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## School board filings end Friday

The Martin County 2020 General Election will be held November 3, 2020. Voter registration ends October 5, 2020. You can call the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651 or go to [www.Indianavoters.com](http://www.Indianavoters.com) to check status of your registration.

In-office absentee voting is scheduled to start October 6, 2020. You must have a photo ID to match your registration address in order to vote in person. The last day to send out an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday October 22, 2020. You can request an application to vote by mail at any time by calling the clerk's office or you can get application online at [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com). These dates are tentative. The governor can make changes at any time.

To help with overcrowding, the Martin County Election Board has moved the precincts of Lost River, South Center and Southeast Halbert from St. Mary's Church to the Shoals American Legion. All other precincts remain the same.

Deadline for candidates to file petition to run for school board is August 21 at noon. Documents for filing can be picked up at the clerk's office. In Loogootee, there are two at-large positions and in Shoals, districts 2, 3, and 5 will be on the ballot.

Appearing on the General Election ballot, as of August 17, are the following:

Martin County Auditor  
Bobbie Abel (D)  
Martin County Coroner  
Cathy Evans (R)  
Tina M. Franklin (D)  
Martin County Recorder  
Rhonda Sanders (R)  
Martin County Surveyor  
Nathan D. Hoffman (R)  
Martin County Treasurer  
Lori Carrico (R)  
Martin County Commissioner District 1  
Cody Roush (R)  
Martin County Commissioner District 3  
Aaron "Moose" Summers (R)  
Michael "Mike" D. Dant (D)  
Martin County Council-at-Large  
(Choose 3)  
Warren D. Albright (R)  
Keith Gibson (R)  
Adam Greene (R)  
Richard Summers (D)  
Jim Woody (D)  
Loogootee School Board at Large  
Nancy Summers  
Shoals School Board District 2  
Jenell Hoffman  
Shoals School Board District 3  
Jerry Braun  
Shoals School Board District 5  
Drexel Turpin

Any questions or concerns, you can contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

## County council unsure whether to raise taxes or cut services

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council held budget hearings Monday and Tuesday this week. The proposed 2021 budget presented to the council was for close to \$4.5 million, almost \$1 million more than last year. Some of the increase, other than the requests for raises, was for county employees' insurance. The insurance increased 15 percent for next year causing the total expenses to exceed \$660,000 for the year. Employees pay 10 percent of the premiums and the county pays for 90 percent.

After two days of going line by line through every department's budget, the council was only able to find \$150,000 in cuts, a far cry from the \$1 million needed.

The county receives roughly \$1.8 million in property tax revenue and \$1.5 million in other funding for a total of \$3.3 million. The county's current tax rate is 1.75 percent.

On Monday, Auditor Bobbie Abel briefly brought up what would be required of the council if they decided to raise the local income tax. She warned the council that this year is bad but next year will be worse. She said the local income tax estimates for last month are already 25 percent lower than predicted and with the continued uncertainty of COVID 19, things are not looking to improve. She said the state operates from local income taxes a year

behind, so the funds used this year are actually income taxes paid last year. Next year's money will be income tax collected this year, which is why there is cause for concern. She told the council that if raising taxes was a consideration, they needed to do it before November 1 for it to help in 2021. Otherwise it wouldn't take affect until 2022.

The council didn't respond to the information on raising taxes on Monday but on Tuesday afternoon they reached an impasse with cuts. Unsure of what to do, the council discussed raising taxes and how that would affect residents during the pandemic.

A one percent income tax increase, to 2.75 percent, would bring in an additional \$2 million. It was noted that the City of Loogootee, Town of Shoals, the schools and libraries would receive some of that money. No one was sure how much the county would end up with after the disbursements, but it was estimated to be around \$1.2 million. A taxpayer making \$30,000 a year would pay an additional \$300 in income tax per year or \$5.77 a week, at the full one percent increase.

Council Member Sherri Bowling said she was worried about residents on a fixed income who live off Social Security. Auditor Bobbie Abel said that Indiana does not tax social security income.

Council Member Keith Gibson asked how they could raise taxes now with peo-

ple already hurting.

Council Member Buck Stiles said that with the City of Loogootee raising water rates 45 percent, he didn't know how the council could possibly raise income taxes on people as well.

Courtney Hughett, with *The Journal*, asked Auditor Abel what would happen if the county submitted the budget as is, with only \$150,000 in cuts. Auditor Abel replied that they would veto it. She said that submitting it as is was not an option.

Council Member Randy Winger said his fear with raising taxes would be that they would be in the same boat in four years, having spent all the increase.

Hughett, from the audience, said that speaking as a taxpayer if the council couldn't figure out how to stay within budget after adding an additional \$2 million, she would vote against them in the next election, as would others.

Auditor Bobbie Abel added that it's the council's job to make sure they stay within budget however at this time, they can't find anywhere else to cut without eating into services provided, such as ambulance service, police service, or firing staff.

Teresa Harder, who was in the audience, said the council went through budget issues similar to this back in 2006 or 2007. She said it got so bad that the state sent the county information on how to file for bankruptcy. "I think we are there again," (See 'COUNTY COUNCIL' on page 2)

## Shoals School Board makes staff changes

The Shoals School Board met August 13. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Samantha Boyd, and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Kindra Hovis, and Shannon Wagoner. There were no patrons.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

- Angela Cook, Olivia Stoll, Melanie Hawkins, Cathy Hovis, and Jonathan Sullivan as substitute teachers
- Audrey Gibson for CTC coordinator and disciplinarian.
- Reva Troutman as an aide
- Joyce Jones and Molly Sharp as Title 1 teaching assistants.
- Becky Riggins and Joni Brett for the cafeteria positions
- Brandi Gilbert and April Cockerham as cafeteria subs
- Jonathan Holt, Jeff Gee, Audrey Gibson, and Jessica Hert as junior class sponsors
- Tina Rue, Ben Kent, and Kim Perry as senior class sponsors
- Jessica Hert as IMPACCT sponsor
- Mimi Hawkins as student council sponsor
- Erin Cage as Spanish Club sponsor
- Dennis Dahlen as film club sponsor and yearbook/newspaper sponsor
- Kevin Holt as art club sponsor (new program)
- Tina Rue as SADD sponsor, Spell Bowl sponsor and librarian
- Tina Rue and Wesley Stephenson as academic team sponsors
- Ben Kent as FFA sponsor

-Dean Troutman and Jennifer Mauntel as robotics team sponsors

-Ross Johnson as volunteer cross country coach

-Audrey Gibson as cheer volunteer

-Kim Hickman requested FMLA until further notice.

The board approved the following resignations:

-MaryBeth Brett and Rikki Albright from the cafeteria worker positions

-Lydia Turpen and Kristine Garland from the teaching assistant positions

## Martin County relief grant applications being accepted until Monday

Through economic development partners, Duke Energy Foundation and Radius Indiana, Martin County has received a small business relief grant of \$5,000 due to the COVID 19 crisis. The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is matching the grant to increase the amount of funds available to local small businesses for a total of \$11,000.

They will distribute all \$11,000 to local businesses through an application process set forth below. The amount distributed to each business impacted by COVID 19 will be determined by the need illustrated via the application and the number of completed, qualified applications received. The amount requested can be used for the qualified costs listed below.

Qualified costs include:

- Relief funding/short-term operating costs. (i.e.- payroll support, as employee salaries; paid sick leave or medical leave, insurance premiums, mortgage payments

-Madelyn Voorhies from the junior high teacher position.

The board approved fundraisers for the volleyball team to sell volleyball shirts in August and the Class of 2022 to sell mums. Funds from the mums will be used for prom, class events such as future trips, graduation, and donations to classmates in need or local organizations. They also approved the band's request to sell various items through Century Resources.

A 2021 budget update was given by Dr. (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)

and any other debt obligations.

- Legal or technical assistance for small businesses in navigating the new federal and state programs

- Technology needs to ensure small businesses can communicate with their customers and community.

Costs that are not qualified:

- Duke energy bills - during COVID-19 crisis, Duke Energy has ceased disconnects for nonpayment and waving late fees.

The business must

- \* Have a total of 30 employees of less
- \* Be served by Duke Energy

You can pick up an application from Laura Albertson at the Martin County Recycling Center, 500 Industrial Park Drive Loogootee.

This has a very short deadline. Pick up the application by Friday August 21, 2020 and return it by Monday August 24 at noon.



**Making A Difference**

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



**COUNTY COUNCIL**

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she said. "We've got a real problem," said Council Member Stiles. He went onto say that county government has outgrown the income and when he goes through the budget and sees maintenance agreements, service contracts, etc. it becomes impossible. "Where does it end?" he asked.

Council Member Winger agreed saying, "It's killing us."

Rhonda Sanders, county recorder, who was in the audience, asked what the departments were supposed to do then, if the council didn't want them to have contracts with outside firms. She said that if they need a computer specialist, they have no choice but to have a contract with a company. She added that she is not a computer expert and relies on the expertise of others to help her out. Carolyn McGuire, assessor, who was also in the audience, noted that the state mandates certain software upgrades, etc. so they can't help the fees associated with that. It was noted that the state issues mandates but then doesn't help pay for those mandates.

Council Member Warren Albright said that he hates to say it, but a tax increase is going to be the only option. The other council members agreed asking each other if they had any other ideas. No one did.

Albright suggested a .50 percent increase as opposed to a full one percent because he fears that having the "extra" money would put more pressure on the council by department heads to spend it. Discussion ensued on whether a .50 increase would even be enough to give the county a cushion to keep from having to raise taxes again down the road. At .50 percent, the county would net around \$600,000 extra a year after the other government entities get their share.

Council Member Stiles said it would be helpful if the county received as much property tax as other counties the same size but due to Crane and the forests, the county only has one-third to work with. Two-thirds of the land in Martin County is not taxable.

On the subject of raises, Council Member Albright said he would have a really hard time telling the public the council needed more money to pay the bills and turning around and giving that money to the county employees. "It does not look right to tax everybody else so we can pass out raises," he said.

Sheriff Travis Roush, who was in the audience, defended his salary increase requests noting that his department has never stopped during the pandemic. "You have never seen our parking lot empty and our doors locked," he said. He told the council that he is not putting down the courthouse employees because they do a great job however his employees have "been on the front line" throughout the pandemic and deserve to be compensated for it.

Council Member Richard Summers told Sheriff Roush that they didn't plan to make any decision about raises right now. He noted that the sheriff's department does bring in extra money for the county through the housing of out-of-county inmates but asked how they give the sheriff's department raises but not anyone else.

Conversation turned back to whether the council should agree to move forward with raising the local income tax.

"We're going to have to do something," said Council Member Winger.

Council Member Stiles said that even if

the council all agreed that taxes needed to be raised, he would vote no.

"You can't do that!" shouted Council Member Winger.

Stiles replied that he would just be one vote so it would pass anyway if the rest of the council voted yes.

Council Member Winger replied that Stiles would be the good guy and vote against the tax increase even though he hasn't given any other ideas or options of what they should do and is essentially in favor of the increase.

Council Member Albright said that the county council is required by law to pay the bills. He said that if they can't pay the bills, they need to come up with a solution - that's what their job is by state statute.

Sheriff Roush spoke up saying that it would be like him getting elected sheriff and then saying he didn't like arresting people. He said you have to do the job you were elected to do, whether you like doing it or not.

"It's our duty to pay the bills. We are dealt this hand and we have to deal with it," said Council Member Albright. He added that he would hate to have to eliminate ambulance or fire service to the county because they can't pay for it.

Council Member Stiles then agreed to vote with the rest of the council on increasing the taxes, if that's what the end up deciding to do.

Auditor Abel told the council that they could always lower the tax down the road if the county got out of this mess.

Council Member Albright said it would never happen.

"But you could do it if you wanted to," replied Auditor Abel.

In the end, the council told the auditor to move forward with initiating a tax increase. No decision was made on what the increase would be. The council wants to hear from the public about how they feel about an income tax hike. A public hearing is required in order to increase income taxes however the county council expressed concern with residents attending a public hearing during COVID. One will be held, as required by law, but anyone who would like to contact the council, see the side bar with the contact information they have provided.

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-- ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL --  
 "When one door closes, another door opens." Alexander Graham Bell (educator, scientist and inventor) understood that we cannot always look back at the closed doors in our lives; we need to look forward to other doors that open for us and bring new opportunities.

-- OPPORTUNITIES --  
 The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) exists to provide opportunities to our county, to make a difference in people's lives. One of these opportunities is to provide donors an avenue to give back to the community. Another is to help charitable organizations and causes improve the quality of life in our area.

One compliments the other and they need each other to make that difference; the donors need a way to give, and the charitable organizations or causes need someone to provide the resources to meet the community needs. It's all about giving back - whether individually with your time, talent or treasure, or as an organization looking to improve the quality of life in Martin County.

-- MCCF CAN HELP --  
 Donors want to put their money where their hearts are. When they come to the MCCF for help, they have some level of understanding that an endowment can provide the "forever funding" for that concern of theirs. Almost any good cause would benefit from having an endowment to provide funding far into the future.

-- SCHOLARSHIPS --  
 Some donors have seen the need to help adults improve their quality of life by furthering their education even after they've been out of high school for a year or more. In those cases, both the donors and the students have seen the importance of continuing their education. Each of them also understands that as adults, life sometimes brings responsibilities and demands that challenge the goal of going back to school.

-- ADULTS TOO --  
 Because of these complimentary opportunities coming together, the MCCF is able to offer "non-traditional" scholarships established specifically for this purpose of helping adults open another door in their lives and continue their education.

This year Leslie Guy and Brittani (Nici) Key both received one of these scholarships. Leslie is attending the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences for a family nurse practitioner degree. And Nici is attending Southern New Hampshire University to get her Associates Degree in Business Administration.

-- GIVING BACK --  
 These adult students are setting aside time in their life to further their education and improve their quality of life. Both Leslie and Nici are also planning to stay in our community and give back for the opportunities that they've been given. We at the MCCF are thankful that we can help both them and our donors attain their goals.

-- WITH MORE NOW --  
 If you want your giving to have even more impact, the MCCF has a matching grant opportunity in place at this time. With this grant, the MCCF can match \$2 for every \$1 donated to unrestricted funds, which are used for our Impact Grant Cycle and other needs that emerge in the county. We will also match 50¢ for each \$1 donated to any other fund type, such as a scholarship fund. The matching grant is available on a first-come, first-served basis until the grant funds are depleted.

-- MORE INFORMATION --



Pictured is Nici Key with her St. Vincent de Paul Non-Traditional Scholarship certificate.



Pictured is Leslie Guy holding her Second Door Scholarship certificate.

For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you help others, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cf-partner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our website at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm), follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](http://www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation).

**SHOALS**

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Roush for information purposes. Shoals athletic guidelines were given for information purposes. Board Member Drexel Turpin made a motion to waive the grade eligibility requirements for any student athlete for the fall sports season of the 2020-2021 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The board approved.

Superintendent Dr. Roush thanked the principals and staff for all of their hard work and dedication over the past few weeks to get the school back up and running smoothly.

Dr. Roush gave the board an update on the new innovation lab that is currently being installed in the elementary school. This lab has state of the art equipment including 3D printers.

She offered prayers and condolences for the Blayze Crowder family.

She is excited about the new collaboration between then shop class and the FACS class and all of the great things that have been going on. She thanked Ashton Albright for helping with our preschool program and Deanna Hert for serving as a substitute nurse.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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# OBITUARIES

## VONDA ELLIOTT

Vonda M. Elliott gently passed away at her home on August 14, 2020 at 6:41 a.m. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.



She was born April 20, 1948 in Huntingburg; the daughter of Bethel O. and Jessie F. (Co-chran) Parsons, both deceased.

## VONDA ELLIOTT

She married Michael D. Elliott on April 12, 1969 at St John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Vonda was mother to Michel Dawn and Michael David Elliott Jr. of Loogootee. She is survived by both children as well as her husband.

Vonda was the first of four girls, her sisters were Donna K. Williams of Loogootee, Joyce A. (Elmer) Rashe of Jasper. One sister Wanda F. Humpert preceded her in death, sisters-in-laws Donna VanWinkle, Irene Elliott, Debbie Elliott, Georgia Elliott, Rita Elliott, Thelma Elliott, Mary Elliott and brother-in-law Tony Elliott.

Vonda retired from Crane Naval Base in 2002 having worked with some of her best friends.

Vonda was very active at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield having served several terms on the parish council, president of the Rosary Altar Society, editor of Our Catholic Neighborhood newsletter and was the coordinator of the parish funeral meal committee a job she loved doing. She was also the volunteer parish secretary for many years. Vonda was the go-to girl for anything related to parish activities always ready to do anything for anyone in need. She will be greatly missed by all including her gang of Vegas girls.

Mass of Christian Burial for Vonda was celebrated Tuesday, August 18 by her close friend Fr. Joseph F. Erbacher and concelebrated by Fr. Ken Walker and Fr. Leo Kiesel at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield with burial following at St. Martin Cemetery.

Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home of Loogootee.

## SUSAN COLVIN

Susan Marie Colvin, formerly of Loogootee, passed to her eternal reward on



August 15, 2020 at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 64.

She was born November 19, 1955 in Washington; daughter of the late Ernest and Catherine (Strange) Colvin.

Susan attended St. John's Elementary School, Loogootee High School class of 1973, and was a 1977 graduate of Indiana State University. She was a member of St. Pius X Parish in Indianapolis.

She started her work career at Loogootee Home Outfitters before moving to Indianapolis and eventually started her own successful business, Susan Colvin Interiors, in 1991. Susan was a long-time member of the Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Interior Design and was a registered designer in the state of Indiana. She participated for 24 years in the Decorator Showhouse for St. Margaret's Hospital Guild. As time permitted, she also volunteered for the Read Up program at an Indianapolis Public School and participated in the Big Brother/Big Sister program. She had a love for antiques, camping and all animals.

Susan was preceded in death by her

parents.

She is survived by nine siblings, Larry Colvin and David (Millie) Colvin, both of Indianapolis; Ed Colvin and Patricia Colvin, both of Bloomington, Steve Colvin of Evansville, Barbara (Ryad) Hamzeh of Arlington, Texas, Mary Kay Colvin, Gene Colvin, and Rick Colvin, all of Loogootee. Susan also had eight nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly, Larissa (Jonathan) Sosa, Ryan (Aubrey) Hamzeh and Matt Hamzeh, all of Arlington, Texas, Katie Colvin, Holly Colvin and Mackenzie Colvin, all of Bloomington, Walter Colvin and Sarah Colvin, both of Indianapolis.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 20 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 19 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to your local humane society in honor of Susan.

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

## RUTH BURRIS

Ruth Burris passed away Tuesday morning August 11, 2020 at New Albany Rehabilitation facility in New Albany.



A resident of Washington, she was 83.

Ruth was born September 24, 1935 in Martin County; the daughter of Oather and Edith (Jones) Wagner. Ruth loved camping (mostly in Bunita Springs, Florida), her grandkids and great-granddaughter, gardening, the Grand Ole Opry and Johnny Cash. Ruth was a member of New Hope Christian Church and participated in The Journey to Bethlehem and the White River Valley Antique Association. Ruth will be greatly missed by her friends and family and will be remembered by her infectious laugh and loving soul.

Surviving are two children, Craig and Andrea Burris of Washington and Deann Burris of Fort Lauderdale; three grandchildren, Veronica Burris (Kent Delaney), Valerie Burris and VeJay L. Burris; three step-grandchildren, Robert T. Miles, Ciera Miles and Chelsea K. Miles; great-granddaughter, Braylie Grannan and step great-grandchild, Magnolia J. Miles.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Russell Burris; brother, Donald Wagner and two sisters, Helen Hopkins and Dorothy Wagner.

A private service was held. Burial followed at Alfordsville Cemetery.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com). All arrangements were entrusted to Ed Lee Mortuary.

## ROBERT STUCKEY

Robert "Bob" L. Stuckey passed away Monday August 17, 2020 at 4:40 p.m. at his home surrounded by his family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 75.

He was born on August 24, 1944 in Martin County; son of John and Rosie (Fields) Stuckey.

Robert graduated from St. John High School. He married Judith (Buck) Stuckey on June 5, 1965. Robert managed Buehler's IGA in Loogootee for over 20 years. He also worked at Kimball International Factory in Jasper, Jofco Furni-



## ROBERT STUCKEY

ture Company in Japer, and Eugene's Food Liner/ Grocery Store in Loogootee. Robert was a hard worker and loved to played music, he toured with different bands.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and

Rosie Stuckey; his son, John Stuckey; and his siblings, Donald Stuckey, David Stuckey, and Mary Bridgewater.

He is survived his wife, Judith Stuckey; his children, Kathy (Randy) Gibson of Loogootee and Denise (Jeff) Padgett of Otwell; his grandchildren, Travis Gibson, Justin Gibson, Cheyanna Padgett, River Padgett, Keysha Padgett, Craig Stuckey, and Angel Stuckey; five great-grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was chosen according to his wishes. A memorial service will be held Saturday August 22 at 1 p.m. at Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## JOHN ROEDEL

John Frank Roedel passed away at 11:14 a.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 93.

He was born March 15, 1927 in Craighead County, Arkansas; son of Frank Jacob Roedel and Mina Mabel (Duncan) Roedel.

John married Carolyn May (Allen) Longworth on March 16, 1958 in Grundy County, Illinois and she preceded him in death.

He joined the Air Force in January of 1946. He was at Eglin Airforce Base in Florida and was part of the 1st Experimental Guided Missiles Group working with the JB-2 missile. After serving in the military he worked at the Joliet Arsenal in Joliet, Illinois and then transferred to the Crane Naval Base in Crane from which he retired. After retiring he enjoyed making bird houses and wood working. He enjoyed fishing and liked to tell stories. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn in 2011 along with his parents and 12 siblings, Rufus Roedel, Louisa Anna Roedel, Theodore Roedel, Willard Roedel, Howard Roedel killed in Battle of the Bulge, Roy Roedel, William Roedel, Cecil Roedel, Floyd Roedel killed in Normandy Invasion, Mary Jean (Roedel) Tolbert, Leona (Roedel) Render and Henry Roedel.

He is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann (Roedel) Smith and husband, Bernie; and Monica Lynn Roedel and boyfriend, Rick Gallagher. He has one stepdaughter, Mildred Lee (Longworth) Strawn of Sebring, Florida and husband, Mike, and one stepson, William Stephen Longworth and wife, Gale, (Mattingly) of Chillicothe, Missouri. He is survived by six grandchildren, Mallory (Smith) Cotterman and husband, Joshua; Thomas "Sonny" Strawn and wife, Andrea; Richard Strawn and wife, Autumn; Kim (Longworth) Voellinger, and Tammy (Longworth) George and husband, Bill. He has eight great grandchildren, Bailey and Emma Voellinger, Kathryn and Sarah George, Oliver and Loxley Cotterman, Macey Baxter and Grace Hadley.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, August 15 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in the Hindostan United Methodist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hindostan United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund.

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

## DOUGLAS HAGGARD

Douglas Jay Haggard passed away August 17, 2020 at his home. A resident of French Lick, he was 61.



## DOUGLAS HAGGARD

He was born February 28, 1959 in Danville, Illinois; the son of Earl Lee and Mamie (Luttrull) Haggard. He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of the French Lick American Legion.

Douglas worked for CSX Railroad, Jeff Boat, formerly of Jeffersonville; and as a hod carrier. He is survived by his mother, Mamie Haggard of Loogootee; brothers, Andy Haggard and wife, Michelle, of Loogootee and Stephen Lee Haggard of Evansville; sister, Priscilla Butrum and husband, Dick; two daughters; niece, Amber Dorsam of West Baden; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, August 20 at Augusta Cemetery in Winslow. Nate Daniels will officiate.

McAdams Mortuary is in charge of arrangements. For condolences visit [mcadamsmortuary.com](http://mcadamsmortuary.com).

## ALICE STRANGE

Alice Ann (Acton) Strange passed away peacefully at 2:35 a.m. Thursday, August 13, 2020 at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehab Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 86.



## ALICE STRANGE

She was born December 5, 1933 in Loogootee; the daughter of Wilfred James Acton and Florence Lucille (Borders) Acton. She married Timothy Joseph Strange Jr. on February 28, 1953 at St. John's Catholic Church in Loogootee.

Alice was a lifelong resident of Loogootee. She was a full-time wife, mother and grandmother, loved taking care of her home, and being involved in her community. Before she married, she worked as a telephone operator following in the footsteps of her aunt (Birdie Summers) and grandmother (Martha Borders). She also worked part-time at Midwest Printing and the Loogootee Tribune. She was part of a group of women who started the Girl Scout program and was a leader of Troop 141 for several years. She and her husband, Tim, were among the parents that started Pee Wee baseball in Loogootee, and actively supported the start-up and running of the Little League Baseball program as well. Also, along with Tim, other veterans and their families, she helped start and work the bingo at the VFW, where she later became a regular enthusiastic player. She was a member of and a participant in the Women's Altar Society at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Whitfield. What she loved most was her family. Family gatherings and reunions were very special to her, and she loved to play cards and games and to share stories and photos about family and local history.

Alice was preceded in death by her husband, Timothy Strange in 2017; her parents, Wilfred and Lucille Action; her

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 10

5:34 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

11:01 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:05 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

3:08 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

3:12 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Advised the state highway department.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer regarding missing items. Major Keller responded.

4:30 p.m. - Subject on station to speak with an officer. Major Keller responded.

5:51 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and maintenance responded.

8:57 p.m. - Received a report of a tree hanging over the road near Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of two trees down near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of a tree on a power line near Shoals. REMC responded.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

4:51 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

9:13 a.m. - Jail Officer Grimes transported one inmate to the doctor.

10:52 a.m. - Deputy Seymour to court with one inmate.

1:59 p.m. - Received a request for traffic control near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a break in near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned dog near Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:11 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Advised Major Keller.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

11:22 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in reference to a no contact order. Advised Loogootee Officer Means.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

1:59 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

2:40 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

2:47 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:32 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Crane. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Advised all law enforcement units.

10:28 a.m. - Received a request for traffic control near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:33 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:53 p.m. - Received a report of a road hazard west of Shoals. Advised the state highway department.

1:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement.

1:34 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a scam in Shoals at a business. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised all law enforcement officers in the area.

11:54 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee to assist EMS. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

12:58 a.m. - Received a report of harassment north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:12 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out near Shoals. Advised cattle owner.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Seymour had virtual court with one inmate.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Advised all law enforcement units in the area.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Advised Martin County Highway Department.

12:18 p.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Shoals. Advised Deputy Barnett.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour had virtual court with one inmate.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour had virtual court with two inmates.

2:15 p.m. - Deputy Seymour had virtual court with two inmates.

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of a residential alarm in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a subject's vehicle abandoned in another county. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across a road north of Shoals. Advised Martin County Highway Department.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

5:09 a.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Lents, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, Indiana Department of Homeland Security-Fire Marshall, Vectren and Duke responded.

8:19 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check north of Shoals. Advised Deputy Barnett.

8:51 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, Major Keller, Deputy Barnett and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the highway north of Shoals. Advised the state highway department.

11:31 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across a road north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

11:52 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check north of Shoals. Advised Deputy Barnett.

12:01 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic issue in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Major Keller, Deputy Barnett and Deputy Flanagan responded.

12:40 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request to speak

with an officer in reference to personal property. Advised Deputy Barnett.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of a door alarm in Loogootee. Advised Deputy Barnett and Deputy Gibson.

6:17 p.m. - Received a report of losing items along the road.

8:00 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer in reference to an intoxicated individual.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

4:49 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance north of Shoals. Deputy Lents, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to IU Health Bedford.

10:09 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of counterfeit money at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

11:51 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement.

2:37 p.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy in reference to harassment. Deputy Gibson responded.

2:29 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:59 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

11:38 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Lents, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

4:55 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance north of Shoals. Deputy Lents, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:18 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Lents, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

10:48 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:58 a.m. - Received a report of an animal dumped north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:03 a.m. - Received a report of a child in the street in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near an empty residence. Advised Deputy Barnett.

1:32 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, ISP Trooper Beaver and Big John's responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Advised all law enforcement units.

2:56 p.m. - Received a report of a tree

across a road near Shoals.

3:25 p.m. - Deputy Wells responded to a call of an argument near Loogootee.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a female driving crazy and yelling in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned animal north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Deputy Seymour, Deputy Wells and ISP Beaver responded.

6:58 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi west of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

8:34 p.m. - Received a report of a person driving recklessly at the Shoals School. Deputy Wells responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Dispatch.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a subject requesting medical assistance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Seymour responded. Deputy Seymour transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### Real estate transfers

**Jessica M. Gingerich**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sara J. Reinhart and Thomas A. Reinhart**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.17 acres, more or less.

**Roy F. Duncan and Geneva M. Duncan**, of Ellettsville, Indiana to **Douglas Bays**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 114 in the original Town of Crane.

**Kenneth F. Arvin**, of Vanderburgh County, Indiana to **Wyatt D. Arvin**, of Warrick County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 29 and the south half of Lot Number 28 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: A portion of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.404 acres, more or less. Tract III: A portion of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.020 acres, more or less. Tract IV: 4.5 acres in Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West.

**Sharon L. Peoples**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Derek Knepp and Darin Knepp and Jacob Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 76.429 acres, more or less.

**Virgil G. Harper and Wanda L. Harper**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Justin T. Harper**, of Martin County, Indiana, the west one-half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. Also, 21 acres, more or less, in Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 4 West.

**Darwin T. Fleagle and Emily F. Fleagle**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Randy G. Earle and Catherine O. Earle**, of Monroe County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Stephen Graber and Naomi Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Bradley J. Sims**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

July 15

Russell L. Peek, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 72 actual days previously served plus 72 Class A credit days.

August 4

Joshua W. Kiefer, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, habitual criminal enhancement, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 548 days with 367 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. 180 days to be served as a direct placement through Martin County Community Corrections. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

July 15

Russell L. Peek, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of possession of paraphernalia, Class C Misdemeanors, dismissed.

August 4

Joshua W. Kiefer, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

August 5

Justin C. Crosby, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Charles E. O'Connor, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

August 10

Rachel E. Baker vs. Gary B. Baker, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 11

Ashley D. Bearden vs. Christopher Bearden, petition for dissolution of marriage.

David H. Qualkenbush vs. Amanda J. Qualkenbush, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

August 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Cindy K. Clark in the amount of \$776.95.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed

August 6

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Clinton H. Burgess, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Michael L. Wade, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 11

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Medical of Dubois and against the defendant Robert Douglas in the amount of \$489.88.

# OBITUARIES

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siblings, Vernon Acton, Virginia (Acton) Love, Doris (Acton) Risacher, and Donald Acton; and her grandson, Christopher Luke Strange.

She is survived by her five children, Deb Strange of Phoenix, Arizona; Brenda Maule (Mike) of Washington, Jackie Strange of Ellettsville, Tim Strange (Shelley Coffman) of Waynesville, Ohio; and Pat Strange (Denise) of Loogootee; nine grandchildren, Neal (Rachel) Strange, Sean (Kristin) Dixon, Jonathon Costello, Matt Maule, Brian Maule, Ally Strange, Liz Strange and Maddie Strange; and four great-grandchildren, Henry and Olivia Strange, and Marshall and June Dix-

August 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Miranda Mullins and against the defendant Adnan Dahir in the amount of \$4,797.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 13

Pamela Denise Gammon of Shoals and Makaya Hope Baylis of Shoals.

# ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

4:45 p.m. - Cassandra Pavey, 40, of Crane, was arrested by Deputy Gibson on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

9:50 p.m. - James Sexton, 43, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal. He is being held on a \$10,000/10% bond.

10:17 p.m. - Jessica Howard, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She is being held on a \$5,000 cash only bond.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

12:19 p.m. - Kade Danford was arrested by Major Keller and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and driving while never licensed. He is being held on a \$15,000/10% bond.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

1:55 p.m. - Alicia Hitner, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Barnett and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor, domestic battery resulting in moderate injury and possession of a legend drug. She is being held on a \$15,000/10% bond.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:51 a.m. - Damien Payne, 28, of Odon, was arrested by ISP Trooper Wilson on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

12:55 p.m. - Joshua Tarr, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal. He is being held on a \$3,000/10% bond.

1:57 p.m. - Mary Nguyen, 33, of Louisville, was arrested by Deputy Barnett on a Martin County warrant. She is being held on a \$10,000 cash only bond.

7:35 p.m. - Christopher Senne, 41, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Means and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

3:05 a.m. - Christopher Bearden, 40, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$15,000/10% bond.

on. She also has a big extended family with many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, August 17 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be mailed to the Martin County Historical Society, P.O. Box 564, Shoals, IN 47581 or online through their Facebook page "Martin County Historical Society Indiana".

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

# Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

12:13 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral procession.

11:55 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a traffic stop.

3:35 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Cooper Street.

3:45 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a civil complaint.

6:04 p.m. - Officer Means was called to a property line dispute.

6:31 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the ambulance service.

6:42 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.

8:42 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a person on Park Street.

9:30 p.m. - Caller reported a low utility line on Mt. Calvary Road.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

8:30 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage on West Broadway Street.

5:43 p.m. - Female reported her vehicle had been stolen.

8:14 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:38 p.m. - Male reported a theft of a dog.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

6:46 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a traffic complaint problem at the high school.

9:22 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male at McDonalds.

1:20 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd cited a female for driving while suspended.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

1:35 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with an animal complaint.

5:19 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

7:29 p.m. - Male reported property damage.

9:20 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd cited a female for possession of marijuana.

9:30 p.m. - Caller reported a possible violation of a protective order.

11:54 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the ambulance service.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

1:04 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the county with a vehicle pursuit.

2:40 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the ambulance service.

9:33 a.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.

11:31 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

3:44 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a residential alarm.

3:55 p.m. - Washington Police requested an officer attempt to locate a female in reference to an abandoned vehicle.

10:09 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

5:09 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a house fire on North Oak Street.

8:51 a.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.

9:56 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

2:42 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged back out to the residential fire on North Oak Street.

8:07 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the county with an unruly person.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

2:38 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the county with a traffic stop.

11:02 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted with a funeral procession.

11:21 a.m. - Caller reported a counterfeit bill at a local business,

6:05 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

9:45 a.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Redbud Street.

11:30 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the department of child services.

3:23 p.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute.

9:04 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a fire alarm on Nobles Court.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.



## Certification

-Photo provided

Kristy Terry (left) and Mike Steinhart (right) were presented Medicolegal Death Investigator Certification (MDI) by Martin County Coroner Tina Franklin (center). The training board issues these licenses to coroners and deputy coroners who successfully complete the training and testing procedures set by the state. Tina is a member of the training board and was appointed to this position by Governor Eric Holcomb. This certification is required by Indiana statute for all coroners and deputies.

# COMMUNITY & EVENTS

## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



The Native American Ten Commandments:

1. Treat the earth and all that dwell thereon with respect.
2. Remain close to the Great Spirit.
3. Show great respect for your fellow beings.
4. Work together for the benefit of all mankind.
5. Give assistance and kindness whenever needed.
6. Do what you know to be right.
7. Look after the well-being of mind and body.
8. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good.
9. Be truthful and honest at all times.
10. Take full responsibility for your actions.

**SIGNS:**

- \*Turning vegan would be a big missed steak.
- \*Crushing pop cans is soda pressing.
- \*I have a chicken proof lawn: it's impeccable.
- \*I ate a frozen apple: hard core.
- \*When the smog lifts in California, UCLA.
- \*I hate this snow! No...wait, I love this snow! Signed, Bi-polar bear.
- \*I'm terrified of elevators and I'm taking steps to avoid them.
- \*Drink wine: it isn't good to keep things bottle up.
- \*People are making Apocalypse jokes like there's no tomorrow.
- \*Cows have hooves because they lactose.
- \*I'm pining for a good tree pun. I wish they were more poplar.
- \*Afraid of Santa? Maybe your claustrophobic.

\*Sweet dreams are made of cheese. Who am I to dis a brie? (more signs in 2 weeks)

**OLD FARMER'S ADVICE:**

- Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
- Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
- Meanness don't just happen overnight.
- Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
- Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
- It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff people worry about, ain't never gonna happen anyway.
- Don't judge folks by their relatives. (more advice in two weeks)

Make someone smile today!

## ANIMAL SHELTER *Pet of the Week*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Strange-O'Maley-Jones Reunion**  
The annual Strange-O'Maley-Jones Reunion scheduled for September 6 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 virus. They hope to see everyone next year at The Annex in Bramble on September 4, 2021.

**Loogootee School Board meeting**  
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, August 20 at 5 p.m. in the high school media room. The meeting is open to the public.

**Night of Praise**  
First Choice Solutions, formerly the Pregnancy Care Center, is having a Night of Praise on Friday, August 21 at the Word of Life Church located at 7144 N. Russell Drive, Bicknell, Indiana 47512. Music will be provided by Forged in Fire. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Free-will offering will be accepted.

**Golf scramble**  
The Loogootee Girls' Basketball Program is hosting a golf scramble on Saturday, August 22 at Lakeview Golf Course. It will be a 9 a.m. start with ABCD format. Entry fee is \$45. For more information, contact Lonnie Hawkins at 812-947-8413.

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

**Mental Health Task Force**  
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of

the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

**Celebrate Recovery meetings**  
Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

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

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# SIDC, in Loogootee, to receive \$400,000 in CARES funding

On Monday, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced that the Department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding \$3.6 million in CARES Act Recovery Assistance grants to nine EDA Economic Development District organizations across Indiana to update economic development plans and fortify programs to assist communities in responding to the coronavirus pandemic.

Southern Indiana Development Commission, in Loogootee, will receive a \$400,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by implementing resiliency strategies that support local business and grow the needed infrastructure to assure entrepreneurship can thrive in rural Indiana.

According to SIDC, the key elements they plan include:

-Hiring a Resiliency Coordinator to assist communities and companies to develop projects for economic impact or stability in the region.

-Conducting a study of actionable items to build economic and environmental resiliency into the region.

-Assist the region with project development initiatives to build resiliency.

-Equip the SIDC office with tools to allow for remote work to be completed

during times of natural disasters and pandemic.

The other EDA investments announced Monday were:

Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission, Ferdinand, Indiana, will receive a \$400,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by developing strategies to become more resilient; enhancing the region's public infrastructure; implementing strategies to grow the critical manufacturing, forestry and wood products, advanced materials, transportation equipment, tourism, and agricultural sectors; hiring additional staff; and supporting workforce needs.

Michiana Area Council of Governments, South Bend, Indiana, will receive a \$400,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by enhancing its technical assistance capabilities and organizational capacities to continue to be a valuable regional resource for aiding recovery and resiliency efforts.

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, Portage, Indiana, will receive a \$400,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by developing an economic resiliency plan to address short-term and long-term economic devel-

opment impacts and aid in economic recovery for future pandemics and disasters; hiring staff to provide capacity-building and technical assistance to local communities for recovery and resiliency; helping Northwest Indiana continue to be a talent-attractor in the Chicago regional economy.

River Hills Economic Development Corporation, Jeffersonville, Indiana, will receive a \$400,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by increasing their capacity to assist their local communities with large job-creating initiatives; developing both a disaster preparedness plan for future pandemics and a marketing plan to help stimulate the current and future growth of the region.

Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, Versailles, Indiana, will receive a \$400,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by developing an economic resiliency and response plan, building staff and organizational capacity, and implementing response programs.

West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Terre Haute, Indiana, will receive a \$400,000 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by formulating and enacting strategies to help the business

sectors recover from the effects of the pandemic while supporting the needs of the region's workforce.

Region III-A Development & Regional Planning Commission, Kendallville, Indiana, will receive a \$396,800 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by adding staff to assist communities with grant applications, focusing on addressing unemployment, and providing funds to assist small, locally-owned businesses with their e-commerce efforts.

Kankakee-Iroquois Regional Planning Commission, Monon, Indiana, will receive a \$377,424 EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance grant to respond to the coronavirus pandemic by creating a recovery and resiliency plan; conducting a tourism study; and providing technical assistance to local agencies and other development assistance.

These entities, all EDA-designated Economic Development Districts (EDD), are some of the more than 850 existing, high-performing EDA EDD, University Center, Tribal, and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grant recipients invited to apply for supplemental funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

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- Managing the camping reservation and POS software and functions
- Leading & managing summer program staff
- Coordinating with department leadership team and community partners
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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser, Purdue University Master Gardener

I readily admit that the Sandhill Gardens is not a neat and tidy place. My gardens tend to be a little on the wild side, with several areas dedicated to wild or native plants. I do not always get all of the weeds pulled or cut, as important tasks such as making scarecrows with nieces and nephews often take precedence over the mundane task of weeding.

Deadheading is another garden chore that often does not get done here. However, that sometimes has its rewards. I sat this week for 20 minutes and watched three bright yellow male goldfinches eat from the spent seed heads of coneflowers. Certainly, removing the spent flowers would make the garden more attractive, but I would have missed the fleeting beauty of watching the finches.

I have also been able to watch a lot of butterflies flitting about the gardens this week, including several monarchs. They come to enjoy the nectar provided by the many flowers in the gardens. However, they stay around because I have left stands of different species of milkweed remain around the gardens. The genus *Asclepius* is the only genus which the larvae of the monarch eat. Monarchs lay their eggs only on milkweeds. Without the milkweed, the monarchs would have to go elsewhere to lay their eggs and produce the next generation of beautiful butterflies to enjoy the flowers in the gardens.

Other butterflies also have particular host plants. The spicebush swallowtails are here because of the spicebush growing in the gardens. I rarely resort to the use of chemicals in the gardens and a visitor once asked if it bothered me that the leaves of a spicebush plant were riddled to the point of being lacy. I pointed out that it did not bother me. The shrub will produce more leaves and it has done that for which it was planted. It has helped increase the

butterfly population at Sandhill Gardens. I have learned to appreciate the beauty of the lacy leaves.

At the perimeter of the gardens, where the cultivated beds transition to woodlands, there are some brush piles. They are the repositories of limbs that have fallen from the many trees in the yard and even brush hauled in from other places. While not exactly attractive, these piles of brush provide shelter for a lot of wildlife. I have seen many birds perch in the brush. Rabbits and chipmunks also have homes in and around the brush piles. Most of the cultivated plants on which they would munch are protected in raised beds, but they seem to thrive in the garden without really causing any great damage, and it is fun to watch their antics.

Some people enjoy the formality of neat beds surrounded by manufactured edging. Most of the beds at Sandhill Gardens are edged with stones gathered from around the property. Move a stone, and you may find lizards, toads and other creatures. That may include an occasional snake, but that is fine with me. I have never encountered a poisonous snake in the gardens.

I understand that some people love the golf course look in lawns—a monoculture of turf grass that is mown and requires a lot of chemicals to achieve that perfect lawn. I am not into perfect lawns, but my lawn of many plant species provides a home for many creatures.

I have visited formal gardens in various places in North America and Europe. I can appreciate the look of manicured landscapes, but I still prefer to come home to a garden that did not completely fall apart during my absence. I appreciate the variety of life in the gardens, plant and animal. It is a place where children play, explore and learn. Where birds sing and butterflies enchant. Sandhill Gardens is alive!



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From left to right: Director of DNR Dan Bortner, Director of DNR Forestry Division John Seifert, Senate President Pro Temp Rod Bray, Gov. Eric J. Holcomb, and Rep. Peggy Mayfield cut the ribbon at the new Ravinia State Forest.

## Gov. Holcomb announces two new state forests

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced the establishment of two new Indiana state forests at a ceremony last week in Morgan County.

Ravinia State Forest, near Paragon, encompasses 1,500 acres of wooded rolling hills, valleys and restored cropland. The area now known as Mountain Tea State Forest consists of more than 1,150 acres east of Nashville. The state's public lands now include 15 officially designated state forests.

"We could not be more excited to formally designate land to create these new state forests," Gov. Holcomb said. "There's no better way for Hoosiers to get out and get some fresh Indiana air than by exploring our state's parks, recreation areas, fish and wildlife areas, and our 158,000 acres of public state forests."

Recreation opportunities at the new state forests include wildlife viewing, hiking, and gathering wild berries, nuts, and mushrooms. Hunting is also permitted in state forests.

"This is the first time in 67 years that we have created new state forests," said Dan Bortner, director of the Department of Natural Resources. "As with all our properties, we know Hoosiers and our guests will be able find solace and inspiration in these woods for generations to come."

The new state forests also serve as two locations for the governor's Million Trees program, which is an initiative to plant one million trees by 2025.

"This year, our foresters have been hard at work, planting more than 16,000 new trees at Mountain Tea State Forest and 38,000 trees at Ravinia State Forest," said John Seifert, director of the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry. "We look forward to completing this important five-year program."

More than 700 acres of Mountain Tea State Forest, formerly managed by The Nature Conservancy, had been acquired by the State of Indiana in 2013 with the assistance of the U.S. Forest Service through the Forest Legacy Program. Additional acreage had been acquired in 2009 through purchases from private landowners.

Ravinia State Forest was acquired through the Indiana Department of Transportation's Crossroads 2000 fund.

## Brown County State Park launches auto tour

Brown County State Park has created a way for guests to experience Brown County State Park's unique cultural and natural history from the comfort of their own vehicles.

The park's Auto Tour guides guests to five stops along the park's south loop. Signs will be posted at each location. Guests will start at the Nature Center and journey along the main park road to learn about the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp area, the two nature preserves in Brown County State Park, the state-endangered yellowwood tree, and Kelp village. There are several vista overlooks along the drive.

To access this tour, go to the Brown County State Park website ([on.IN.gov/browncountysp](http://on.IN.gov/browncountysp)) and click on Photos, Video & Audio at the bottom of the page. The link includes audio for the tour as well as a map to help you navigate.

In total, the tour should take about an hour, longer if you decide to get out and look around at each stop. Please adhere to park speed limits and other park signage throughout the tour.

This tour can also be completed on a bicycle if you're looking for more exercise.

Brown County State Park is at 1405 S.R. 46 W., Nashville, IN 47448.



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# COVID 19 update from the health department

To date for the month of August, Martin County has 14 positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) reported to ISDH. There are 4 of those 14 who are out of county residents and will be transferred to their home county. The total number of positive cases is now at 54. To date nearly 900 people have been tested for Covid-19 from Martin County. There are 9 Covid-19 positive residents who are still under isolation. The remainder has recovered and are no longer in isolation.

Test results for Covid-19 are reported to the county by zip code. For Martin County that includes all with a Crane, Loogootee or Shoals zip code. Those who have an address outside of Martin County within those zip codes are then transferred to their county of residence.

The most important thing we can do to prevent the spread of Covid-19 is to stay home if you are sick. Those who have symptoms of or test positive for Covid-19 should isolate away from others in your household for at least 10 days from the start of symptoms. Individuals who have been in close contact with someone who is symptomatic for Covid-19 or tests positive for Covid-19 should quarantine at home for 14 days from the date of last contact with that person. A close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of a positive or symptomatic person for longer than 15 minutes.

The Martin County Health Department is working closely with the Indiana State Department of Health Contact Tracing Team to ensure that contacts of the patients are identified and monitored and that infection control protocols are being followed.

The best way to protect yourself from any respiratory illness is to:

-Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

-Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth any time you are in public.

-Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

-Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with people who are sick.

-Stay home when you are sick. If you have symptoms consistent with Covid-19 self-isolate for at least 10 days away from other members of your household. A sick individual should continue to isolate until symptoms have resolved for at least 72 hours. For some that may mean isolation lasts longer than 10 days.

-Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

-Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Visit the ISDH website at <https://coronavirus.IN.gov> for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19.

## LHS Tennis results

The Loogootee Lions Varsity Tennis Team swept Heritage Hills in their season opener, 5-0. Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "It was good to get the season underway. We played well at times in all matches. It is hard to be displeased with a 5-0 win but there is definitely room for improvement."

No junior varsity matches were played. Varsity results

#1 Singles Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Josh Dellamuth 6-4, 7-5

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Kayden Bell 6-0, 7-5

#3 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Kevin Dilger 6-2, 6-1

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Josh Smith/Aiden Sunjara 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Isaac Waggner/Drew Walker (L) defeated Jacob Smith/Kyle Eubank 6-0, 6-3

## Health departments handle COVID contact tracing

The Martin County Health Department wishes to convey the following message regarding COVID 19 exposure in a school: If there is an exposure to a COVID 19 positive person in the school setting, the School and/or the Martin County Health Department will only notify those students/staff/athletes who have had direct close contact with a confirmed positive person. A close contact is someone who has been within six feet for more than 15 minutes with or without a mask to the confirmed positive person.

The health department and school will work together to conduct the contact tracing. After the initial notification to those who are found to be a close contact, those students/staff/athletes will be required to quarantine at home for 14 days from the date of the exposure. The Martin County Health Department and/or the Indiana State Department of Health Contact Tracing staff will follow up with those identified as a close contact. If your child was not a close contact, you will not be notified, and you and your child will not need to isolate.

## DCH CORE Center to open satellite location

Daviess Community Hospital announced today that they will begin offering outpatient therapy services at Parkview Village Christian Care in Odon, IN, beginning September 1, 2020. The location will be referred to as CORE at North Daviess.

Therapy offerings will include physical, occupational, and speech provided by CORE Center therapists with many years of experience. Outpatient therapy is open to anyone in the public either through a medical provider's referral or direct access physical therapy with certain insurance networks.

Outpatient therapy hours will be Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in September and then expand as patient volumes increase. Hours will be Mon-

days 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Tuesdays 1 p.m.-5 p.m. and Thursdays 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

"We believe it is very important to be actively engaged with the communities we serve," said Tracy Conroy, CEO at Daviess Community Hospital. "By expanding our therapy services into Odon, we are offering the people in the northern part of Daviess County the ability to be seen closer to home. We have witnessed great support for the last several years of our family medicine services at the North Daviess Medical Clinic and look forward to a long therapy relationship with the community as well."

To learn more about CORE Center offerings, please call 812-254-8889 or visit [www.dchosp.org/Locations/CORE-Center](http://www.dchosp.org/Locations/CORE-Center).

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

### 'Congress should include the funding'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

As talks between the White House and Congress stall, Americans are still grappling with the crippling impact of the pandemic. To move our country forward, we need to bring Americans together to help communities respond to and recover from COVID-19.

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators has a plan to do just that through the CORPS Act, which would expand and strengthen AmeriCorps to provide critically needed services and give Americans purpose-driven work, a living stipend, and help to pay for college.

Since the outbreak, AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members throughout Indiana have been expanding food pantry capacity, tutoring students, and helping patients receive proper health care and access to social services. But we need more boots on the ground.

Congress should include the funding and provisions from the CORPS Act in the coronavirus aid and economic stimulus package.

It's a bipartisan solution to an urgent

## Indiana State Police Enforcement Campaign

Troopers from the Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be participating in the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization. Now through Labor Day, troopers will be conducting overtime patrols, seeking out drunk drivers and showing zero tolerance for anyone driving impaired.

These patrols are supported with funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration distributed by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

According to ICJI, in 2018, there were just under 4,000 alcohol-impaired collisions in Indiana, resulting in 83 fatalities. Of those, 48 collisions and one fatality occurred during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

In Indiana, it is illegal to drive with a blood-alcohol concentration of .08 or higher. Additionally, drivers under the age of 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and having their license suspended for up to one year.

"Last year, one person died every 50 minutes in a drunk-driving crash in the U.S.," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "Every one of those fatalities could've been prevented. Help us save lives by putting an end to this reckless behavior."

For over 20 years, law enforcement agencies across Indiana have been participating in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. This year, more than 200 state and local law enforcement agencies will be taking part, joining thousands more across the country.

To avoid getting arrested, the Indiana State Police recommends planning a safe

problem.

Mark Eutsler, PhD, EdD, Chair  
Serve Indiana Commission

## Lady Lions kick off season with win

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team kicked off their season with a win over Jasper on Monday night in four sets, 25-15, 25-17, 20-25, and 25-16.

Kylie VanHoy led the team in kills with 22 and had 21 assists, 12 points and three blocks. Makenzie VanHoy led in assists with 28 and had 13 kills and 12 points. Jocelyn Strange led the team in digs with 22 following by Asia Crim with 17. Jaelyn Walker contributed nine kills and Sara Street led in serving points with 15.

The Loogootee Junior Varsity team was defeated by Jasper in three sets, 20-25, 25-22, and 6-15.

Brooklyn Summers and Kyleigh Courter led in points with six each followed by Lindsey Nolan with five. Summers also finished with 18 assists, four kills and nine digs. Courter had a team-high 17 digs and Nolan contributed eight. Mallorie Sutton and Sydnee Wittmer led the team in kills with five each and Madison McAtee added four.

and sober ride home before consuming alcohol. Even if only one drink is consumed, designate a sober driver or plan to use a ride-share service, public transportation or taxi to get home safely. Remember, buzzed driving is drunk driving.

Additionally, don't let someone get behind the wheel if that person has been drinking. Take their keys and help make arrangements to get them home safely. Motorists that encounter a drunk driver on the road are encouraged to call 911.

For more information about the campaign and additional safety tips, please visit: [www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober](http://www.nhtsa.gov/drivesober).

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