

# Martin County JOURNAL

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Eight pages

## Several staff changes approved by the Shoals School Board

The Shoals School Board met August 11. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jerry Braun, and Jenell Hoffman. Staff in attendance were Kindra Hovis, Josh Mullis, Audrey Gibson, Shannon Wagoner, and Kacey Jones. No patrons were present.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Heather Jordan, Ele Neeley, Seal Leal and Haley Fischer as substitute teachers

-Kendra Wright to cover Rebecca Rollins maternity leave

-Candace Dawson and Olivia Stoll as substitute teacher

-Emily Harding as preschool aid for the 2022-23 school year.

-Reva Troutman as middle school Beta Club sponsor for the 2022-23 school year.

-Linda Sherfick as a volunteer in the art room with Reva Troutman.

-Wes Stephenson as chess club, IM-PACCT, dual credit (C-101, C-121), and senior class sponsors

-Tina Rue as SADD Club, dual credit (3 classes), and senior class sponsors

-Erin Cage as Spanish Club, dual credit (Span 203, Span 204), and senior class sponsors

-Megan Hawkins as FFA, high school Beta, and Robotics sponsors and girls' varsity basketball assistant

-Ashley Montgomery as high school Beta sponsor

-Dennis Dahlen as yearbook/newspaper, junior class haunted house, and dual credit (4 classes) sponsors

-Dean Troutman as Robotics sponsor

-Jeff Gee as junior class concessions sponsor

-Jonathan Holt as junior class concessions and dual credit (3 classes) sponsors

-Kim Perry as dual credit (2 classes)

sponsor

-Danielle Cornett as dual credit (1 class) sponsor

-Ben Kent as Young Men with a Purpose, junior class haunted house, and junior class prom sponsors

-April Sutton as junior class haunted house and junior class prom sponsors

-Jessica Hert as junior class prom sponsor

-Audrey Gibson as junior class prom sponsor

-Christin Johnson as middle school cross country coach

-April Sutton as cross country volunteer coach

-Doug Denson as volunteer volleyball coach

-Warren Albright as a substitute bus driver

-Warren Atkison as a ECA bus driver

-Misty McKibben resigned from multi-category teaching aide effective August 1, 2022

-Alisha Troutman resigned as cafeteria cook effective May 23, 2022

Superintendent Kindra Hovis recommended the posting of the middle school principal position.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

-The high school volleyball to sell t-shirts to pay for tourney fees, equipment, and other volleyball related expenditures.

-The middle school music department to do a fundraiser to help purchase music, supplies, repairs, and entry fees.

-Shoals Middle School to sell candy, wrapping paper, cookie dough, and candles to help pay for student activities, rewards, and incentive programs.

-SPA requested to sponsor the annual

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-Photos provided

Tucker Walton, son of Tyler and Shawna Walton, of Loogootee, and 2022 LHS graduate, recently presented at the grand drive at the Indiana State Fair and brought home the Grand Champion title for his Charolais Steer. Tucker got his steer, Cash, when Cash was just eight months old. Cash weighed in at a whopping 1,400 pounds at the State Fair. Shown above is Tucker with Cash and on the right is Tucker and his family and friends that supported him in Indianapolis.



## Commissioners hold special meeting for new ambulance service update

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting Tuesday morning, August 16, to get updates on establishing the county's new ambulance service.

Martin County is losing ambulance service as of August 22 due to the current provider no longer having a sponsor hospital, which is required. County Attorney Dave Lett said he spoke to the current ambulance service director, Steve McClure, who told him he cannot guarantee he can even offer basic service after August 22. Having basic service requires a doctor to serve as sponsor, which McClure isn't certain he can find.

Jeramey Osborn, who the commissioners appointed as the new ambulance director, told the commissioners that he picked up the second ambulance for the county and it is in Loogootee now. He recently placed an order for soft good items to stock the ambulances. Osborn said he is talking to people interested in being employed by the ambulance service. He said they have a couple ideas of what they can do to cover service after the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Attorney Lett said they are not in a position to publicize those options now, however. "To be honest, we don't have a guarantee we are going to have a service next week," said Lett.

Lett said they are working to put together salary estimates and plan to have a joint meeting with the county council and commissioners on Thursday, August 18 at 9 a.m. They want to get something discussed prior to the budget workshop to

be held next Tuesday.

Gary Smith, who was in the audience, asked several questions regarding the ambulance service, such as how they plan to pay for it, how much the salaries, the ambulances and liability insurance will cost, who will supervise the crew, who will issue reports to the county, who will handle insurance billing and who will handle litigation if someone does not pay.

Attorney Lett said Osborn was made ambulance director by the commissioners and is the one putting together numbers to present to the commissioners and county council. He said they are discussing adjusting the LIT (local option income) tax to help pay for the service. This is decided by the county council.

He told Smith that the commissioners have discussed everything he has mentioned.

"We didn't plan to be in the ambulance business, but we don't have a choice right now," said Commissioner George.

Smith asked how much EMTs are paid. Osborn said a basic EMT makes \$17 to \$23 per hour and a paramedic makes \$30 per hour. Smith said his figuring shows the cost for salaries would be at least \$500,000. Commissioner George said that is what they are expecting. Smith said the county has been paying \$210,000 per year for ambulance service and now salaries alone will be \$300,000 over that, not including everything else the ambulance service entails.

Smith asked how many calls Martin County had per year for ambulance service and also how much money was made (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



## New mural on Main Street -Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee Eye Center, on JFK Avenue, received a \$5,000 grant from the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) in May to have a mural painted on the side of their building. As you can see in the photo, they chose to go with an eye chart. The mural is on the Main Street side of their building and says "Loogootee Indiana, Est. 1853. A Small City With A Big Heart. Dr. Mike Alvarez" The mural was painted by Barb Stahl.

# SHOALS

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craft and hobby show to help pay for students and staff needs on November 4-5, 2022.

The board approved the following trip requests:

-Megan Hawkins to attend the Indiana 4-H/FFA CDE Professional Development Day on September 2.

-Josh Mullis to attend the RECN Network Meeting on June 5-6, 2023.

-Middle school/high school band to attend The Battle of the Bands at South Knox on November 8, 2022.

-Middle school/high school band to attend IU Band Day on September 10, 2022.

-High school robotics to attend Washington High School on September 10, 2022, to learn the theme and network with other robotic students.

-High school robotics to attend the Robotics Competition with Bedford at the Boys and Girls Club on December 2.

-Second grade to go to Westgate on March 16, 2023, to learn more about science and technology.

Superintendent Hovis requested permission to dispose or recycle old furniture that is either broken or no longer used. The board approved.

The board approved option #2 for the 2023/24-2026/27 bus contract.

The elementary principal, Shannon Wagoner, started her report by welcoming everybody back. The elementary school is excited to welcome so many new students. The staff and students are getting back into a routine after the first full week of school. She also stated the students have started their benchmarking assessments to see what they lost/gained over the summer. She wanted to give a warm welcome to Mrs. Audrey Gibson, they are all so excited to be working with her. Lastly, Wagoner wanted to give a big thank you to Louton Hager for all the extra summer work.

The middle school principal, Audrey Gibson, started her report by welcoming everyone. They are off to a successful start for the school year. There were several families and students who attended Meet the Teacher night and visited classrooms. Teachers and staff have hit the ground running learning the new cur-

riculum and adjusting to meet the needs of our students. Currently there are 35 6th graders, 58 7th graders, and 67 8th graders for a total of 160. They wanted to welcome the 11 new students. Gibson stated that the students have been enjoying additional outside time during lunch. Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Hert have all been phenomenal at handling the many tasks at the beginning of the year. A big thank you to all the teachers, staff, administration, and Shoals Community members for creating such a positive environment for the youth.

High School Principal, Josh Mullis, started his report by recognizing a Jug Rox hero. On Thursday, July 21, at the Loogootee City Pool, our very own Sophomore Kenley Shaw was a lifeguard working a birthday swim party. Unexpectedly a young girl went underwater and was struggling. Kenley quickly blew her whistle and rescued this young lady before anyone else knew there was an issue at hand. They honored Kenley with an honorary certificate and gift card to show their appreciation and pride they have in her heroic efforts. They had a group of teachers that came in on Monday, August 1 for professional development that dealt with strategies to maximize time using a 90-minute block. Staff and administration both enjoyed the 2nd Annual Back to School Lunch. All the food brought in by the staff and Mr. Kent for being the grill master was all very much appreciated. The school year has started, and they are off to a great start. They currently have an enrollment of 192 in the high school. Tomorrow the first newsletter, the Rox Report, will be going out to teachers and parents. This newsletter will be going out every other week. Danielle Cornett has been doing a fantastic job in her new role as the high school dean and she is the one responsible for piecing this newsletter together so kudos to her for an overall awesome job. Students are really enjoying their new Rox Solid (Advisory) this year as each day has a different theme. On Tuesday of this week, the students were placed into groups in Ms. Hawkins' class and given the instruction to use their teamwork skills and create a newspaper outfit for a team member. Each group had a representative and High School

Secretary Allison Taylor served as the judge. Ms. Cage, Spanish teacher, created a slideshow on her own time to help the sophomore students understand the value of commitment. Just another great example of staff going the extra mile to help our students learn life values. Mr. Kent and Ms. Hawkins have added chickens to the school farm experience...26 to be exact. They are hoping to add cattle in the near future. The shop class was recently awarded \$5,000 from REMC. They appreciate their community partners. Fall sports start in full force this coming week. This includes the varsity volleyball team hosting Vincennes Rivet next Friday in their annual Spike Out Cancer game.

Superintendent Hovis began her report by stating that school has gotten off to a great start, as students and staff are all settling into a routine. Enrollment is currently at 687, which includes three full-time pre-k classes. Twenty-four staff members participated in an emergency crisis training on Tuesday evening from 6-9 p.m., which was led by Eric Doane, Sheriff Greene, and officer Jonah Shaw. Superintendent Hovis gave an update on the barn's progression and stated that REMC recently awarded the Shoals Shop class \$5,000, which will go towards fencing for the pasture and other materials needed for the completion of the barn. Duke Energy recently reached out and would like to award \$4,000 to the new STEM pathway, which is taught by Ms. Megan Hawkins. Ms. Hawkins is looking at purchasing a 3D printer with the grant money. The 2023 budget has officially been submitted and a preview was given at the meeting. There will be a public hearing regarding the budget on September 8, 2022, in the central office board room at 6 p.m. Mrs. Hovis announced that fall sports are now in full swing with soccer, volleyball, and cross country. There will be a chili & desert supper beginning at 5 p.m. at the first home volleyball game, which is Friday, August 19. The cost of this meal is \$5. This will serve as the coaches vs. cancer spike game. Hovis wanted to thank everyone who has had a part in getting the school off to a smooth start.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be September 8.

# COMMISSIONERS

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from patient reimbursements through insurance or self-pay.

Attorney Lett replied that the current ambulance director didn't separate Knox County and Martin County, both of which he ran, so they don't have that information.

Smith said it would be hard to estimate numbers if they don't have that information.

Lett replied that they are not going to denigrate the current ambulance director for how he ran his business.

Smith said he was just concerned about how the county plans to pay for the service.

Lett said they have many things other than that to worry about.

Smith asked what would be more important than knowing how they are paying for the service.

Lett replied that they have to get the ambulance service up and running and get licensed by the state. Commissioner George noted they completed that application process but will have to wait for the state to inspect once they are ready.

George added they are hoping for the current ambulance service to provide basic service for at least 60 days, so the county has something. "It's a horrible situation," said George.

The commissioners were then presented with salary increase requests for next year from two courthouse departments. They discussed what they believe all the departments should ask for.

Julie Fithian, with the clerk's office, said all this talk of paying for the ambulance service means she won't be getting a raise. She said most employers give a raise every year, but Martin County employees don't get one. Discussion then ensued on what would be considered a decent raise to keep employees. Sheriff Josh Greene said he doesn't even believe a 20 percent raise would get people in the door to apply.

The commissioners decided to put in for an 8 percent increase for all county employees.

Smith, from the audience, asked how much the county pays out in salary every year. Auditor Michelle Norris said it's around \$2.5 million. Smith said 8 percent is an additional \$206,000 and noted that this is a lot of money.

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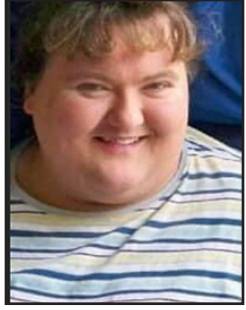
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# OBITUARIES

### AMY EDWARDS

Amy Beth Edwards passed away August 13, 2022, at her home. A resident of Montgomery, she was 51.



She was born June 7, 1971, in Michigan; daughter of Nile Warren Foster and Joan Marie (Harding) Jones.

Amy loved to cook and worked at various restaurants throughout her life. She loved her dogs and especially her dog, Maggie. Amy loved her family and get togethers. Amy occasionally attended church at Trinity Gospel Tabernacle with her family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Nile Warren Foster and Joan Marie (Harding) Jones; her step- father, Kenneth Ray Jones; her brother, Harley Williams Jones; and her niece, Christina Rose Jones.

Amy is survived by her partner of 22 years, Frank Henry Sloan of Washington; Landon James Petry, whom she cared for as a son; her siblings, Liz (Kevin) Tinkle of Montgomery, Sandra (Greg) Jones of Odon, Carl Brassine of Trinity Springs, Clint Jones of Trinity Springs, Kenny Ray Jones of Trinity Springs, Angie Cox of Edwardsport, and Charles Christopher Jones of Trinity Springs; her uncles, Bud Harding, John Harding, Bill (Dana) Harding, and Mark Harding; aunts, Gerri Fort-

ner and Sarah (Brad) Ausbrook, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhome.com](http://www.blakefuneralhome.com).

### BRENDA HALL

Brenda Hall passed away August 8, 2022, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 66.



She was born May 14, 1956, in Washington; daughter of Jesse and Beatrice (Mattingly) Sheetz.

She attended school at Shoals High School. Brenda worked as a nurse's aide for nearly 30 years. Brenda loved the outdoors, traveling, and playing games on her computer.

She is survived by sons, Steve (Court- nie) Hall of Loogootee and Glen (Rebecca) Hall of Terre Haute; significant other, Gary Butcher; grandchildren, Heather Hall, Kayla Lloyd, Olivia Ryan, Ker-

ington Hall, Drew Hellmann, and Aaron Hellmann; great-grandchildren, Johnny Rose and Scarlett Rose; sister, Carol Perkins; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 15 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial followed in the Hickory Ridge Cemetery. Online condolences can be given at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

### MYRON SLAUBAUGH

Myron Joseph Slaubaugh passed away peacefully at 2:40 a.m. Monday, August 15, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, he was 67.

He was born March 1, 1955, in Washington; son of the late Aaron and Leona (Litwiller) Slaubaugh. Myron married Charlotte Wagler on June 24, 1978, and she survives.

Myron was a member of the Berea Mennonite Church and attended the Loogootee United Methodist Church. He was a carpenter for 51 years and worked for various companies. Myron was an avid fisherman and mushroom hunter. He was

a devoted father and PopPop. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

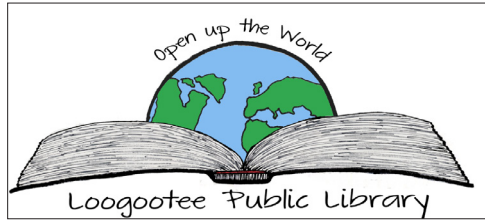
He was preceded in death by his parents, Aaron and Leona (Litwiller) Slaubaugh.

Myron is survived by his wife, Charlotte of Loogootee; children, Myrna Greene of Loogootee, Angela Slaubaugh (Steve Marks, of Henderson, Kentucky, Roland (Ami) Slaubaugh of Loogootee and Curtis Slaubaugh of West Lafayette; grandchildren, Michael, Timothy and Lacey Wilson, Sterling Marks, Abigail Slaubaugh, Aubrie Colburn and Leland Slaubaugh; siblings, Anna (Dave) Hochstetler of Wisconsin, Jean (Tony) Evans of Mitchell, Carolyn (Gerardo) Mojica of Merrillville, Sharon (Herb) Slaubaugh of Freedom and John (Mary Lou) Slaubaugh of Loogootee.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, August 19 at Berea Mennonite Church in Cannelburg. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 18 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Berea Mennonite Church and Friday, August 19 from 9 a.m. to the time of service at the church.

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Myron J. Slaubaugh.



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Please do not come to the library if you tested positive for COVID-19. This is becoming a problem. If you need something printed for your work, etc. call us and we can make arrangements for you to have it printed.

Carolyn's Book Club will meet on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The book to be discussed is "Three Weeks with My Brother" by Nicholas Sparks.

New Books:

Fiction: "Moment in Time" by Suzanne Redfearn.

DVDs: "The Lost City" and "Barbie: The Pearl Princess".

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



The Queen-Lee Chapel has served the Shoals and Martin County community for nearly a century. Carrying on the tradition of quality and compassionate service started by the Queen and Lee family is Derek and Abby George along with their two boys, Hudson and Kellen. They have been a part of the community since 2016 and have now solely purchased the funeral home. Derek will continue to manage the day-to-day operations serving you. We look forward to the privilege of our family serving yours for the years to come.

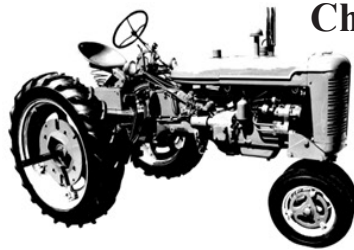
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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 8

6:27 a.m. - Received a report of an injured deer north of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

10:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:42 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:37 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:08 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Call was transferred to Daviess County 911.

4:13 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Branham responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Branham responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Lost River Fire Department, Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Branham responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:44 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident north of Shoals. Captain Reed and Deputy Branham responded.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

12:37 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:51 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

6:54 a.m. - Received a call from INDOT advising of a road closure southwest of Shoals.

9:47 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:19 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:44 p.m. - Received a request for a hull identification number check southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

2:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

2:25 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

2:45 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

3:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson re-

sponded.

5:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

6:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

7:23 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a call from Shoals High School advising they would be having a fire drill this morning.

8:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a semi needing assistance south of Shoals. Indiana State Police responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the road south of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

11:29 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

1:05 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:18 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

8:11 p.m. - An ambulance was requested in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County Law Enforcement was advised.

9:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:42 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

12:21 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

1:22 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

1:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:27 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Branham responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:04 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:04 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Branham responded.

9:31 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

1:42 a.m. - Received a report of cows out east of Loogootee. Owner was notified.

5:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

6:35 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee.

Deputy Long responded. Dubois County was notified with information.

8:07 a.m. - Received a call from Loogootee School Corporation advising of a fire drill this morning.

9:02 a.m. - Received a call from alarm company advising of a fire alarm at Loogootee School. Advised them it was a drill.

10:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee with no injuries. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:17 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol at West Boggs Park for the weekend. Deputy Flanagan was advised.

7:17 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:20 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, Deputy Long and Deputy Branham responded.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

12:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Long and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:47 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Deputy Long, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Martin County Civil Defense Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. INDOT was notified of damage to signs.

3:14 a.m. - Received a call from a medical alarm company of a pendant push in Shoals. Deputy Long, Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:27 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

9:57 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver close to the Dubois County line. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

10:00 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:29 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:07 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:10 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:42 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred

call to Daviess County.

3:49 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

5:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver west of Shoals. Deputy Branham, ISP Trooper Watson, Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

6:43 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

9:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County.

9:58 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute south of Shoals. Deputy Branham, Deputy Long and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

11:00 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

11:51 a.m. - An ambulance was requested in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

9:17 p.m. - Received a medical alarm in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to I.U. Health in Bedford.

11:48 p.m. - Received a report of a car vs. deer accident east of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

5:42 p.m. - Michael Westhafer, 63, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Branham and charged with trespassing and a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

10:14 a.m. - Carolyn Bacidorea, 53, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Keller and charged with neglect of a dependent, resisting law enforcement, and escape. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCINGS

### August 3

Dakota M. Priddy, convicted of disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 178 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

### August 4

Carolyn Sue Smith, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,825 days with 1,731 days suspended and credit for 71 actual days previously served plus 23 Class B credit days. Defendant received 57 months of probation.

### August 5

Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr., convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 56 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### August 3

Dakota M. Priddy, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; intimidation, a

## Attorney General shows parents what apps to look for and how to monitor their kids' online activity

Attorney General Todd Rokita has an important warning for parents related to their kids' internet usage. Technology is a great learning resource, but it can also expose children to inappropriate and dangerous activities online.

"While technology and the internet can be helpful, they can also be harmful," said Attorney General Rokita. "Social media platforms can be helpful, but they can also open the doors to untraceable anonymous messaging, sex trafficking, and exploitation of children by criminals. We all must take steps to protect our children from online predators."

Attorney General Rokita wants parents to become familiar with popular phone apps that may make children vulnerable to dangers online. Some of these include:

**TikTok** – TikTok is a popular app among kids that is used to create and share short videos with limited privacy controls. Users are vulnerable to explicit content, ads, and cyberbullying from the moment they sign up.

**Bumble** – Bumble is a popular dating app that requires women to make the first contact. It is common for minors to use this app and falsify their age.

**Grindr** – Grindr is a dating app for LGBTQ adults, not children. The app gives users options to chat, share photos, and meet with people based on a smartphone's GPS location.

**Phony Calculator App** – Most phones have a calculator app. However, there are many third-party calculator apps that serve as a "vault" where the user can hide photos, videos, files, and even browser history data.

**Snapchat** – Snapchat is a photo and video sharing app that promises users their photo or video will disappear even though it does not. Snapchat stories allow users to view content for up to 24 hours and share their location.

**Tinder** – Tinder is a dating app that allows users to "swipe right" to like someone and "swipe left" to pass. Users can falsify their age, share photos, message, and meet.

**Tumblr** – Tumblr is a blogging app and website that allows users as young as 13 to create an account. There are very few privacy settings and pornography is easy to find. Most posts are public and cannot be made private.

**WhatsApp** – WhatsApp is a popu-

lar messaging app allowing users to text, send photos, make calls, and leave voicemails worldwide. This app makes it easier for predators to message children without parents knowing.

**YouTube** – YouTube is a video sharing app that may not be age appropriate for kids. Inappropriate content can be found using innocent search terms, but with parental controls, this can be avoided.

New apps are always available, so Attorney General Rokita offers a few tips to help parents monitor their child's online activity:

- Keep the computer or laptop in a common room of the house, not in a child's bedroom.

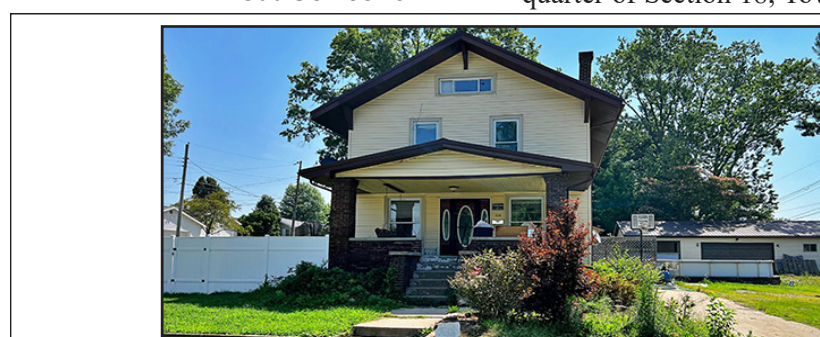
- Utilize parental controls available from internet service providers or use blocking software. Some may be accessed by going to "Settings" on your device.

- Always maintain access to a child's online account and monitor text, email, and other message inboxes.

- Familiarize yourself with computer safeguards, like firewalls, anti-virus software, effective passwords, and secure websites and ask if they are being utilized at school, the library, and at friends' homes.

- Never automatically assume that what a child is told online is true.

If you believe you or your child were targeted online by a predator, please contact your local police department. If you believe you were the victim of an online scam, please file a complaint at indianaconsumer.com or call Attorney General Rokita's office at 1-800-382-5516.



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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, AUGUST 8

7:55 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding a scam by text.

12:48 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

2:45 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding a suspicious package received in the mail.

7:20 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Half Moon Road.

10:27 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a residential alarm on East Broadway Street.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

4:04 p.m. - Caller reported an aggressive dog in the area of West Washington Street.

6:54 p.m. - Officer Seymour spoke with a complainant regarding a theft of items from his vehicle.

7:06 p.m. - Officer Seymour spoke with a complainant regarding identity theft.

10:00 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department in retrieving personal belongings from a residence.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

8:15 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

9:30 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a report of an odor of something burning at a residence on US 231 North.

12:16 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding a possible violation of a protective order.

3:42 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

5:25 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a possible battery on a child.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

9:43 a.m. - Chief Means assisted Mar-

tin County EMS with a medical call on North JFK Avenue.

4:07 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a vehicle lock out at the Marathon.

5:38 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of suspicious activity at a residence on Southwest Third Street.

9:56 a.m. - Officer Wells spoke with a complainant regarding phone harassment.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

10:45 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a property damage accident on East Broadway Street.

11:21 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted with a vehicle unlock at Chuckles.

10:30 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a domestic dispute on Southwest Second Street.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

12:11 a.m. - First responders and Officer Seymour responded to a medical call on Southwest Second Street.

1:47 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an accident on US 50 East.

7:26 p.m. - Officer Seymour spoke with a complainant regarding a theft.

12:26 p.m. - Chief Means assisted Martin County Sheriff's Department with an accident on US 231 North.

10:35 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

11:51 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Kentucky Avenue.

4:41 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at the American Legion.

10:05 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a possible break in on East Main Street.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Tommy Ray Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gerald R. Hopkins and Delilah E. Hopkins**, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.53 acres, more or less.

**Viola T. Cundiff**, of Lauderdale County, Alabama to **Frederick Keith Thomas**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 32 in the original plat of Indian Springs, Indiana. Also, fractional Lots 34 and 35 in the Town of Indian Springs.

Aaron Beck and Tonya Beck, of Martin County, Indiana to Richard D. Ayers, of Martin County, Indiana, 0.227 acres, more or less, being a part of Lot Number 17 in the unrecorded plat of New Fairway Addition.

**Casey John Strange**, of Marion County, Indiana; **Michael Ryan Strange**, of Gibson County, Indiana; and **Lori Anne Roussel**, of Oldham County, Kentucky to **Wayman A. Brown and Gretchen L. Brown**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the west central and northwest part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 4 North,

Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

**Perry D. Graber and Frances D. Graber to The Graber Family Revocable Trust.** Tract I: A tract of land in the northeast part of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, described as being Lots Numbered 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and out of Lot 4 in the Town of Mount Pleasant, Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, more commonly known as 1638 St. Rd. 550 Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

**Mark Allen Otto and Marjorie Joy Otto**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua Keith Stoll and Jennifer L. Stoll**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

**Progressive Investment Company, LLC**, of Indiana to **Apex Acreage, LLC**, of Indiana. Tract I: Part of the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 37.990 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 25.108 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the east half of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 48.674 acres.

**Emil E. Emmons**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bruce A. Kellums and Kristin K. Kellams**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

## 49th Annual Jones Reunion held

Thirty-eight descendants and family members of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones met on August 13 at the Martin County Community Building, Loogootee for the 49th Annual Jones Reunion.

Guests registered as they arrived and entered for the door prize. Donations were accepted to offset the cost of the reunion and for Anderson Cemetery (where James and Rachel are buried) to help with mowing expenses. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, hand sanitizer was available.

The room was decorated in a sports theme compliments of Barbara and Jerry Loomis. A children's activity table was provided by Trudy Sutton. Drusilla Chestnut gave the blessing before the noon meal.

The business meeting was conducted by Chairman Linda Hawkins. She commented on the abundance of delicious food and thanked everyone for coming.

Secretary Trudy Sutton read the minutes from the 2021 reunion then asked for corrections or additions.

Treasurer Dianne Butler gave the financial report.

Barbara Loomis conducted the memorial service and spoke about the legacies we leave. She announced the names of those who had passed away since last year's reunion. Those remembered were Gene Marneal "Neal" Jones, Ray Purkhiser, Martha "Sue" Wininger, James R. and Tonya Jones, Larry Bryan Jones, Richard Young, Betty Butler, and Candi Jones.

Drusilla Chestnut who was honored with the "Jones Nose" in 2021 selected Michelle (Chestnut) Wininger as the 2022 recipient.

Introductions of those in attendance were made and the following special family events were announced:

Michael E. Jones' daughter, McKenna, starts school at IU next week.

Jim Jones' granddaughter, Sofia Neidinger, was selected as Little Miss Queen at the 2022 Shoals Catfish Festival.

Dianne Butler has a new great grandson - Atlas Lester Wagler, and her great-granddaughter, Amiryah Wagler, was First Runner-up Little Miss at the 2022 Shoals Catfish Festival.

Linda Hawkins has a new great grandson - Theo, and granddaughter, Melanie Hawkins, was First Runner-Up and Miss Congeniality at the 2022 Martin County

## Lady Lions defeated in season opener

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Teams were defeated by Jasper on Monday night at home, in their season opener. The varsity lost in five sets, 27-25, 25-27, 26-24, 20-25, 12-15 and the junior varsity in two sets, 19-24, 24-25.

In the varsity matches, Brooklyn Summers led in assists with 23, followed by Sydnee Wittmer with 17. Summers also had 10 serving points and 23 digs. Wittmer also led in kills with 12. Kyleigh Courter had a team-high 39 digs and also contributed 10 serving points. Breanna Courter finished with seven kills and 21 digs. Cacia Wilcoxon and Mallorie Sutton each had six kills with Wilcoxon and Ashlynn Gilbert each having three blocks. Lindsey Nolan finished with nine serving points.

In the junior varsity matches, Addy Lengacher had 17 assists and eight service points. Abbi Nonte had seven digs and six serving points. Madison Ramsey led in kills with five followed by Macy Knepp with four. Ava Fuhrman finished with six digs.

The girls will travel next to Northeast Dubois on Thursday, August 18.



-Photo provided

On the left is Drusilla Chestnut presenting the "Jones Nose" award to Michelle Wininger.

4-H Fair.

Marcia Young has a new great-granddaughter - Heidi Louise.

Diana Sparks has a new grandson - Joshua Daniel.

Mike L. and Gladys Jones did a great job with attendance prizes which were awarded as follows:

Eldest lady present - Carol Hedrick.

Eldest gentleman present - Jerry Loomis.

Youngest - Emery Jones.

Traveled farthest - Joe and Diana Sparks from Warsaw, Indiana.

Door prize - Carol Hedrick.

Candy jar guess - Barbara Loomis.

Officers elected for the 2023 reunion are:

Chairman - Linda Hawkins

Secretary - Trudy Sutton

Treasurer - Dianne Butler

Memorial Service - Barbara Loomis

Prizes - Mike L. and Gladys Jones

Silent Auction - Kristy Jones

Decorations - Barbara & Jerry Loomis

Dianne Butler announced the winners of the silent auction on behalf of Kristy Jones.

Those attending from Martin County were Dianne and David Butler; Cassidy, Tyler, Jase, and Braeden Dages; Linda Hawkins; Kern and Bev Hendrix; Barbara and Jerry Loomis; Garry and Nancy Jones; Jim and Stephanie Jones; Michael E., Christopher, and Isaiah Jones; Steve Jones; and Trudy Sutton.

Others attending were Janice and John Johnson, Washington; Drusilla Chestnut, French Lick; Kutina England, Marcia Young, and Ruthie Wagoner, Mitchell; Carol Hedrick and Debbie Hodges, Bedford; Michelle and Cecil Wininger, Hardinsburg; Austin and Emery Jones, Plainfield; Mike L. and Gladys Jones, Greenwood; Ralph and Linda Wendel, Carmel; Diana and Joe Sparks of Warsaw.

Next year's 50th Annual Jones Reunion will be Saturday, August 12, 2023, at the Martin County Community Building in Loogootee.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, August 18 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

### Dog/cat wellness clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter will hold their monthly wellness clinic Friday, August 19 from 5-6:30 p.m. Low cost services such as vaccinations, microchips and disease testing are offered. No appointment is required.

### Daviess-Martin Park Board meeting

The Daviess-Martin Joint County Park Board will meet in executive session Thursday, August 18 at 6 p.m. at the West Boggs Park Activity Center. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel issues.

### Strange-O'Maley Reunion

The Strange-O'Maley-Jones Reunion will be held Sunday, September 4 at the St. Joseph Annex in Bramble. Food will be served at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish. Iced tea and table service will be provided.

### LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at The River Church in Shoals. This is a 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.

### Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 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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### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon 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.

## Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association hold meeting

The Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association met at the Gasthof restaurant Friday, August 12. President Ramona Lennen led the members in the pledge to the flag and conducted the meeting. The minutes from the May meeting, submitted by Nancy Adams, and the treasurer's report, submitted by David Lennen, were read and approved. The proposed budget for this year was approved by the members. The community service report was given by Lawana Hand. She gave some guidelines on volunteer hours from the state and encouraged members to keep volunteering in their communities.

Lawana Hand, Donna Keller and Ramona Lennen, delegates to the Representative Assembly, each gave a short report on their experience. Members receiving honorable mention certificates for their volunteer hours were Aggie Cooper, Pat Brochin and Donna Keller. It was decided that they will continue with the Pennies from Heaven project and will vote in September on what organizations will receive the donations this year. They are still collecting candy for their fall service project.

Meeting dates for the coming year were announced and they are: September 9, 2022; November 18, 2022; January 13, 2023; March 10, 2023; and May 19, 2023. The area fall workshop will be Wednesday, September 21 at the Gasthof.

The program was presented by Laura Penman, Executive Director IRTA; Paula Dyer, State President of IRTA; and David Lennen, President Elect of IRTA. Both ladies spoke on their vision for IRTA, and David Lennen spoke about the structure of the organization.

The door prizes, provided by David and Ramona Lennen, were won by Rosie Wininger, Pat Brochin and Alice Jones.

Those attending the meeting were: Rosie Wininger, Vicky Bauernfiend, David Lennen, Peg Neidigh, Arlene Owens, Donna Keller, Ruthann Burkhardt, Alana Thompson, Linda Strosnider, Barb Hager, Laura Penman, Paula Dyer, Steve Dyer, Ramona Lennen, Lawana Hand, Alice Jones, Linda Britton, Marian McCracken, Kenneth A. Macey, Janice K. Riley, Lisa Ader-Miller, Patricia Brochin and Nancy Adams.

The next meeting will be September 9 at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof. All retired teachers living in Daviess and Martin counties are invited to attend.

After the blessing was sung the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, we began a discussion of creating new garden beds. While some gardens are intended to be only utilitarian, such as for the production of food, most gardeners want the beds to create spaces to be enjoyed by all of the senses. A well-planned garden is not just seen. It is experienced.

Of course, the sense of sight is the primary sense to which a garden appeals for most people, so we will begin our discussion with that sense. Beauty is truly in the eye of the beholder in the garden. I cannot create a definitive work on gardening for the eye in the space of this column, and, as always, I urge my readers to do some research before sticking a shovel in the ground. The internet has made that easy, but I still prefer consulting books written by expert gardeners. If you do not wish to spend a lot on books, the local library will likely have at least some of the major works. Still, be true to yourself. Do not let the so-called experts talk you out of something that you personally find beautiful. It is, after all, your garden, and if it goes against the rules, go ahead and be a rebel. (The only place I do recommend compliance is in matters concerning poisonous plants or plants that may become invasive in your area.) If you live in an area with restrictive covenants, by all means follow the rules to which you agreed by the purchase of the lot.

There are many ways that our gardens appeal to our sense of sight. Plant placement, ornamentation, hardscape and textures are some of the things we observe by sight. However, the most prominent consideration to the eye is color in the garden. The use of color can create moods, change the perception of garden size and even affect the wildlife that will be attracted to the garden. Perhaps the best-known book on the subject is the Penelope Hobhouse work, *Color in Your Garden*. Personally, I have to credit my childhood artist mentor, Lois Doan, for teaching me how colors can make a difference anywhere, including the garden.

Without a doubt, green is the major color in the garden—at least in a healthy

garden during the growing season. Most plants have at least some shades of green, thanks to the chlorophyll and photosynthesis. However, within the green range are many different shades. One can create a garden of great interest using only the various shades of green. Green is considered a cool color and an expanse of green can create a rather peaceful feeling. The famous Green Garden at the Tower of London, however, is really just a lawn. It seems the gardeners did not want to plant in that area, even after the Tower ceased to be used as a prison. That area had previously been used to bury the headless bodies of the Tower's unfortunate political prisoners.

Most of us are familiar with the color wheels from art class in elementary school. If we begin at green, which is the basis for almost all gardens, we move on through the various blues to violet and purple. These are also cool colors, and the use of these colors will make an expanse seem more intimate and calmer. On the other side of the wheel, we find the hot colors of red, orange and yellow. Using the hot colors creates excitement. Different hues within the colors also change the mood. Bright hues will excite the eye, while pastels are more soothing. A small area can be made to look larger by using cool colors and pastels in the foreground and placing a few tall, hot-colored flowers at the back of the bed. One's eye will be drawn to the hot color, making the bed appear longer than it actually is.

Most designers recommend limiting the palette of a garden to only about three colors. At Sandhill Gardens, I use a lot of purple and pink. However, since I layer things to keep beds going in all seasons, a bed may start yellow in the spring with daffodils and be a completely different color later in the season. Of course, I also use a lot of white flowers and variegated plants to create my moon garden. The white reflects in the moonlight, creating a peaceful setting.

Play around with colors in your garden. Do not be afraid to experiment. You can always change it next year.

## Invasive plant control training to be held September 10

Landowners are invited to register for comprehensive one-day training on invasive plant control, located at Southern Indiana Purdue Agricultural Center (11371 Purdue Farm Road Dubois, IN). The training will be held Saturday, September 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$25.

This practical, hands-on training by foresters and natural resource professionals will include topics such as assessing your invasive plant program, the three pillars of invasive plant managements, selecting control options, herbicide use and considerations, control funding and technical assistance, and setting invasive management goals and objectives. It will consist of classroom portions, as well as in-field demonstration of equipment and invasive control methods and will include lunch.

Register by September 2 by contacting Jessica Condra at 812-482-1171 x3, or [Jessica.Condra@in.nacdn.net](mailto:Jessica.Condra@in.nacdn.net).

This event is hosted by Purdue Extension



Shown is Purdue Extension Forester Ron Rathfon as he demonstrates a foliar herbicide treatment at a past invasive training in 2019. (Photo by Emily Finch)

sion Forestry & Natural Resources, in cooperation with the Invasive Species Awareness Coalition of Dubois County, the Dubois County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Indiana DNR Forestry.

## Indiana farmland prices soar to record highs in 2022

BY KAMI GOODWIN  
Purdue University News Service

The Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rents Survey suggests Indiana farmland prices grew at a record pace between June 2021 and June 2022, exceeding previous highs set in 2021. Statewide, top-quality farmland averaged \$12,808 per acre, up 30.9 percent from the same time last year. The average per acre price of average-quality farmland similarly increased by 30.1 percent to \$10,598. Poor quality farmland prices exhibited the largest increase of 34.0 percent to \$8,631.

"Multiple factors are influencing the increase in farmland prices, including positive net farm incomes, relatively strong commodity prices, inflation, and high farmer liquidity," said Todd H. Kuethe, Purdue associate professor and the Schrader Endowed Chair in Farmland Economics and survey author. "However, rising interest rates are associated with increased costs of borrowing, which put downward pressure on purchases financed through mortgages."

Statewide cash rental rates also increased across all land quality classes in 2022. Average cash rents increased by 11.5 percent for top-quality land, 10.8 percent for average-quality land, and 13.2 percent for poor-quality land. The increases in cash rents were the highest observed since the 2011–2012 period. Across the three quality grades, cash rents also reached a record high in 2022 at \$300 per acre for high-quality farmland, \$252 for average-quality, and \$207 for poor-quality land.

At the regional level, the largest cash rental rate increases for top- and average-quality land were in the Northeast (21.3 percent and 13.2 percent, respectively), and the largest increase for poor-quality land was in the Southwest region (18.6 percent). Across all three quality grades, the highest per acre av-

erage cash rent was observed in the West Central region.

While rental rates across all three quality grades increased in almost all regions, the cash rental rates grew at a slower rate than market prices. As a result, rent as a share of land value declined relative to 2021.

The price appreciation rates for farmland transitioning out of agricultural production or sold for recreational purposes surpassed the previous record growth rates observed in 2011. Statewide, the average price of transitional land was up 36.5 percent from June 2021, with an average price per acre of \$24,240. Recreational land prices grew by 21.8 percent to an average per acre price of \$9,121. For the remainder of 2022, respondents expect transitional land to increase modestly by 2.3 percent, while the value of recreational land is expected to hold relatively stable.

For more in-depth analysis on the survey, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture will host a free webinar 1-2 p.m. ET August 24. Join Purdue agricultural economists Todd Kuethe, James Mintert and Michael Langemeier as they break down the Purdue Farmland Values Survey and USDA Land Values report, discuss marketing strategies for 2022 corn and soybean crops, and make projections for 2023 corn and soybean returns. Register for the free webinar at <https://purdue.ag/landvalues2022>.

Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics conducts the Purdue Farmland Value and Cash Rent Survey each June and publishes it in the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report. The survey is produced through the cooperation of numerous professionals knowledgeable of Indiana's farmland market. These professionals provided an estimate of the market value for bare poor, average, and top-quality farmland in December 2021, June 2022, and a forecast value for December 2022.

## Scrapbooking workshop at Paynetown SRA

Monroe Lake is hosting a Family Heritage Scrapbooking Workshop on Monday, September 12 at 9 a.m. at Paynetown State Recreation Area as part of Salt Creek Valley History Week, a celebration of Salt Creek Valley's past.

This three-hour workshop will cover best practices for preserving and sharing family photos, heirlooms, and other historical documents. This event includes basic tips on scrapbook page making, archival considerations, balancing originals against copies of photos, layout and page design, color choices, cropping techniques, choosing adhesives, and other considerations. Digital scrapbooking options will be discussed.

Participants will also complete at least two memory scrapbook pages of their own. The \$15 workshop fee includes four 12 x 12-inch base papers (two with print design), six 8 1/2 x 10-inch solid color mat-décor sheets, two black journaling pens, two plastic page protectors, one roll of adhesive dispenser, photo mounting corners (for use with original photos), and a poster board to create a smooth tabletop work surface. All materials will be archival-quality and acid-free.

The workshop will be presented by Susan Snider Salmon, an experienced genealogist and a genealogy instructor for the Ivy Tech Center for Lifelong Learning. Space is limited to 12 people and restricted to ages 16 and older. Ad-

vance registration is required at [bit.ly/heritagescrapbook2022](https://bit.ly/heritagescrapbook2022) by August 26.

For information on other programs being offered during Salt Creek Valley History Week, which runs from September 10 to 16, see [bit.ly/SCVhistory-week2022](https://bit.ly/SCVhistory-week2022).

Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at 812-837-9967 or email Jill Vance at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

## Patoka Lake to host kayak tour August 20

Patoka Lake is hosting a kayak tour on Saturday, August 20 at 9 a.m. The tour leaves from the Fisherman's Campground boat ramp.

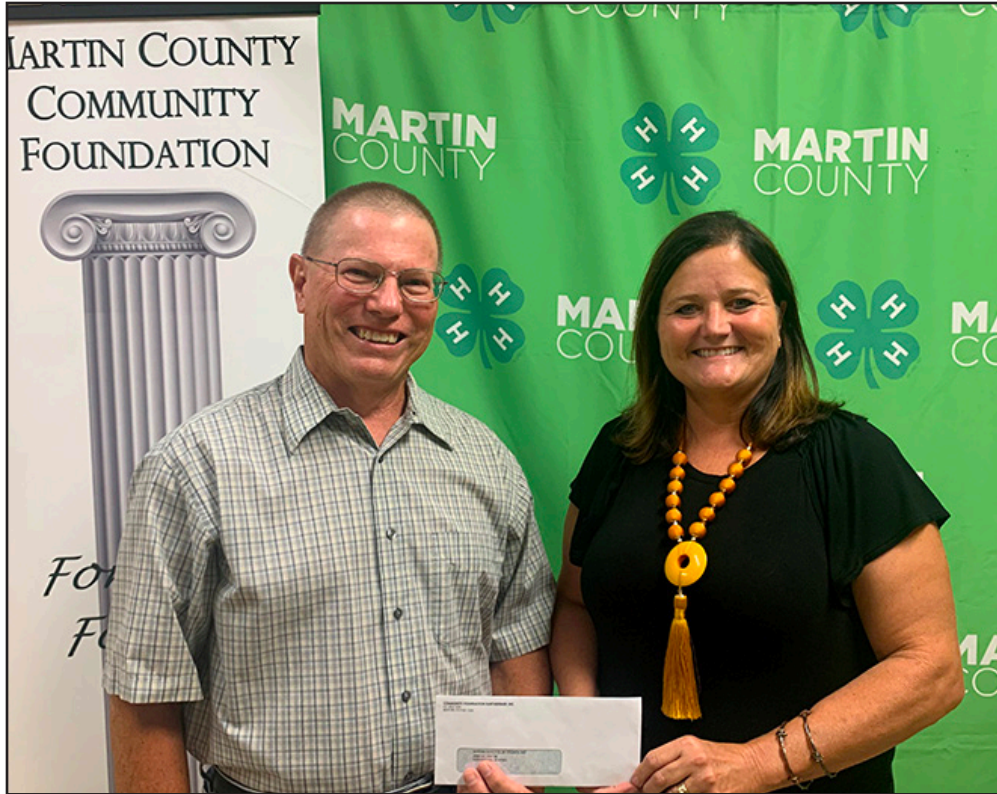
Participants will have a chance to see an active bald eagle nest. Other wildlife including beaver and osprey can also be seen.

Bring binoculars, kayak, cameras, preferred refreshments, and sunscreen for this two-hour long journey.

Participants should arrive at 8:45 a.m. to unload equipment and get their boat in the water so the tour can leave promptly at 9 a.m.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake ([on.IN.gov/patokalake](https://on.IN.gov/patokalake)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.



## Make My Day grant

-Photo provided

Shown above is Martin County Community Foundation Vice-President Gary Smith presenting a MCCF \$500 Make My Day grant to Dena Held, the 4-H Youth Development and County Extension Director/Educator. This Make My Day grant is going to help with the youth summer camp programs.

## School board candidate filing ends August 26

The Martin County General Election will be held November 8, 2022. The filing period to file completed petition for school board ends August 26, 2022, at noon. In Loogootee, the districts on the ballot will be districts 1, 2 and 3. In Shoals, districts 1 and 4 will be on the ballot.

If you are interested in voting by mail, you can call and request an application at any time.

If you are interested in becoming a candidate for school board or would like an application to vote absentee by mail, please contact the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

To date, the following local candidates will appear on the ballot:

The following local candidates will appear on the ballot:

Assessor - Carolyn Sue McGuire, Republican

Clerk - Julie Fithian, Republican

Commissioner District 2 - Paul R. George, Democrat; DeAndra Magdaleño, Independent

County Council District 1 - Jordan Dant, Republican

County Council District 2 - Jim Hamby, Republican

County Council District 3 - Monty Gregory, Republican; Richard Summers, Democrat

County Council District 4 - Andrew Beaver, Republican

Judge - Isha E. Wright-Ryan, Republican

Prosecutor - Aureola S. Vincz, Republican; Michael Steiner, Independent

Sheriff - Josh Greene, Republican

Crane Clerk/Treasurer - Linda Ann Willoughby, Republican

Crane Town Council - Ronald L. Barker, Republican; Henry J. Lauders, Republican; Charles H. Parcels Jr, Republican;

Roy Vaught, Independent

Shoals Clerk/Treasurer - Sierra Rutledge, Democrat

Shoals Town Council - Roger Lee Abel Jr., Republican; Cary D. Albright, Republican; Richard (Rick) Gibbs, Republican; Micky Hawkins Crew, Democrat; Walter Holt, Democrat; Cecil L. Ragsdale, Democrat

Center Township Trustee - Ann Marie Stewart, Republican

Center Township Board - Norma J. Baker, Republican; Dean Crandall, Republican; Matthew Sullivan, Republican

Halbert Township Trustee - Exzelia Montgomery, Republican

Halbert Township Board - Kimberly L. Albright, Republican; Stephanie (Stevie) Horton, Republican; Travis L. Montgomery, Republican

Lost River Township Trustee - Mildred C. Brown, Republican

Lost River Township Board - Alice Dianne Butler, Republican; Keith Emmons, Republican; Bruce Fithian, Republican

Mitcheltree Township Trustee - Rosalee Bateman, Republican; Tammy Jo Gore, Democrat

Mitcheltree Township Board - Kay Belcher, Republican; Becky Sellers, Republican; Charity (Belcher) Tolbert, Republican

Perry Township Trustee - Jason Hennette, Democrat

Perry Township Board - Anthony J. (Tony) Dant, Democrat; Julie Green, Democrat; Brandi Hennette, Democrat

Rutherford Township Trustee - Terry J. Street, Republican

Rutherford Township Board - Danny F. Berry, Republican; Jeff Horney, Republican; Virgil Scott Street, Democrat

Loogootee School Board District 1 - Nick Toy

Shoals School Board District 4 - Eva George

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

### 'How is that even remotely fair to ALL citizens'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

I pose a question . . . how is it ok to have a Worship Night on the public square playing gospel music and prayers yet it was not ok for a Pride decoration? I know of plenty of people in this town, some who live close to if not on the square, who are Atheist or Wiccan, and being forced to hear gospel music or prayers may be offensive to them, yet the 'powers that be' would not allow Pride decorations because they are considered offensive to them. How is that even remotely fair to ALL citizens within our town?

I just don't understand how one is ok yet the other isn't. Everyone talks about how 'inclusive' Loogootee is, yet this is a prime example of how this town is far from being inclusive. I will pose the question that was brought up at a meeting, if we allow this Worship night to happen who is to say that a radical group won't do the same? At least that's what some religious leaders believe. Don't get me wrong, I am a straight woman who is married to an amazing man but have numerous family members and friends who belong to the LGBTQ+ community and this Worship Night is nothing short of a slap in the face to that part of the community. If we are going to openly exclude one part of the community because they are 'less than', then that exclusion needs to apply to all people of the community.

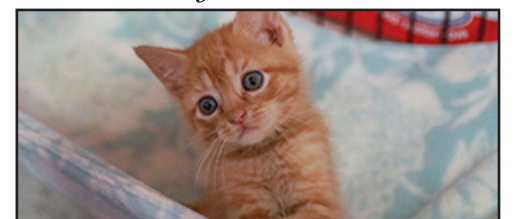
The LGBTQ+ community simply wanted to put banners up and flags in flowerpots and yet they were not given that chance (and even the flags that were put in pots were taken out and nothing was done) and then the council voted and

demanding those flags be removed. These decisions are so hypocritical that it's not even funny. Towns and cities around us recognize and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and ours simply degrades them and looks down on them.

I just want clarification on how this Worship Night is acceptable yet recognition for others in our community isn't. I'm grateful I no longer live on the square because not only are we forcing people who do not agree to be subject to forcibly do something they are not comfortable with but also causing those who live on the square to find somewhere else to park. Our town administration needs to consider EVERYONE in the community not just a select group. Remember, not everyone in this community has the same beliefs as their neighbors. Keep in mind, people in this community will remember all of this at election time.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Sadler  
LGBTQ+ Ally  
Loogootee, Indiana

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**KITTENS!** The shelter has 30 kittens available for adoption - all colors and personalities. An approved adoption application is required to set up an appointment. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit [www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org).

## ONLINE BUILDING MATERIAL SURPLUS AUCTION

Online Bidding closes on

Monday, August 22, 2022 ~ 7:00PM

This is an online only auction with over 950 lots of Surplus Building Material in Shoals, IN.

**Highlights Include:** Kitchen Cabinets, Vanity's; Interior & Exterior Doors, Windows, Quartz, Karran, & Stainless Steel Sinks, Kitchen Faucets, Vanity Facets; Tub & Shower Faucets; Front Cabinet Sweep vacs, Siding; Soffit; Corner Trim; J Channel; Organizers; 55 gal. Metal drums; Filing Cabinets, Hard Hats; Shelving; Air hoses; Large Tarps; & more!

BIDDING ENDS: Monday, Aug 22, with the first lot scheduled to end at 7pm. PICK UP ON THURS or FRI, Aug 25 or 26, from 10am to 5pm in Shoals, IN

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## CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

### Help Wanted: Library Clerk 2

Loogootee Public Library is looking for a Clerk 2. This upbeat, organized, creative individual will not only put on regular story times, but will also plan, schedule, promote, and evaluate regularly-scheduled programs and activities for children up to 12 years-old, Young Adults and Adults. Some circulation desk duties may be assigned too.

This position requires 20 hours/week, with flexible scheduling. The pay is \$14/hour, with some benefits.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume to Darla Wagler at [dwagler@loogootee.lib.in.us](mailto:dwagler@loogootee.lib.in.us). A two-year degree and higher is required. This position will remain open until filled.

## St. John the Evangelist Parish St. Martin's Men's Club

BBQ OR  
POTATO SALAD  
BAKED BEANS  
DESSERT  
DRINK



Cost is  
\$10 Adult  
\$6 Children  
Dine in or  
Carry-out  
available

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at St. Martin Hall, Whitfield

This event is dedicated to the memory of Bob Lannan, John Walker and Ronnie Burris.