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Shown above are Duane and Karen Mann (center), of Loogootee, accepting the Hoosier Homestead Award on behalf of the Sherfick Farm in Martin County, from the Indiana State Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler (left) and Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch (right) last week.

73 Indiana farms receive historic homestead award

Last week, at the Indiana State Fair, Lt. Gov Suzanne Crouch and Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler presented 73 family farms with a Hoosier Homestead Award, recognizing their family's longstanding commitment to Indiana agriculture. The Sherfick Farm, of Martin County, was honored with the Centennial award. The farm was started in 1920.

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for more than 100 consecutive years, and consist of 20 acres or more, or produce more than \$1,000 in agricultural products per year.

"Agriculture has always been and continues to be a vital and thriving industry in our state," Crouch said. "I always look forward to honoring these Hoosier Homestead Award recipients on their family's commitment to their farm, community and heritage."

Families are eligible for three different distinctions of the Hoosier Homestead Award, based on the age of the farm. They can receive the Centennial Award for 100 years, Sesquicentennial Award for 150 years or Bicentennial Award for 200 years of ownership.

Since the program's inception in 1976, nearly 6000 families have received the award. Often, a Hoosier Homestead farm is easily recognized because most recipients proudly display their awarded sign on their property.

"Each of these Hoosier Homestead (See 'HOMESTEAD AWARD on page 2)

Martin County's jobless rate drops to 2.8 percent in July

Shoals Council discusses grants, water issues

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, August 9. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, Town Attorney Dave Lett, Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby, Beth Allbright, Trent Robling, Melissa Trevino and Megan Mitchner.

Beth Allbright approached the council concerning storm drainage water issues at her house that she believes is coming off of the street. After discussion, the council told Allbright they will look into the issue with the town engineer and the town manager to try to get a resolution.

Megan Mitcher approached the council for approval to move her mobile home from Doane Lane to Oak Avenue in accordance with Ordinance 2019-1. With the address residing currently in an established mobile home park area the request was approved.

Next on the agenda was Shoals Summer League member Ann Stewart. She was not in attendance and Rutledge advised the council that Stewart had planned to attend to extend gratitude to the town employees for keeping the ballpark looking very nice throughout the season.

Trent Robling approached the council concerning an issue with water service at a property he is going to be renting. Robling stated he had been in contact with the property owner and the property owner is going to do what is needed to get the service restored. Council Member Ragsdale asked Robling what the plan was with the current mobile home on the property. Robling stated he was having a tiny home currently built that was moved onto the property and once that was done the current mobile home would be removed. Robling stated he needed the service restored in order to do work on the property. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to restore service with the following requirements: the outstanding debt from a previous ordinance 83-4 violation has to be paid prior to restoration and that 21 days from the day service is restored the current mobile home has to be removed. Council Member Ragsdale made the second and all were in favor. Council Member Albright asked Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge to provide updates on SRF/SWIF and OCRA concerning a \$1.9 million wastewater project in the works. Rutledge stated letters had been submitted to the Martin County Commissioners and the Martin County Council to be in consideration of being included in the county ARPA funds plan for infrastructure improvements. Rutledge stated both parties said they would take it under consideration. Rutledge stated doing this will help add scoring points to the SRF application (State Revolving Loan Fund) and that if awarded it is possible to be awarded SWIF funds to help match (State Water Infrastructure Fund). Secondly, OCRA is considering not allowing municipalities to apply for a grant through OCRA for the matching funds. Rutledge stated OCRA was currently taking public comment on the matter and that Council Member Albright

sent a letter on behalf of the town stating how detrimental that decision would be especially to small municipalities.

Council Member Albright asked Rutledge to update on the Community Crossings grant status. Rutledge stated the town application had been submitted to INDOT and that awards will be announced later this year in the fall. If awarded, work would be done in the spring. Rutledge stated the town applied for \$368,932 with \$278,699 being grant funds and the remainder being a local match. Rutledge stated the application would address improvement to three roads in the town.

Council Member Albright asked for an update on the property that is in the works to be purchased by the ballpark. Attorney Lett stated he was still waiting on appraisals.

Albright stated there was a major repair that had to take place at the booster station located on Ironton Road. Rutledge stated the issue has been temporarily fixed and that Municipal Manager Kevin Crecelius was still awaiting quotes for new pumps, but the current pumps (See 'SHOALS' on page 2)



KESTIN JONES One dead after shooting in Shoals

At approximately 2:20 p.m. Monday, August 23, the Martin County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of shots fired at a residence at 827 Main Street, Shoals. When officers arrived, they found an adult male with a gunshot wound. The male, Jeremi Jones, 39, of Shoals was pronounced deceased at the scene. An initial investigation into the shooting indicates an altercation had taken place at the residence which led to shots being fired. Kestin L. Jones, 22, of Loogootee was immediately taken into custody and initially charged with murder and incarcerated in the Martin County Jail.

Martin County's unemployment rate dropped from 3.2 percent in June to 2.8 percent in July. The county had the ninth lowest jobless rate in the state for July, tied with Wells County.

In July, the county had 5,495 residents able to work and 153 of them were unemployed. In June, there were 5,579 residents in the workforce and 178 of them were without work. In July of 2020, Martin County's jobless rate was 5.6 percent with 5,508 residents in the workforce and 306 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate also lowered to 2.6 percent in July, down from 3 percent the month before. The county had the fourth lowest unemployment rate in the state for July, tied with Hamilton and Union counties.

In July, the county had 16,674 residents in the workforce and 436 of them were unemployed. In June, there were 17,082 residents able to work and 519 of them without jobs. In July of last year, Daviess

County's unemployment rate was 4.6 percent with 16,556 residents able to work and 769 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's jobless rate dipped from 3.1 percent in June to 2.7 percent in July. The county had the seventh lowest unemployment rate in the state for July, tied with White County.

In July, the county had 22,659 residents who were able to work and 605 of them were unemployed. In June, there were 23,072 residents in the workforce and 722 of them were without jobs. In July of 2020, Dubois County's unemployment rate was 6.8 percent with 23,090 residents in the workforce and 1,569 of them unemployed. Greene County's unemployment rate reduced from 4.7 percent in June to 4 percent in July. The county had the 30th highest jobless rate in the state for July, tied with Tipton County. In July, the county had 13,051 residents in the workforce and 524 of them were unemployed. In June, (See 'RATE' on page 2)

At this time there is no threat to the public.

The Indiana State Police have been asked to lead this investigation.

There is no other information to release currently. This is an ongoing investigation.

Agencies assisting at the scene were the Martin County Sherriff's Department, Shoals Police Department, Martin County Coroner and Martin County EMS.

All suspects are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Shown above, from left to right, are Barb McFeaters and Beth Lett, with their awards for service to Tri Kappa

Tri Kappa members honored for years of service

Members with over ten years of service were recently honored by the Loogootee-Shoals Chapter of Tri Kappa. Certificates were presented to new 10-year members Pam Loughmiller and Jill Walker.

Barb McFeaters and Shawna Walton were given silver keepsake boxes in recognition of their 25 years of membership. Beth Lett was presented with a '50 Years' guard for her Tri Kappa badge.

The chapter has nine members with over 25 years of service. They are Barb Mc-Featers (25), Shawna Walton (25), Karla Eckerle (27), Kathy Lingenfelter (29), Pam Summers (29), Brenda Strange (33), Judy Treffinger (44), Judy Kluesner (48) and Beth Lett (50).

HOMESTEAD AWAR

(Continued from page one) farms have such a unique and important story behind them," Kettler said. "Managing and operating a farm is no simple task, and I commend each of the families that receive this award for their dedication and devotion to agriculture."

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- The following list includes the August 2021 Hoosier Homestead Award recipients.
- Adams County Kiefer, 1882, Centennial Allen County - Scherrer, 1900, Centennial Bartholomew County - Anthers, 1871, Sesquicentennial
- Bartholomew County O'Neal -- Dickey, 1919, Centennial
- Benton County English, 1871, Centennial and Sesquicentennial
- Benton County Hasser, 1916, Centennial Brown County - Parsley, 1920, Centennial
- Carroll County Been, 1910, Centennial
- Carroll County Duff, 1921, Centennial
- Carroll County Penn, 1867, Centennial
- and Sesquicentennial Clark County - Johnson, 1921, Centennial
- Clay County Edward & Anna Spaeth, 1921, Centennial
- Clay County Harvey Fell, 1918, Centennial
- Daviess County Bean, 1907, Centennial Decatur County - Carroll, 1871, Sesquicentennial
- DeKalb County George E. Bak-

- Howard County Kingseed, 1903, Centennial Howard County - Kingseed, 1919, Centennial Huntington County - Brubaker, 1899, Centennial
- Jackson County Anthony Browning Robbins, 1919, Centennial
- Garriott Jackson County Robbins, 1914, Centennial
- Jackson County George Parke Vehslage, 1862, Centennial and Sesquicentennial Jackson County - Pfaffenberger, 1853, Cen-
- tennial and Sesquicentennial Jasper County - Smith, 1871, Sesquicentennial
- Jay County Bell, 1885, Centennial Jennings County - Anthers/Blair, 1821, Bicen-
- tennial Jennings County - Biehle, 1906, Centennial Jennings County - Biehle, 1906, Centennial
- LaPorte County Shebel, 1920, Centennial LaPorte County - Steve and Joann Jen-
- sen, 1871, Sesquicentennial Lawrence County - Fountain, 1920, Centenni-
- al
 - Martin County Sherfick, 1920, Centennial Miami County
 - Clendenning/Fouts/ See, 1841, Sesquicentennial
- Miami County Crockett, 1865, Centennial and Sesquicentennial
- Morgan County Charles J. Kirk, 1906, Centennial Morgan County - Oliver, August, & Alice Dil-
- ley, 1902, Centennial Morgan County - Rawlins, 1917, Centennial

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are handling the job for now.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented an intern program agreement with Shoals High School since school is now back in session. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to approve the agreement with Council Member Ragsdale making the second. Albright stated the intern has worked out very well for the town and that Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge would be working on the possibility of adding another intern in the office.

Council Member Ragsdale stated he would like to see some changes made to Ordinance 2019-1. After some discussion, Attorney Lett requested the council let him look into options and would bring it back to the council at the next meeting.

Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby stated he wanted to let the council and citizens know that the rescue truck was currently out of service and being worked on. Hamby stated the first responders are using a fire truck in place of the rescue truck for calls until the rescue truck is back up and running. Hamby also stated the ladder truck and fire truck would be taken over to West Boggs Park in September for the Community Safe Event and then to Hindostan on Saturday October 2 for the 'Hindostan Days" event.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated that she had worked on a ADA plan with HWC in 2019 to be in compliance with INDOT for submitting Community Crossings grants. Rutledge stated they have changed compliancy on the plans, and she would be working to get the town's plan updated. She presented a voluntary corrective action plan letter to submit which keeps eligibility open while working on the updates.

Rutledge stated INDOT is now requiring a TITLE VI Transition Implementation plan as well. Rutledge presented a plan she had created along with Resolution 2021-1 of the town accepting and implementing the plan. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to accept the plan and pass the resolution with Council Member Ragsdale making the second.

Rutledge presented information to the council for paygov.us service. Rutledge stated she is currently reviewing a trial issue of the software that would allow customers to pay with a credit or debit card in person, online or via a free mobile app. Rutledge stated she wanted to give the council time to look over the documentation before potentially asking for approval to go into an agreement. Rutledge mentioned this software would be

(Continued from page one) there were 13,210 residents able to work at no cost to the town.

Next Rutledge stated she had submitted three grant applications for the open cycle of the Martin County Community Impact Grant. One on behalf of the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department for replacement of the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) bottles as the current ones are very outdated. A second application on behalf of the town for custom logo bike racks that could be placed in various areas around the town. A third in collaboration with the Shoals Community School for light up "Shoals" lighting in two locations in town.

Rutledge stated the first installment of the ARPA funds had been received which was approximately \$89,000 and reminded the council they have a spending plan in place to the IFA by August 31. The council decided to meet in a work session on Thursday, August 19 at 9 a.m.

Rutledge presented an invoice from DEQ for the upgrades done at the water wells location. She stated the invoice was the exact amount and the previously approved quote but she wanted to ensure the council was pleased with the completed work before issuing payment.

Next Rutledge requested approval for an interfund transfer in sewer from operating to bond and interest. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept, with Council Member Hoffman making the second.

Rutledge stated the work had already started with the software company on the approved utility rate increase and the next bills sent out could possibly reflect the increase. She told the council that the utility employee was having issues with their computer they use for reporting and needed a new one. The council approved a new laptop be ordered and the old could be utilized by the clerk-treasurer's office. Rutledge presented meter deposit applies and returns for O. Petty, D. Craft. J. Johnson and M. Gregory. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept, with Council Member Hoffman making the second.

Rutledge stated she wanted to thank the Martin County Community Foundation for presenting a check to Fire Chief Jim Hamby today in the amount of \$600 to replace the large American Flag that was stolen on the morning of 4th of July.

With no further business, Council Member Hoffman made a motion to close with Council Member Ragsdale making the second and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, September 13 at 5:59 p.m.

weeks as a percentage of the labor force. Indiana's labor force had a net decrease

er, 1918, Centennial

DeKalb County - Rosenbury, 1906, Centennial

DeKalb County - Tustison/Hook, 1845, Sesquicentennial

Dubois County - Hoppenjans, 1921, Centennial

Dubois County Lawrence Gutgsell, 1910, Centennial

Fayette County - Winfield Schockey/David Dean, 1921, Centennial

Franklin County - Brier, 1906, Centennial Franklin County - Knecht, 1846, Centennial and Sesquicentennial

Franklin County - McNally, 1918, Centennial Franklin County - Schuck/Knecht, 1879, Centennial

Franklin County - Schuck/Knecht, 1902, Centennial

Gibson County - Hardiman/Lyles/Nolcox/Solomon, 1915, Centennial

Hamilton County - Ringer, 1894, Centennial

Harrison County - Leffler, 1874, Centennial Harrison County - Reinhardt, 1871, Sesquicentennial

Hendricks County - Dillon, 1917, Centennial Howard County - Jean Gesse -- Kingseed Farm, 1848, Centennial and Sesquicentennial Howard County - Davis, 1920, Centennial Howard County - Breisch, 1848, Centennial and Sesquicentennial

Noble County - Raymond & Karen Parker, 1917, Centennial

Parke County - Lennie C. Pyle, 1920, Centennial

Pulaski County - Theodore & Lowell Podell, 1900, Centennial

County William Pulaski Meyer, 1899, Centennial

Putnam County - Jeffries, 1885, Centennial Randolph County - Fogle, 1919, Centennial Randolph County - Harry & Florence Smith, 1920, Centennial

Shelby County - Clark - Rehme, 1866, Sesquicentennial

Shelby County - Harrod, 1899, Centennial St. Joseph County - Beehler, 1860, Sesquicentennial

Union County - Brattain, 1871, Sesquicentennial

Vanderburgh County - Henry Schlensker, 1870, Sesquicentennial

Vanderburgh County Niederhaus/ Karch, 1839, Sesquicentennial

Vigo County - Tryon, 1844, Centennial and Sesquicentennial

Wabash County - Chamberlain, 1920, Centennial

Wells County - Steiner, 1863, Centennial and Sesquicentennial

White County Johnson Barnhart, 1916, Centennial

and 624 of them were without jobs. In July of 2020, Greene County's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent with 12,927 residents in the workforce and 975 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for July were Adams County at 2.4 percent, LaGrange and Boone counties at 2.5 percent, Union, Hamilton and Daviess counties at 2.6 percent, White and Dubois counties at 2.7 percent and Wells and Martin counties at 2.8 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for July were Lake County at 8 percent, Howard County at 7.8 percent, LaPorte County at 5.8 percent, Miami County at 5.6 percent, Fayette County at 5.5 percent, Marion, Starke and Vigo counties at 5.1 percent; Orange County at 5 percent, and Porter County at 4.8 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate remains unchanged at 4.1 percent for July, and the national rate is 5.4 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four of 1,740 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 630 unemployed residents and a decrease of 1,110 employed residents.

Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.35 million, and the state's 63.2 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 61.7 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: http://www. hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp.

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has increased by 96,600 over the year and increased by 17,100 over the previous month. The monthly increase is primarily due to gains in the Manufacturing (4,800), the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (4,500) and the Private Educational and Health Services (2,800) sectors. Gains were offset by a loss in the Financial Activities (-1,600) sector. Total private employment stands at 2,650,500, which is 90,000 below the December 2019 peak.



TERRY HALL

Terry Lee Hall passed away at 8:40 a.m. Sunday, August 22, 2021, in Me-



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morial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, he was 75. He was born in Crawford County on November 11, 1945; son of Ollie and Mabel (Taylor)

TERRY HALL Hall. He married his wife of 57 years, Diana Slaven, on June 19, 1965, in Odon.

Terry was a 1963 graduate of Loogootee High School.

He sold insurance for Farm Bureau Insurance for 25 years and worked for Springs Valley Bank for 10 years. He then was a partner in Riverside Motors, worked for Autoplex, and then was a hearing aid specialist for the O'Brien Hearing Center.

He was a member of CrossPoint Fellowship Church, where he was in the choir, and had previously served as a deacon and financial secretary. He was a previous member of the First Baptist Church in Jasper, and the Jasper Jaycees, where he had been their former president.

Terry found joy in helping people. He also enjoyed playing basketball and had played in high school under coach Jack Butcher, where he was a member of Loogootee's state championship team. He loved bowling, hunting, and golfing.

Surviving are his wife Diana Hall of Jasper; three children, Carla (Ryan) Hall of Indianapolis, Karen Parker of Jasper, and David Hall of Dubois; six grandchildren, one great grandson, one sister, Janice (Gene) Cossler of Jasper; and two brothers, Kenneth (Shirley) Hall of Decatur, Illinois and Donald (Jeanine) Hall of Loogootee.

Preceding him in death were his parents and one son, James Allen Hall.

A celebration of life memorial service will be held at a later date at CrossPoint Fellowship Church in Jasper.

ROY BROCK

Roy Lee "Wheatie" Brock passed away Thursday, August 19, 2021, in Bedford. A resident of Williams, he was 84.

He was born in Martin County on November 18, 1936; son of Everett and Maggie (Craig) Brock. He married Mary Regina Keith on December 29, 1956, and she survives.

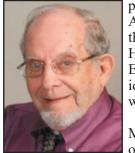
Wheatie attended Williams High School and was a heavy equipment op-

August 23 at the Ferguson-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Funeral Homes in Bedford with Greg Ward officiating. Private family burial followed in the Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to www.fergusonlee.com.

GEORGE OPEL SR.

George O. Opel Sr. passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at 7:23



p.m. on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at the Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville. A resident of Jasper, he was 89. He was born in

Martin County on September 30,

GEORGE OPEL 1931; son of Lee and Florence (Street) Opel. He married Patricia Vonderheide on September 22, 1956.

George was a graduate of Dubois High School and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy as a Machinist Mate, while on the U.S.S. Canisteo during the Korean War.

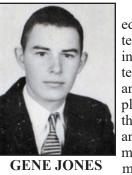
He, alongside his family owned and operated Opel's Service Station in Haysville. George was the body shop manager at Uebelhor & Sons in Jasper. He retired from Masterbrand Cabinets, where he worked in maintenance for several vears. After retirement he continued to work at OFS.

A lifelong auto enthusiast, George managed Martin County Speedway for a time, as well as building and racing cars with his family. He enjoyed countless hours fishing, and enthusiastically followed Indiana basketball, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, and NASCAR. He looked forward to inviting and watching Martins and Hummingbirds to their home each year.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #147, Jasper Outdoor Recreation, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville.

Surviving are his wife, Patiricia Opel of Jasper; children, Terry Opel and Tammy (Brian) Hemmerlein, both of Jasper; George Opel Jr. of Scottsville, Kentucky; Candy (Michael) Theile of Jasper, Annette, (Craig) Mommaerts of Athens, Texas; Michelle (Andy) Bonner of Jasper, and Jerard Opel of Evansville; one sister, Pat (Delbert) Meyer of Jasper; 14 grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, four grandchildren, and three broth-



graduat-Neal ed from Loogootee High School in 1957. He lettered in basketball and baseball and played cornet in the band. He was an avid outdoorsman and woodsman; he especially

enjoyed squirrel, rabbit and coon hunting. He and his dad fished and ran trot lines on the East Fork.

In 1961, he graduated from Indiana University with a BA degree. Combining his last year of college with his first year of law school, he received his LLB in 1963. That same year he passed the Indiana State Bar Exam and was licensed to practice law.

He began his legal career in the United States Air Force, Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah where he was a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps. He was honorably discharged in 1966 as a Captain.

In 1966, he joined the LaPorte, IN law firm of Newby Lewis and Kaminski, which later became Newby Lewis Kaminski and Jones in the early 1970's. He practiced there for 43 years retiring in 2009.

Professionally, he was a member of all local bar associations. He was a member of the American Bar Association. the International Association of Defense Counsel, and the American College of Trial Lawyers, in which he was inducted in London, England in 1985. He was a well-respected trial lawyer.

He was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, the Indiana Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and the LaPorte American Legion. A fan of the game of golf, he was a member at Beechwood Golf Course and Sand Creek Country Club. He also enjoyed the St. Louis Cardinals making many trips to Wrigley Field to watch the Cards beat the Cubs.

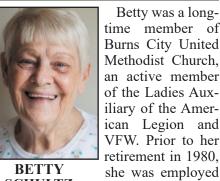
In 1997 he married Cynthia Marie Ann Dolezal, and she survives.

Also surviving are his sons, David P. (Kris) Jones of Union Mills, Indiana; Daniel G. (Stefany) Jones of Poulsbo, Washington and Eric J. (Kelli) Jones of Evergreen, Colorado; and grandchildren, Brooke, Eleanor, Ian, Anna, Jake and Jaelee.

He was preceded in death by his father, Paul H. Jones on December 15, 1993; mother, Catherine L. Jones on January 7, 2000; and sister, Sharon Kay Bohlinger on September 26, 2014.

Gene loved the land and the outdoors.

Wednesday, August 25, 2021



time member of Burns City United Methodist Church, an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion and VFW. Prior to her retirement in 1980, she was employed Smitherman by

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Hatchery and Mitchell Fleming Printing. Betty enjoyed country music and loved to watch local artists perform.

She is survived by her sons, Jim (Mary) Farmer and Tim (Susan) Schultz; grandchildren, Erika (Jason) Matthews, Angi (John) Suddeth, Adam (Ashley) Schultz, Autumn Farmer, Bill and Phil Farmer, Scott Farmer, Jamie (Doug) Burns, and David Farmer; 22 great grandchildren and 24 great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, mentioned above; husband Virgil in 1996; son, William Farmer; brothers, Garland, JD, and Junior Plummer; and sisters, Autumn Harmon, Margie Clark, and Nancy McIntire.

Calling will be 5 p.m. until 7 p.m., Wednesday, August 25 at Stillinger Family Funeral Home, 1780 West Main Street Greenfield. Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, at Burns City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in honor of Betty may be sent to Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240.

Please share your memories and condolences with Betty's family at www. stillingerfamily.com.

ALLEN SWAYZE

Allen Keith Swayze passed away at 1:39 p.m. Wednesday, August 18, 2021,



at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 71.

He was born April 24, 1950, in Indianapolis; son of the late Richard O. and Betty (Ro-

ALLEN SWAYZE docker) Swayze. Allen married Terry Jones on May 29, 1981, and she survives.

Allen graduated from L & M High School in 1968 in Lyons, Indiana. He joined the United States Air Force and served in Korea. He was a member of the Loogootee American Legion - Post 120 and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

erator and logger. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and enjoyed racoon hunting, working, providing for the family, camping and coaching the grandkids in basketball.

Surviving to cherish Wheatie's memory are his wife, Regina of Williams; daughters, Sharon (Jack) Rainey and Lisa Rainey; son, Samuel (Sherri) Brock; grandsons, Matthew (Crystal) Rainey, Jason (Willow) Rainey, Issac (Jennifer) Rainey and Chad (Kim) Brock; granddaughters, Shanon (Shane) Greenwell, Jessica Rainey and Leah (Andy) Mc-Leod; 18 great-grandchildren; and several great-great grandchildren; siblings, Emma "Sue" Cagel, Virginia "Ginny" (Jack) Charles, Barbara (Larry) Southern, and Bonnie Lynch.

Preceding Wheatie in death were his parents; son-in-law, Robert "Bob" Rainey; and siblings, Marvin "Mose" Brock, Isis "Tabby" Gore, Robert Brock, Joy Hacker, Anna Williams, Ruby George, Fred Brock, Willie Brock, Homer Brock, and Sharon Rose Brock.

Funeral services were held Monday,

ers, Wayne, Donald, and Dennis Opel.

A funeral service was held Monday, August 23 in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Haysville, with burial following in the church cemetery. The American Legion Post #147 conducted military gravesite rights.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Linda E. White Hospice House.

GENE "NEAL" JONES

Gene Marneal "Neal" Jones, formerly of Loogootee, peacefully passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at his home. A resident of LaPorte, he was 82. He was born January 26, 1939, on the family farm on Dover Hill Road in Loogootee: son of Paul H. and Catherine L. (Boner) Jones. His birth certificate said he was born on January 25, but his mom insisted that the doctor made a mistake and that he was really born on January 26. He enjoyed having two birthdays. Shortly after he was born, his family moved to Rusk in Lost River Township where his sister, Sharon, was born in 1943.

He built and lived in a log cabin (without electricity) in the early 1980's. He planted thousands of trees, always had a vegetable garden (a particular fan of potatoes, turnips and tomatoes), and fashioned his own game preserve in LaPorte County where he loved to deer hunt with his three sons.

A ceremony of life will be held at a later date to honor his belief that life on earth is an opportunity to earn eternal life.

A private burial has occurred.

BETTY SCHULTZ

Betty Lou Schultz, formerly of Greenfield, passed away Saturday, August 21, 2021, at Greenbriar Village in Indianapolis. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 91.

She was born May 5, 1930, in Sanborn; daughter of the late William H. and Sarah (Chestnut) Plummer. After attending Loogootee Schools, Betty was a waitress in her mother's restaurant, Odon Restaurant and Snack bar in Odon. She married Virgil W.R. Schultz in 1953.

He enjoyed bowling and golfing. He liked to watch the St. Louis Cardinals, Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Pacers, and Indiana University basketball. Allen worked at NSWC Crane for 27 years as an accountant.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Betty Swayze.

He is survived by his wife, Terry Swayze of Loogootee; children, Kristopher (Kristy) Swayze of Atlanta, Georgia, Megan (Tim) Miller of Loogootee and Travis Swayze (fiancée, Sammy McBride) of Evansville; and grandchildren, Annabeth and Merritt Swayze and Clayton and Chase Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, August 24 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Burial followed in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

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

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MONDAY, AUGUST 16

5:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire, Lost River Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a horse complaint near Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

12:15 p.m. - Received a report of threats being made in Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Watson responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded. All was secure.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, ISP Trooper Nolan, and Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:51 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

3:20 a.m. - Received a report of a dead deer on US 50, east of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

9:59 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:36 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

12:43 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Wells responded.

1:20 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took three inmates to court.

2:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:30 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of reck-

domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

9:54 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded and all was secure.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:20 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Deputy Wells and Deputy Hawkins responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of a theft south of Shoals. Deputy Wells and Deputy Hawkins responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:06 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded and all was okay.

6:44 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:53 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded and all was secure.

11:00 p.m. - Received a suspicious noise complaint east of Shoals. Captain Reed was advised.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

6:14 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

9:30 a.m. - Major Keller, Corporal Seymour, and Deputy Hawkins assisted the department of child services with a welfare check in Shoals.

11:00 a.m. - Town Marshal Eckert and Major Keller assisted with a traffic detail near Shoals.

2:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:02 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 16

3:35 p.m. - Mindy Reuger, 42, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

8:30 p.m. - James Nicholson, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond. Sergeant Gibson assisted with the arrest. **TUESDAY, AUGUST 17** 9:30 a.m. - Steven Arthur, 52, of Princeton, was arrested By Corporal Seymour on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. 6:43 p.m. - Jason Roach, 47, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, and his bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

plaint near Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded and spoke with the individual.

11:45 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

FRIDAŶ, AUGUST 20

9:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Marin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Major Keller responded.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Major Keller, Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Captain Hennette, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

3:54 p.m. - Major Keller and Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

4:04 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a trash fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:59 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

4:03 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

4:50 a.m. - Received a report of an ac-



11:36 p.m. - Received a noise com- cident on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Officer Means, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to

5:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Daviess County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Wells and Deputy Hawkins responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Shaw and Deputy Hawkins responded.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

1:20 a.m. - Received a fire alarm call near Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Shoals Fire responded. All was okay.

4:45 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and Deputy Shaw responded.

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

2:31 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Deputy Hawkins responded.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Mc-Beth responded.

IU Health in Bedford.

less driving east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded and all was secure.

6:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Crane. Sergeant Gibson, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

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

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

4:42 p.m. - Melissa A. Conklin, 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Floyd on a Daviess County warrant for failure to appear.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

2:42 p.m. - William Maryon, 51, of Terre Haute, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with habitual traffic offender for life and a Vigo County warrant. He is being held without bond. **SUNDAY, AUGUST 22**

9:30 p.m. - Heaven West, 20, of Bluffton, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

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MONDAY, AUGUST 16

11:27 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call in Country Court. 1:42 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to

an audible alarm at a residence.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

11:36 a.m. - Chief Floyd completed a vehicle check.

12:44 p.m. - Caller reported a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

2:18 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Zip Med.

3:07 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the department of child services with a case.

4:35 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant regarding a lost item.

4:56 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a stranded motorist on US 231 North.

8:48 p.m. - A caller reported a driver tearing up new pavement.

10:18 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a civil dispute regarding property. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

10:00 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a utility line hit near Southgate Street.

10:47 a.m. - Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

4:11 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a custody dispute.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported cars passing a stopped school bus.

9:22 a.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant regarding a possible scam.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted a stranded motorist.

3:14 p.m. - Captain Hennette completed a vehicle check.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

11:55 a.m. - Captain Hennette spoke with a complainant regarding harass-

3:20 p.m. - Captain Hennette and Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a vehicle accident on US 231 South.

6:51 p.m. - Officer Means completed a welfare check.

11:27 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

4:03 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department in checking a suspicious person walking.

4:50 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle accident.

5:45 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

6:09 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

3:46 p.m. - Officer Seymour spoke with a complainant regarding a custody issue.

4:45 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic dispute on Lincoln Avenue.

4:22 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding a theft.

Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over

Labor Day weekend is coming up, and the Jasper State Police Post is warning residents against drinking and driving.

The department is taking part in the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement mobilization to educate motorists about the dangers and consequences of impaired driving. Now until September 6, officers will be increasing patrols showing zero tolerance for anyone caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The extra high-visibility enforcement is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"Driving under the influence is a problem on our roadways and as a result, we continually see serious and, in some cases, devastating outcomes," said Lieutenant Jason Allen, Commander of the Jasper Post. "These tragedies are preventable, and we remind the public to plan ahead if they know they'll be out celebrating,"

About 28 people die in the U.S. in drunk driving crashes every day. That's approximately one person every 52 minutes and more than 10,000 annually, according to NHTSA. In Indiana, drunk driving has been on the rise. Of the 898 traffic fatalities that occurred last year in the state, 151, or 17 percent, were alcohol related. That's up from 130 in 2019. During Labor Day weekend alone, there were 12 fatal col-

lisions with one involving a driver over the legal limit.

"Impaired driving continues to take a terrible toll on our state and nation," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "While these overtime patrols are effective and will undoubtedly save lives, we can't enforce our way out of this issue. It's up to everyone to drive sober and make smart choices behind the wheel."

In Indiana, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of .08 or higher. In addition, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to one year.

However, impaired driving includes more than just alcohol. Drugs and even some over-the-counter medications can also cause impairment and can slow coordination, judgment, and reaction times on the road.

Officers will be on the lookout for all forms of impairment, in which the consequences can include thousands of dollars in legal fees, increased insurance rates, loss of license, a criminal record, and possible jail time.

To avoid those, plan a safe and sober

Garrett L. Carrico, of Daviess County, Indiana to Darrell L. Wagler and Rebecca K. Wagler, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, being in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Clay O. Dearwester and Helen F. Dearwester, of Martin County, Indiana to Ashton T. Wagler and Kailye Wagler, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acres.

Riverside Land Holdings, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to James A. Rang and Julia E. Rang, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the second principal meridian lying in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.762 acres, more or less.

Evelyn F. Sipes, of Martin County, Indiana to Lance Lucas, of Martin County, Indiana, 3 acres, more or less,

in Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Also, a part of the east one half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.53 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the east half of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.25 of an acre, more or less.

Martin County Holdings, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to Riverside Land Holdings, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana, portions of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 15 and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.582 acres, more or less.

Aaron Smith and Brenda Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to Charles P. Graber, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.60 acre, more or less.



Martin County real estate transfers

PUBLIC WORKS HELP WANTED

The City of Loogootee is accepting applications for the Public Works Department for a full time position. Applications may be picked up at the Utility Office or Mayor's Office 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Deadline for applications is September 3, 2021.

THE LOOGOOTEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS **CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR A** FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Qualification standards require that an applicant: -Must be a citizen of the United States. -Applicant must be 21 years of age and less than 40 years of age.

-Must have a high school diploma or GED.

-Cannot have a felony conviction or misdemeanor conviction involving domestic battery that would prohibit the applicant from possessing a firearm.

-Must possess a valid driver's license from their state of residency.

-Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military.

-Must pass a mandatory drug screening test.

-Must be willing to reside in the City of Loogootee

-Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer.

The Board of Works and Public Safety will make the final determination on which applicant will be extended an offer of employment.

Applications may be picked up at the City Hall, 401 JFK Ave., Loogootee, during normal business hours.

Close date for this process is September 1, 2021.

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ride home before going out. Even if only one drink is consumed, designate a sober driver or plan to use a rideshare service, public transportation, or taxi. Motorists that encounter a drunk driver on the road are encouraged to call 911.

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To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581.

REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Must be at least 18 years of age
- 2. Must be a citizen of the United States
- 3. Must have a high school diploma or GED
- 4. Must not have any Felony, Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence convictions
- 5. Must be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
- 6. Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, nights, weekends and (some) holidays

COMPENSATION:

Full-time Jailer: \$13.36 per hour/40-hour work week Part-time Jailer: \$12.50 per hour/up to 28 hours per week

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THOUGHTS:

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*Husband: Don't be angry at me, but I accidentally spilled grease all over the oven.

Wife: How about I won't be angry at you, but you have to clean it.

Husband: I'd rather you be angry at me.

*My last New Year's resolution was to lose ten pounds. I missed it by 15 pounds!

*Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.

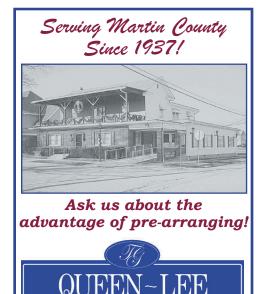
*Of course I believe in science, like how jelly grows inside doughnuts.

*I just found out that I'm color-blind. This came right out of the purple.

*A cantaloupe is an antelope that doesn't.

A wealthy businessman liked to show his party guests his pool and say, "If you swim a lap, I will give you \$10 million, half of my estate, or my daughter's hand in marriage. But there's a shark in the pool.

One day as he said this, a man swam a lap of the pool and got out just as the



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shark thudded into the wall.

"So, would you like the \$10 million?" "Half of my estate?"

"Ah! You want to marry my daughter?" "No! I want the name of the man who pushed me in!"

SERIOUSISMS

*HOW TO WIN AT LIFE

Step 1: Let people do what they need to do to make them happy.

Step 2: Mind your own business.

Step 3: Do what you need to do to make you happy.

The End.

*Some talk to you in their free time, and some free their time to talk to you. Learn the difference.

*We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.

*Be that person who roots for others, who tells a stranger they look amazing, and encourages them to believe in themselves and their dreams.

*Rip Van Winkle walked into the woods to get away from people and slept until the people who were bothering him were dead, and the older I get the more I understand it.

*In my dream world, books are free, chocolate is healthy, and reading makes you thin.

*Never stop learning how to learn. -Billie Jean King

I had joined an aerobics class made up mostly of older women like me. At first, it was difficult to follow all the steps, but after a few weeks I felt that I had a good grasp on the routines.

One day, a fellow classmate stopped me to say, "I've been noticing you. You're very coordinated."

I couldn't have been prouder. "Thank you," I said.

"Yes," she continued, "your shirt matches your pants, and your pants match your socks."

Make someone smile today!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Strange-O'Maley-Jones Reunion

Due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in this area the Strange-O'Maley-Jones Reunion scheduled for Sunday, September 5, has been postponed until September 4, 2022. If you have any questions or any family news to report, please contact Carolyn Arvin at carvin33@gmail.com.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will hold an executive session with Mitchell and Orleans school boards on Tuesday, August 31 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals high school library. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information about and interview prospective employees. The meeting is closed to the public.

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 8 a.m.noon and 1-4 p.m.

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 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**

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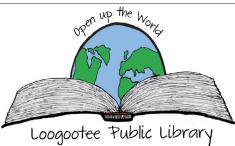
at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 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 or call at 295-3149.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The Loogootee Public Library Board will meet on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss real estate. Meeting notices have been posted at the Loogootee Post Office, IGA, and the library to meet the 48 hours before a meeting requirement.

Carolyn Parson-Downey's Book Club book selection for the September 13 meeting is "Sold on a Monday" by Kristina McMorris. If you need a copy of the book to read, contact the library. It is not too late to join the discussion group. They meet at 6 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

The library will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 6, 2021.

New Books: Children's Books: "Eraser" by Anna

King, "Turkey Goes to School" by Wendi Silvano, "Pugtato" by Sophie Corrigan, and "School is Cool" by Sabrina Moyle.

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.loogoo-tee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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Daviess/Martin County Retired Teachers meet

The Daviess/Martin County Retired Teachers Association met at The Gasthof Restaurant on Friday, August 13. President Alice Jones led the members in the pledge and conducted the meeting. The minutes from the May meeting and the treasurer's report were read and approved.

Lawana Hand urged members to continue to serve their communities through volunteering.

David Lennen reported on the IRTA Southern Indiana Reconnecting Workshop which will be held on September 21 at Spring Mill Inn in Mitchell. Registrations should be completed by Friday, September 3. Registration can be made on Facebook, via phone at 888-454-9333 or via email to info@retiredteachers.org. Anyone with questions may contact David Lennen at lennend@retiredteachers. org.

Members voted on the following projects for the 2021-2022 school year: pennies from heaven, first year teacher award and teacher appreciation project. Linda Strosnider spoke on Junior Achievement. The program was presented by former local teacher and children's book author Wini Frances.

David Lennen recognized the following members who have been rewarded for their community service: Marilyn Read, Clock Award Winner and Ken Macy and Alice Jones, Certificates of Recognition. Door prizes were provided by David and Ramona Lennen and were won by Alana Thompson, Agnes Cooper and Linda Strosnider. Members attending were Linda Strosnider, Vicky Bauernfiend, Donna Keller, Carol Olsen, Alana Thompson, Arlene Owens, Rosie Wininger, Pat Brochin, Ramona Lennen, David Lennen, Roy L. Wachter, Marilyn Read, Agnes Cooper, Alice Jones, Lawana Hand and Nancy Adams. Guests attending were Wini Frances and Sandra McLin.

The next meeting will be September 10 at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. After the blessing, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

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we see a lot of changes in the gardens. We anticipate the season as a time of great beauty, particularly in the realm of foliage. However, there are other aspects of many plants that provide beauty and interest as the garden falls to sleep.

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At Sandhill Gardens, I recently noticed this second season of interest in a sweet bay magnolia that grows along the sidewalk connecting the driveway to the house. Where there were sweet-scented cream-colored flowers a few weeks ago, I now see pods with red seeds bursting out. The bright red seeds are eye-catching and, from afar, give the appearance of a second season of blooms. The seeds will eventually fall out. Leaving the pods, which may be collected for use in crafts.

Another tree exhibiting interest right now is the catalpa tree. Commonly known as the green bean tree or cigar tree, seed pods of twelve to fifteen inches hang from the tree in clusters. Many people find the catalpa to be a messy tree and avoid planting them, but I love the large leaves, the clusters of summer flowers and pods. Located at the edge of the garden, a catalpa not only provides visual interest, but offers food for birds in the form of catalpa worms.

Perhaps the most dramatic second show is from the seven-sons flower. Grown as a large shrub or pruned into a small tree, the plant provides clusters of late-summer blooms. Once the blooms drop off, bright pink sepals remain. Many people have mistaken the sepals for a second round of flowers. However, the sepals last much longer than the flowers, hanging around until the leaves start to fall.

Many trees and shrubs provide late season interest in the form of nuts and berries. Some of these are actually edible, but all of them provide interest and wildlife food. I have several such plants

As late summer drifts toward autumn, at Sandhill Gardens, including several types of beautyberry. Actually, the berries may well be the primary season of interest here, as the flowers are rather small and plain. The berries, which grow in clusters all along the arching stems, have a pearly sheen. The most common color for beautyberry is a bright purple, but I also have a couple with white berries and some with burgundy beads. I have heard of a pink-berried variety, but have not found one for sale at this time.

> Perhaps the most coveted berry of fall is that of bittersweet. The native vine was once quite common in fencerows, but habitat loss has made it a rare find. Be wary of bittersweet plants being sold in garden centers. They may be of the oriental strain, which has become an invasive pest. If you want American bittersweet, be sure to buy it from a reputable native plant nursery.

> Dogwoods of many cultivars offer drupes that are attractive and useful. Some, such as Cornelian cherry, are edible for humans. Even the raspberry-like drupes of oriental Koussa dogwoods may be used for jams and jellies. Our native dogwoods, including the shrub-types, produce drupes that are useful wildlife food sources.

> Perhaps my personal favorite plant with a second season of interest is neither a tree nor a shrub, but a lowly herbaceous perennial. It is commonly known as the blackberry lily but is actually an iris. Delicate spotted orange flowers that close up at night will morph into a seed pod that has an uncanny resemblance of a plump blackberry. However, one would be sorely disappointed if he or she tried a taste of this berry. It is a great addition to dried fall bouquets.

Plants with a second season of interest are very valuable in the landscape. Consider adding some to your garden this fall planting season.

Deadline nearing for Hoosier Homestead book

Throughout Indiana, many owners of Hoosier Homestead Farms have submitted their farm history for inclusion in the upcoming book, Hoosier Homestead Farms: Honoring Farm Legacy in Indiana. However, time is running out to do so as the deadline of August 31, 2021, is nearing.

If you own a farm that's been recognized as one of the nearly 6,000 Hoosier Homestead Farms, we need you to submit a free 300-word history of your farm and a photo for the book. Your farm history and photo are included in the book regardless of whether you purchase a copy or not.

farm started, how many generations have worked/owned it, crops grown, places you sell your crops, year your farm was inducted as a Hoosier Homestead Farm, etc. You can also visit the publisher's website, www.acclaimpress.com, and find the Hoosier Homestead book cover on the front page and fill out your farm history from there.

Also, reserve your copy of this book for only \$59.95 now at www.acclaimpress.

Indiana Land Use Summit highlights innovations in land use

BY ABBY LEEDS Purdue University News Service

Hoosiers passionate about land use planning for agriculture and natural resources can now register for the Indiana Land Use Summit workshop hosted by Purdue Extension and the Indiana Land Resources Council.

The virtual workshop will convene on September 8 and 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET. A policy update panel with the American Planning Association-Indiana chapter, Indiana Farm Bureau, The Nature Conservancy and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture kicks off the workshop with an overview of the key legislative outcomes impacting land use decision making from the 2021 Legislative Session.

Keynote speaker Matthew Mazzotta will discuss community-specific public projects that integrate new forms of civic participation and social engagement into the built environment. The closing speaker, Sarah Banas Mills, will address land use considerations of solar energy, especially for those largest installations, and the positive and negative local impacts of these projects.

Attendees can choose from three concurrent sessions of nine presentations with themes of climate change and renewable energy community planning, community engagement processes for land use planning and innovations in environmental planning.

"Climate change planning and renewable energy are at the forefront of land use planning discussions. We look forward to sharing the perspectives of Indiana community leaders on innovations and implementations of environmental planning initiatives and how they fit into broader land use objectives in local communities," said Kara Salazar, assistant program leader and Extension specialist for sustainable communities.

Katie Nelson, executive director of the Indiana Land Resources Council, notes the importance of this event for communities across Indiana.

"The Indiana Land Resources Council (ILRC) is excited to partner with Purdue Extension and other key stakeholders to increase involvement in the community

planning process," said Nelson. "This event ties well into the ILRC's mission of assisting local and state decision-makers with land use tools and policies. Our goal for this planning summit is to ensure that county governments, organizers, planners and citizens have a comprehensive understanding of different approaches their communities can take on key land use issues."

Purdue Extension's Land Use Team, Hoosiers for Renewables and Indiana Farm Bureau will also unveil the survey results from a comprehensive study on land use regulations for wind and solar renewable energy and trends related to climate change planning in Indiana.

Register for the workshop at www.purdue.edu/conferences/INLandUseSummit2021. For more information, contact Kara Salazar at salazark@purdue.edu.

Hunter Education Course

An Indiana Hunter Education Course will be held Friday, September 10 from 6-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 11 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church, 205 E Main Street, Loogootee. The course will teach about wildlife conservation, hunter ethics, firearms safety, shotguns, rifles, arcHery and more. All instruction will be done by Indiana Conservation Officers and certified Indiana Volunteer Hunter Education Instructors. Hunter Education certification is required for all persons born after December 31, 1986 who wish to purchase an Indiana hunting license. The course is being sponsored by West Boggs Park and Faith Baptist Church.

To register, go to www.passitonindiana. com. There is no charge for the course.

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Information you should include - year

Patoka Lake to host controlled mourning dove hunt

Wildlife management staff at Patoka Lake will conduct two in-person draws for controlled mourning dove hunts on September 1 and 2 at 6 a.m. at Patoka Lake Hunter Check Station #5, located on County Road 725 South in Orange County.

The draws will be for a staked position in a standard controlled dove hunt field. Approximately 15 to 20 staked positions are expected to be drawn, and a maximum of two firearms per stake are allowed.

Hunters are required to have the proper licenses, stamps, and their federal HIP number. As ammunition, hunters can only use non-toxic shot of size 6 or smaller and need to have their firearm plugged so that it can only contain three shells at any time. Hunters will be limited to 50 shells. com or by calling Acclaim Press at 573-472-9800. They have published farming heritage books in Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma, and take great pride in preserving farming history across America.

Shooting hours for the hunts will be from 6:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. All fields surrounding the controlled sunflower field will be subject to similar time restrictions and will be closed after 1 p.m. There will be no "standby" or refilling of shooting stations after early departures either day.

The sunflower field will be considered open and subject to regular shooting hours starting Sept. 3. Regular shooting hours are one half-hour before sunrise to sunset through the legal season.

Hunters should contact DNR Law Enforcement at 812-837-9536 regarding specific questions about federal or state laws, statutes, and rules. For other information on the controlled hunt, call Patoka Lake at 812-685-2464 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. and ask for the wildlife specialist.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 29 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at St. Martin Hall, Whitfield

This event is dedicated to the memory of Clifford Lannan and Mike Burris.

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

(L) defeated Pavan Patel/Jared Small 6-0

#3 Doubles Luke Lengacher/Reis Whit-

The boys started off their season last

Tuesday afternoon, August 17, against

Forest Park at home. The varsity came

away with the win 5-0 and the junior var-

#1 Singles Isaac Waggner defeated

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers defeated EJ

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe defeated

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bled-

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker defeated Korbyn Persolin/Aiden Nord

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#2 Singles Resi Whitney defeated Dev-

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Varsity results

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Landon Marks 6-3, 6-1

Brock Schuler 6-3, 6-2

Junior varsity results

Devon Osborn 6-0

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oogootee Boys' Tennis undefeated so far in the season

The Loogootee High School Tennis Teams defeated Northeast Dubois on Monday, August 23 at Dubois. The varsity brought home the win, 4-1 and the junior varsity won, 3-2. The varsity moves to 5-0 on the season.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "I am not sure either team played their best today but the players on both teams competed hard in tough conditions. We are back at it tomorrow. I just hope we have enough gas in our tanks."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Aden Thewes (NED) defeated Isaac Waggner 6-2, 6-3

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Aiden Buechler 4-6, 7-5, 1-0 (7)

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Gavin Leinenbach 6-1, 7-6 (3)

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Brayden Beck/Aidan Dodd 3-6, 7-5, 6-0

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Ty Kalb/Nick Hemerlein 6-4, 6-1

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Koen Waggner (L) defeated Brock Werner 6-1

#2 Singles Caleb Lampert (NED) defeated Noah Esch 6-1

#1 Doubles Reis Whitney/Koen Waggner (L) defeated Evan Mehringer/Corbin Hurt 6-4

#2 Doubles Easton Ziegler/Drew Schroering (NED) defeated Reis Whitney/Noah Esch 6-4

#3 Doubles Reis Whitney/Koen Waggner (L) defeated Camden Case/Jonah Klem 6-0

The teams defeated Evansville North and Gibson Southern this past Saturday, August 21 at home. The varsity swept both teams 5-0. The junior varsity defeated Evansville North 3-1 and Gibson Southern 5-0.

Coach Tippery said after the matches, "I was really proud of how our team competed today. The doubles teams played well in both matches. Our singles players gutted out really tough matches against North. All three singles matches against North were two and a half hours. After 30-minute rests, they mustered enough energy to hold off Gibson Southern."

Varsity results Evansville North

#1 Singles Isaac Waggner (L) defeated nior varsity swept the Cardinals 4-0. Cole Decker 4-6, 6-2, 6-4

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Will Cusic 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5)

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Nathan Mitchell 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-2

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Rory Tippery (L) defeated Jacob Hafele/Ryan Bernfeld 6-4, 6-4

#2 Doubles Reece Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Gabe Wilke/Ike Elliot 6-1, 6-2

Gibson Southern

#1 Singles Isaac Waggner (L) defeated Eliott Church 6-1, 6-3

- #2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Jake Decker 6-0, 6-2
- #3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Landon Kiesel 6-4, 7-5

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Carson Brindle/Dawson Maurer 6-3, 6-2

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated John Kiesel/Oliver Hamilton

6-1, 6-2

- Junior varsity results
- Evansville North
- #1 Singles Koen Waggner defeated Isaac Alexander 6-1

#2 Singles Koen Waggner defeated Caden Lamey 6-1

#1 Doubles Reis Whitney/Koen Waggner (L) defeated Logan Petit/Braden Woebkenberg 6-2

#2 Doubles Jack Morley/Aaric McDonald (L) defeated Reis Whitney/Noah Esch

Gibson Southern #1 Singles Koen Waggner (L) defeated Lucas Church 6-2

#2 Singles Reece Tippery (L) defeated Noah Kiesel 6-4

#3 Singles Luke Stoll (GS) defeated Noah Esch 6-4

#4 Singles Koen Waggner (L) defeated Dylan Bolton 6-2

#5 Singles Noah Esch (L) defeated Carter Crawford 7-5

#1 Doubles Reis Whitney/Reece Tippery (L) defeated Wyatt Cruse/Wyatt McEllhiney 6-0

#2 Doubles Reis Whitney/Reece Tippery (L) defeated Lucas Church/Noah Kiesel 6-0

The varsity Lions defeated Bloomfield last Thursday 4-1 at Bloomfield. The ju-

"This was a good win against a quality team. We had different combinations at doubles today and they played well. Brandon played a solid match from start to finish at #3. The guys on both teams at #1 and #2 singles had long hard-fought points. I was pleased Isaac was able to outlast Graf at #1 singles," said Coach Tippery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Isaac Waggner (L)defeated Baylin Graf 6-4, 6-7 (6), 1-0 (6)

#2 Singles Ryan Schulte (B) defeated Leighton Jeffers 7-5, 6-1

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L)defeated Travis Priest 6-3, 6-1

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Rory Tippery (L) defeated Cole Skinner/Austin Hall 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Reece Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Braxton Clark/Brasey Neil 6-0, 6-0

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Koen Waggner defeated Kellen Luse 6-1

#1 Doubles Reis Whitney/Koen Waggner (L) defeated Boone Holtzclaw/Kellen Luse 6-0

#2 Doubles Luke Lengacher/Noah Esch

Lady Lions Volleyball results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Team went 3-1 at the Plainfield Invitational this past Saturday. The girls lost to Terre Haute South in two sets, 19-25 and 18-25 but defeated North Central (Indianapolis) in three sets 23-25, 25-19, and 15-10; Greenwood in two sets, 25-20 and 27-25 and Terre Haute North in three sets, 14-25, 25-22, 17-15. The varsity girls stand at 4-2 on the season.

Brooklyn Summers led with serving points for the day with 27 and also had seven aces and 58 assists. Jocelyn Strange finished with 22 serving points and led in digs with 31. Kylie VanHoy finished with 16 serving points, 28 assists, 24 digs and led in kills with 58. Kyleigh Courter had 13 service points with 12 aces and 24 digs. Haylie Mathies finished with 10 kills and Grace Lingenfelter had 14 digs.

The varsity girls defeated Northeast Dubois last week in three sets, 25-16, 25-18 and 25-13.

Brooklyn Summers led in serving points with 11 and in assists with 25. Kylie VanHoy finished with nine points, 15 assists, seven digs and led in kills with 18. Jocelyn Strange led the team in digs with 19 and Kyleigh Courter contributed eight serving points and six digs. Haylie Mathies finished with nine kills and Abbey Fuhrman had seven. Grace Lingenfelter added six digs.

The junior varsity Lady Lions fell to Northeast Dubois in three sets, 14-25, 25-23, and 11-15. The girls are 0-2 on the season so far.

Vittoria Zoia and Breanna Courter led in serving points with five. Alana Hedrick and Breanna Courter each had seven kills followed by Ashlynn Gilbert with four. Abbigail Nonte led in assists with 16 and Courter added four. Lindsey Nolan led the team in digs with 15 following by Zoia and Nonte with 11 each and Hedrick with 10.

