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-Photo provided

Shown above, after a Community Leadership Planning meeting this summer, are Cindy Barber, County Extension Director Daviess County and Extension Educator Purdue Extension; Dena Myers Held, County Extension Director Martin County and Extension Educator Purdue Extension; Jessica Potts, Executive Director, Martin County Alliance; and Tanya Hall, Regional Extension Educator Purdue Extension.

## Leadership program back underway in Martin County

In summer of 2020, Martin County graduated their first cohort from the Purdue Extension Community Leadership Program, locally known as Leadership Martin County. This program was put together and supported by the Martin County Alliance, Purdue Extension Martin County and The Martin County Community Foundation along with many other stakeholders.

Recently, active meetings initiated by The Alliance have been held on how to rejuvenate community leadership programming to residents to increase awareness of Martin County's resources and equip current and future leaders in their civic engagement journey.

Currently, work is underway to conduct two community leadership offerings under the Leadership Martin County umbrella.

1) The Alliance plans to offer The Legacy Program starting fall of 2024. Considered as a community focused introduction to Martin County leadership. The purpose of this programming is to increase awareness of Martin County resources and assets.

2) Purdue Extension Martin County will offer extended programming and is intended for Leadership Martin County alumni. The peer-reviewed topics include a variety of content and is focused on skill development of Martin County residents to be used in their respective community leadership responsibilities.

Purdue Extension has requested funding to sustain these collaborations and partnerships and bring the Purdue University Leadership Martin County Community Leadership Program peer reviewed University supported curriculum to Martin County in 2025 and beyond.

Questions and comments may be directed to:

Jessica Potts, Executive Director, Martin County Alliance and Dena Held, County Extension Director & Extension Educator Purdue Extension Martin County heldd@purdue.edu / 812-295-2412

About the Martin County Alliance Legacy Program

The Legacy Program- Martin County Leadership works to develop servant leaders in the community. This year will be a first for the program, and the plan is to spend seven months taking a class of participants through six day-long sessions of leadership training designed to equip and inspire citizens to contribute to Martin County professionally and personally. The curriculum focuses on these content areas:

- Orientation/ Leadership Styles
- Community, Economic, Defense Development
- Local Government
- History/Business in Martin County
- Elective Topic & Capstone Project
- Graduation

In addition to receiving training and education the members of the Legacy Program will identify and complete a class project directly addressing an opportunity somewhere in Martin County. Graduates will leave the program ready to serve the community by participating on boards, seeking or creating volunteer opportunities, and implementing new skills in their existing leadership roles.

Adult participants of all ages and all walks of life are welcome. Classes for the 2024-2025 classes will be on the following dates: October 18, November 15, December 13, January 17, February 21, March 21, and a Graduation Celebration will be in April of 2025. Tuition is \$300 for the full program. To confirm a place in the class, participants must 1) submit a complete application, 2) be chosen by a review committee outside the county and 3) submit payment. Participants are selected based on two primary factors: a timely and complete application process and a demonstrated desire to apply servant leadership to benefit the community.

If you would like to learn more about the Legacy Program, please reach out to Jessica Potts at 812-295-4800 or by e-mail Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org.

About the Purdue Extension Community Leadership Program

The Purdue Extension Community Leadership Program is an intensive lo-

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## Loogootee Council approves Pride Fest to be held downtown

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council held a special meeting Monday night, August 26. The purpose of the meeting was to review the recent board of works decision not to allow the Pride Fest to be held on the public square in Loogootee on September 7. The board of works, this month, voted to allow the Pride Fest to be held in the city park, which is not what the festival organizers requested.

At Monday night's meeting, City Attorney Steven Teverbaugh said he spoke with another attorney, Douglas Hoffman, and was advised that the city should allow the event on the square because other events

have been approved for that location, it was previously approved by the previous administration and the ACLU has a lawsuit pending with the city over the event.

Mayor Brian Ader said they will not allow the closure of East Main Street due to it being an inconvenience for the city residents. He said the stage was requested and if set up on East Main Street, as is done with Summerfest, it would have to be put up by city workers on Friday and it wouldn't be able to be taken down until Monday. He said having East Main Street blocked off for that many days for a seven-hour event is not possible. Ader also said the city will not provide barricades to block off the area of the festival.

(See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

## Commissioners discuss grants, invoices, highway department repairs

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, August 20. Commissioner Cody Roush was not present.

Veterans Service Officer Ryan Persinger provided an update to the commissioners. He stated he has started 21 new claims since he was appointed as veteran service officer on June 25. He has worked on four claims which were previously rejected and was able to get those sent to higher appeal. There have been eight veterans who have newly recorded their DD214 forms with the recorder's office.

Emergency Management Agency Director Monty Wolf presented to the commissioners a propane booking contract between Premier Energy and Martin County Civil Defense/EMA. Attorney David Lett stated he has no legal objection to the contract. Commissioner George asked if another bid had to be obtained. Attorney Lett replied that no other bid has to be obtained, EMA has had an ongoing relationship with Premier. The commissioners approved the contract

with Premier for propane for EMS for 850 gallons at a price of \$1.89 per gallon.

Attorney Lett stated at the last commissioners' meeting the EMA presented a grant agreement executed by the county between the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Martin County Emergency Management in the amount of \$20,304. He said there is an in-kind cost share Martin County will be responsible for, not to exceed \$6,768. He has no legal objection to the agreement.

Director Wolf stated the grant covers a state-mandated hazard mitigation plan, which must be done every five years. Wolf said the county will be required to pay for the planning costs upfront and the grant will reimburse the expenses. The commissioners approved the grant agreement.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported the John Deere mower is down, but the Mowermax has been repaired. He said the department is filling potholes (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



## Honoring those killed in action

-Photo by Dan Gregory

The Loogootee High School Class of 1970 recently put up some very special flags around downtown Loogootee. There are seven flags - two are the American flag and the other five represent those men that were Killed in Action (KIA) in Vietnam. The saying "All gave some, some gave All" was never truer than our service people that were KIA. The class chose this past weekend to put up the flags as one of their classmates was KIA in Vietnam on August 26, 1970. Tom Hickman, age 19, died in a helicopter crash on that date 54 years ago. Not to leave any KIA in Vietnam service men out, the other four are: Mick Smith KIA August 9, 1968, age 20; James (Jimmy) Hembree KIA September 6, 1967, age 19; Tim O'Conner KIA October 23, 1970, age 18 and Charles Conover KIA August 1, 1970, age 23. Shown above, from left to right, are Kevin Guy, Kenny Frye, Doug Strange, Gayle Strange, Bob Dages, Kay Summers, Mike Summers, Marsha Sternberg and Kenny Sternberg.



# COUNCIL

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Tim and Tracy Brown-Salsman, who are two of the event organizers, said they need East Main Street closed due to the expected attendance at the event. They are expecting 200 people and 15 vendors. Mayor Ader said they will have plenty of room to accommodate that many people with the area they have been given. He said the city has the right to choose which streets they allow to be closed. Public Square Street will be closed along with a small portion of North Line Street and a small portion of North Street.

Yvon Lauren, who is an LGBTQ advocate, spoke to the council saying she doesn't understand why the city can't allow the event to happen the way the orga-

# LEADERSHIP

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cally-based program for individuals who want to improve their local communities by getting more involved in local non-profit boards, government committees and other volunteer efforts. While there are many individuals in a community who are willing to give their time and talents to serve the needs of others, sometimes they lack the connections, skills or confidence to take on leadership roles. This program helps prepare them.

The 11-module leadership development training program is facilitated by trained Purdue Extension staff and built on research-based curriculum. A shorter version of the program with 6 modules can complement existing community leadership development efforts in a county or foster new leadership development in communities where no programming currently exists. Program skill-building session topics include communication, conflict management, working across cultural differences, serving on nonprofit boards. Community focused sessions focus on local government, health, education, economic development and more.

nizers want it for one day. She spoke about the stage and how long it could possibly take to put up. She said everyone should be treated the same and the current administration should have honored the approval of the festival done by the previous administration. Mayor Ader said the city attorney at that time had advised the previous administration to table a decision until the new administration had been seated but they didn't. He said again that East Main Street is a thoroughfare and shouldn't be closed.

Jason Greene, who was in the audience, asked whether the city would be responsible for attorney fees accumulated by the ACLU if the city loses the lawsuit over this event. Attorney Teverbaugh said it depends on the judge's ruling and what could be paid by the insurance company, but it's possible.

Resident Stephanie Gilbert told the council that she has spent years working with the youth of the community and she wants the council to know that those youth are watching, and they see how the city is treating people in the LGBTQ community.

County resident Jason McCoy spoke on several topics at length saying he took a "deep dive" and found no wrongdoing by the city against the LGBTQ community. He said the Salsmans are not in favor of free speech because they had issue with a booth at Summerfest that had Confederate flags and "F\*\*\* Joe Biden" flags and wanted them removed. He said they want freedom of speech for themselves but they don't want it for anyone else. He told the council that approving the Pride Festival opens the city up for KKK rallies and similar events. He said the Salsmans and members of the audience are threatening the city council by asking questions about attorney fees and mentioning lawsuits.

After all discussion commenced, the city council then approved the road closures to allow the event on September 7. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# COMMISSIONERS

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and doing chip and seal and are still looking for a mechanic. He said there have been a couple of guys stepping up in the department to fill in the mechanic's spot, which he appreciates. The commissioners asked Superintendent Seals to thank the employees. Taxpayer Walt Waggoner stated the highway employee doing the brush cutting in Mitcheltree has been doing a really good job. The commissioners thanked Scott Hert for the good work in Mitcheltree.

Commissioner George asked Attorney Lett if there were updates on the litigation for bridge 44 on Deep Cut Lake Road that was damaged by a truck driver several years ago. Attorney Lett said he does not have an update. Commissioner George asked Attorney Lett if the county could proceed with the repair of the bridge and Attorney Lett said they could. Superintendent Seals said he is concerned about funding the repair and asked if the claim could be turned into the county's insurance. Attorney Lett replied he has been working with the county's insurance. Commissioner George said it could be a situation where the county's insurance will pay for the claim and then go after the other party's insurance to reimburse. Resident Mary Smith, who was in the audience, asked if there was an estimate for the repair of the bridge. Attorney Lett stated the estimate was around \$68,000.

Auditor Michelle Norris stated earlier this year she had conversations with the former Veteran Service Officer Wes Rincker and Human Resources Director Amy Rincker regarding the veteran's marker placement expense. Auditor Norris stated former VSO Rincker was concerned, after speaking to those placing the markers, the allowed expense of \$100 only covered the cost of materials. She said the allowed amount has been \$100 since at least 2004. She asked the commissioners to consider increasing the veteran's marker expense to \$150. The commissioner approved that change effective January 1, 2024.

Auditor Norris stated an invoice was received from Core Facilities for expenses since the beginning of the year, which includes seven trips to Martin County, a hotel expense, dumpster rental, CAD renderings for the courtroom remodel project, and professional services for the architect site visit on August 7. The total for the entire invoice is \$8,622.78. The commissioners approved paying for the invoice with ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.

Auditor Norris stated she wanted to give an update regarding the interior automatic doors at the courthouse. She said M&M Electric came last week to examine the power running to the doors and if 120V service could be provided. She was told by M&M Electric that there is 120V power running near the doors and will not be a high cost to run power to operators, but M&M Electric will need to

talk to the installer before they could give an official estimate because they need to know exactly what kind of connection the installer needs.

Auditor Norris provided the commissioners with quotes from two companies for the door repair. The commissioners reviewed the quotes and the repair options. Auditor Norris stated both repair companies stated there cannot be two different brands of operators on the doors because the operator will not communicate with a different brand of push button opener. The quotes were to either replace both operators or to replace one operator and make the other door to a manual close with no automatic opener. The commissioners agreed for the price difference they would like to replace the operators on both doors.

The quotes to replace both units with a new push button were K&K Automatic Doors- \$6,418.75 and Automatic Door Company- \$6,559.40. The quote to replace just one operator from K&K was \$4,418.75 and Automatic Door was \$4,743.15. Commissioner George stated the quote to make the door a manual door, which he said was not an option they were considering, was \$1,400. The commissioners voted to go with the quote from K&K Automatic Doors to replace two operators with a one-year warranty in the amount of \$6,418.75. The expense will come out of courthouse improvements in the cumulative capital fund.

Auditor Norris stated the judge asked her to bring back the purchase request for the metal detector for the courtroom. She had been told by the judge that they are working with a prospective employee to fill the bailiff position. Since they are in the process of hiring a bailiff, the judge would like the commissioners to reconsider the purchase of the metal detector. Commissioner George stated Attorney Lett has been approached by a nearby business who has used metal detectors for sale due to upgrading to a newer model. He would like Attorney Lett to reach out to the business to obtain a model number so the judge is able to do research to see if it will work for the courtroom.

Auditor Norris stated the judge has also requested \$5,000 for training and equipment for the bailiff. Commissioner Summers stated the judge has spoken with the sheriff and he said \$5,000 was a reasonable estimate for the purchase of a vest, equipment, and training. The commissioners approved the judge's request for \$5,000.

The date and time of the next commissioners' meeting was discussed. Clerk Julie Fithian stated there is a jury trial scheduled on the date of the next commissioners' meeting. After discussion it was decided to move the meeting to Thursday, September 5 at 9 a.m., still being held in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

# Loogootee Volleyball starts season

The Loogootee High School Varsity Volleyball Team kicked off their season last week with a loss to Jasper in three sets, 20-25, 14-25, and 21-25.

Savannah Green led the team in serving points with six and also had a team-high seven digs. Addy Lengacher finished with three assists while Cacia Wilcoxon contributed four serving points and one block. Breanna Courter finished with four serving points and three digs. Macy Knepp had four digs and Alaina Diamond had one block.


The girls defeated Northeast Dubois last week in three sets, 25-08, 25-22, and 25-21.

Addy Lengacher led in serving points with 20 including five aces and in assists with 18 and had seven kills and seven digs. Jocelynn Sims finished with

nine serving points with two aces and eight digs. Kaylee Hawkins contributed six serving points and 10 assists. Cacia Wilcoxon had a team-high nine kills followed by Ava Fuhrman and Alaina Diamond with eight each. Fuhrman also had two aces and Diamond led in blocks with three. Ava Jeffers finished with six assists and Savannah Green had one block. Breanna Courter led in digs with nine.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Northeast Dubois last week in two sets, 25-10 and 25-23.


Ava Jeffers led the team in serving points with 11 followed by Lauren Nolan with eight (and four aces) and Aubrey Gilbert with seven. Nolan also led in digs with six and Gilbert contributed three kills. Kaylee Hawkins finished with six assists and three kills.



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## Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Director



-- TIME, TALENT, TREASURE --

Yes - time, talent and treasure. Giving of those from yourself is what I've so often equated to philanthropy. You've heard about "time, talent and treasure" from me in these columns, and likely from your church, and often from friends and family in some context when talking about what they've done the past week. While that can make a big difference in our community, whether giving small or large, it seems there is a lot more to a day than that.

-- MORE TO IT --

The rest of our day is often consumed with family, work, or both. When you spend time doing these things, you are also giving back and saying thank you for what you've been given. With a family, you are giving back to help them grow, learn, and succeed at whatever level in life they are called.

But what about your job? That place most of us spend the better part of a day? What about all the work, sweat and stress that you put into your job? Is this giving back? Sure, you may be using some of your talents, but you're obviously giving your time.

-- WORK AND LABOR --

I've spoken of your time and talent in the context of philanthropy and giving back to your community. But the labor you put into your work is not only just a job for a paycheck; it is also another way for how you contribute to your community. You and your job are vital and just as important as any other aspect of philanthropy toward improving the quality of life in our community. The effort and work you put into your job reflects in our

community. You are doing your part to improve multiple aspects of our economy and our county.

-- YOU ARE IMPORTANT --

Sometimes we are fortunate that the labor we call "work" is also a passion of ours. You always hear that someone is lucky if they love their job. I'm not so sure it's luck, but rather commitment, hard work and an open mind to new ideas and opportunities. But yes, I would still call you lucky.

So, whether or not your work is a passion or a love of yours, it is important. It is important to your family and their well-being, to your co-workers and employers, and to the rest of us sharing our county with you.

-- THANK YOU --

So that's what our upcoming Labor Day holiday is about. It's about recognizing your importance and recognizing the efforts that you've put toward your job. It's a tribute to you for the efforts you've put toward the strength, growth, and improvement in the quality of life for our community.

This Labor Day is for you. Thank you!

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF or how we can help you help our county, please visit Director Curt Johnson at 2668 US Hwy 50 (on the Martin County fairgrounds, back building) or contact him at 812-295-1022, [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org), or PO Box 28 Loogootee IN 47553.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at [www.cfpartner.org](http://www.cfpartner.org) and "follow" the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation).



# OBITUARIES

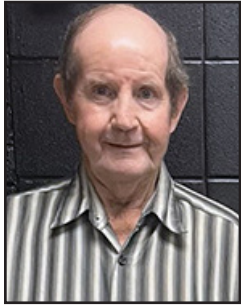
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Wednesday, August 28, 2024

## RON BLEDSOE

Ronald Lee Bledsoe passed away at 3:47 a.m. Sunday August 25th, 2024, at his home surrounded by family. A resident of Loogootee, he was 76.



He was born June 21st, 1948, in Washington; son of the late Dale and Ruby Bledsoe.

Ron graduated from Loogootee High School in 1966 and was a U.S. Air Force Veteran proudly serving his country. After returning home, he married his wife of 52 years, Linda on April 22, 1972, in Loogootee.

He served as a Civil Servant at NSWC Crane beginning in 1971, and was fortunate to retire June 30, 2000, at the age of 52. He then continued the legacy his dad Dale established in the 70's operating Bledsoe Pest Control where he created lifelong friends and enjoyed the long conversations he had with every one of his customers. Ron spent every moment he could with his family, loved being on the river fishing and running trot lines. He loved his grandchildren and attended nearly every basketball, baseball, tennis, tee-ball game, and dance recital over the last 15 years. Ron was dearly loved by his wife, children and grandchildren. In their eyes, he hung the moon. The love and guidance provided by him will never be forgotten and he will live in their hearts forever.

Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Dale and Ruby Bledsoe; sister, Kathy Burks; brother, Tony Bledsoe;

father and mother-in-law, Russell and Francis Hager; sisters-in-law, Donna Sanders and Judy Hager; and brother-in-law, Richard Green.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; his children, Julie (John) Scott of Vincennes and Jeff (Lori) Bledsoe of Loogootee; and three grandchildren, Peyton, Brandon and Preslee Bledsoe. Ron is also survived by his siblings, Linda Green and Larry (Judy) Bledsoe, all of Loogootee; sister-in-law, Sophie Bledsoe of Loogootee; brothers-in-law, Garry Burks of Washington, Jim (Darlene) Hager of Loogootee, Rob (Susie) Hager of Loogootee, and many nieces and nephews, cousins and good friends.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 29 at the Loogootee Christian Church. Burial and military rites will follow at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 29 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers and other gifts, please contribute to the Ron Bledsoe Memorial Fund so his legacy of giving back can live on year after year.

Ron Bledsoe Memorial Fund, 1848 State Road 550, Loogootee, IN 47553.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Ronald Lee Bledsoe.

## DELORES HAM

Betty Delores Ham passed away Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at Poplar Care Strategies, Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, she was 94.



## DELORES HAM

She was born June 2, 1930, in Martin County; daughter of Philip H. and Clonia M. (Hovis) Ham.

Delores graduated from Shoals High School with the class of 1947. She was employed at NSWC Crane from June of 1950 until her retirement in June of 1985. Delores was a member of the Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church until its closure in 2016 and also attended Dover Hill United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Women's Study Club for many years, holding various offices.

Surviving are one niece, Nancy K. (Steve) Laymon of Indianapolis; one great-nephew, Brian Cooper of Corydon; one great-niece, Ashley E. Laymon of Annapolis, Maryland; one great-great niece, Sydney Jade Cooper of Corydon; and one nephew in-law, Harold Cooper of Shoals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Philip and Clonia Ham; two brothers, Hubert Ham, in infancy, and Orlando Ham; sisters, Thelma Roth and Laverne Falon; three nephews, Dickie Ham, Billie Ham, and Walter Roth; and one niece, Brenda Cooper.

In accordance with Delores' wishes, a graveside service will be held at Spring Hill Cemetery at a later date with David Smith officiating.

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

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

## KEVIN HARDER

Kevin Dale Harder passed away Sunday, August 25, 2024, at his home with his wife by his side. A resident of Shoals, he was 61.

He was born December 10, 1962, in Washington; son of Paul and Fern (Har-



## KEVIN HARDER

bin) Harder.

He married Joni Johnson on February 3, 1990, and she survives.

Kevin was a graduate of Shoals High School with the class of 1981 and graduated from ITT Technical Institute in 1983.

He worked as an Electronics Technician at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane and retired in July of 2024 after 41 years of service.

Kevin was a member of the West Shoals Church of Christ.

He loved his grand babies, fishing, hunting, camping, and coaching his girls on various sports teams. Kevin enjoyed traveling and spending time with his wife and family. He was an avid sports fan, always watching the Hoosiers.

Surviving are his wife, Joni; children, Rachel (Vincent) Azzara, and Nicole (Dylan) Erwin; grandchildren, Eliza Azzara and Della Erwin; brothers, David Harder and Brian (Teresa) Harder; sisters-in-law, Connie (Steve) Boyer, Patti (Tony) Sanders, and Lana (Brad) Howell; brother-in-law, Clark Hewitt; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Paul Alan Harder; and one sister-in-law, Kathy Hewitt.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 31 at the Shoals Christian Church with Pat Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday, August 30 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care and from 9 a.m. until the service hour on Saturday at the Shoals Christian Church.

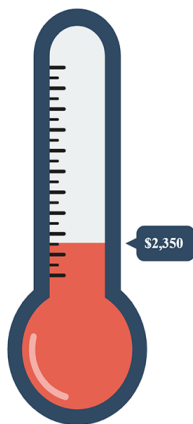
Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Cancer Patient Services.

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

## DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MATCHING GRANT

Goodwill Cemetery of Loogootee has received a \$15,000 Challenge Grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to repave the roads within the cemetery. In order to receive these funds, the Cemetery Board must raise a matching \$15,000 by December 31 of this year. Only contributions received after May 29 (the date the Challenge Grant was awarded) will be counted toward the \$15,000 goal. It has been over 30 years since the roads were paved within the cemetery and there are portions that have crumbled and corners that require widening in order to prevent cars falling into mud. It is the desire of the Cemetery Board to ensure that the cemetery remains a peaceful, serene place for relatives and friends to visit their loved ones who have passed. Anyone wishing to contribute toward the \$15,000 goal can donate to the following address: Goodwill Cemetery, PO BOX 24, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

GOAL: \$15,000



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## Hindostan shelter house

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Work has started on the new shelter house at Hindostan Falls. It is being constructed by Melvin Graber Contracting. The funding to build the shelter house was made possible by a crowdfunding campaign matched by the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority.

## GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

In the Bloomfield area! Don't miss out on this 3 bedroom ranch home with 1 bath, living room, and kitchen. Also on the property is a duplex which has 2 units each having 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, kitchen, and living room. Each unit offers washer/dryer hook ups. Duplex MLS# 202404462. There is a 2 bedroom home MLS# 202404472, warehouse, and a pole building as well. All for \$295,000!



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## Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 19

6:16 a.m. - Received a call reporting a drive off at a gas station. Major Reed and Lawrence County were advised.

7:10 a.m. - Received a call advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

8:23 a.m. - Received a call from Duke Energy advising of a road closure for a pole replacement in Shoals.

9:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of a possible gun shot in Crane. Captain Gibson responded.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

11:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Baumgart responded. No one was transported.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

7:05 a.m. - Received a call from an alarm company advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Keyholder advised to disregard.

9:53 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported three inmates to court.

11:24 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

12:23 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:46 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

1:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

5:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on I69. Called ISP with information.

8:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

11:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a siren or alarm going off east of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

6:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. The owner called for a tow truck.

7:56 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:09 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb hanging in roadway west of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a grass fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. All Loogootee units were advised.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of a motorcycle accident in Daviess County. Daviess County was notified.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

6:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported

one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:19 p.m. - Received a 911 in Loogootee with no one on the line. Loogootee Officer Garab responded and reported it was an accidental dial.

8:07 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:22 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

10:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

7:46 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

9:40 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:05 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

10:49 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

2:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:27 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

3:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a single vehicle accident southwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Medic 3, Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller, Sergeant Wells, Deputy Branham, Deputy Shields and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

4:49 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and ISP responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a juvenile walking along US 50 in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Officer Hess responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

5:35 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a two-vehicle accident with no injuries east of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Deputy Shields and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious male in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Loogootee Officer Hess responded.

11:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Loogootee Officer Hess responded.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

6:52 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Chief Keller

responded.

7:05 a.m. - Transport Officer Norman was off station with one inmate for a medical appointment.

8:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

9:47 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

10:26 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

11:29 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Gibson responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver traveling on US Hwy 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Gibson responded.

1:55 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report advising of a vehicle repossession being completed in Loogootee.

2:47 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

3:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance and officers northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham and Deputy Shields responded. No one was transported.

4:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. The call was also transferred to Crane 911 for more assistance. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting a noise complaint in Loogootee. Advised noise ordinance does not go into effect until 11 p.m.

7:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol north of Loogootee. Advised all on duty officers.

9:37 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy southeast of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

10:35 p.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

3:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

8:46 a.m. - Received a report of a car repossession in Loogootee.

9:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a single vehicle accident in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Sergeant Wells and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

10:07 a.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

5:41 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

7:56 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

9:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting the number of the Switzerland County Sheriff's Office. Advised caller of the number.

9:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible gunshot or small explosion southeast of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

9:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin, Loogootee Officer Clark, Loogootee Officer Baumgart and Indiana Conservation Officer Graber responded. Daviess County was notified.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

3:30 a.m. - Received a call from Lawrence County advising us they were in a pursuit heading toward Martin County. Deputy Erwin and Deputy Baumgart responded.

5:10 a.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:08 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check south of Shoals.

4:31 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

7:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy southeast of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

8:04 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

1:45 p.m. - Taylor Truitt, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Branham on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond at this time.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

2:48 p.m. - George Aldred, 68, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with domestic battery and interference with reporting of a crime. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

4:55 p.m. - Brandon Smith, 41, of Washington, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

12:46 a.m. - Travis Bottoms, 42, of Worthington, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with driving while suspended-prior. He is being held without bond at this time.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:12 p.m. - William Lucas, 59, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with violation of a court order. He is being held without bond at this time.



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# COURT NEWS

**CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS**  
**August 14**  
Jeffrey Deckard, convicted of counterfeiting, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 84 actual days previously served plus 84 Class A credit days.  
**August 15**  
Jayce W. Graber, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 12 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days.  
Byron Reed, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 52 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 1 year of probation.  
**August 19**  
Melissa Sue Ling-Westfall, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

**CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED**  
**August 15**  
Trenton C. Chastain, arson, a Level 4 Felony, dismissed.  
Jayce W. Graber, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.  
**August 19**  
Melissa Sue Ling-Westfall, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.  
**CIVIL COURT**  
**New Suits Filed**  
**August 18**  
LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Tyson Johnson, civil collection.  
LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Cameron Sanders, civil collection.  
**SMALL CLAIMS COURT**  
**New Suits Filed**  
**August 20**  
BLT Properties, LLC vs. Julia Lents, eviction.  
**MARRIAGE LICENSES**  
**August 16**  
Chasity Krodol of Loogootee and Bo Scales of Loogootee.

Defendant received 6 months of probation.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Robert E. Young, Jr. and Terry Young**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marcus Graber and Janice Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.335 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 19.230 acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.533 acres, more or less. Tract IV: Parcel I: A part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 16.918 acres, more or less. Parcel II: Part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.01 acres, more or less. Except therefrom 7.05 acres, more or less.

**Lori J. Thompson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alice A. Horsting**, of Martin County, Indiana, property located in Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana.

**Ankita, LLC**, of Vanderburgh County, Indiana to the **Board of Commissioners of Martin County, Indiana**, all that parcel and piece of ground in the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis, located in Martin County, Indiana.

**Robert E. Young, Jr.**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert E. Young, Jr. and Terry Young**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.01 acres, more or less.

**Indiana Natural Resources Foundation** to the **State of Indiana Department of Natural Resources**, of Marion County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing approximately 30 acres, sections containing 6.627 acres, ad one acre, more or less.

Judith A. Wallace to Delmar Knepp and Ida Mae Knepp, all that part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, lying and being north of US Highway 50, containing 25 acres, more or less.

**Lloyd Reed Burch and Linda L. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph Sturgis**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the Second Principal Meridian lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 19.031 acres, more or less.

# Loogootee Police log

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19**  
7:10 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Broadway Street.  
8:15 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at the Loogootee Family Health Center.  
9:03 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Main Street.  
2:06 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Officer Garab responded to a call at Taco Bell.  
11:47 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Church Street.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20**  
12:49 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on North Oak Street.  
8:04 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call at the Loogootee School.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21**  
1:26 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Southwest Third Street.  
2:23 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call on Cedar Street.  
5:55 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on US Highway 231.  
6:01 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Bellbrook Road.  
7:19 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on Garrett Avenue.  
10:22 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call near North Line Street.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22**  
12:00 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on JFK Avenue.

12:43 p.m. - Chief Hunt, Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Harmon responded to a call on South Oak Street.  
1:46 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Church Street.  
5:35 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Dover Hill Road.  
6:22 p.m. - Officer Garab and Officer Hess responded to a call on West Washington Street.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 23**  
8:42 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at Bowling Trailer Court.  
9:47 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at the Loogootee Police Department.  
10:26 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on US Highway 231.  
11:29 a.m. - Officer Gibson responded to a call near Southwest Third Street.  
12:05 p.m. - Officer Gibson responded to a call on US Highway 231.  
4:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Larrimer Street in Crane Village.  
10:35 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on Broadway Street.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24**  
7:56 p.m. - Officer Clark and Officer Baumgart responded to a call at the El Dorado Motel.  
9:46 p.m. - Officer Clark and Officer Baumgart responded to a call at West Boggs Park.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**  
5:10 a.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on Broadway Street.

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**Notice of 30 Days for Public Comment**  
**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Local Plan**  
**South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.**  
The South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is requesting public comments regarding the WIOA 2024-2027 Local Plan of Services. The WIOA Local Plan is the primary vehicle for communicating the Board’s vision for the local WorkOne system and how it will provide services to meet the needs of job seekers and employers in the Indiana Counties of Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen.  
The plan will be available for review on the web at [www.workonesouthcentral.org/](http://www.workonesouthcentral.org/) no later than 5:00 pm on August 23, 2024. The public comment period begins on August 23, 2024 and ends at 5:00 pm (EDT) on September 23, 2024. Written comments will be accepted by email at [southcentralregion8@gmail.com](mailto:southcentralregion8@gmail.com). Comments may also be submitted by US Mail to:  
South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.  
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## PURE COUNTRY Throwback By Dan Gregory

Originally published August 30, 2010  
The upcoming weekend is Labor Day weekend. This holiday was first organized on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City. Who exactly is credited for the creation of Labor Day is a historical question, but there are records which show two different people proposed such a holiday, both were associated with the American Federation of Labor. True to the way people spoke in that time period, Labor Day was described as a time to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.” Take a minute to read that again and remember when it was written. Labor Day was designed to be a working man’s holiday. It became a national holiday in 1894. America and the Industrial Revolution had arrived.

This past Sunday afternoon we delivered our Granddaughter Annika back to her parents when we rendezvoused with them at the still fairly new Indianapolis International Airport. I like to look at architecture and the airport is a good place to see exposed construction such as pillars and beams. Engineers and designers must have spent years getting all the plans put together that make this one of the best airports in the country. The massive steel and concrete structure are a testament to the workers both white and blue collar, that engineered and assembled it from the soil up. The electrical and mechan-

ical trades spent a few years getting it powered up and comfortable and now the ongoing maintenance personnel keep it all humming so that we can enjoy a first class and efficient transportation hub here in the Hoosier State.

Our neighbor Keeven Neukam started chopping corn silage for his beef cattle feedlot this weekend and here again you can see technology and human ingenuity at work. The self-propelled chopper makes quick work of filling the silage wagons and the harvest team works together efficiently to fill the tall silos for the next years cattle feed supply. There is a near constant symphony of engines and machines as the crop is gathered and stored.

These are just two examples that are repeated continuously by American workers, as well as workers around the world. I feel sorry for those so financially privileged that they never had or took the opportunity to work. Also, those who have problems finding a type of work that gives them lasting meaning in their day-to-day effort. Hopefully they can eventually find what they like to do and enjoy the benefit of a happy work life.

Labor Day celebrates the effort and productivity of both the body and mind. Take a moment to reflect or watch someone who is not only good at what they do, but perform their task with joy, and relish in their ability to do it.

Life is Good!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Strange-O’Maley-Jones Reunion

The Strange-O’Maley-Jones Reunion will be held Sunday, September 1 at St. Joseph Annex, Bramble. Food will be served at 12:30 p.m. Ice tea and table service will be provided.

### Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, September 5 from 6-8 p.m. This month they will have chicken strips, hot and cold sides, bread/rolls, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

### 100 Cooks Who Care

100 Cooks Who Care, presented by Old National Bank, is set for September 7, 2024, at the Huntingburg Event Center. Proceeds will benefit Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition otherwise known as SWIACC. Tickets are \$100 each or \$800 for a table of eight. To make your reservation or learn more, please contact Chad Hoffman at [chad.hoffman@oldnational.com](mailto:chad.hoffman@oldnational.com) or 812-634-5238. Event info, a list of sponsors, chefs, and the purchase of tickets/tables can be done online at <https://jasper.100cookswhocare.com/>.

### Community corrections meetings

The Martin County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet in executive session Thursday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the community corrections office at 211 SE 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Loogootee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7). The meeting is closed to the public. An open meeting will follow the closed-door meeting at around 8:30 a.m.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### 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.

### Solid waste board

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



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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Anyone who has been reading the column for very long knows that I am not big on turf lawns. I certainly do not desire a golf course look for my lawn. I actually love having clover, plantain and other broadleaf plants in my lawn. However, I do like for the turf to be healthy enough to maintain some green color over the winter and to have enough grass to keep things from getting muddy. Whatever type of lawn you desire, September may be the most important month for lawn care.

Fertilizing your lawn in the fall is far more important than spring applications. However, the fertilizer used at this time needs to be one with a higher third number, promoting good root growth. Grass needs nitrogen, but at this time, the root growth is more needed than leaf growth. Good roots will get your lawn through the winter. Most lawn-care experts recommend fertilizing in September and again in late October or early November. The lawn will keep growing, even after a frost, until the surface freezes.

If you are looking for that perfect grass lawn, fall is also the time for applying a broadleaf herbicide. Many common lawn weeds actually germinate in the late summer or early fall, then go dormant in the winter and re-awaken in the spring. Such weeds will continue to absorb herbicides until frost.

Fall is also a good time to plant a lawn, whether doing so to thicken an existing lawn or starting a lawn in a new place. Your existing lawn may need more good turf grass. Seeding into existing turf will help thicken a lawn. I recommend aerating the lawn before planting. The seed will make better soil contact with the slits left by aeration. Another good method for over-seeding is to rent a power seeder that will power the seed into the soil. Choose a quality grass seed. Some seed companies have special blends for fall planting. Once seeded, it is important that the lawn be watered frequently if rains are not sufficient. When the new grass is about five inches tall, begin mowing to a 3-inch height and continue to mow until the lawn stops growing.

The other fall lawn task has become a bit more controversial in recent years. Most lawn-care professionals still recommend removing all of the leaves from a lawn. Wet, matted leaves may smother turf if left over the winter. However,

many now recommend simply continuing to mow, chopping the leaves into small pieces that will decompose in place, adding organic material to the lawn. As long as the leaf layer is not too thick, this mulching option seems to work well. However, a lawn covered by thick, heavy leaves may need to be raked. Instead of bagging the leaves, though, I recommend raking them into flower beds, where they will compost in place through the winter.

At Sandhill Gardens, the late summer blossoms are beginning to shine. The re-blooming azaleas are doing better than they have ever done. Several patches of colchicums, also known as autumn crocuses, have peeked through this week. Caryopteris, or blue beards, are near peak and the potentillas are full of blooms. It looks like it will be a good late summer/early fall flower show. Coming up on September 28, I will be hosting a Century Celebration at Sandhill Gardens. My maternal grandparents moved to this place October 1, 1924, and several ornamental plants that my grandmother set out then are still thriving. The celebration will not be fancy, but there will be a plant exchange beginning at 10 a.m. for anyone who wants to trade plants with other gardeners. Fall is a good time to plant perennials. I will have a fire in the fire pit if anyone wishes to bring hotdogs or marshmallows to roast. Otherwise, just come and sit a while in the gardens or watch the sunset from the top of the cliff. If you are in good shape, you may even want to walk down to the cave. It really is a place of unique beauty.

## The Magnificent Monarch

There is nothing quite like the magnificent Monarch butterfly anywhere else on the planet. Everything about it is beautiful, but there is much more to the Monarch than just its beauty.

Join Charles Kiesel and the Friends of the Patoka River NWR to learn about the life cycle of the Monarch, its role as a flagship species, its struggle to survive, and what is being done to rescue this incredible species.

The presentation will be given at the Princeton Public Library at 2 p.m. CT on Saturday, August 31.

Come learn what you can do to help secure a future for the magnificent Monarch.

## USDA invests \$7.9 million in Southern Indiana through Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership

Under the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership program, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Forest Service have received funding to work together and with partners to improve the health and resiliency of public and private forest lands in southern Indiana.

"Joint Chiefs' provides an excellent opportunity for the Forest Service and NRCS to partner on forestry-based landscape scale projects," said Indiana NRCS state forester, Dan Shaver. "In Indiana we have a very tight-knit forestry community, and we are always looking for ways to get more information, financial assistance, and resources to our woodland owners to implement good conservation. We have applied for Joint Chiefs' multiple times, but this is only the second time Indiana has been awarded a project."

In June, funds were made available by the USDA for Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership projects around the country.

Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration partnerships are collaborative efforts between the NRCS and the Forest Service that aim to work with private, state and Tribal landowners to conserve forest and agricultural land alongside federally managed lands while safeguarding communities by reducing the impact of wildfire threats and protecting water quality and supply.

Staff from the Hoosier National Forest and the USDA Indiana NRCS office applied together and as a result the agencies received \$7.9 million for the "Ready-Set-Fire in White Oak Woodlands" project which aims to expand woodland conservation and restoration for fire dependent plant communities, benefit local water supplies, improve habitat for at risk forest dependent songbirds, and improve the continuity of habitat between public and private land over the next three years.

"The 'Ready-Set-Fire in White Oak Woodlands' project will allow us to implement on-the-ground forest conservation work and use appropriate prescribed fires in more places to enhance habitat for at-risk species and forest community types," said Hoosier National Forest ecosystem program manager, Jeremiah Heise. "This project is a capacity building effort that will allow us to have a greater restoration impact at a true landscape scale."

The "Ready-Set-Fire in White Oak Woodlands" project will specifically target the restoration of upland oak ecosystems, which have been declining, and will continue to be lost without active forest management.

"This project is important because it addresses the critical need of oak ecosystem management on both public and private land in southern Indiana," said Shaver. "If you walk into the woods in southern Indiana, it's easy to take for granted the beautiful mature oak trees you can find. But if you look closely and pay attention, you can see that the forest system is suffering a man-made problem. Due to the lack of appropriate fire and forest management that is needed to let enough light into the forest, as well as too many deer, we're losing the next generation of oak woodlands in Indiana. This lack of oak forest regeneration and management is creating a commotion in our oak ecosystems that will ripple through and be detrimental to an amazing diversity of plants, animals and ourselves if we are not forward thinking and take steps now to help sustain our oak ecosystems."

Prescribed fire is a tool used by land managers to restore habitats and reduce the impacts and severity of wildfires. Through the "Ready-Set-Fire in White Oak Woodlands" project, the Forest Service is partnering with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to fund a prescribed fire strike team that will implement prescribed fires across 16 counties in southern Indiana to improve habitat for at-risk species and reduce wildfire risk. Funding will also be provided to TNC to administer oak barrens and glade habitat restoration in southern Indiana, unique habitats that have seen drastic reductions in acreage due to the need for management and the removal of beneficial fire from the landscape.

"The combination of forest management and prescribed fires that will take place due to this funding will restore and reinvigorate the declining white oak woodlands in southern Indiana, reduce wildfire risk, and aid in forest resiliency to predicted impacts of a changing climate," said Heise.

The project includes funding for prescribed fire monitoring in cave and karst areas, equipment for the strike team, invasive species control, and prepping for and implementing prescribed fires. As the Forest Service and the NRCS use these science-based management tools to create a mosaic of diverse forest habitats across the Indiana forest landscape, they'll partner with many different organizations along the way.

"Along with NRCS, we're looking forward to partnering with The Nature Conservancy, the Southern Indiana Sentinel Landscape, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, and the Central Hardwood Joint Venture's - Let the Sun Shine In program in Indiana to increase the amount of forest stand improvement, non-native invasive species control, and appropriate prescribed fire that is implemented in Brown, Crawford, Dubois, Floyd, Greene, Harrison, Jackson, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Morgan, Orange, Owen, Perry, Putnam, and Washington Counties," said Heise.

Private landowners from these counties who are interested in forest conservation and management on their land should reach out to their local USDA Service Center to find out more information and submit applications for funding.

"On the private land side, we have more landowners wanting to be good stewards and manage their forestland to control non-native invasive plants and help restore oak ecosystems than we can help with our traditional Farm Bill conservation programs," said Shaver. "The Ready-Set-Fire in White Oak Woodlands' Joint Chiefs' project provides a dedicated source of conservation funding for three years to assist landowners in the 16-county area with their woodland management projects. It is timely and focused on a critical need that will accelerate oak ecosystem restoration and prepare woodlands for the next step in oak ecosystem management."

Since 2014, USDA has invested more than \$423 million in 134 projects in 42 states, as well as Guam and Puerto Rico, through the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership. These projects focus on areas where public forests and grasslands intersect with privately-owned land, delivering important funding to improve and maintain the health of forests and rangeland.

For more information about the Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership website, visit [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/joint-chiefs-landscape-restoration-partnership](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/joint-chiefs-landscape-restoration-partnership).

## 4th Annual Hindostan Days Vendor Applications Open!

Hindostan Days vendor applications are now available and being accepted until September 1. Vendor applications can be picked up at the Martin County Historical Museum during open hours.

**The 4th Annual Hindostan Days event will be held Saturday, 28th from 10 am-6 pm.**

- Vendor spaces will be \$25 each.
- Vendor spaces will be 12x12.
- Vendor must provide own shade canopy (not required), tables, chairs, etc.
- Vendor spaces will be located in grassy areas.
- Vendors may purchase up to two (2) additional spaces.
- Vendor spaces will be assigned prior to the event date.



All guidelines are outlined in the vendor application form.

*The Hindostan Days Committee reserves the right to refuse any submitted vendor application form.*





In my former life, growing up in Loogootee, I was a voracious reader. I was reading the back of cereal boxes even before my first-grade teacher, Sister Mary Ellen, handed me the stories of Dick and Jane. Once she gave me those, I was soon hooked on the adventures of Dick, Jane, Sally, Spot and Puff.

“Look, Jane” Sally cried. “Look, Look. See Spot run.” I tell you; it was mesmerizing.

Next came the fairy tales, Hansel and Gretel, being fattened up by the cannibalistic witch or Little Red Riding Hood exclaiming to the big bad wolf “Why Grandma, what big teeth you have.”

By the fourth and fifth grade, I was devouring the Hardy Boys or Tom Sawyer with his friend ‘Huck’ Finn. Along those same lines, there was also Indiana’s own Booth Tarkington novels featuring Penrod and Sam.

Then came the comic book years; Superman, Batman, Donald Duck, Bugs Bunny and Gene Autry, all of which carried me into my teenage years. That’s when I discovered detective novels, including my favorite detective, the Shell Scott Novels written by Richard Prather. (1)

At some point in those years, I developed the custom of eating my meals with something to read in my hand. I couldn’t eat unless I had a magazine, newspaper or book as my companion. It’s not like I was weird or anything, I just liked to read. My mom, bless her soul, never seemed to mind my reading habit. Quite the contrary. She was a big reader herself. She always made sure that there was room on the table for my book or magazine. So, by the time I met Susie, I was pretty set in my ways when it came to reading. (2)

Then things began to change. When Susie and I began going together, there were times when we would visit my mom in Loogootee, and she would fix supper for us. On one occasion, I picked up a Shell Scott novel and out of courtesy to Susie, I read some narrative aloud for her since she was just sitting there with nothing to do but eat.

“Do you do that a lot?” she asked?  
“Do what?”  
“Read while you’re eating.”  
“What else would I do?” I said, shocked at the suggestion that some people didn’t read at the table.

“You could always talk to the other people at the table. That’s what we do in the city.” She told me very sweetly. My mom smiled at me with what I could only describe as a look of warning on her face.

Susie, a fairly voracious reader in her own right, nipped my habit of reading in the bud immediately after we professed

our eternal love and devotion at the foot of the altar in Fountain Square’s St. Patrick’s church. Even though I don’t remember there being any mention of that in the vows. Susie explained that it fell under the subheading of ‘For Better or Worse’.

When I went to take my first bite of wedding cake and picked up our marriage license to read at the same time, Susie removed the document from my hand and laid it on the table next to the toaster her Aunt Mary Ann had gotten us. With an angelic smile on her face, she said “No reading at the dinner table, sweetie. You’re in the big city now.”

I totally understood her reasoning. I had dinner (3) on more than one occasion with her eight siblings, at that time ages eight to 25. There were also two parents, her brother’s girlfriend, a grandmother and the grandmother’s boyfriend at the dinner table. There was no chance to read. The noise level alone precluded any thought of concentrating on a book.

“But Hon,” I said. “This isn’t dinner.” Susie was ready for that argument.

“I know, darling, but eating is accompanied by conversation, not a nose stuck in some bit of newsprint or dime novel.”

What was I going to say, it was our wedding reception, after all. No point in a disagreement already. With trembling hand, I picked up the piece of rich, chocolaty cake and performed the traditional wedding cake ritual, grinding the chocolate into her makeup.

Over the years, I have completely ridden myself of the notion of ever reading at the table again. (4) But now, there is no conversation at our dinner table because Susie can no longer talk. I suppose I could read something, she would not object but I’m not going to do that. It wouldn’t be fair to her.

G2 notes:

1: Shell Scott, being a sophisticated diner, introduced me to meals like prime rib washed down with a martini. For a young man like myself, who thought that a moon pie and an RC cola was exotic dining, it was quite an eye opener.

2: I am sitting here trying to recall what I did when I was sharing a plate of French fries at the Arrow Cafe with a young lady friend. For the life of me, I cannot remember. I wonder if any of my old girlfriends might know.

3: When I moved to the city, supper became dinner.

4: There have been times over the years when we would go out to eat and I would see someone sitting alone in a corner of the restaurant reading a book. I always think “that could have been me” and I think that perhaps we should invite that person to join us for some conversation, but I never do.



By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

# Councilman's Corner



## \*\*IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!\*\*

The Shoals Town Council is committed to maintaining the highest quality of water for our community and ensuring proper processing and disposal of wastewater. If you notice any unusual above-ground water, please don’t hesitate to report it. Whether it’s on the town’s side or your side of the line, it’s important that we know so we can address it promptly.

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### Harris Pick of Tim Walz solidifies Abortion into Harris for President Campaign!

With the selection of Governor Tim Walz as the Vice-Presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket, this has cemented this Democratic ticket of Kamala Harris and Tim Walz as the most extreme pro-abortion ticket that we have ever seen in our country.

While serving as the Governor of Minnesota Walz signed into law that paved the way for abortion all the way up to the time of birth. He also has pushed the LGBT Agenda and signed into law a bill that would mandate tampon machines be installed into boy’s restrooms in schools in Minnesota. This is just one of the many extreme bills signed into law by this far out Democratic Governor.

In 2023, Minnesota Democrats quickly passed a series of radical abortion rights bills, including one that repealed a state law requiring medical staff to provide care for newborns who survive abortions and report their survival to authorities. Walz in January 2023, signed a broad abortion law that included no limitations on how late during pregnancy a mother may end the life of her unborn baby. Governor Tim Walz also has signed many liberal bills into law in Minnesota that goes against Christian principles.

Under a 2015 Minnesota law, the state formerly was required to report whether abortions resulted in the live birth of a baby and what actions were taken to preserve the life of that baby. That has all changed under the leadership of the pro-abortion governor Tim Walz.

Tim Walz is perfectly aligned with the radical pro-abortion agenda of Kamala Harris and the radical Democrats who oppose religious liberty and strive to bring about full access to abortion at any time during pregnancy.

In March, Harris was hailed by her allies in the media as the first sitting vice president to visit a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Minnesota. For those who are not aware Planned Parenthood is the leading abortion provider in the United States and contributes millions of dollars each election cycle to the coffers of their democrat friends in congress and in the state house races across the country

The Democratic Presidential Candidate Kamala Harris who now at the top of the Democrat ticket has pushed abortion all the way up to the time of birth since her days as Attorney General in California. Kamala Harris has refused any limitations on abortion or protections for unborn babies. If elected She will be one of the most pro-abortion presidents to occupy the white house. While Attorney General of California She went after pro-life pregnancy care centers and harassed them at every way she could. When a pro-lifer went under cover and caught abortion providers selling aborted baby parts, she used her office to go after the pro-lifers who exposed the illegal activity instead of going after the abortion providers. The pro-lifers spend years and a huge amount of money trying to clear their name and not sure it is over for them at this time.

In closing we want to remind everyone that if the Bible says it is a sin, then no judge or elected officials can say it is right! If we follow these misguided officials our country is doomed as the Good Lord will not bless this nation. We think you should be aware of this as we prepare for the Fall Election!

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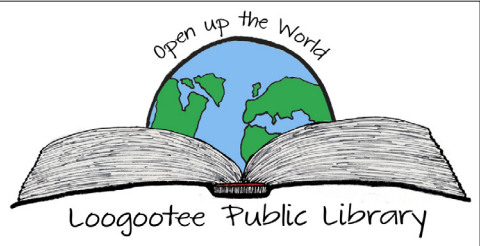
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BY DARLA WAGLER  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) will have a huge book, bake, and yard fundraiser sale on Saturday, September 21 from 8 a.m.-noon. Lots of nice household items and miscellaneous, lots of books, DVDs, audiobooks.

September is National Library Card Sign-Up month. Stop by and register for a library card and names will go into a drawing for prizes. Adults will have a chance to win a \$100 gift card. Children's drawing will be a gift basket.

VU Adult Education has partnered with the library for High School Equivalency Boot Camp. They will be here to provide you with an accelerated learning opportunity in order to obtain your GED. Free. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to noon. Begins September 9. Call 812-602-4130 to register.

The library will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day! Patrons can access the Libby app for downloadable eBooks.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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# 51st Annual Jones Reunion held August 10

Forty-five descendants and family members of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones met on August 10 at the Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant in Loogootee for the 51st Annual Jones Reunion. The weather was very enjoyable with sunny skies and a high of 75 degrees F.

Guests registered as they arrived and entered for the door prize and candy jar guess. Donations were accepted for Anderson Cemetery (where James and Rachel are buried) to help with mowing expenses. Get well cards were signed for Vonda Ford and Larry Jones.

Barbara Loomis gave the blessing before the noon meal and a buffet was enjoyed by all. Pictures were taken by Harmony Kozak throughout the day.

The business meeting was called to order by Chairman Austin Jones.

Secretary Trudy Sutton read the minutes from the 2023 reunion and treasurer Dianne Butler gave the financial report.

Barbara Loomis began the memorial service by talking about the Finding Your Roots show and the similarities between the featured celebrities and their ancestors. She concluded with reciting John Dunn's No Man is an Island. Those remembered who had passed away since last year's reunion were Carol Hedrick, Walton "Wally" Jones, Rodney Jones, and Sandy Jones.

Carolyn Colbert who was honored with the "Jones Nose" in 2023 selected her sister, Mary Doane as the 2024 recipient.

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

Rick Jones has a new grandchild.  
Harmony and Tony Kozak celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently.  
Christopher and Calli Jones have a new daughter Chloe Jean, born July 19,

2024.  
Rick and Linda Hawkins has a new great granddaughter, Imogene.  
Harmony Kozak did a great job with attendance prizes which were awarded as follows:

Eldest lady present – Ruthie Waggoner  
Eldest gentleman present – John Johnson  
Youngest girl present – Chloe Jones  
Youngest boy present – Noah Jones  
Traveled farthest – Patricia Ferraro from Lake Tahoe, Nevada  
Oldest teenager – Isiah Jones

Door prize – Drusilla Chestnut  
Candy jar guess – Austin Jones

For the election of officers for 2025, Drusilla Chestnut made a motion to retain the same officers as 2024 and Adam Jones seconded. The motion passed. Next year's officers are:

Chairman – Austin Jones  
Secretary - Trudy Sutton  
Treasurer - Dianne Butler  
Memorial Service – Barbara Loomis  
Prizes – Harmony Kozak  
Silent Auction – Kristi Jones  
Room setup – Austin Jones, Adam Jones, VJ Harper, and Randy Wrightsman.

Those attending from Martin County were Dianne Butler, Mary Doane, Linda and Rick Hawkins, Christopher, Calli and Chloe Jones, Michael E., Kristy, and Isaiah Jones, Jim and Stephanie Jones, Barbara and Jerry Loomis, and Trudy Sutton.

Attending from Daviess County were



Carolyn Colbert, Janice and John Johnson, Alice Jones, and John P. Jones.

Attending from Orange County were Drusilla Chestnut, Nicki, Matt, and Raleigh Klunk; and Harmony and Tony Kozak.

Attending from Lawrence County were Debbie Hodge, Ruthie Wagoner, and Marcia Young.

Others attending from Indiana were Adam and Noah Jones of Mooresville; Austin and Emery Jones and VJ Harper of Plainfield; Mike L. and Gladys Jones of Greenwood; Sandy Sailer, Madison and Diana and Joe Sparks of Warsaw; Michelle and Cecil Winger of Hardinsburg; and Randy and Terri Wrightsman of Indianapolis.

Those attending from outside Indiana were Patricia Ferraro of Stateline, Nevada and Lester Jones of Columbus, Ohio.

Next year's reunion will be Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Martin County Community Building, Loogootee.

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