 p.m. - Mack Mason, 21, of Bedford. He was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with grand theft. His bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon assisted with the arrest.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

1:55 a.m. - Miles Holler, 21, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with grand theft and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

12:30 p.m. - Leah Foster, 21, of Rosedale, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

11:10 a.m. - Cody Wong, 22, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and false informing. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

11:16 a.m. - Alejandra Aguirre, 22, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a handgun without being licensed, and false informing. ISP Trooper Lents assisted with the arrest.

## Huge results for Jasper Post Drug Take-Back

Recently, the Jasper Post participated in the Indiana State Police/ Drug Enforcement Agency's Drug Take-Back initiative. In total, the Jasper Post collected 731.4 pounds.

Jasper District Commander Jason Allen attributed the district's success to the community turnout and local partners. Lt. Allen says this could be the largest amount our district has ever collected.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

March 28

Brian M. Conley, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 168 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 84 actual days previously served plus 84 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 540 days with 0 days suspended.

April 2

Joseph A. Bowen, convicted of auto theft, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 560 days suspended and credit for 85 actual days previously served plus 85 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

April 4

Danielle N. Sanders, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

May 2

Richard D. Gingerich, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Matthew S. Taylor, convicted of non-support of a dependent child, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1,095 days suspended. Defendant received 1,095 days of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

March 28

Brian M. Conley, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 4

Danielle N. Sanders, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 23

David J. Mains, Jr., unlawful taking

of a deer or wild turkey, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

April 26

Enemesio Mora, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

May 2

Richard D. Gingerich, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

April 24

Capital One Bank vs. Dina Ferguson, civil collection.

April 25

Persolve Legal Group, LLP vs. Nicholas Wathen, civil collection.

April 29

1<sup>st</sup> Financial Bank vs. Alan Fellers, civil collection.

Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes vs. Deborah Haviland, civil collection.

April 30

Kevin D. Johnson vs. Emily A. Johnson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Linda L. Warren vs. Gregory L. Warren, petition for dissolution of marriage.

May 1

Citibank vs. Ricky L. Heckard, civil collection.

May 2

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Kandria Thomas, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Justin P. Hash, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Teresa L. Parks, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

May 1

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Aaron Johnson, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Christopher M. Parsons, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Crystal Huff, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gerald W. Fields, complaint.

May 3

Barbara Young vs. Kelly Winger, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

May 2

Danny L. Krodol of Shoals and Miranda J. Case of Shoals.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Gary Wayne Lannan**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Denise K. Lannan and Joseph C. Lannan**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.725 acres, more or less.

**Brian S. McCauley and Priscilla A. McCauley**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian S. McCauley and Brenda S. McCauley**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing .5 acre, more or less.

**Jason D. Loughmiller**, of Martin County, Indiana to **JAP Enterprises, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, 103 acres, more or less, in Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, except a section containing 5.94 acres, more or less.

**Robert J. Potts and Leanna G. Belcher n/k/a Leanna G. Potts**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wilma Lorraine Crutchfield**, of Tarrant County, Texas, part of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range

4 West, containing 0.39 acres, more or less.

**Brenda Kay Bex**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin Bex and Sheila Bex**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 3 West lying north of the Shoals-Bryantsville Road, containing .23 acres, more or less. Plus sections containing 1.27 acres and .73 acres, more or less.

**Margaret J. Peregrine**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monte L. Grimes and Kathy A. Grimes**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.07 acre, more or less.

**Denise K. Lannan and Joseph C. Lannan**, of Martin County, Indiana and **Audra A. Rhoads**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Denise K. Lannan and Joseph C. Lannan**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.725 acres, more or less.



## First female deputy

-Photo provided

The Martin County Sheriff's Department Merit Board voted unanimously at their meeting last Thursday, May 2 to hire Andrea Barnett as the county's first-ever female deputy, at the recommendation of Sheriff Travis Roush. Barnett is the daughter of Elaine and Jason Littleton and the late John Barnett. She was born and raised in Indianapolis and graduated from Scecina Memorial High School in 2014. She graduated magna cum laude from Indiana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in human and environmental systems and minored in criminal justice and environmental sustainability. She was hired as a jailer at the Martin County Sheriff's Department in February of this year and was sworn in as a deputy on May 3. "I look forward to getting to know the names and faces that have made Martin County the place it is today, the place I aspired to work and live," said Barnett. Shown above is Merit Board Vice President Bruce Hawkins, Andrea Barnett, Sheriff Travis Roush, and Merit Board Secretary Isha Wright-Ryan.

## Loogootee Police log

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

12:22 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:15 a.m. - Male reported a harassment complaint.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

2:05 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a bus stop arm violation. Chief Rayhill located the driver and the driver was cited for reckless driving.

3:05 p.m. - Male reported fraud.

4:14 p.m. - Female reported a check fraud case.

4:16 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on JFK Avenue.

6:24 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the Ruler parking lot.

7:19 p.m. - Caller reported a semi blocking the road on US 231.

9:40 p.m. - Caller reported a loud music complaint on Park Street.

### THURSDAY, MAY 2

5:47 a.m. - Loogootee Fire assisted with a traffic accident on US 231.

11:57 a.m. - Caller reported a trash truck had stuck a utility pole near North Street.

4:34 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

4:52 p.m. - Female reported a verbal dispute on Truelove Drive.

6:35 p.m. - Male reported a civil dispute.

6:48 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of a cell phone.

### FRIDAY, MAY 3

2:28 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person near Dollar General. Male checked out okay.

11:10 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a citizen with retrieving his dog.

2:34 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

7:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

10:55 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check a male.

### SATURDAY, MAY 4

9:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

3:15 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

7:45 p.m. - Male reported a child custody matter.

8:03 p.m. - Male reported a civil

complaint.

11:12 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Mulberry Street.

11:31 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on High Street.

### SUNDAY, MAY 5

12:00 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

1:30 p.m. - Female reported property damage.

7:09 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported two juvenile runaways. Juveniles returned home.

11:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

## Turn Around, Don't Drown

Indiana Conservation Officers urge Hoosiers to "Turn Around, Don't Drown" when it comes to floodwaters. Over the past few weeks, Indiana has received significant rainfall amounts in some areas, flooding roadways.

Many law enforcement agencies have responded to multiple calls for water rescues involving vehicles driving into floodwaters over the last few weeks. With anticipated precipitation still headed our way, drivers must remember to not risk their lives and instead turn around and seek alternative travel routes.

Hoosiers are also urged to abide by the posted road-closed signs and barricades. In many instances, drivers have put themselves and their passengers in danger by driving around such signs and ending up stranded in floodwaters.

Drivers need to be mindful of the many hidden dangers lurking in that floodwater. Moving water can cause some roads to buckle and wash out. The current can also cause your vehicle to be swept off the roadway.

If you do find yourself stranded in your vehicle in floodwaters, here are basic safety tips to remember.

Remove your seatbelt.

Remove the seatbelts of all occupants starting oldest to youngest.

Roll down windows.

Climb onto roof of the vehicle.

Call 911 from the vehicle roof

More information on flooding safety is at [dhs.IN.gov/2791.htm](http://dhs.IN.gov/2791.htm).

## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



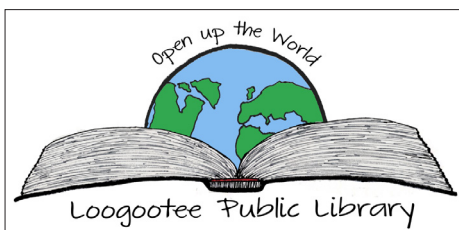
A man left work one Friday afternoon. Instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend hunting with the boys and spending all his wages.

When he finally got home on Sunday night, he was confronted by his very angry wife.

After two hours, she stopped nagging and said, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?"

He replied, "That would be fine with me."

Monday went by and he didn't see his wife.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

On Monday, May 13 from 12-7 there will be an open house for Children's Librarian Jennifer. Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have cake and refreshments available.

On Saturday, May 18 from 11-2 at St. John's Center, Friends of Loogootee Library will have a Heroes and Hot Dogs fundraiser. WWII Veterans Bob Prather and Bill Bowling, Chris Graber and Kristin Hall Muck, City Police Officer Jason Hennette and his dog Roxy, Martin County Sheriff's Department, West Boggs Park Ranger, and a special appearance by Paw Patrol's Chase. Simmons Racing will be there from 11-12. There will be other local community heroes present to meet and greet. Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and finger foods will be available for a donation. The community has donated gently used toys that will be available to purchase for a donation.

On Saturday, June 1, from 8-12, the library will have a Book/Bake & Yard Sale sponsored by Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) at the library.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "Wild Card" by Michael Brandman and "The Big Kahuna" by Janet Evanovich.

Fiction: "The Road Home" by Richard Paul Evans and "Tight Rope" by Amanda Quick, "The Yankee Window" by Linda Lael Miller, and "Blessings in Disguise" by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Heart of a King" by Jill Eileen Smith, "The Refuge" by Ann H. Gabhart, "The Inn at Hidden Run" by Olivia Newport, "A Welcome at Our Door" by Amy Clipston, "Becoming Us" by Robin Jones Gunn, and "On a Summer Tide" by Suzanne Woods Fisher.

DVDs: "Mary Poppins 2", "The Lego Movie 2", "Glass", "Apollo 11", "Welcome to Marwen", and "Escape Room".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results.

Thursday, the swelling went down just enough for him to see a little out of the corner of his left eye.

MAXINE SAYS:

\*Books...a nice change from reading prescription labels.

\*I used to have Saturday Night Fever – now I just have Saturday Night hot flashes.

\*Aging like a fine wine means spending a lot of time on your side, lying down.

\*Over 50 and I can still squeeze into a size 6 dress! Oh sure, I only get it as far as my navel, but technically I'm still in it.

\*My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

\*Wrinkles around the eyes make you look happy.

\*Gray hair is a neutral color that goes with everything.

\*Forgetfulness means you can watch a movie over and over as if you'd never seen it before.

THOUGHTS:

\*Warning: Going to sleep on Sunday will cause Monday. Please note that staying awake all night does not prevent Monday. There is no cure.

\*I'm looking for a moisturizer that hides the fact that I've been tired since 2010.

\*Sleeping is so hard when you can't stop thinking.

\*Husbands are the best people to share secrets with – they'll never tell anyone because they aren't even listening.

\*If a woman says, "Do what you want!"

Do not do what you want.

Stand still,

Don't blink,

Don't answer,

Don't even breathe.

Just play dead.

\*I asked my wife if I was the only one she's dated. She said, "Yes, all the others had been nines and tens.

\*I'm so bored, I was about to run around the house naked, but then I drank a bottle of Windex, and it stopped me from streaking.

\*Husband: When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?

Wife: I clean the toilet.

Husband: How does that help?

Wife: I use your toothbrush.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Sons of the Revolution meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Indiana Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter, is Tuesday, May 21 at the Free Methodist Church, 630 R Street in Bedford. Dinner is at 6 p.m., with the meeting at 7 p.m. Cost for dinner is \$15. New members will be inducted and Indiana SAR awards will be presented.

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 22 at noon at the



By Linda Evans-Dillon  
Martin County  
Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail [martincountylvso2013@yahoo.com](mailto:martincountylvso2013@yahoo.com). Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of April, the veteran service officer assisted 12 veterans and had six meetings. The veterans' van took five trips transporting five veterans to VA medical centers and clinics. There were two trips cancelled by veterans.

DRIVERS NEEDED for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for VOLUNTEERS that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the driver's directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program, it is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave the recycling center earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

West Boggs Park Activity Center. Anyone interested in being a part of the Chamber is invited to attend.

### Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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

## Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE

Martin County WIC Nutritionist

As a parent myself, I know that sometimes it is difficult to get my kids to make healthy food choices. I have to remember that I am the leader in the follow-the-leader game of healthy choices. Here are some tips to help you and your children have a healthier diet:

Make healthy choices yourself

Offer a large variety of fruits and vegetables

Resist fast food and meals that have large servings of meat

Allow your children to decide when they are full

Attention WIC clients: Be on the lookout for more information about our new farmer's market benefits. These benefits will be in addition to your regular monthly benefits.

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**ROSE HOLT**

Rose Ellen Ermina Holt, daughter of Jimmy and Laura Holt, was born on February 19, 2001. While in high school, Rose was active in Spanish Club, Film Club, Media Pubs, and Beta Club. Her favorite memory in high school was the Media Publication field trips. After graduation, Rose plans to become a licensed esthetician.



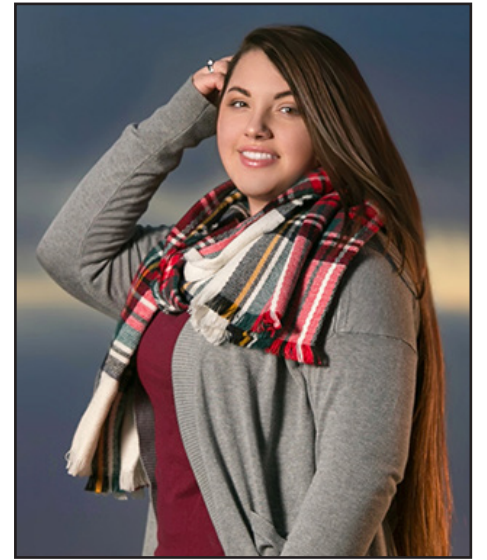
**RYAN SPURGEON**

Ryan Spurgeon, son of Rick & Tracy Spurgeon, was born on February 14, 2001. While in high school, he was involved in basketball 4 years and baseball 3 years. His favorite memory of high attend Ivy Tech for heating and cooling.



**COLLIN DANT**

Collin R. Dant is the son of Tony and Aundie Dant. After graduation, Collin plans to join the Air Force. While in high school, Collin participated in Intern (12) and Job Shadow (9-11).



**IVORY ASHBY**

Ivory Lynn Ashby is the daughter of Travis and Melissa Ashby. After graduation, Ivory plans to a place of higher education to study to become a veterinary technician. While in high school, Ivory participated in Band (9-12), and FFA (11-12).



**GEORGIA BRYSON**

Georgia Bryson, daughter of William Bryson and Gina Bryson, was born on April 20, 2001. While in high school, Georgia was involved in cheerleading for two years. Georgia states that each moment of high school is memorable, good or bad. She makes every day a good one. Spending time with friends and family will be what she looks back at years down the road. After graduation, Georgia plans to attend Vincennes University to study photojournalism and psychology.



**MARSHALL ERVIN**

Marshall Ervin, son of Timothy Ervin and Andrea Riker, was born on June 26, 2001. His favorite memory in high school was meeting Mrs. Hovis & Mrs. Hert. After graduation, Marshall plans on becoming an RN.



**CRUSE BRIDGEWATER**

Cruse Leo Bridgewater is the son of Brian and Sonja Bridgewater. After high school, Cruse plans to attend college, but is undecided on a major. During high school he participated in Band (9-12), Chorus (9-12), Intern (12), Musical (9-12), and Show Choir (9-12).



**JAYLEIGH WAGONER**

Jayleigh Jolene Wagoner is the daughter of Pat and Nikki Wagoner. After graduation, Jayleigh plans to attend Indiana University to study healthcare management. While in high school, Jayleigh participated in Beta Club (9,11-12), Cheer (9-12), Chorus (9), FACS (9-10), FCA (9-12), Intern (11), Job Shadow (11), Lionettes (9-12), Pep Club (9-12), Right To Life (9-12), SADD (9-12), Spanish Club (9-12), Student Council (9-12), Student Council Representative (11), Student Council Treasurer (11), Yearbook (9-10), Mayor's Youth Council (11-12), Class Vice President (10), Class Treasurer (9), Softball (9-12).



**LORI ALBRIGHT**

Lori Albright, daughter of Jeremy and Miranda Albright, was born on December 3, 2000. While in high school, Lori participated in IMPACCT, Beta Club, Spanish Club, Pep Club, Student Council, Academic Team, and Beta Tutoring. Her favorite high school memory was making breakfast for lunch with her Beta VIP's. After graduation, Lori plans to attend Indiana State University and major in Mathematics Education.



**JAYCOBSON WAGONER**

Jaycobson Wagoner, son of Pat and Nikki Wagoner, was born on February 13, 2001. Throughout high school, Jaycobson has taken interest in Ag Power and mechanics. He attended a vocational mechanic school and played basketball. Jaycobson's favorite memory is, "Every day of high school, bad or good, is just an all-in-one memory. All the little bits I'll take with me throughout life are my favorite memories." After graduation, Jaycobson plans to attend Vincennes University for Diesel Mechanics.



**BAILEY DEARWESTER**

Landon Bailey Dearwester is the son of Helen and Clay Dearwester. After graduation, Bailey plans on attending Vincennes University to study Information Technology. While in high school, Bailey participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes (9-12), Beta Club (9,12), Pep Club (9-12), SADD (9-12), French Club (9-11), Job Shadow (12), Student Council (9,10,12), Basketball (9-12), and Tennis (9-12).



**MACKENZIE DIMOND**

Mackenzie Diamond Dimond is the daughter of Jasmine Cunningham. After graduation, Mackenzie plans to attend college for nursing. While in high school, Mackenzie participated in Yearbook (11), Job Shadow (10-12), and FFA (10-12).



May 10 is considered the frost-free date for our area, so the summer gardening season is under way. After that date, one should be able to plant most tender vegetables and flowers in the garden without worry of frost damage. However, this does not mean that everything needs to be planted this week.

While there is almost no chance that the foliage of a plant will be damaged by cool weather now, it does not mean that the ground is warm enough for good root growth. Many tender plants do best when the soil temperature is above 70 degrees at the 4-inch depth, and we are not there yet. So, while tomato, pepper and other tender transplants should be able to live, you may not see a lot of growth until the soil warms up.

There are ways to accomplish this without waiting for nature to get there on its own. Growing through plastic mulch not only cuts down on later weeding, but also serves to warm the soil. The soil in raised beds also warms more quickly than that in traditional garden beds. Still, there is nothing wrong with just waiting. There is certainly no law that says your plants have to be set out this week, and it does not necessarily mean that you will have a later harvest than your neighbor who plants now. In many cases, plants that go in the ground later, when the soil has warmed, actually catch up to the early transplants.

I would certainly put off planting pumpkins and squash. You actually may plant these crops up through the middle of June and still expect a mature crop before the fall frost date of October 10. Waiting a little now may serve to disrupt the life cycle of the squash vine borer. If, when the first generation of the borer emerges from the ground, there is no host plant, it will serve to disrupt the pest's life cycle and may keep your

pumpkins from becoming infested.

The abundant rain has resulted in lush growth in the ornamental garden. The heavy downpours beat the tree peony blooms down, but, at this time of the year, it seems that there is always another plant ready to supply blooms to brighten the garden. At Sandhill Gardens, an abundance of native columbines have been supplying the hummingbirds with a nectar buffet. In turn, the hummingbirds have been giving the gardener an aerial show that rivals the Blue Angels.

The seasonal changes have also been noticeable at the bird feeders. Gone are the dark-eyed juncos, returning to their breeding grounds in the far north. However, that does not mean that feeder activity has decreased. Recently I have watched brilliant blue indigo buntings gobbling down black-oil sunflower seed. A couple of pairs of eye-catching rose-breasted grosbeaks have been visiting regularly. We are at the southern edge of their breeding grounds, so I am hoping they will nest here, but they may be taking a short rest here before heading farther north. The goldfinches have donned their bright summer plumage and come by the dozens. They are accompanied by some beautiful house finches whose summer feathers are brighter red than were their winter plumes. The cardinals are demonstrating their mating rituals. The males visit the feeders often, as they not only eat their daily ration, but also carry seeds to their females--and they say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

The garden changes rapidly in late spring. Each day, it seems that something else is in bloom. Some are here for only a few days, so it is important to get out and take a walk through the garden every day. If you do not have a garden

## Producer sentiment plummets; trade dispute and weak financial performance wear on farmers

In April, agricultural producer sentiment plunged as the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer declined 18 points to a reading of 115, down from 133 in March. The barometer, a sentiment index, is based on a monthly survey of 400 agricultural producers across the U.S. This marks the fourth largest one-month drop since data collection began in October 2015.

The barometer's decline was driven by both worsening perceptions of both current economic conditions and weaker expectations for the future. The Index of Current Conditions fell 21 points to a reading of 99, and the Index of Future Expectations declined 16 points to a reading of 123.

"Farmers are becoming increasingly anxious over their future financial performance," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "Producers have taken stock of their financial position and prospects for 2019 as they head into planting season and are concerned about the uncertainty arising from the on-going trade disputes with key ag trading partners. Right now, it seems that producers are being cautious."

That caution is seen in producers' attitudes toward making large investments in their farming operation. In the April survey, when asked whether they feel now is a "good time" or "bad time" to make large farm investments, only 22 percent of farmers stated it was a "good time" while 74 percent stated it was a "bad time." That combination pushed the Large Farm Investment Index down 9 points compared to March.

Producers also expressed less optimism regarding prospects for resolution of the on-going soybean trade dispute with China. On the April survey, only 28 percent of respondents felt that the dispute would be resolved before July 1, down from 45 percent in March. However, 71 percent still feel the dispute will ultimately be resolved in a way that benefits U.S. agriculture. In a separate question, when asked whether they felt that

the U.S. should rejoin the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), 47 percent were favorable, 28 percent were not in favor, and 25 percent stated they were uncertain.

Since January, more survey respondents are indicating they have concerns about commodity prices. As a result, Purdue researchers asked additional questions related to commodity prices in order to understand producers' perspectives on the future direction of corn and soybean futures prices. For the past four months, those results have been compared with futures and options market-based probability estimates to determine whether there is a significant difference in sentiment between the producers and futures and options market participants. Early findings indicate producers have consistently had a more negative outlook compared to those who participate directly in the futures and options markets. Moreover, producers became relatively less optimistic over the course of the winter and early spring. This increasingly pessimistic view of corn and soybean prices may be playing a role in the reduction in barometer sentiment as well as the recent drop in both the Index of Current Conditions and the Index of Future Expectations.

Read the full April Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/ag-barometer>. The report includes insights into producers' year-over-year attitudes toward farmland values and a breakdown of the comparison between producers and futures market participants regarding the future direction of corn and soybean futures. The site also offers additional resources, such as past reports, charts and survey methodology, and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars. Each month Mintert also provides an in-depth analysis of the barometer. That video can be viewed at <https://purdue.ag/barometervideo>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECBARO, AGEC-CURC and AGECFTEX.



## Martin County 4-H Global Gateway Team awarded grant

The Martin County 4-H Global Gateway Ambassadors team has been awarded a \$750 grant for their proposed project that was submitted to the Indiana 4-H Takes a Bite Out of Hunger campaign.

"We look forward to seeing the outstanding results of your proposed project as it is completed over the next several months. We were impressed with the variety of the proposals submitted, as well as the overall level of input that the youth have had in the submission of these proposals. We hope that this funding will enable your project to meet the local needs that you have identified. Best wishes to the youth and adults who will be working together to plan and implement this service project," said Steve McKinley, 4-H Extension Specialist, Leadership.

This grant is to springboard the experiences the 4-H youth had in relation to an Indiana 4-H trip as the four Martin County 4-Hers were among 44 Indiana youth delegates traveling to The Heifer Ranch in Perryville, Arkansas on April 11-15. The trip was supported by Farm Credit Mid-America. Delegates experienced a deep immersion into significant global issues, including poverty, hunger and food waste problems. The Martin County 4-H Youth Team consists of Wade Burris, Lucas Harder, Delanie Bateman, and Mason Harder. They are pictured here at the 2019 Martin County Ag Day held at the Martin County Fairgrounds.

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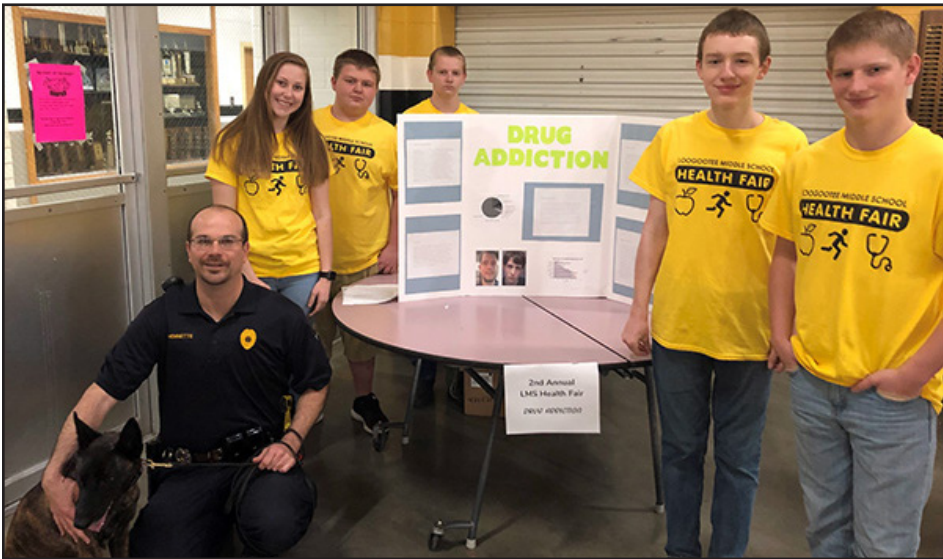






## Health fair

The Loogootee Middle School 8th Graders hosted a Health Fair on Thursday, May 2. The students created booths based on various health-related topics. They contacted community partners to serve as experts in their topics. The following topics covered: alcoholism-Casandra DeBord and Vanessa Phillips from Good Samaritan Hospital and from the Indiana State Police; drug addiction- Loogootee Officer Jason Hennette and K-9 Officer Roxy; running-Tonya Mathies; cardiovascular disease-Natalie O'Conner Heartland Cardiology; dyslexia-Erin Burns Harvest Health and Rehab; swimming, weightlifting, asthma-Jonathan Cropp; healthy eating-Dena Held; mental health treatment-Megan Lottes; diabetes-Mya Hedrick; water consumption-Dr. James Poirier; and vegetarian diets-Haley Hester



## LHS Girls Tennis results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Tennis Team competed in the Jasper Invitational this past Friday and Saturday. Rounds one and two were played on Friday, but due to weather, only 1st place matches were played on Saturday (indoors). No team scores were calculated.

The following teams competed: Alexandria (A), Jasper (J), Gibson Southern (GS), New Albany (NA), Loogootee (L), Jeffersonville (Jeff), Paoli (P), and Silver Creek (SC).

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "After a tough loss Thursday, I was glad to see Kashten and Leonna bounce back with a good victory against Gibson Southern in the first round at #1 doubles. Melaina played well at #1 singles all weekend. She just ran into an excellent player in the finals."

### Results

#### #1 Singles (2nd Place)

Round 1: Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Abigail Scott (NA) 6-1, 6-1

Round 2: Melaina Tippery (L) defeated Emma Ellis (Jeff) 6-2, 6-1

Round 3: Addison Brown (GS) defeated Melaina Tippery (L) 6-2, 6-0

#### #2 Singles (3rd or 5th Place)

Round 1: Emily Wade (L) defeated Lorán Halstead (Jeff) 6-2, 6-2

Round 2: Lexi Burch (GS) defeated Emily Wade (L) 1-6, 2-6

#### Round 3: Cancelled

#### #3 Singles (7th or 8th)

Round 1: Emma Reutepohler (J) defeated Hope Fischer (L) 6-0, 6-0

Round 2: Lydia Kittrell (Jeff) defeated Annalise Powell (L) 4-6, 6-2, 1-0 (6)

#### Round 3: Cancelled

#### #1 Doubles (3rd or 5th Place)

Round 1: Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick (L) defeated Kissel/Sensmeier (GS) 7-5, 6-3

Round 2: Lacey/Bischof (Jeff) defeated Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick (L) 6-0, 6-0

#### Round 3: Cancelled

#### #2 Doubles (4th or 6th Place)

Round 1: Shinkle/Wilder (P) defeated Madisyn Wade/Brittany Potts (L) 6-4, 6-4

Round 2: Madisyn Wade/Brittany Potts defeated Rayl/Myers (SC) 6-0, 6-3

#### Round 3: Cancelled

The girls went up against Paoli at home last Thursday, May 2. Paoli defeated the varsity Lady Lions 2-3 but the junior varsity won, 2-0.

"Madisyn and Brittany played a great match at #2 doubles today. We played well at times at #1 doubles but came up just a little short. This is starting to feel like the movie Groundhog Day. This is our 8th 3-2 match this season and 6th in a row that we have lost. Though these matches are tough to lose, we are getting better and tougher mentally. This will pay off come tournament time," said Coach Tippery.

### Varsity results

#1 Singles Emma Osborn (P) defeated Melaina Tippery 6-3, 7-5

#2 Singles Emily Wade (L) defeated Emily Leone 7-5, 7-5

#3 Singles Tinsley Moffatt (P) defeated Annalise Powell 6-1, 6-1

#1 Doubles Chloe Elliott/Maddie May (P) defeated Kashten Burch/Leonna Hedrick 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (4)

#2 Doubles Madisyn Wade/Brittany Potts (L) defeated Madison Shinkle/Faith Wilder 6-3, 6-2

### Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Sofi Valabreg (L) defeated Amanda Bowles 6-1

#1 Doubles Katie Callison/Grace Gingerich (L) defeated Chelsea De-weese/McKenzie Followell 7-5



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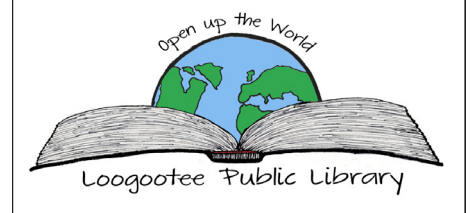
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## Radius Indiana continues outreach program

Radius Indiana traveled to Dallas and Chicago recently to meet with site selectors and share the advantages of doing business in the Radius region. This was Radius's first site selector trip to Dallas in several years and the organization is continuing its outreach program efforts that began in 2016.

Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle was joined by a representative from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation in Dallas to help the state agency with its outreach and visited consultants working in logistics, real estate incentives and site location work.

"We are always excited for new opportunities to meet with site selec-

tors," said Quyle. "Taking these trips outside of the Midwest is important as ever to spread education and awareness about our region, and we get to keep up to date with the trends that site selectors are looking for and make sure our region is following that curve."

Later in the week, Michael Thissen, Executive Director for Crawford County Economic Development Corporation, represented the Radius Region at the Indiana Power Partnership in Chicago. The event was sponsored by the statewide regional power agencies bringing site selectors together with regional economic development organizations to learn more about site selection trends and gather the latest information on corporate strategies in expansion and location.

The two-day event included 32 attendees, with 17 experts in site selection and business location services, as well as The Indiana Economic Development Corporation and representatives from the German American Chamber of Commerce, The Italian Trade Agency, & The Japanese Exchange Trade Organization (JETRO).

"The event had great impact with a terrific concentration of expertise to build meaningful and honest relationships with those who can help us grow as a region," said Thissen. "It was helpful for us as economic developers to listen and learn the nuances of site selection and to be better prepared in providing the needed critical information when we answer information requests."

Radius Indiana will continue its outreach program efforts with more site selector trips in 2019, with sessions scheduled in Cleveland and Atlanta.

## AG joins coalition urging FCC to take action against robocalls and caller ID spoofing

Attorney General Curtis Hill recently joined a coalition of 42 attorneys general calling on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to take further action to stop the growing proliferation of illegal robocalls and caller ID spoofing.

In formal legal comments delivered to the FCC, the attorneys general urged the FCC to adopt its proposed rules on enforcement against caller ID spoofing of calls to the United States originating from overseas, while also addressing spoofing in text messaging and alternative voice services. These provisions are included in the FCC appropriations authorization bill also known as the RAY BAUM'S Act of 2018.

The number of spoofed calls and

the consumer financial losses tied to these scams have increased by nearly 50 percent in recent years.

"Hoosiers should be able to enjoy peace and privacy without the disturbance of unwanted calls and texts," Attorney General Hill said. "Further, some of these calls are coming from scammers intent on stealing people's identities or taking their money. We need stronger measures and better technologies aimed at stopping illegal robocalling."

Americans received almost 18 billion scam robocalls in 2018, and overall, robocalls increased in the United States by 57 percent from 2017 to 2018. The FCC reports that imposter scams have cost consumers \$488 million in 2018.

## Settlement brings Indiana more than \$136 million this year to combat smoking

Attorney General Curtis Hill announced recently that Indiana, this year, has received more than \$136 million from tobacco product manufacturers under the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA).

Reached in 1998, the MSA imposes prohibitions or restrictions on tobacco advertising, marketing and promotional programs. The agreement was reached by the attorneys general of 46 states and 6 U.S. territories to resolve lawsuits against the four largest tobacco manufacturers seeking to recover billions of dollars in state health care costs due to smoking-related illnesses.

"The Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement remains the largest civil settlement in U.S. history," Attorney General Hill said. "The result is that our residents are better protected from the disease and death caused by smoking. With Indiana remaining above the national average in percentage of smokers, we must keep working to become a healthier state."

Since the MSA's inception, Indiana has received nearly \$2.7 billion and will continue to receive payments in perpetuity.

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# National unemployment rate declines to 3.6 percent in April

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 263,000 in April, and the unemployment rate declined to 3.6 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Notable job gains occurred in professional and business services, construction, health care, and social assistance.

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

The unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 3.6 percent in April, the lowest rate since December 1969. Over the month, the number of unemployed persons decreased by 387,000 to 5.8 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates declined in April for adult men (3.4 percent), adult women (3.1 percent), Whites (3.1 percent), Asians (2.2 percent), and Hispanics (4.2 percent). The jobless rates for teenagers (13.0 percent) and Blacks (6.7 percent) showed little or no change.

Among the unemployed, the number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs declined by 186,000 over the month to 2.7 million.

In April, the number of persons unemployed less than 5 weeks declined by 222,000 to 1.9 million. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.2 million in April and accounted for 21.1 percent of the unemployed.

The labor force participation rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 62.8 percent in April but was unchanged from a year earlier. The employment-population ratio was unchanged at 60.6 percent in April and has been either 60.6 percent or 60.7 percent since October 2018.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed at 4.7 million in April. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or because they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In April, 1.4 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little different from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 454,000 discouraged workers in April, about unchanged from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 963,000 persons marginally attached to the labor force in April had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

## Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 263,000 in April, com-

pared with an average monthly gain of 213,000 over the prior 12 months. In April, notable jobs gains occurred in professional and business services, construction, health care, and social assistance.

Professional and business services added 76,000 jobs in April. Within the industry, employment gains occurred in administrative and support services (+53,000) and in computer systems design and related services (+14,000). Over the past 12 months, professional and business services has added 535,000 jobs.

In April, construction employment rose by 33,000, with gains in non-residential specialty trade contractors (+22,000) and in heavy and civil engineering construction (+10,000). Construction has added 256,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

Employment in health care grew by 27,000 in April and 404,000 over the past 12 months. In April, job growth occurred in ambulatory health care services (+17,000), hospitals (+8,000), and community care facilities for the elderly (+7,000).

Social assistance added 26,000 jobs over the month, with all of the gain in individual and family services.

Financial activities employment continued to trend up in April (+12,000). The industry has added 110,000 jobs over the past 12 months, with almost three-fourths of the growth in real estate and rental and leasing.

Manufacturing employment changed little for the third month in a row (+4,000 in April). In the 12 months prior to February, the industry had added an average of 22,000 jobs per month.

Employment in retail trade changed little in April (-12,000). Job losses occurred in general merchandise stores (-9,000), while motor vehicle and parts dealers added 8,000 jobs.

Employment in other major industries, including mining, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, leisure and hospitality, and government, showed little change over the month.

In April, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 6 cents to \$27.77. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.2 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 7 cents to \$23.31 in April.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.1 hour to 34.4 hours in April. In manufacturing, both the workweek and overtime were unchanged (40.7 hours and 3.4 hours, respectively). The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls held at 33.7 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for February was revised up from +33,000 to +56,000, and the change for March was revised down from +196,000 to +189,000. With these revisions, employment gains in February and March combined were 16,000 more than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 169,000 per month over the last 3 months.

# AG Curtis Hill files lawsuit against Equifax over 2017 data breach

Attorney General Curtis Hill today filed a lawsuit against Equifax seeking civil penalties, consumer restitution, costs and injunctive relief following the finance company's massive 2017 data breach that compromised the sensitive personal information of 147.9 million Americans, including 3.9 million Hoosiers.

"Data breaches such as this one cause real harm to real people," Attorney General Hill said. "Hoosiers trust us to work hard every day to ensure their safety and security. This action against Equifax results from an extensive investigation, and we will continue our diligent efforts to protect consumers from illegal or irresponsible business activities."

The data breach at Equifax, one of the world's largest credit reporting bureaus, occurred between May 13, 2017 and July 30, 2017. The U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform investigation concluded the breach was "entirely preventable."

The congressional committee blamed the breach in large part on an aggressive growth strategy pursued by former Equifax CEO Richard Smith. Under Smith's leadership, the committee concluded, Equifax acquired "multiple companies, information technology (IT) systems, and data . . . [that] brought increasing complexity to Equifax's IT systems, and expanded data security risks."

During this time, the company also pursued aggressive cost-cutting measures that included the outsourcing of some of the company's mission-critical systems. To save expenses, the outsourcing contracts understaffed vital functions, and the

service level agreements contained in the contracts focused entirely on revenue enhancing metrics such as maintaining uptime. These agreements either ignored patching and vulnerability remediation or treated those responsibilities as relatively unimportant.

At every logical opportunity to improve security measures, Equifax's leaders instead chose increasing revenue over protecting the safety of consumers' sensitive personal information.

Among the company's most glaring improprieties was its failure to implement and maintain detailed Payment Card Industry ("PCI") standards. The system that was breached contained a payment card processing component. From at least 2006, Equifax knew the system contained payment card processing. From at least 2013, Equifax knew the system was storing payment card information in clear text, which was a known violation of the rules.

Equifax knew PCI certification required all components of the payment card processing system and connected network to comply with the PCI standards. To date, no entity fully compliant with PCI Data Security Standard appears to have been breached. Despite its knowledge, Equifax made a conscious choice to break the rules. It continues to break the rules even today, continuing to expose consumers to risks without warning. Equifax continues to accept and process payment cards in its U.S. operations, despite the fact that as of April 29 its full U.S. operations still had not been certified as compliant, as required by the PCI rules.



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*Post-care* 4:00pm- 5:00pm – \$15/week (or \$5/day)

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# Shoals Council talks about mobile homes, creates new position

The Shoals Town Council met Wednesday, May 1. Those in attendance were Council Members Cecil Ragsdale, Cary D. Albright, and Clint Hoffman; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney Paul Vogler, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, S.V.F.D. Chief Jim Hamby, Shoals Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman. Others in attendance were Audra Deckard with The Shoals News, Pat Keefe, Steven Ragsdale, Julie Tharp, Donald Johnson and Joyce Forrester.

Julie Tharp came before the council to ask for permission, in accordance with the new Mobile Home Ordinance, to move a 1988 14x70 mobile home onto the current empty lot on the corner of 6th and High Street which is owned by Steven Ragsdale. Ms. Tharp presented pictures to the council of the mobile home. Mr. Ragsdale asked to speak and stated that this is the only way he could use this property. Ms. Tharp stated that there are two very large trees on the property that have uprooted the sidewalk and that her intention would be to remove the trees and take care of fixing the sidewalk. Council President Ragsdale asked if the trees and sidewalk would be fixed before the mobile would be placed on the lot. Tharp responded that it would be after. Councilman Hoffman asked if the person who would be removing the trees was fully insured. Tharp stated she would make sure. Councilman Albright questioned Attorney Vogler on the legality of the matter. Vogler stated that the ordinance can be overridden with extraordinary circumstances by the council. Councilman Ragsdale asked Tharp if she would be willing to sign a legal document stating she would remove the trees and fix the sidewalk and she stated yes.

Steven Ragsdale questioned why a new mobile was approved to be moved in down by the ballpark area. Councilman Albright stated that the current lot has a mobile home and a newer mobile home is going to be moved in and this situation falls under the grandfather clause and was approved in a regular meeting and the request fell into line with how the ordinance was written. Steven Ragsdale stated the town would benefit with the tree removal and the fixing of the sidewalk and adding a utility customer.

Councilman Hoffman stated he had concerns with this scenario. Council President Ragsdale stated he can bring the approval to vote but would have to legally abstain due to being related to Steven Ragsdale. Council President Ragsdale requested that the approval be brought to vote. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to abide to the ordinance as written and to deny the approval of the placement of the mobile home. Councilman Albright made the second. Councilman Ragsdale abstained and the request was denied.

Town Marshal Todd Eckert came before the council to update them on the letters of violation he has sent out concerning Ordinance 83-4. Eckert stated that a couple of properties he has asked to send letters to have no overgrowth or trash on the property, just unsafe structures and the current ordinance does not cover unsafe structures. The property being demolished on McCormick Street was brought up for concern. It was stated that the current owner is tearing down the old mobile homes and cleaning the property up. Marshal Eckert will check with the current property owner and ask for an update on when he is expected to have the clean-up complete and old structures removed.

Councilman Albright stated that if the property owner cannot give Eckert a date of when the clean-up will be complete, then a letter would be need to drafted and sent. It was asked if a new ordinance needs to be written concerning structures. Attorney Vogler stated he believed there was already an ordinance in place naming a building commissioner to help with the unsafe structures. A discussion continued about placing liens on properties for clean-up and unsafe structures. Vogler stated he would investigate what is currently in place and the action that needs to be taken. Councilman Ragsdale said they may need to change the ordinance to continue to help enforce the clean-up of properties. Attorney Vogler suggested Eckert look at the current nuisance ordinance as well to see if it can also be utilized for enforcement.

Councilman Albright made a motion to establish a Municipal Utilities Manager position. Councilman Hoffman made the second. All were in favor. Councilman Albright then made a motion to make the role a salary position at \$44,500 per calendar year. Councilman Ragsdale made the second and all were in favor. Next, Councilman Albright stated interviews were held internally for the role and he would like to make a motion to assign current Water/Wastewater Superintendent Kevin Crecelius as the Town of Shoals Municipal Utilities Manager. Councilman Hoffman made the second and all were in favor. Councilman Albright then made a motion to increase the hourly rate of pay for the town marshal by fifty cents per hour. Councilman Hoffman made the second and all were in favor. Councilman Albright stated all wage changes were to be started at the next pay period. Councilman Albright stated with the new role all work orders for new water and sewage hookups would need to be signed off on by the Municipal Utilities Manager.

Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge came before the board and presented a balance sheet for current balances for the sewage and water Accounts to date. Rutledge stated a directive was received from the state board of accounts stating that a new fund must be created under the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund. The fund is to be MVH restricted and 50 percent of the money received from the state must go into this fund and must be used for preservation, construction, and reconstruction of the roads. Councilman Albright made the motion to create the MVH restricted fund and councilman Hoffman made the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge stated that 50 percent of the money received to date would need to be moved into the restricted fund. Councilman Ragsdale made the motion to move \$5,646.48 to MVH Restricted Fund. Councilman Albright made the second. All were in favor. Next Rutledge asked for a transfer from water \$15,931.47, sewer \$15930.46, general \$1902.29 and LOIT \$713.60 to the payroll clearing fund. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the transfer and Councilman Ragsdale made the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge then requested a transfer from the sewer operating account to bond and interest for the USDA loan payment that will be due July 1 in the amount of \$12,757.50. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to transfer \$13,000 from sewage operating to bond and interest with Councilman

Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge stated the Indiana League of Municipal Clerk Treasurers annual meeting and State Board of Accounts School would be held June 9-13 and would like to seek approval to pay for the registration. Councilman Albright made a motion for Rutledge to make the reservations with Councilman Ragsdale making the second.

Rutledge stated she wanted to update the council on the Community Crossing grant program and that they have received the final paperwork from INDOT on the paving portion but not on the re-surfacing. Tim Hunt is working with Flynn & Sons to set up a pre-construction meeting and Rutledge will update the council once that is set.

Rutledge stated she wanted to update the council on the Master Utility Grant application. More paperwork was submitted last week, and pictures were requested of the temporary line fix on the bridge. Rutledge stated that she and Kevin Crecelius were able get items submitted as requested. Rutledge gave an update on the closeout of the Storm Water Project and that Clint Roos with Midwestern Engineers sent the inspection for completion form to be signed along with pictures. Councilman Ragsdale stated he had an issue with a drain on 8th and High Street that we wanted to address before signing the form.

Councilman Ragsdale stated that Dianna Ragsdale has requested to become a member of the new comprehensive planning/grant committee. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve Dianna Ragsdale to be added as a member with Councilman Hoffman making the second. The motion passed with Councilman Ragsdale abstaining.

Councilman Ragsdale asked if any further discussion needed to happen concerning the property clean up. Marshal Eckert read aloud Ordinance 1974-100 A, the ordinance establishing a building commissioner. A discussion ensued concerning having a new and updated ordinance written up to include all details and fees.

Amber Hoffman, Town of Shoals Beautification Board President, presented the minutes from their April meeting. She stated they will start meeting the first Monday of each month. The board is currently working on their May 11 Organization Clean Up Day with volunteers. Mrs. Hoffman stated the flower beds, by the Jay C store and post office, are coming apart and she would like to have these fixed and cleaned up before the Catfish Festival.

Pat Keefe came before the council and stated that there is an issue with the culvert between 6th and Main Street by her house. She presented

pictures to the council and stated the culvert is full of debris. She said the water is rising up and going across the street and eroding away her property. Council President Ragsdale let Ms. Keefe know that the issue will be addressed and fixed.

Joyce Forrester came before the council to request approval for an event she would like host on Main Street. The event "Spring into Summer" would be held on Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No barriers would be needed, and the sidewalks would be used for local businesses to set up. The purpose of the event would be to bring the community together in a small celebration manner before the opening of the new Dollar General store and the Catfish Festival. Forrester stated she has spoken with the businesses on Main Street along with others and all were in support. The question was asked if the Shoals Business Association was involved and Forrester stated the SBA has committed to a \$300 advertising donation upon approval of the event. Fire Chief Jim Hamby stated the fire department could help with safety and crowd control if needed. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the event with Councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor and the motion passed. Councilman Albright stated the town would help in any way possible and be in support of the community event.

Shoals Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jim Hamby came before the council and stated the tank from engine 383 was ready to pull. The tank is made of steel and is very heavy and will need special equipment to be lifted off the engine. Chief Hamby said he is going to reach out the county to see if they will use the grade-all to help lift the tank. Graber Steel is building a new tank for the replacement. To send the truck to Ohio and have a new poly tank made was \$18,000. Graber Steel pricing is \$7,100 for replica steel tank with coating on the inside. The estimate for completion of the tank is 5-6 weeks. The engine will be taken to Evansville to have the pump cleaned out while the tank is off. This saves money because the tank has to be pulled to work on the pump. Two valves need replaced in the pump and the approximate pricing is at \$1,500. Hamby asked if everyone had seen the new fire truck. The ladder truck they received from Loogootee has been given to Civil Defense. The fire department bought a new ladder truck from Huntingburg in the amount of \$1,500. This truck is a lot bigger and newer. With this, they now have three ladder trucks operating in the county. Hamby stated the 383 should be back up and running by the end of July.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

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