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## County council to look into buying bank building in Shoals

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Council met Monday night, June 4.

Commissioner Paul George talked to the county about possibly bidding on the Old National Bank building next to the courthouse, which is up for auction. The auction ends on June 18 and the reserve has not been met (bid amount at \$55,000 as of publication time). Clerk Julie Fithian, who was in the audience, said she called to try and get more information however they wouldn't disclose the reserve amount. She said they did indicate that if the reserve is met, they would end the auction.

Council Member Jordan Dant said they would need to know what is involved in remodeling the building to suit the county's needs and the costs that will go along with it. "It's easy to say just go buy a building," said Dant. Dant said they need to look at the building and get square footage numbers.

Fithian said the Old National Bank building would be better than the recycling center building across the street because it is a nicer building. She said the recycling center building will always look like a barn. She said they could sell the recycling center building to the person who was interested in opening a vehicle service garage.

It was noted that the county is currently paying \$700 a month in rent for the prosecutor's office and \$1,000 a month in rent for the community corrections building for a total of \$20,400 a year in rent payments. Dant asked if the prosecutor's office and community corrections department could be under the same roof.

## Recycling center board decides not to go back on tax levy

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Solid Waste Management Board met last Wednesday, May 29 in a special meeting. Board Members Cody Roush and Roger Abel were not present. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the rate for the tax levy to present to the county council at their June meeting. Board President Brian Ader said the board has decided not to pursue moving the recycling center to the tax levy and they are going to try to operate on the current asset fee of \$24 per year per dwelling. He said the county council is not in favor of the change. He said the recycling center should be in better shape now that they are keeping invoicing up to date and have changed some policies.

In other business, Ader reported the recycling center had to pay Republic Trash Services because they were 90 days past due. He said they also caught up one employee on back pay. The recycling center has not had the money to pay two employees.

The board planned to close on selling the property in Shoals to the county after the meeting.

The board approved the new book-

keeper George said he's not sure, but he thinks they can partition off the space, with separate entrances, because he knows the community corrections clients can't come in contact with members of the prosecutor's office.

Dant again said they need to look into it and asked the auditor when they could see the building. Auditor Michelle Norris said an open house for the building will be held this Friday from 2-5 p.m.

Council Member Adam Greene said buying that building would ruin the town's chances of getting a bank to come back. Council Member Warren Albright said they could possibly rent an office and the drive thru area to a bank. He said he knows of one bank who is interested in having a small presence in the town but not taking on an entire building.

Council Member Dant asked Commissioner George if he has a contractor who would be willing to attend the open house on Friday to see if the building could work for the county offices. Commissioner George said he can call Matt Stechly, with Core Facilities, and see if he could be there.

Dant said they can hold a special meeting prior to the close of the bidding once they have the information they need.

Auditor Norris presented two abatement reports, one for US Gypsum and one for the WestGate 8 property. US Gypsum's abatement is for personal property and has two years left. At their 20 percent this year, the tax being abated is \$40,746. Next year, US Gypsum will be at 10 percent. WestGate 8's abatement just started last year and at their 90 percent tax forgiveness, they saved \$7,291,200 this year and at 80 percent (See 'COUNTY COUNCIL' on page 2)

keeper McKayla Rice to work 32 hours a week during her 90-day trial period. They also requested Rice work in the warehouse when she is not doing the bookkeeping work. Rice agreed.

One of the box trucks has a water pump that went out and it is being repaired. One of the compactor trucks has a leaking cylinder that will be getting fixed. They are still driving it because the other compactor truck is in Lawrence County being repaired and should be back soon.

Recycling Center Director Janell Freeman asked why Barr-Reeve School has never been billed for the picking up of their recyclables like other out-of-county businesses. She said she was told it's always been that way but didn't know why. The board agreed they should be billed as well.

The board discussed a \$200 charge on the credit card that is unaccounted for. They are checking into it. Board Member Ader said it may be an automatic billing from a company.

Director Freeman reported that the spring cleanup held recently brought in \$4,575 with an additional \$1,000-\$1,500 in aluminum once it is picked up. She said last year's spring cleanup brought in \$3,500.

## New regional land bank forms to revitalize Indiana Uplands communities

A new regional land bank has been selected to receive \$1.25 million in Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI 1.0) funds by the Indiana Uplands READI Steering Committee and approved by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). The Indiana Uplands Regional Land Bank will acquire distressed properties in Crawford, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, and Orange counties with the goal of converting them into productive uses and stimulating property values throughout the region.

Governed by a board of directors with representatives of each member county, the Indiana Uplands Regional Land Bank is a new nonprofit organization that has contracted with the Southern Indiana Development Commission to assist and advise with the acquisition of distressed properties, the development of policies and procedures, and initial program administration.

"A substantial number of tax delinquent and other nonrevenue generating, vacant, or dilapidated properties exist in our counties," said Southern Indiana Development Commission Executive Director Greg Jones. "These properties contribute to blight and deterioration within incorporated cities, towns, and surrounding rural areas. We're proud to work on behalf of the Land Bank to acquire and return them to the tax rolls to provide new housing, grow industries, and create jobs for residents. Ultimately, it will revitalize and stabilize neighborhoods."

The concept of a regional land bank developed following the release of ROI's 2019 Indiana Uplands Housing Study. The study gathered information on the region's housing market through a variety of techniques, including data, stakeholder focus groups, and market surveys. The study gives communities and housing developers a guidebook and a toolkit to ensure a healthy and functioning housing market that offers housing options to all residents.

"Employers across the Indiana Uplands are growing and poised to expand," said ROI President and CEO Tina Peterson. "For this region to support that growth, we must address key barriers to workforce retention and attraction. Housing is one of the top challenges most frequently cited by employers and communities alike. Since the Housing Study's release, our region has begun deploying a variety of creative solutions, and the Land Bank is a great example of a solution that addresses a vital need."

The study outlined strategic housing resources, issues, and opportunities on a regional and county level. Among the recommendations identified in the study included the removal of dilapidated structures, the redevelopment of vacant and in-fill lots, and the acquisition of land attractive to housing developers.

"The Indiana Uplands Land Bank offers incredible potential to redevelop underutilized properties that are already connected to infrastructure," said ROI Vice President for Community Development Lisa Abbott. "This environmentally friendly solution

minimizes sprawl and returns land and properties into valuable, productive assets for each of these counties served by the Land Bank."

The Boards of Commissioners in each of the member counties have agreed that establishing the land bank is beneficial to the citizens of the member counties and collaboratively desire to address distressed properties through the regional land bank initiative. "What I like about the land bank is the board has built local control into the process and allows for a home-grown team of representatives to prioritize which properties need to be addressed first," said Greene County Commissioner and Indiana Uplands Regional Land Bank board president, Rick Graves.

The Indiana Uplands Regional Land Bank will utilize eProperty Plus, a land management software system developed to support property data management and revitalization.

"ePropertyPlus is the preferred software solution for land banks tasked to put property back to productive reuse," said Jones.

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### General Election update

The 2024 General Election will be on November 5. Voter registration reopened Tuesday, May 21. All voter registration should be updated before Monday, October 7, when voter registration will be closed for the General Election. Please remember that the address on your voter ID should match your voter registration. If you are unsure of your registration, please contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

School board candidates can file to be on the ballot until June 20 at noon. Candidates will need 10 valid signatures certified prior to filing deadline to qualify. All the winning candidates will go on to be on the 2024 General Election ballot on November 5.

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

Applications for mail-in ballots will be accepted by the clerk until October 24. Please request your application by October 18 to allow time for mail processing.

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“This program will also allow the public to see what is available for sale after the properties have been acquired and cleaned up by the Indiana Upland Regional Land Bank. We will be adding properties as we secure them.”

The Indiana Uplands Land Bank eProperty site can be accessed at <https://public-sidc.epropertyplus.com>.

For more information on the Indiana Uplands Regional Land Bank, contact Rhonda Rumble, SIDC Director of Environmental Services, at [rhonda@sidc.cc](mailto:rhonda@sidc.cc) or 812.295.3707.

ROI is currently updating the Indiana Uplands Housing Study with updated housing data. Look for more information

on the release of the update at <https://regionalopportunityinc.org/housing/>.

In September 2023, READI 2.0 was announced. Launched by Gov. Holcomb and led by the IEDC, READI 2.0 continues to build on the framework and successes of the Indiana Regional Cities Initiative and the 21st Century Talent Initiative, encouraging regional collaboration and data-driven, long-term planning that, when implemented, will attract and retain talent in Indiana. Building on the success of READI 1.0, which allocated \$487 million to 361 projects, the \$500 million READI fund, part of the 2023 Next Level Agenda and approved by the Indiana General Assembly, continues this mission. More information is available at [IndianaREADI.com](http://IndianaREADI.com).

# COUNTY COUNCIL

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next year, they are estimated to save \$6,565,080.

The council approved the abatement reviews.

Auditor Norris asked the council when they wanted to hold budget hearings this year and also wanted to know if they want to do them in one day or two. She said last year, they held one day of hearings the first week in August. Council Member Dant said it is tough for all department heads to be available on the same day. Council Member Sherri Bowling asked if they could hold the monthly county council meeting at the same time and suggested doing the budget hearings at the next regular council meeting on August 5. The council agreed. The regular council meeting will start at 8 a.m. on August 5 and budget hearings will follow.

The council approved an additional appropriation of \$15,000 for the probation department to hire a new case manager part-time. It was noted that the money would only pay for the position through the end of the year, and they will see if there are enough funds to continue. Council Members Adam Greene and Jim Hamby discussed that the position is already in the budget for community corrections and they have someone doing this job. It was noted that the probation department is different than community

corrections as both have case managers. Council Member Dant said the position was approved at the last meeting and that would have been the time for the council members to ask questions. He said they are now just approving the funds. Council Member Greene said he was just making sure there are not two people doing the same job. The council approved the \$15,000.

Auditor Norris told the council that she needed their approval to add \$2,000 worth of past due sewer bills from the City of Loogootee to the property owners' tax bills, as liens. She said when the tax bills are paid, the extra money goes back to the city, and she needs permission from the council to release that money when paid. Council Member Bowling asked why the city is putting liens onto the county taxes. Council Member Dant also added, “Why are we involved?” Auditor Norris said it’s just an extra bill added to the property tax and once paid, that money goes back to the city. She said it doesn’t cost the county anything and they actually receive a small fee to do the work. Council Member Monty Gregory said since the county collects the property taxes, the bills have to go through the county. The council voted to approve the liens with Council Member Bowling voting against.

The next council meeting is Monday, July 1 at 6 p.m.

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# OBITUARIES

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Wednesday, June 5, 2024

## **RICHIE ARVIN**

Richard "Richie" Arvin passed away at 9:17 a.m. Thursday, May 30, 2024, at Poplar Care Strategies. A resident of Loogootee, he was 73.



He was born April 26, 1951, in Loogootee; son of the late Adrian and Magdalen (Strange) Arvin.

**RICHIE ARVIN** Richie married Phyllis L. Keller on May 13, 1972, and she survives.

Richie started farming full-time in 1975 with his dad and farmed until he passed away. Prior to farming, Richie worked for Larkin Lumber and Doyle Lumber.

He was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church, St. Martin Men's Club, and the Knights of Columbus – Council 732, where he was a Third Degree Knight. Richie helped with the Martin County 4-H for decades.

Richie is survived by his wife, Phyllis Arvin of Loogootee; children, Carrie Arvin of Loogootee and Corey (Ashley) Arvin of Plainfield; grandchildren, Izabella Spears, Kirsten Spears, Maxwell Arvin, and Luke Arvin; siblings, Ron (Carol) Arvin of Otwell, Gary (Beth) Arvin of Loogootee, Brenda Carrico of Loogootee, Karen Mathias of Loogootee, Paul (Judy) Arvin of Loogootee, Diane (John) Dillon of Oolitic, Jeff Arvin of Loogootee, and Brian Arvin (Joel Nititi) of Franklin, Tennessee; aunt, Linda Hunter of Loogootee; uncle, Paul Leo Strange of Loogootee; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adrian and Magdalen Arvin; nephew, Adam Arvin; brother-in-law, Tim Carrico; and many aunts and uncles.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, June 3 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Richard "Richie" Arvin.

## **JACOB "JAKE" RICHER**

Jacob "Jake" Laverne Richer went home to be with His loving Savior on Sunday, May 26, 2024. A resident of Loogootee, he was 78.

Jake, the second oldest of six children, was born in Daviess County on July 11, 1945; son of Enos and Adeline (Graber) Richer. He spent his early childhood in Jerome, Michigan before moving to Loogootee where he built a life full of many different hobbies and interests.

Jake is preceded in death by his father, Enos Richer; his mother, Adeline (Graber) Richer; his brother, Raymond Richer; his sister, Wilma Warne; his sister-in-law, Carol Richer; and his brother-in-law, Bill Wonder.

He is survived by his daughter, Shannon Lee (Chris Lee) of Evansville, and their adult children, Storm Cooper, Isaac Cooper, Chloe Cooper, and Montana Turner (Drake Turner) with great grandson, Hudson Turner; Jake's son, Jacob Richer (Lori Bledsoe Richer) of Greenfield and their children, Scarlett and Vivian Richer. He also leaves behind his siblings, Lydia Wonder, Ann Slabaugh (Lester), and Dale Richer.

Jake enjoyed working at Stoll Brothers for over 40 years and spent his retirement years driving for the Amish Community.



## **JAKE RICHER**

For many years, Jake enjoyed working as an umpire for the Loogootee Little League. Early in life, Jake supported and was included in many global missions' projects in countries such as Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, and Jamaica. Jake went many times, to Tanzania, Africa where he worked on numerous mission projects to support the Illula Orphanage Program. Throughout Jake's life, he worshipped faithfully at Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. Jake enjoyed serving others through mission work, fishing, playing cards, collecting various antique items, and visiting with family and friends.

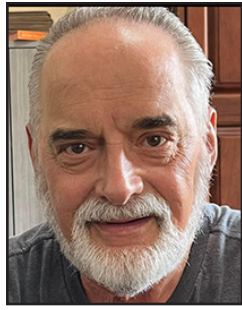
A funeral service was held Monday, June 3, at the Pleasant View Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, Shoals.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## **GENE NAIL**

Bernard Eugene "Gene" Nail passed away peacefully Saturday, May 25, 2024, at the Deaconess Hospice in Evansville, surrounded by his children and sister. He was 73.



## **GENE NAIL**

Gene attended Washington schools and later, served his country honorably in the United States Marine Corps. He was a lifelong member of the American Legion Post 121 in Washington. After 35 years of supporting the Warfighter, Gene retired from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane.

Gene enjoyed watching Chicago Cubs baseball, NASCAR, Fox News, going to flea markets, and tinkering in his barn. His absolute favorite passion was waving the American flag.

Gene is survived by his children, Mindy (Brian) Walker, Missy (Ken) Muckerheide; and Eric Nail (Karmen Dayhuff), all of Loogootee. He was blessed with seven grandchildren, Taylor (Sean) Suehr; Allie Walker; Brittany (Trent) Berry; Gage (Ashlyn) Harder; Landon Harder; Ashley Nail; and Madison Nail; five great-grandchildren, Bram and Eira Suehr; Brandon, Cayden, and Kinsley Harder, all of Loogootee. Additionally, Gene leaves two sisters, Kay Morgan of Washington and Carol Perdue of Danville; and many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard "Bud" and Maxine Nail; half-brother, Tony Reynolds; sister, Connie Hedrick; and brothers-in-law: Terry Perdue and Daniel Morgan.

Services will be held at a later date. Online condolences for Gene Nail's family can be left at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com).

The staff of the Ed Lee Mortuary is honored to be entrusted with Gene Nail's arrangements.

## **MARY HEALY**

Mary Frances Healy passed away at 4:34 p.m. Sunday, June 2, 2024, in Washington surrounded by family. A resident of Evansville, she was 58.

She was born March 27, 1966, in Jasper; daughter of the late Francis Leo and Alberta Frances (Strange) Healy.



## **MARY HEALY**

Mary was a devout Catholic and regularly attended Mass. She was a member of the Junior Achievement of Southwest Indiana and helped with the Special Olympics.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Alberta Healy and several aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her brothers, DJ (Keitha) Healy of Loogootee and Rod (Christy) Healy of Washington; nephews and nieces, William (Danielle) Healy, Laura (JJ) Jones, Erin Healy, and Chase Healy; six great-nieces and great-nephews; goddaughter, Heather (Josh) Hager; uncle, Paul Leo Strange; and aunts, Linda Hunter and Maggie Craney.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 7, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the St. Vincent De Paul.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Mary Healy.

## **JOHN HICKMAN**

John D. Hickman passed away at 7:20 a.m. Monday, June 3, 2024, at Poplar Care Strategies. A resident of Loogootee, he was 93.



## **JOHN HICKMAN**

He was born January 1, 1931, in Loogootee; son of the late John Harrison and Ethel (Clements) Hickman.

John married Norma Anne (Wagner) Hickman on August 7, 1950. She preceded him in death November 27, 1976.

John married Frances Hawkins on July 31, 1986. She preceded him in death September 15, 2002.

He is survived by his daughters, Karen Hickman of Shoals and Kelly (Matt) Bridgwater of Loogootee; son, Scott Hickman of Loogootee; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Thomas Steven Hickman and Michael Lee Hickman; one daughter, Margaret Rose Hickman; parents, John Harrison and Ethel (Clements) Hickman; three brothers, James Daniel Hickman, Charles Merle Hickman, and Joseph Harrison Hickman; and two sisters, Mary Emma Gibson and Hazel Krodell.

John retired from National Gypsum on February 1, 1994, after 39 years of employment.

He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. John was a Gold Star Father. He lost his oldest son, Thomas Steven Hickman, while in Vietnam.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Friday, June 7, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, June 7 from 9 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. at the church.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of John D. Hickman.

## **DAVID SORRELLS**

David Harold Sorrells passed away Sunday, May 26, 2024, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 60.



## **DAVID SORRELLS**

He was born October 25, 1963, in Shoals; son of Robert Harold and Ruth Alyne (Allbright) Sorrells.

David graduated from Shoals High School and graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in Agronomy.

He was an Eagle Scout and enjoyed collecting coins.

Surviving are his son, Lee Sorrells; siblings, Charlotte Sorrells, Kati Sorrells, and Lani Kelsey; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Sue Ellen.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, June 4 at the Hindostan Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## **JOE DOYLE**

Joseph Raymond (Joe) Doyle, a man who loved his family and sharing his stories, passed away on June 3, 2024, at the age of 91.

Joe was known for his big smile and even bigger personality. He never met a person he didn't like, especially since it provided him with a new audience to listen to his antics from the last nine decades.

Joe was born in Loogootee on May 17, 1933, and lived there most of his life. Joe was very active in Boy Scouts and earned the coveted honor of Eagle Scout in 1947. He graduated from Loogootee High School in 1951 and went on to enroll at Indiana University. His studies were interrupted with his service in the United States Army during the Korean conflict, but he returned to IU and graduated in 1958 with a B.S. in Business/Marketing. While at IU, Joe was an active member of Theta Chi fraternity, later serving as President of its Alumni Association. Few are bigger IU fans than Joe, evidenced by his request to be buried with his iconic red IU cowboy hat.

After graduation, Joe lived and worked in Indianapolis where he met and married the love of his life Vivian (Vicky) Larson in 1961. Joe and Vicky moved back to Loogootee in 1973 to help run the Doyle Lumber company and to raise their five children in the community he loved.

Joe's life was full of adventures and traveling. He visited 49 states, leaving only Alaska unchecked. Having two children who worked for airlines allowed him to visit Vicky's relatives in Sweden, see the canals in Amsterdam, ascend the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and his crowning achievement, enjoying a beverage on the Great Wall of China. His personality drew people to him wherever he went, making lasting connections with all those he encountered. He will be remembered most for his storytelling legacy. His passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew him, but his stories will continue to live on in the memories of all who were

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

### MONDAY, MAY 27

12:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down in Daviess County. Advised caller of Daviess County number.

12:51 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down in a power line northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department and REMC responded.

1:09 a.m. - Received reports of trees down east and northeast of Loogootee that needed county highway to remove. Left message for county highway department.

1:33 a.m. - Received a report of debris in the roadway north of Shoals.

1:34 a.m. - Received a call requesting deputies north of Loogootee for traffic control due to tree and power line down. Deputy Erwin and Reserve Commander Gammon responded.

1:52 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

5:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting a power line down and power outages north of Loogootee. REMC was notified.

6:17 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on power line in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Duke Energy responded.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial fire alarm just inside Daviess County. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. Daviess County was notified.

9:09 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of multiple trees down at West Boggs Park.

9:17 a.m. - Received a requesting assistance in Daviess County. Contacted Daviess County with information.

10:22 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down in power lines northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded. REMC was also notified.

10:53 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:27 a.m. - Received a report of a tree and power lines down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Corporal Hawkins responded. REMC was notified.

12:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

1:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

1:42 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:53 p.m. - Received a report of a road closure due to REMC working on power lines north of Shoals.

2:19 p.m. - Received a report of a car repossession in Crane.

2:19 p.m. - Received a report of animal abuse in Crane. Captain Gibson and Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident north of Loogootee. Captain Gibson, Corporal Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Rayhill, Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, Martin County Medic 3, and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:31 p.m. - Received a report of trees down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

4:47 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Martin County

Highway Department responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a power outage north of Loogootee. REMC was notified.

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

1:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy southeast of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

1:47 a.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Still having phone issues.

2:45 a.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line, south of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

8:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. No one was transported.

10:02 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:59 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries, northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

11:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle inspection east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

1:59 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:09 p.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded.

4:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital where they met Stat Flight.

5:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down on a power line causing a field fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded. REMC was notified.

7:39 p.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a residential burglar alarm southeast of Shoals. Keyholder was contacted and advised to disregard.

9:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

9:45 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

10:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw responded.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:08 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Big John's Towing responded.

9:22 a.m. - Deputy Branham transported two inmates to court.

9:46 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

1:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department

responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:55 p.m. - Received a call from Mobile Help advising of a medical button push in Loogootee. Was an accidental push.

4:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy southeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. They are still having phone issues.

6:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

6:37 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

7:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

9:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient

1:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle inspection southeast of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

1:44 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Sergeant Wells and Big John's Towing responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a residential burglar alarm in Crane. Owner advised to disregard.

2:09 p.m. - Received a report of a pole down east of Shoals. REMC was notified.

2:41 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Rayhill responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

6:46 p.m. - Received a call requesting a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

6:04 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

8:14 a.m. - Received a call reporting possible vandalism in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Loogootee Officer Rayhill and Big John's Towing responded.

9:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial

Hospital.

9:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Still having phone issues.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Branham escorted one inmate to remote court.

2:55 p.m. - Received a call advising of fire alarm tests at the nursing homes in Loogootee today.

3:50 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call from CVS Pharmacy. Still having phone issues. Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Deputy Shields responded.

11:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a brush fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on an ATV and boat south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:48 a.m. - Received a report of smoke near a residence in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

## OBITUARIES

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touched by his warmth and charm.

He served as President of the Loogootee Schools Alumni Association and was honored as the 2001 Community Service Award recipient. Furthermore, Joe served the local and state communities in many other leadership roles including: President, Loogootee Lions Club; Member, Martin County Economic Advisory Council; Member, Loogootee Economic Advisory Council; Member, Martin County Lilly Scholarship Selection Committee; Member and Exalted Ruler, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree; Board of Directors, St. John's Cemetery; Board of Directors, Indiana University Alumni Association-Southern Indiana Region; Board of Directors, Indiana Governor's P.I.C. Council; Board of Directors, Vincennes University Building Trades Advisory Council; President, Board of Directors, Indiana Lumber and Builders Supply Association; and Vice President, Board of Directors, Indianapolis Manufacturing Association.

Joe will be tremendously missed by his expansive and loving family, including his loving wife of 62 years, Vivian "Vicky" (Larson) Doyle; his daughter, Kyle Kroehler, (Jon); grandchildren, Joshua, Anderson and Hannah; his son, J.R., (Cathy); grandchildren, Bailey, Noah and Elijah; his son, Rex, (Carolyn); grandchildren, Tony (Ali), Bridget (Colin), Grant and Mark; great-grandchildren, Blake and Riley; his daughter, Kelly Wong, (Mel); grandchildren, Anne and Ling; his son, Jeff, (Sally) and grandchildren Lauren and Claire.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, Homer and Marie Doyle and by his two brothers, Gene (Rosie) and Jerry (Rachel).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 12 p.m. Monday, June 10 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Monday, June 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Joseph Raymond (Joe) Doyle.

# COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed May 6

Daniel D. Clifton, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

### May 8

Raymond Henry King, Jr., theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Matthew Capezzuto, failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Level 6 Felony.

### May 9

Matthew A. Taylor, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### May 10

Teiara Haines, driving while suspended, prior conviction within 10 years, a Class Misdemeanor

### May 13

Kathie Gray, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Alexandre Claudy, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Matthew Capezzuto, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### May 14

Edwin Acuna Hinojosa, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### May 16

Matthew J. Guthrie, violation of driving conditions, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jerry L. Allen, Jr., child molesting where defendant is at least 21 years of age, a Level 1 Felony; child molesting, fondling or touching with child under 14, a Level 4 Felony.

### May 20

Franklin Banks, unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Level 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; theft, a Level 5 Felony; obstruction of justice, a Level 6 Felony.

Barbara A. Cunningham, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with prior within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ian Cole Crosby, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### May 23

James Davis Wallisa, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### May 28

Jason R. Strong, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Andrew T. Kidd, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS May 23

Joshua L. Arthur, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 136 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 68 actual days previously served plus 68 Class A credit days.

Ernest Raber, 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.

Travis D. Tredway, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 10 non-eligible credit days with 0 days suspended.

Richard S. Diamond, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 357 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 357 days of probation.

Darren Bruce Stone, convicted of obstruction of justice, a Level 6 Felony and resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 547 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 104 actual days previously served plus 104 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 547 days with 0 days suspended.

Zachary T. Smith, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, 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 24

Tikelan Kilburn, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, 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 1 year of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED May 23

Ernest Raber, refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

Darren Bruce Stone, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Zachary T. Smith, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed May 22

Capital One vs. Victoria Hatter, civil collection.

### May 23

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Bailey Barnett, civil collection.

### May 24

Alexandra Carwile vs. Zachery Carwile, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### May 28

Citibank vs. Chastin Burris, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed May 22

Amanda C. Baker vs. John Yochum, complaint.

Hongqiu Zhao vs. Lauren and James Poirier, complaint.

### May 23

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Denise K. Lannan, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Eliza-

beth Stoll, complaint.

### May 24

Family Dental Care vs. Elizabeth Shull, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES May 23

Jason Graham of Shoals and Jessica

# Loogootee Police Department log

## MONDAY, MAY 27

6:17 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call near Reason Avenue.

7:40 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at the REMC building.

8:06 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Hunt responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

10:55 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Locust Street.

12:13 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

1:14 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call near St Mary's Road.

6:50 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to a call at Loogootee High School.

7:45 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Brooks Avenue.

## TUESDAY, MAY 28

4:33 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to a call on Queen Street.

4:53 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Shaw responded to a medical call on Poplar Street.

5:26 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on US Highway 231 North.

9:37 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to a call at Loogootee High School.

10:41 p.m. - Officer Shaw responded to a call at Taco Bell.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:36 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Wood Street.

10:02 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call near Corner Café.

1:13 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Walker Street.

2:47 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Reinhart

Conrad of Shoals.

### May 24

Hayden Norris of Crane and Corie McBride of Crane.

### May 28

Daniel Miller of Sarasota, Florida and Mayleen Graber of Loogootee.

Road.

2:50 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call on Southeast Third Street.

6:03 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

6:37 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call near Ruler grocery store.

7:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

## THURSDAY, MAY 30

9:17 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Hunt responded to a medical call at Lakeview Golf Course.

12:53 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Kentucky Avenue.

2:42 p.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call near Ruler grocery store.

5:42 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on North Oak Street.

## FRIDAY, MAY 31

4:21 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at CVS Pharmacy.

8:58 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Redwing Trailer Court.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 1

12:21 p.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Southeast First Street.

12:50 p.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Broadway Street.

1:41 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Rayhill responded to a medical call at Bowling Trailer Court.

2:39 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call at IGA grocery store.

## SUNDAY, JUNE 2

11:53 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.

2:08 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on US Highway 231 South.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Johnnie I. Robinson**, of Marion County, Indiana to **Troutman Farms**, of Martin County, Indiana, the south half of the southwest quarter, except that part lying west of the Shoals and Jasper (now Spout Springs) Road, in Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 70 acres, more or less. The southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less and containing in both tracts, 110 acres, more or less.

**Jeremiah James Adkins and Miranda Brook Adkins** to **Edward Searl and Catherine L. Searl**, that portion of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.221 acres, more or less.

**Carl E. Rush and Crystal A. Rush**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Carl E. Rush and Bonnie K. Rush**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 2 and 3 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of Shoals, formerly West Shoals, Indiana.

**George S. Sherfick, Jr. and Esther L. Sherfick**, of Martin County, Indiana to

**Benjamin Douglas Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, and lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.59 acre, more or less.

**Roger P. Judd, Sr. and Janet Judd**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Jessica Lee Kuhn and Jonah C. Kuhn**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 10.67 acres, more or less.

# ARRESTS


## THURSDAY, MAY 30

10:29 a.m. - Dylan Adams, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Keller on Martin County and Orange County warrants.

## FRIDAY, MAY 31

12:05 p.m. - Michael Baker, 66, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents and charged with possession of marijuana. He is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.

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By Gordon Grindstaff

June 6, 1964. The weather was bright and sunny, nearly summer in Indianapolis, a normal Saturday for most of the population but not for me.

I found myself on this bright June morning spending my last few hours as a single person, busily getting ready for my wedding to Susie, tying up loose ends while at the same time, trying to calm my stomach which was in knots over what I was about to do. A little less than a year earlier, I had arrived in the city, fresh out of the backwoods of Southern Indiana, intent on winning the hand of this girl who had come to my hometown for a weekend to visit a friend. I wasn't sure how this would be accomplished because you see, I was far from being the suave and debonair person you know and love today; I was more Gomer Pyle than Gomer himself. But I persisted and here I was about to take the biggest step of my life.

My thoughts were interrupted when my brother and best man, Ron, popped his head in the door. (1)

"We got a crisis here," he said excitedly. "Mike needs to go to confession before the ceremony."

In those days, as part of the wedding ritual between two Roman Catholics, all the members of the wedding party were expected to receive communion during the ceremony. This meant that all the individuals involved needed to be, first of all Catholic and secondly, in a state of Grace, most easily arrived at by a visit to the confessional (which Mike made) where the Sacrament of Penance would place one's soul in that desired level of holiness. If any of our non-Catholic friends are reading this and wondering why we went through this process, just trust me, it made sense at the time.

Another crisis soon arose when the liquor store wouldn't give me the paid for keg of beer for the reception without a hefty ten-dollar deposit, which I didn't have. I explained my predicament to Don Strange, another of my groomsmen, who quickly produced a ten-dollar bill. I also needed to find someone to pick up the keg because I knew Susie would never understand if I left the ceremony to make a beer run. That problem was solved when Pat Montgomery, one of my three Loogootee roommates, volunteered to take care of the beer. (The other two were Mike Norris and Charley Strange).

A few minutes later Don, minus his ten dollars, walked my mom down the aisle and seated her in the front pew. I smiled at her, sitting primly in her new hat, dabbing at her eyes and beaming with pride at what her boy had managed to do in snagging a beautiful, big city lass and a Catholic girl at that.

Then the sounds of the wedding March began floating throughout St Patrick's massive interior and I looked up the center aisle to see the flower girl and the bridesmaids stepping towards the altar and then there was Susie, radiant in her beautiful well-earned white wedding dress, clinging to her father's arm and I forgot all about beer kegs.

The ceremony moved along swiftly and before I knew it, we were looking in one another's eyes preparing to repeat our marriage vows. Susie looked at me and spoke right up. "I take you to be my lawfully wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish...."

She didn't hesitate nor did I when it was my turn to profess my eternal love. The words in the vows were powerful words but the importance of what they stood for went right over my head. Especially the sickness and in health part; I was 24 years old and planning to live forever. Who worried about sickness and health?? (2).

Later, after a reception that my sisters-in-law still talk about, we left for an overnight honeymoon at a cozy, out of the way place called Brownie's Motel and Wrecker Service in Elwood, Indiana.

We both had to be back at work on Monday following the wedding and that one Saturday night in beautiful downtown Elwood was far as we could go in the time we had. It was still an enjoyable time and for an inexperienced young, cradle-Catholic couple, quite enlightening. The next day on the way to our newly rented apartment, I said to Susie "Do you realize that now we can do that EVERY NIGHT and Jesus won't care one iota?"

"Oh, Tarzan," she replied, batting her eyes.

Now, here we are, 60 quick years later. Two years into our marriage, we purchased our first home for 11 thousand dollars with a 92-dollar mortgage payment. Then came our first piece of new furniture (an RCA cabinet Stereo with a radio, turntable and a Barbra Streisand album).

Then as time went flying by, along came four children, more than a few years of paycheck to paycheck living, 7 different homes (including both of our RV's, Fiona I and II), countless automobiles and animals, an ill-advised short move to Michigan, the occasional tumultuous soap opera moment, a couple of emergency surgeries, a cancer scare, a broken limb or two and a bowl of Wheaties on the dripping wet head of an obstinate son who refused to eat them.

As more time went on, we dealt with the deaths of our parents, three of Susie's and both of my siblings as well as the passing of our oldest son, John. Oh yeah, also throw in 13 years of 24/7 RV togetherness in retirement.

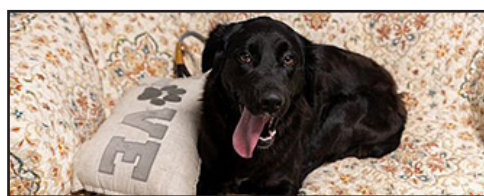
All in all, with the exception of the passing of our son, John, I expect our marriage has been pretty much like the marriages of most other folks in our generation; sometimes mundane, sometimes wild, sometimes noisy and chaotic, mostly joyous and now with Susie's dementia, sometimes incredibly sad. But, nonetheless, we made it this far and we're looking forward to number 70.

G2 notes:

1: The groomsmen were all friends from Loogootee; Mike Norris, Mike Jones and Don Strange.

2: It's probably a good thing we didn't think about sickness with, among other things, prostate cancer, heart surgery and Susie's dementia in our future.

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**LYLAH** is a female lab mix, very sweet, loves people. She is not good with cats. She is spayed and up to date on shots. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit [www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Free swim day

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

### Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

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

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St,

Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

### SOAR Tutoring

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



By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

## Councilman's Corner

All Shoals, all the time!

I apologize for my absence from these pages in recent weeks, but it's all for a good cause-Shoals is progressing at an impressive pace. Despite being a small town of just 640 residents, we are making significant strides towards improvement and innovation.

Our town has recently welcomed a completely new front-end and back-end personnel team, marking a fresh start in our journey. The projects we have underway are moving full steam ahead, reflecting our commitment to progress and development.

One of the highlights of our recent efforts is our partnership with Indiana University's Center for Rural Engagement. We were honored to be invited to participate in a breakout session during their annual conference at French Lick Springs Resort. Being chosen for this opportunity underscores our role as a microcosm of rural America. Shoals, like many small towns, faces challenges such as high poverty rates and aging infrastructure, which our limited revenue cannot fully support.

Recognizing the need for innovative solutions, our town council decided to think outside the box and partner with Indiana University's Rural Engagement Program. This collaboration allows us to leverage the expertise and resources of the Hutton Honors College students, who represent the top talent across various disciplines at Indiana University Bloomington (IUB).

The discussion panel at the conference featured several distinguished participants: Dr. Keith Dayton, from Indiana University; Jessica Potts, with the Martin County Alliance; Cary D. Albright, Town of Shoals Council President; Grant Sherfick, owner of H&H Hardware on Main Street; and Ben Kent, Shoals Community Industrial Arts Teacher. The last breakout session of the day, where we presented, saw a remarkable turnout, demonstrating



the interest in and support for Shoals.

Our session revolved around three key themes: passion, persistence, and patience. Jessica Potts emphasized the deep passion we hold for Shoals and Martin County, which transcends our small-town boundaries. I spoke about the patience required to implement long-term infrastructure programs. Grant Sherfick shared his vision for revitalizing Main Street and engaging our youth through entrepreneurial initiatives. Ben Kent highlighted how our community school serves as a pivotal center for the town, showcasing his nationally recognized academic program and patience it takes to train students in mill and drill operations, as well as farm-to-table initiatives. His students are learning essential life skills and even supplying the school with fresh produce and meat through their agricultural projects.

After each panelist shared their insights, we opened the floor to questions. The interactive session was one of the most positively rated programs of the two-day event, illustrating the strong interest in and support for our initiatives.

Moving forward, Shoals will continue to maximize every resource available through our partnership with Indiana University. The wealth of knowledge and support they provide is invaluable, and we are eager to continue this collaboration to benefit our community.

We are proud of our progress and remain dedicated to the future of Shoals. With passion, persistence, and patience, we will continue to thrive and develop, ensuring a better future for all our residents.

# ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

**'An increase in crime is only one reason.'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Last month I read the Jasper Police Department call and arrest report. There were 39 arrests in January, 51 in February, 68 in March, and 71 in April. In April alone this included 38 related to drugs, 16 thefts, 7 operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and 6 driving while suspended. This does not include statistics from the Dubois County Sheriff's office, the State Police, Huntingburg, Ferdinand, or Loogootee. A lot of these arrests are individuals not from our area but driving through and arrested with drugs or caught stealing. Recent examples include two people from Kentucky in a stolen car arrested on drug related charges in the area of US 231 and S.R. 162, a Texas man arrested for stealing from a liquor store, an Anderson, Indiana woman arrested on drug charges near Bohnert Park, a Missouri man arrested on drug charges in the parking lot of the Schroeder Sports Complex, and the list goes on. The last two examples are where our children and grandchildren play every day.

Crime continues to increase throughout our local communities. What do you think will happen if the Mid-States Corridor becomes a reality? Can you imagine the burden it will put on our local towns and law enforcement? Our sheriff's department, local police departments, and state troopers all do a great job protecting our community but are already strained and overworked. Our city and county budgets struggle to allow for increasing needed law enforcement. Yet if the Mid-States Corridor is built, it will be an avenue for more drug trafficking, human trafficking, and other crimes. The Mid-States Corridor is not worth building for many rea-

sons. An increase in crime is only one reason. The increased costs to our community which will become a taxpayer's burden, the displacement of many families and farms, and the negative impact on our environment are just a few more reasons. All for what? To save a few minutes of travel time. Is it really all about speed? Advocates for the highway say that it is needed for economic development. Really? Smart, sustainable economic growth can happen without a new highway.

Recently, INDOT cancelled the Link101 project in Southeast Indiana. Other states like Colorado have stopped building any new highways. It is time for INDOT to cancel the Mid-States Corridor project that will cost billions.

Mark Nowotarski  
Dubois County

**'It's hard enough for these small retailers to make a go of it'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) are in the news almost every day. Many of these NGOs provide food and shelter to the disadvantaged from natural disasters. And many are along the southern border and in the cities helping people who cannot help themselves. We used to call them charities.

Today there are other, more politically aligned, NGOs. Three of these are the Martin County Alliance, Dubois Strong and the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC). They all profess to help their respective counties develop strong economic policies.

The Martin County Alliance, led by Jessica Potts, is opposed to the new terrain Mid-States Corridor. Ms. Potts sees that

any new transportation infrastructure that by-passes Loogootee cannot, by definition, help improve/grow the economy of Martin County. I commend her for her position.

Dubois Strong, led by Ed Cole and the DCEDC, led by Bob Grewe, both favor the Mid-States Corridor. These two NGOs seem to think that by-passing Huntingburg, Jasper and Washington/Montgomery is a good thing. Bypassing communities is nothing but a prolonged death sentence for the bypassed towns. The bypassed towns shops, stores, restaurants, gas stations and other small businesses wither and die due to a lack of patronage. It's hard enough for these small retailers to make a go of it with the likes of Walmart and all the other national chains setting up competition.

Dubois Strong thinks a Walmart Distribution Center will be a boon for Jasper and Dubois County. Why? The distribution center will be a pass through, just the same as Mr. Menke and Mr. Braun's distribution centers are. Who will benefit? The owners of the distribution centers, only. The rest of the residents of Dubois and Daviess counties will suffer the same fate as those residents of Dale and all the little towns bypassed by the southern portion of the Mid-States Corridor.

Once again, the devil is in the details and opposition to the Mid-States Corridor is the correct decision. Keep the pressure on our elected officials to continue their opposition to the Mid-States Corridor.

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Plentiful rain has resulted in lush growth of most plants. It seems on fair days, I have to spend most of my time mowing and weeding, and I never seem to get finished. The plants that are in the ground seem to be off to a good start, but the problem is that I have a lot of things still waiting to be planted. It seems about the time the soil is dry enough to work, we get another round of showers and the delays in planting continue.

I have many plants lining the walkways, waiting to be added to the garden. Among those plants are three gooseberry bushes—two of the Pixwell variety and one red-fruited unnamed cultivar. I have a large gooseberry bush already in the garden, but it has not produced well, and I am hoping that the addition of the new cultivars will result in better fruit-set for all of the plants.

I have often wondered why these fruits and their bushes are called gooseberries. Since I could not work in the garden during the rainy periods, I have done some research. However, searching my extensive horticulture library and the information on the internet has not resulted in a definitive answer. Most sources seem to think the British name of gooseberry is a mistranslation of a Danish or German word. However, I did learn that the French word for the berry actually translates to mackerel berry, and the berries are used to make a sauce served with mackerel. Since goose is a traditional holiday feast food in Britain, there is at least some credence to the possibility that the British once used the berries to make a tart, acidic sauce to serve with the greasy meat of the goose.

Regardless of the name origin, the gooseberry has been consumed around the world for centuries. India is the top producer and consumer of gooseberries, but the type of gooseberry found in

southern Asia is quite different from the types found in northern Europe and in North America. European gooseberries do best in colder climates. In fact, they grow right up to the Arctic Circle. American gooseberries also need cold weather to produce fruit, and most of the commercially available plants are hybrids of American and European types. Gooseberries are in the genus Ribes, which also includes currants.

In the early 1900's, the federal government banned the planting of gooseberries and currants. They are alternate host plants for the white pine blister rust, which was threatening the lumber industry. Later, the federal ban was lifted, but states where white pines are native have instituted their own restrictions. Maine, where white pine forests are threatened by blister rust, continues to ban gooseberries and currants.

While white pines have been introduced to Hoosier forests, they have not proven to be a good fit for the state, and gooseberries and currants are good crops and do well here. Gooseberries will grow in most soil types, but the presence of too much nitrogen may result in lush leaf production and poor fruiting. They will grow in sun or dappled shade.

Gooseberries are low in calories and high in fiber, minerals, vitamins and antioxidants. The tart berries may be harvested as immature fruits but get sweeter as they mature. They are often paired with other fruits in pies, jams and other desserts. The berries aid in controlling blood pressure and cholesterol and may help stabilize blood sugar.

One of the treats of my childhood was mom's cold-bread gooseberry cobbler, made with left-over biscuits as the crust, covered with a sauce of gooseberries, sugar and spices. It is especially good with a dip of ice cream on top.



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This year's Super Bowl had its usual line-up of commercials, in fact some people watch the game just to see what the advertising wizards come up with. They even go so far as to have a fan favorites commercial poll. This year had one particular ad that I knew as soon as it was over was going to be my favorite, and as it turned out it was many people's favorite, because of its simple message that anyone could understand. It was the one put on by Dodge Trucks and used a narrative from a speech Paul Harvey used at a Future Farmers of America Convention several years ago. I believe it bears repeating.

And on the eighth day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker." So, God made a farmer.

I need someone to get up before dawn and milk the cows, work all day in the fields, milk again, eat, and go to town for a school board meeting. "So, God made a farmer."

He needed somebody to sit up all night with a newborn colt, watch it die, dry his eyes and say, "Maybe next year."

God needed somebody who could grow a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire; and make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks, and shoe scraps.

He needed someone who, ...at planting

time and harvest season will finish his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon. Then painin' from 'tractor back' put in another 72 hours. So, God made a farmer.

God said, I need somebody strong enough to clear trees, heave bales and yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink combed pullets, and who will stop his mower for an hour to mend the broken leg of a meadow lark. So, God made a farmer.

It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight, and not cut corners....somebody to seed and weed, feed and breed, and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk....somebody to replenish the self-feeder and then finish a hard day's work with a five-mile drive to church....somebody who'd bale a family together with the strong bonds of sharing, who'd laugh and then sigh, when his son says he wants to spend his life 'doing what dad does'. So, God made a farmer.

I watched the game from start to finish and I would have to think hard to come up with anything memorable about it. I know I am partial, but the best part for me was this commercial. I know people just like Mr. Harvey described. I have been to a lot of meetings where the voices I respected the most were from the farmers amongst us. I am proud to be in their company.

## THANK YOU

A special thank you to the St. Mary Barr-Township Community who helped to clean up the trees that fell at the St. Mary Cemetery and Bell Tower. It is wonderful to see how our close-knit community continues to reach out and help one another.

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# Open Class Exhibits at the Martin County Fair

Now it's time to start thinking about what you would like to exhibit in the Home Economics Open Class at this year's Martin County Fair, which is a few weeks away. To be exact, this year's fair is July 11 to July 16. All the open class exhibits will be checked in on Monday, July 8, 2024, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The only change this year, as far as the entries, is added additional entries under the canning section; those being juice, sauce and miscellaneous. This will give you more variety in what you can exhibit.

Below is a list of the sections for each department that you can exhibit from, please refer to the open class booklet for the full rules and regulations for each department.

**Baking Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: Trudy Sutton  
 Please bring your baked items on a paper plate or in a zip lock bag. Baked exhibits must be non-perishable. Exhibits using raw eggs or egg white, cream cheese, whipped cream, or other ingredients that require refrigeration **SHOULD NOT BE USED**.

Cakes (Exhibit whole product) No mixes!  
 Cookies (Exhibit 4 Cookies)  
 Bread (Yeast Recipe only) (Bread Machine allowed)  
 Loaf (Exhibit whole loaf)  
 Rolls (4 Rolls)  
 Quick Bread (No Yeast)  
 Loaf (Exhibit whole loaf)  
 Muffins or Biscuits (Exhibit 4)  
 Pies (Exhibit whole pie)  
 Candy (Exhibit 4 pieces)  
 Snack (i.e., puppy chow, trail mix, Chex mix, etc.) (Exhibit 2 cups)  
 Create-with-a mix: Using a mix create your own cake. Use at least three other ingredients in addition to those called for in the mix. (Exhibit the whole product)

**Canning Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: Kristin Cooper

Jellies and/or preserves with paraffin wax seals will not be allowed. All canned goods must be labeled with the date it was prepared and the name of the food in the jar. (i.e., Green Beans 6/15/2022). Jars must be sealed with two-piece lids with the outside ring left on. These lids pieces must also be **FREE OF RUST!** Must be canned in quarts, pints, or half pint sizes. Tomatoes will be judged as a vegetable.

Fruits-Single Jar  
 Fruits-Collections (3 different varieties of fruit)  
 Vegetables-Single Jar  
 Vegetables-Collections (3 different varieties of vegetables)  
 Pickled Beets  
 Pickled Cucumbers (any style)  
 Pickled Relish  
 Preserves-Single Jar, any type  
 Preserves-3 varieties  
 Jellies-Single Jar, any type  
 Jellies-3 varieties  
 Salsa  
 Juice  
 Sauce  
 Miscellaneous

**Fine Arts Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: Linda Sherfick  
 All work must be completely original. All pictures must have a stiff backing, be framed and ready to hang.  
 Painting (watercolor, oil, acrylic)  
 Portrait  
 b. Animal  
 c. Sea/Landscape  
 d. Other  
 Drawing (colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, pastel & etc.)  
 Portrait  
 b. Animal  
 c. Sea/Landscape  
 d. Other  
 Children's Art (Age 12 and under)

Miscellaneous (sculpture, hand-built ceramic, mixed media, etc.)

**Flower Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: Eldean Sherfick

Vases for cut flowers will be provided.  
 Cut Flowers (single Bloom)  
 Zinnia  
 Marigold  
 Gladioli  
 Rose (any variety)  
 Coneflower  
 Coxcomb  
 Sunflower  
 Any cut flowers  
 Potted Plant (any potted plant or house plant including hanging baskets)

Foliage  
 Blooming  
 Cactus  
 African Violet  
 Arrangements  
 Fresh (no boughten flowers)  
 Wildflowers  
 Kitchen Arrangement  
**Handicraft Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: Tim Ringwald  
 Any Holiday (handmade decorations)  
 Needlepoint (Plastic)  
 Woodcraft  
 Paint-by-number or other printed item  
 Recycling for Reuse; taking something unused and making it into something useful again. (i.e. rags into rugs, two-liter bottles into bird feeders)  
 Items made with a die cutting machine (i.e. cricut, silhouette, etc.)

Using paper  
 Using vinyl  
 Using Heat Transfer Vinyl  
 Miscellaneous  
 Handmade Flowers (Can be 1 single or an arrangement, no real flowers)  
 Made from silk  
 Made from paper  
 Misc  
 Wreaths (any kind)  
 Ceramics from molds  
 Items made from Leather  
 Macrame  
 Miscellaneous (i.e., Paintings on saws, stone, etc.)

**Gardening Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: David Gregory

**VEGETABLES**  
 Beans-exhibit 12 (bush, green or pole)  
 Cabbage-1 head  
 Corn- 4 ears sweet (shucks on)  
 Cucumbers- 4 (any type)  
 Slicing  
 Pickling  
 Onions-4 (any type)  
 Peppers-4 (any type)  
 Potatoes-4 (any type)  
 Squash-1 (any type)  
 Tomatoes-4 (any type)  
 Other  
**FRUITS**  
 Apples-4 (any type)  
 Peaches-4 (any type)  
 Cherries-1 cup (any type)  
 Blackberries-1 cup (any type)  
 Blueberries-1 cup (any type)  
 Other

**Needlework Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: Elizabeth White  
 Crocheted  
 Afghans  
 Other  
 Knitted  
 Afghans  
 Other  
 Embroidery  
 Cross Stitch  
 Needlepoint  
 Sewing  
 Garments  
 Other (pillows, handbags, stuffed animals, etc.)  
 Other  
**Photography Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: Pat Daugherty

Entries must be exhibited on a foam board, in an acrylic frame or in a plastic protector. If not in a frame or on foam board, place cardboard behind the photo. Photos must have been taken since the last fair. No two photos of the same subject by the same exhibitor. No professional photographs Judging will be only on the photograph, not the frame or mounting.

Digital Photographs  
 Nature (scenery, wildflowers)  
 Black & White or Sepia  
 Color  
 Portraits (picture must include people)  
 Black & White or Sepia  
 Color  
 Collage, Collection of Pictures (at least 3 pictures on a central theme, displayed on one sheet)  
 Black & White or Sepia  
 Color  
 Animals (pets, zoo, domestic)  
 Black & White or Sepia  
 Color  
 Structures (Buildings, Bridges, etc.)  
 Black & White or Sepia

**Color**  
 Action Shot  
 Black & White or Sepia  
 Color  
**Quilts Department**  
 2023 Grand Champion: Kay Kalb  
 Hand Quilted  
 Pieced  
 Appliqued  
 Embroidered  
 Over 25 years old  
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 This information is also available on Facebook under Martin County Home Economics Open Class Exhibits and also on line at: [https://extension.purdue.edu/county/martin/\\_docs/open-class-rules-book-2024-fair-final.pdf](https://extension.purdue.edu/county/martin/_docs/open-class-rules-book-2024-fair-final.pdf).



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