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## Part III: The History of Hindostan

In honor of Hindostan Days, to be held Saturday, October 2, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., the Martin County Historical Society will be running articles on the history of Hindostan. The following was submitted by Bill Greene, the son of the writer, Bob Greene, and is the second article in the series.

William Harris and the Town of Greenwich

Harris was a government surveyor who first came into this area in 1816. He is responsible for surveys done in and around Indiana in the very early 1800's. He surveyed the southern end of the "10 o'clock line," which was established at the Fort Wayne Treaty of 1809. This was a line that ran from the mouth of Raccoon Creek in Vermillion County to a point near Brownstown which was a distance of about 95 miles. He also surveyed the eastern line of Indiana north of the Greenville Treaty in 1817. Later, he surveyed a line due east of the south end of Lake Michigan, a distance of 40 miles, where he discovered an Indiana Village.

William Harris was an established government surveyor. When he came to Martin County in 1816, he purchased 560 acres of ground across the river from what would become Hindostan. He bought this ground from the government

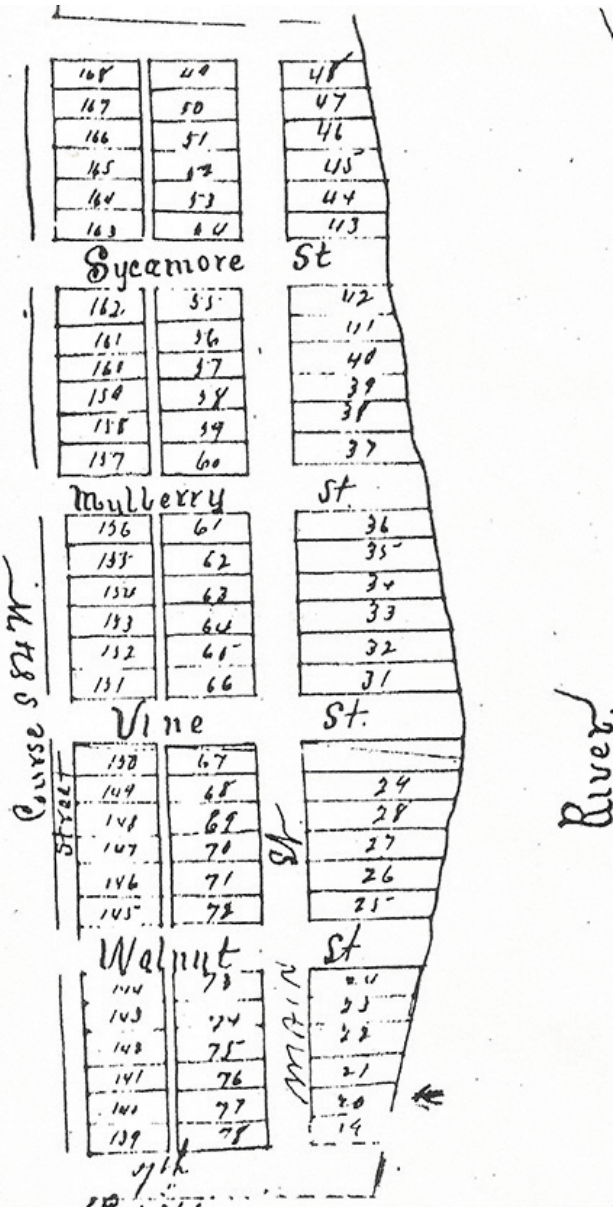
while President Madison was in office. In 1818, he platted his new town and named it for the town of Greenwich, England. The town had 168 lots and the streets were named Sycamore, Mulberry, Vine, Walnut and Main. A part of the original plat is missing because of a fire in the Daviess County Courthouse in 1891. On October 5, 1818, Harris sold to Frederick Sholts, lots 20 and 24. These lots extend from the north side of Main Street to the river. On March 3, 1819, Sholts sold lots 12 and 24 to John Meriam of Vermont, Thomas Blake, Albert Badollett, and William Brenting. Included in the sale was the water and mill seats, two flat boats for crossing the river, a ferry, two sawmills and a sawmill house, blacksmith shop with all the tools, and all his farming utensils. Frederick Sholts had sold three fourths of his property for \$10,000, but still had control of the operations at Greenwich.

In March 1820, William Harris was appointed Martin County's first surveyor and petitioned the commissioners for permission to open a ferry on the west side of the East Fork of White River. The commissioners vetoed his request to open another ferry, believing that the community could not support two ferries.

In 1820, the Indiana legislators laid out

the road from New Albany to Vincennes. It came through Martin County, crossing the river at Hindostan and on west to Vincennes. The road was not to be opened until 1823 and again William Harris asked permission to open a ferry across White River. But, Frederick Sholts didn't care much for the idea and he hired an attorney. Frederick Sholts lost his lawsuit, as the commissioners now believed that another ferry could be useful to the

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county because of the traffic flow now coming through the area. The ferry was located where the new state road would be crossing the East Fork of White River from the Falls.

## Shoals Town Board goes over ordinances, blighted properties

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, September 13. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright and Cecil Ragsdale, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Deputy Clerk Whitney Haulk, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, and Town Attorney Dave Lett. Others in attendance were Audrey Sorrells and Tyler Price. Council Vice-President Clint D. Hoffman was absent.

Council Member Albright called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Audrey Sorrells and Tyler Price approached the council concerning storm water drainage issues they have been having at their residence. Council Member Albright stated he had the town's engineer, with HWC Engineering, look at the area and he believes they have a solution for a temporary fix to cut back the overgrowth around the corner of the upper

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## County council discusses budget, eliminating positions

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Confusion was all around the special meeting held by the Martin County Council last Thursday, September 16. At the regular meeting on Monday night, September 13, the council spent quite a bit of time discussing a \$200,000 decrease in revenue and what to do about it. Then, on Thursday night, Council Members Buck Stiles, Sherri Bowling and Barb McFeaters said they never heard anyone discuss cutting \$200,000 from the budget on Monday while Council Members Randy Wininger, Adam Greene, and members of the audience who were present Monday night disagreed. Council Member Warren Albright said he thought \$200,000 needed to be cut but then after the meeting he talked to the auditor and she explained the breakdown.

The \$200,000 shortfall in revenue came from the county's financial advisor, Greg Guerrettaz with FSG, reducing the jail's out-of-county inmate income from \$250,000 to \$50,000 for 2022. Guerrettaz didn't think it was a good idea to assume the sheriff would bring in that many inmates next year.

Council Member Warren Albright said they should go ahead and assume the sheriff would make as much money as he has in the past and didn't agree with reducing the amount. He said they have been building the budget on that money

for the past 20 years. Council Member Stiles agreed. "No sir, we didn't," said Council Member Wininger. He said there was one sheriff, prior to the current one, who didn't take in out-of-county inmates during his term. He said the next sheriff may not want to take in extra inmates at all and he's against building the budget on that money.

Council Member Albright said he talked to the sheriff, and Sheriff Roush committed to continuing to house at least 15 inmates. It was mentioned that he currently has around 36 out-of-county inmates.

Council Member Sherri Bowling asked why the sheriff is going suddenly drop to keeping only 15 Vigo County inmates. Albright replied that the sheriff is just saying to count on at least 15 which brings in around \$191,000 a year.

Council Member Albright said they can go with "what if" and the same could be said regarding "working up" different variants of COVID. "I'm sure they have two or three more lined up, like they do hurricanes," he said. "We can't sit here and live on what might happen and we have to live on what has realistically happened," he said.

Council Member Bowling said if the sheriff plans to cut back, they need to look at the staffing in the jail too.

Judge Lynne Ellis, who was in the audience, asked if there was another way to make money without relying on the sheriff.

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## Prosecutor defends her office

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Prosecutor Aureola Wright talked to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, September 21 about her second deputy position. She said she thinks there is some confusion regarding the position, and she wants to clear it up. She said the position is not new and not temporary and this has always been the case. She said the state gives the county money pertaining to cases that are successful, and part of this deputy's salaries is paid with the reimbursement. She said the county was in the red when she started as prosecutor when it came to the reimbursement rate and now the county is in the green. She said she has maximized getting that money and restructured her deputy position accordingly. She said cutting that position will cut state money as well and wants everyone to be aware of that. She said she plans to restructure the department again in 2023 to make IVD (child support division) completely digital which she said will save the county supplies and time.

Commissioner Cody Roush said he doesn't think anyone is saying the second deputy isn't doing the job, they are just finding ways to help the budget. He said that office never had two deputy prosecutors. Prosecutor Wright said she never said the second deputy was temporary and the position has always been there, she just restructured it. She said that the financial advisor said that the council meeting last Thursday that the budget was healthy so she doesn't see why her budget needs to

be adjusted for next year.

Commissioner Roush said there is still a \$200,000 shortfall in the general fund that has to be recouped somewhere because if the county spends over revenue year after year, eventually deplete the working capital. He said \$105,000 can be saved by cutting the deputy surveyor and the second deputy prosecutor. Roush said the county cannot bank on having out-of-county inmates to help add to the general fund because jails are being built and counties will be able to house their own inmates.

Prosecutor Wright said the jail income doesn't go to her department. She said she would like to be asked about issues related to her department. She said she is very aware of her budget and where her money comes from, and the county council held a workshop to go line by line through everyone's budget so doesn't know why everyone wants to change it now.

Commissioner Aaron Summers said taking away the second deputy will be taking the county backwards. He said he's been over there, and the work in the prosecutor's office justifies having the second prosecutor.

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## Another resident dies due to COVID

The Indiana Department of Health received notification of one additional death from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for Martin County. The individual was an adult male. This brings the total number of deaths reported for Martin County to 17. No further information will be released due to privacy laws.

# COUNCIL

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iff. She asked if the county is applying for all the grants they qualify for. She also asked about the wheel tax. Commissioner Aaron Summers, who was on Zoom, said a wheel tax has been turned down by the council several times. The financial advisor, who was also on Zoom, then cut in and said he thought the county was adding on a grant writer. Auditor Abel said they didn't put that in next year's budget. The financial advisor said he thought the economic development director was going to start applying for grants. The council all said in unison that she is doing that.

Commissioner Cody Roush said that the Alliance Director, Angie Risacher, is covered up. He said they are working on getting her some help because she has too much on her plate. He said a lot has been thrown at her that the county never went after before. He said the former director only concentrated on WestGate and not Shoals or Loogootee or the whole county, which is what Risacher is doing now.

Judge Ellis said she doesn't understand why the county doesn't have a person whose sole responsibility is to apply for grants. She said the position will not cost the county anything if the person gets a percentage of the grant.

County Attorney Lett said SIDC works for the county and applies for grants. Judge Ellis asked if anyone has gone to them to ask for projected income for next year. Auditor Abel said there are not grants that support the operation of the county, they are usually for roads and housing. Judge Ellis asked if those grants don't free up money in the budget, even if they are for roads or housing. Auditor Abel said yes, they do. The financial advisor said that there may be a misunderstanding because grants have a specific purpose and do not impact the general fund positively or negatively.

Auditor Abel said she figured into the budget the \$200,000 loss of revenue and the county can still make budget for next year. There would be a remaining \$1 million dollars in working capital without the extra out-of-county inmate revenue in the general fund, at the end of 2022. She said the council can choose to go ahead and cut the budget, but they don't need to because there is enough money to cover the revenue loss.

Council Member Adam Greene asked if the income taxes could go back down then, from the increase that was made this year. Council Member Randy Winger said this is his question also.

The financial advisor said that decreasing taxes could be done in a few years, if things remain as they are, but he doesn't recommend that right now.

Council Member Greene said he came to the meeting under the impression that \$200,000 needed to be cut from next year's budget. He said he thought that was the reason Council Member Stiles asked for the special meeting. He said he did some research and came up with ideas on how the budget that could be reduced.

One of Greene's suggestions was to eliminate the deputy surveyor position. He said other counties he talked to don't have a deputy surveyor. Council Member Albright said that those counties all have their cornerstones found and Martin County does not. Council Member Winger said the deputy surveyor position was created 10 years ago for the specific purpose of finding the cornerstones and the position never went away. Council Member McFeaters said she didn't think the \$30,000 deputy surveyor's salary would make that much of a difference in the budget. Council Member Winger asked if all the mileage the surveyor puts in is for county business only. Council Member Greene asked if there was any oversight on mileage. The auditor replied that everyone who submits mileage just submits it for payment, it's not verified.

Cody Roush, who was in the audience, said the commissioners receive no reports from the surveyor on the progress of finding the cornerstones. The recorder and assessor, who were in the audience, said they rely heavily on the surveyor's office. Discussion then ensued on what the duties of the surveyor were.

Council Member Stiles asked why the council "has a beef" with the surveyor now. He said the budget was approved by the council in August, so he doesn't understand why it's coming up now. "I've got a beef with the sheriff because he's not doing what he told us he was going to do," he said. "He's losing people so he's coming back and crying that he can't do this, and he can't do that because 'I don't have the people'." He said if he's not going to take inmates then he needs to lose staff.

Council Member Greene said he had some people bring the deputy surveyor to his attention and he was trying to come up with ways to cut the budget. He said it's nothing personal against the surveyor or the deputy, he is just trying to find ways to save the county money.

Council Member Albright said finding the cornerstones has helped every resident in the county and the surveyor's office has saved the residents more than has been spent on the office.

Council Member Winger agreed with what Albright said and added that at some point there has to be an end to the extra position and finding the cornerstones.

Auditor Abel said the cornerstones have to be found every 10 years. Winger replied that this was never done in the past.

Commissioner Aaron Summers, who was on Zoom, said he was completely against cutting the deputy surveyor. "I think you guys are crazy for even considering getting rid of either one of them," he said. He said the council will end up looking silly because they would have to hire an outside firm to locate the cornerstones and end up paying more than they pay now. "I'd put my paycheck on it," he said.

Greene also said the trustees need to be approached about contributing money for the ambulance service. Council Member Bowling agreed but said getting them to come off some of their money is "easier said than done."

Greene also asked about the second deputy prosecutor position.

Auditor Abel said that those two positions, deputy surveyor and deputy prosecutor, from the general fund only, cost \$65,000. This doesn't include any benefits or what comes out of other funds. Greene asked how much benefits run and Abel replied that the cost of benefits cannot be discussed in a public meeting due to HIPPA violations. Greene asked if the average cost of benefits is around \$20,000. Auditor Abel said it depends on if they are a single person or a family and whether or not they opt out of the benefits.

Prosecutor Aureola Wright, from Zoom, asked why her second deputy prosecutor position was being discussed now when the financial advisor said the budget was fine as submitted. She said she attended the budget workshop and presented her budget and answered any questions they had so she doesn't understand why the council is going back on it now when they were fine with it before.

Commissioner Summers told the council that he recently visited the prosecutor's office to see what their workload is. He asked how many council members have been there. No one answered but Council Member Albright said he thinks two council members have been there. Summers said while he was there, he saw the legitimacy of having the second deputy prosecutor and encouraged the other council members to visit the office.

It was again noted, by Council Bowl-

ing, that the financial advisor said the county is where they need to be on next year's budget.

"What was the reason for tonight's meeting then?" asked Council Member Greene.

Everyone then started talking about the two percent versus three percent raises for county employees. "Was that the only reason for this meeting?" asked Greene again.

Council Member Winger said he thought it was to cut \$200,000. Council Member McFeaters said no.

"That's what I thought when I left the other night," said Commissioner Roush from the audience. He added that he doesn't understand why everyone thinks it's a bad thing that someone is trying to come up with ways to save the county and the taxpayers money, referring to Greene's suggestions.

Council Member McFeaters said she would like to keep the employees at a two

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road. Albright stated he hopes to have this completed in a week or so.

Albright asked Attorney Lett for an update on the property that is to be acquired near the ballpark. Attorney Lett stated he believes the appraisal companies were finally able to schedule them in and he should have material to be reviewed at the October session.

Albright asked Attorney Lett about the changes regarding ordinance 2019-1. Lett stated he had been doing research on the topic and should have material for the next meeting.

Council Member Albright stated he wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming "Hindustan Days" event coming up on October 2. He also wanted to discuss the current gravesite opening/closing fees for Spring Hill Cemetery. Currently if a flat rate regardless of the day of the week. Albright stated he felt there should be more of a charge for weekends and holidays due to employees having to come in on their days off. After discussion, Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to revise the current rates set to reflect a \$200 service charge for weekends and holidays. The clerk-treasurer will revise the current ordinance to reflect the change to present at the next meeting.

Council Member Ragsdale brought up some properties he feels need attention for clean-up and are unsafe dwellings. Several properties were discussed. Council Member Albright said he wanted to bring up the fence that is still not repaired at the Dollar General Store. He said he has spoken with a representative on the corporate level via phone, sent a letter, spoke with the local manager and also provided her with a letter and nothing has been done yet. Albright stated he has been told the company has been to the site to measure the repairs but haven't returned. Albright stated he would be following up on the matter.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented current fund balances as of August 31 2021, for the sewage and town funds. Rutledge stated the water account was still being reconciled. The council approved the following transfers: general fund IDWD to PERF \$1,200; general fund computer services to professional services \$500; general fund capital outlay to other charges

percent raise for the next three years as the financial advisor recommended. She said this is better than doing three percent next year and then being unable to give anything the following year.

Council Member Greene said he thought the question was whether the county could afford three percent. McFeaters said no, the meeting was just to decide what the council wanted to do.

Auditor Abel said she didn't one time say there wasn't enough money for next year's budget. "Nobody asked me," she said. Council Member Albright asked the auditor if she said Monday night that the budget couldn't be submitted if it was over expected revenue. She said she did say that.

After much more discussion on what transpired Monday night, the council decided to submit the budget as is, including the two percent raise for county employees and keep all positions the way they are.

and services \$500; MVH fund capital outlay to professional services \$5,000.

Rutledge stated the council needed to set the Trick-or-Treat night for 2021. The council set the event for Sunday, October 31 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Rutledge presented the 2022 renewal information for the employee health insurance coverage. The renewal was from AIM Medical Trust which is who the town currently uses for the benefits. Rutledge said she was happy to relay the renewal for a 6.2 percent renewal rate decrease for the same coverage currently being used. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept the renewal with Albright making the second and it was approved.


Rutledge asked for approval to order a laptop for front office use. She stated she tried to use the old water department laptop, but it was around 12 years old and would not support the new software being used. Rutledge stated she can purchase a new one for around \$600. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the purchase with Albright making the second.

Rutledge told the council that the bathrooms at the Overlook Park needed to be addressed. Rutledge said, in the past, community corrections would service them during road crew and that no road crew had been done for a while and currently still isn't. She said they need attention and traffic would be increasing with the fall leaves turning. She said she has already spoken to Fire Chief Jim Hamby and that the fire department would spray them out. After discussion, Town Marshal Eckert stated he would visit the bathrooms and stock them as needed so they would be better for the fall. A plan will be discussed over winter for next year for the bathrooms.

Rutledge stated the water department would be doing hydrant flushing during the school fall break and she would be putting out an advertisement for customers. Rutledge asked the council if they wanted to have a dumpster available for fall clean-up again. It was decided a dumpster would be available October 15-17.

Town Marshal Eckert said the window in the top of the concession stand needed to be repaired as it kept falling down. Rutledge will work on getting the repairs done.

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## TAMMY HENSLEY

Tammy "Hammer" Hensley passed peacefully at the Presbyterian Rust Cancer Care Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 13, 2021. A resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, she was 56.



**TAMMY HENSLEY**

Originally from Taswell, Indiana, she was born April 7, 1965; daughter of Robert and Clara Hensley. Her paternal-grandparents are Guido and Anna Hensley of Doolittle Mills, Indiana and maternal-grandparents are Reverend Charles and Margaret Powell of New Albany.

Hammer lived life to the fullest in everything she did. She was always cracking jokes no matter the situation to make others feel better. She was self-taught in piano and guitar who sang as sweet as an angel. She played and sang for the other patients in the hospital as she was going through major medical issues. Hammer

was our motorcycle riding, hell raising, pool shooting, casino gambling, tough talking but always lovable woman. Our hearts are truly broken with her passing.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, father, brothers, Donnie and Chuck and infant sister, Tonya.

She is survived by her life partner, Karen Hagle of Albuquerque, New Mexico; her mother, brothers, Fred of Taswell, Larry of Mobile, Alabama and sister Marggo (Pete) Tucker of Loogootee; nephews, Chuck (Sara) Hensley of Grantsburg, Larry Hensley Jr. of Mobile, Alabama and Matt Tucker of Indianapolis; nieces, Jenney Ramos and Tonya (Matt) Montgomery of Jasper; Kayla Hensley of Perkinston, Michigan and Katelynn Hensley of Pascagoula, Michigan.

We honor her wishes of cremation with no service. Memorial contributions may be made to your charity of choice in Hammer's memory.

## TERRY MARLEY

Terry Marley passed away on August 13, 2021, in Indianapolis. A resident of Bloomfield, he was 64.

sive process and this is why they decided to talk about fixing the bridge and bring a quote.

The commissioners decided to see what the insurance company is going to do but they would really like to get it off the historically select list.

Julia Albright, Public Health Nurse, reported 185 new cases of COVID so far in September. She said the percentage of positive cases in the past week has been lower and she is hopeful that the county is turning in the right direction. Martin County will remain in "red" status for another week and Albright believes it will drop back down to "orange" next week.

Grant Swartzentruber requested the commissioners recognize county road 31. He has brought this issue to the commissioners before, but they decided not to get involved. Swartzentruber said if the road doesn't exist then there is no access to a 60-acre piece of land. The road, according to Swartzentruber, shows up in a 1990 county map having existed since the 1930s but is not on the state inventory. He said the road was discussed in the commissioners' minutes in the 1980s and multiple other times, but he cannot find where it was ever vacated. He said he doesn't believe it's possible to just abandon a road without official action and even if it were possible, property cannot be landlocked. He said there has to be a way in and currently, he can't use the property without causing problems with neighboring landowners and he has avoided litigation while trying to resolve the issue. There is one property owner that is affected, and they are not interested in selling the land where he would have access. He said the other property owners are not interested in providing access either. County Attorney Dave Lett asked for time to look over the materials provided by Swartzentruber.

Council Member Adam Greene asked if the commissioners could get an update from the surveyor on the progress of finding the cornerstones. He also asked if the county would be liable for any accidents while the surveyor is on county business in his personal vehicle. County Attorney Dave Lett said the county would be liable as the second insurer. Before Greene could finish with his questions, Surveyor Nathan Hoffman came into the room. He said he has found 900 cornerstones since 2014 and he can't find them all, but he tries. Greene asked if the cornerstones have to be found every 10 years as Auditor Bobbie Abel said in last week's council meeting. Hoffman replied but it was unintelligible.

He was born November 19, 1956, in Washington; son of Paul and Loretta (Sargent) Marley.

He married Christine Bowling on November 27, 1976.

A former Martin County resident, he graduated from Shoals High School and IVY Tech. He was co-owner of Starhill Abstracting LLC for nearly 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Marley of Bloomfield; father-in-law, Donald Bowling of Loogootee; brother-in-law, Frank (Mary Sue) Bowling of Washington; brother-in-law, Stacey (Andrea) Bowling of Loogootee; his dogs and cats, several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

A private celebration of life will be held in the future with an eventual burial at St. John's Cemetery in Loogootee.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## EDNA WILDMAN

Edna Ruth Wildman passed away



Wednesday September 15, 2021 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 95.

She was born March 8, 1926, in Loogootee; daughter of Clyde and Agnes Taylor. Edna was a member of the St. John's Evangelist Catholic Church. She married Frank Wildman on July 31, 1943. Edna has many talents and loved family gatherings. She was a well-known seamstress.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Wildman; her parents, Clyde and Agnes; her daughter, Maureen (Baxter) Guy; twins, James and Janice Wildman and all of her siblings, Mary Clements, Charles Taylor, John Taylor, Joe Taylor, Patricia Bateman, Betty Bateman, and Phyllis Kyle.

She is survived by her children, Dennis Wildman of Kildare, Oklahoma; Frank (Dean) Wildman of Tucson, Arizona; and Beth Arvin of Loogootee, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted Monday September 20 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, with Rev. Dennis Wildman officiating. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Good Samaritan Society, Northwood Retirement Center.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## DENNIS STEPANEK

Dennis Stepanek passed away at 10 a.m. Friday, September 17, 2021 at his home. A resident of Cannelburg, he was 73.

He was born July 6, 1948, in Aberdeen, South Dakota; son of the late Ray and Edna (Allbee) Stepanek.

Dennis retired from the United States Coast Guard as a Senior Chief Petty Officer. While in the Coast Guard Dennis was a recipient of the Good Conduct Medal. He was a United States Navy veteran, where he received a National Defense Service Medal. He also served in the United States Army Reserve and the United States Coast Guard Reserve. He then worked at NSWC for 20 years in heating and air. After Dennis retired from Crane, he started D & S Heating, Air, Refrigeration and Electric.

He was a member of the Gold Wing Riding Association. Dennis loved riding motorcycles. He was a member of the Alfordville Methodist Church. He also enjoyed drinking coffee with his friends.

Dennis was preceded in death by a still-born daughter, Rebecca Stepanek; and parents, Ray and Edna Stepanek.

He is survived by his daughters, Cheryl (Steven) Davidson and Rachelle (Jarrod) Johnson, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Jasmine (Richard) Spore, Jacy Fields, Christian Stepanek, Michael Woods, Jade Johnson, Jeremiah Johnson, Joshua Johnson and Verity Johnson; great-grandchildren, Mickeal Cox, Kaitelynn Cox, Rivvick Hager, Liam Spore, Randall Spore, AlecZander Spore, Skylar Spore, and Addison Hernandez; siblings, Janice DeBlois of Morris, Illinois; Gary (Bonnie) Stepanek of Esterville, Iowa; Keith (Lori) Stepanek of Rock Hill, North Carolina and Linda Swanson of Rapid City, South Dakota; special granddaughter, Emerson Jones, Gage Lechner (Nicole Arvin) and Grayson Lechner; and bonus daughter, Shirley Coker.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held on Monday, September 27 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Steps of Faith Foundation, a nonprofit public charity dedicated to providing prosthetic care, hope, and comfort to amputees needing financial support. Donate online at <https://www.stepsoffaithfoundation.org/>

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 Dennis Stepanek.

## CHARLES PEOPLES JR.

Charles Wallace Peoples Jr. passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, he was 87.

He was born June 27, 1934, in Shoals; son of Charles W. and Gethel (Tow) Peoples.

He married Naomi Jackson Honeycutt on August 14, 1971, and she survives.

Charles attended Shoals High School. He was a retired truck driver; attended Fairview Baptist Church; member of the Kentucky Colonels, Mitchell American Legion, Shoals VFW, and the Bedford Boat and Sportsman's Club.

Surviving are his wife, Naomi, of Shoals; children, Susan Peoples of Stockton, California; Arlene (Jeff) Cundiff of Shoals, Marnita (Mike) Arvin of Loogootee, Colleen Stout of Shoals, Charles R. Peoples and Rick Tishner of Shoals, Pearl (Scott) Quinn of Shoals, and Jackie (Eric) Harper of Springville; step-daughter, DeeDee (Paul) Sanders of Shoals; 15 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; sister, Tima (Gary) Hickman; sisters-in-law, Sharon Peoples and Carolyn Brett; brothers-in-law, Rick Jackson and Roger (Faye) Jackson, all of Shoals; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Peoples; half-brothers, Nathan Peoples and Earl Peoples; half-sisters, Aileen (Peoples) Nichols, Mary (Peoples) Clift, Charlotte (Peoples) Harbin, Stella (Peoples) Holt, Elizabeth (Peoples) Hicks, and Pearl (Ross) Haynes. A funeral service was held Saturday, September 18 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, with Dustin Staggs and Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

# COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Roush asked how the taxpayer gets to know that the money is justified.

"I don't have to convince you about what my job is," said Wright. She said doesn't understand why a position needs to be cut when an office has been restructured. She again reiterated that losing the position would cause the county to lose reimbursed funds.

Commissioner Summers said he recommends the commissioners and county council go to the prosecutor's office and see how much of a workload they have.

Commissioner Roush said the problem is the second deputy position was supposedly a temporary position and now Wright is saying it's not temporary.

Council Member Adam Greene, who was in the audience, said several council members believe the second prosecutor was a temporary position.

Prosecutor Wright said she had originally hoped they would be caught up on their workload but the second deputy didn't actually start until 2020.

Council Member Greene said that aside from the state reimbursement, the second deputy is costing the county around \$65,000. Wright asked if Greene is going through every department with such a close eye or just hers. She said her budget was approved and now it's being backtracked. She encouraged the commissioners and Greene to come talk to her and ask any questions they may have. She said she has an open door policy and is as transparent as possible about her office.

In other business, Highway Superintendent Scott Seals said his new employee, Derek Holt, started this week. He provided the commissioners with a quote to repair bridge 44 on Deep Cut Lake Road. Commissioner Paul George said they wouldn't release the quote amount. It was noted that the county is waiting to hear back from the insurance company of the truck driver who damaged the bridge.

Repairing the bridge will stop the process of getting it off the historically select bridge list that was originally intended and has been discussed at previous meetings. Commissioner Roush said he thinks it would benefit the county to get it off that list as the county is under certain obligations with it being classified as such. Highway Department Secretary Terri Alcorn said she talked to someone from IN-DOT who told her that they have never seen a bridge taken off the historical select list. She said it's also a timely and expen-

## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

10:08 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. No one was transported.

11:50 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:23 p.m. - Received a vandalism complaint in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Shaw, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Civil Defense responded. No one was transported.

4:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:29 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

5:26 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Daviess County Ambulance transported subjects to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:41 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

2:40 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Captain Reed responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

### Traffic stop leads to heroin arrest

On September 8, at approximately 6:10 a.m., Martin County Sheriff Deputy Johnathan Wells observed a vehicle travelling southbound on U.S. Highway 231 near County Road 100 South in Martin County. Deputy Wells observed the vehicle cross the fog line and the center line numerous times, almost causing a head on collision. Deputy Wells then initiated a traffic stop and identified the driver as Blake May, 24, of Bedford. May displayed signs of impairment during the standard field sobriety tests. May admitted to Deputy Wells of using heroin just prior to the traffic stop. Deputy Wells transported May to the Martin County Security Center where he was charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with endangerment, a Class A Misdemeanor.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Heroin is an opioid, which is a depressant. According to the Indiana Center for Recovery, approximately 70 percent of all overdose deaths involve opioids. If you, or anyone you know, who suffers from opioid addiction, please call the Indiana Center for Recovery (855) 563-0401 for help.

lance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:47 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 50, east of Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Hawkins, and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. They were assisted by Daviess County Ambulance. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

1:25 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

1:44 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Daviess County Ambulance responded. No one transported.

2:05 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

2:29 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins took two inmates to court.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:15 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:07 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, and Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:37 p.m. - Received a report of someone shining laser lights into driver's eyes on US 231 in Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

11:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 231, near Loogootee. Major Keller and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Major Keller and Deputy Wells responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Major Keller, Loogootee Officer Wells, and Loogootee Fire responded.

12:40 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

1:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

3:03 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Shoals Fire responded.

3:55 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Captain Reed responded. All was secure.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:27 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means and Captain Reed responded.

1:15 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Captain Reed responded. All was secure.

1:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. Captain Reed was notified.

8:22 a.m. - Received a dog complaint west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:59 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Chief Deputy Greene and Animal Control Officer Hughett were notified.

10:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert assisted with a funeral detail in Shoals.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins took three inmates to court.

2:55 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins took one inmate to court.

7:03 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

8:13 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:22 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

8:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of possible property damage south of Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:17 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded. All was secure.

6:47 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:42 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on US 50 near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Hawkins took one inmate to court.

12:50 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins took one inmate to court.

1:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Keller, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Hawkins, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving east of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of property damage south of Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

9:48 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance southeast of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:05 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance east of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

12:29 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle southwest of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

7:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Orange County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Paoli Hospital.

10:14 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

11:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Loogootee Fire responded.

1:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

5:21 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb on US 50, east of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

9:14 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

6:28 p.m. - Arnold Heshelman, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant McBeth on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

9:40 p.m. - James Graber, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. His bond has been set at \$10,000 10%.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:55 a.m. - Levi Agan, 20, of Paoli, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

3:48 p.m. - Eddie Cundiff, 67 of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Wells on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:52 a.m. - Austin Hinton, 24 of Bedford, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Means and charged with theft and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Captain Reed.

Saturday, September 18

1:45 a.m. - Brandon Melvin, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated prior, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated greater than .15. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

3:00 p.m. - Donnie Hawkins, 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with intimidation on law enforcement, intimidation, resisting law enforcement, disorderly conduct, battery by bodily waste, and public intoxication. He is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 p.m. - Daniel Lane, 37, of Owensboro, Kentucky, was arrested by Captain Reed on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

2:15 p.m. - A caller made a complaint regarding abandoned vehicles.

6:10 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding a request to assist him in retrieving personal property.

9:48 p.m. - A caller made a complaint regarding a neighbor's dog.

10:30 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at the Eldorado Motel.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

1:31 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to the scene of an accident on West Williams Street.

4:19 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a gas line hit at Williams and North Line streets.

11:37 p.m. - A complainant reported a traffic hazard.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1:12 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to an alarm at a local business.

10:53 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to the scene of an accident at US 231 North and US 50.

11:15 a.m. - A caller reported a utility pole falling on Bloomfield Road.

11:18 a.m. - Officer Wells completed a vehicle check.

1:08 p.m. - Officer Wells responded to a property damage accident in the Dollar General parking lot.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

10:32 a.m. - Officer Wells assisted with a funeral detail.

11:16 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a gas leak on Reinhart Road.

1:44 p.m. - A caller reported a road closed sign stolen.

7:37 p.m. - A caller reported a domestic dispute.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

6:47 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a property damage accident at Eagle Place Apartments.

10:45 a.m. - Captain Hennette completed a vehicle check.

2:51 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 E.

6:27 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a welfare check on East Broadway Street.

6:33 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a welfare check on East Broadway Street.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

12:08 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

5:32 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed an inspection of a boat.

10:40 p.m. - A complainant called regarding a neighbor's dog in their yard.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:59 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

12:23 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call in Crane.

1:02 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Monty Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Roger Kyger and Kimberly Kyger**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the north half of the east fractional Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Second Principal Meridian, Halbert Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.77 acres, more or less.

**Darlene L. Benge**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael Chase Benge**, of Martin County, Indiana, the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20.277 acres, more or less. Also, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres. Also, a strip of even width off of the west side of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 8 acres. Also, part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter being in the southwest corner of said quarter quarter containing 1 acre, more or less.

**Toni A. Cox**, of Orange County, Indiana to **Georgetta J. Strong**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 13 of Pruet Subdivision.

**Carol Spears**, of Martin County, Indi-

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

### September 14

Devaughn R. Mesarosh, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 130 days with 130 days suspended. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

Bryce C. Boyd, convicted of check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Joshua M. Davis, convicted of criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 176 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 5 months

of probation. **CRIMINAL COURT DISMISSED**  
**September 1**  
Christopher M. Manning, false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.  
**September 13**  
Thomas R. Earl, II, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### September 14

Bryce C. Boyd, eight counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

Joshua M. Davis, obstructing a firefighter, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to identify self, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### September 8

Crane Credit Union vs. Steve McCauley, civil collection.

#### September 9

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Bonnie Reedy, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

### September 9

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Akela Wells, civil collection, dismissed.

Melanie D. Wilson vs. James E. Wilson, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### September 1

Kevin R. Boyd vs. Tiphonie Owens Smith, eviction.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### September 3

Max H. Fischer of Shoals and Hope E. Self of Shoals.

Madelynn S. Dyer of Shoals and Zachary T. Cook of Shoals.

Abigail B. Stewart of Shoals and Graham M. Montgomery of Shoals.

### September 10

Aaron M. Gress of Loogootee and Lacey D. Lengacher of Loogootee

### September 13

Justin P. Hoskins of Jasper and Samantha C. Gammon of Shoals.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## HELP WANTED

### Shoals Varsity Baseball Coach

Post Date: September 8, 2021

Position: Varsity Baseball Coach

Location: Shoals High School

Job Expectations/Qualifications: Our baseball coach will be able to do the following tasks:

1. Be knowledgeable on all aspects of baseball as a sport.
2. Create an environment of positivity and support for our athletes and our programs.
3. Plan and set up all aspects of practices and meet management.
4. Maintain an inventory of all equipment, warm-ups, and uniforms for practice and competition.
5. Schedule practices and create and distribute expectations for the team.
6. Work fundraising events through the Athletic Department.
7. Communicate with parents/guardians about expectations, consequences, and other important information.
8. Communicate with Athletic Directors about results, team management, and goals for team improvement.
9. Model professional behavior both with the team and within the community.
10. Uphold and know all rules and regulations of the IHSAA, NFHS, and Blue Chip Conference in regards to baseball.

Compensation: Stipend position

Apply To: Bryson Abel & Danielle Cornett- Athletic Directors; Shoals Community Schools, 7900 US HWY 50, Shoals, IN-47581; (812)-247-2090, athletics@shoals.k12.in.us. Include Letter of Interest, Resume and Non-Certified Application

Closing Date: Until filled.

### Shoals Varsity Softball Coach

Post Date: September 8, 2021

Position: Varsity Softball Coach

Location: Shoals High School

Job Expectations/Qualifications: Our softball coach will be able to do the following tasks:

1. Be knowledgeable on all aspects of softball as a sport.
2. Create an environment of positivity and support for our athletes and our programs.
3. Plan and set up all aspects of practices and meet management.
4. Maintain an inventory of all equipment, warm-ups, and uniforms for practice and competition.
5. Schedule practices and create and distribute expectations for the team.
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9. Model professional behavior both with the team and within the community.
10. Uphold and know all rules and regulations of the IHSAA, NFHS, and Blue Chip Conference in regards to softball.

Compensation: Stipend position

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



JEFF FOXWORTHY AND AARP: This comedian thinks you might need an AARP card if:

- there was a newspaper in your driveway or mailbox today
- you secretly wondered why none of the Cartwright boys looked like Ben or anyone else in Virginia City for that matter
- you had no idea what the sweet colored liquid was in the little paraffin bottles, but drank it anyway
- your family was on a party line
- you know who played “Champagne Music”
- you heard about someone who claimed to have been impregnated by a toilet seat
- you remember when cameras and phones were two separate devices
- your parents told you to find the answers to your questions in the encyclopedias they had purchased from a salesman who came to your home
- you know Ethyl is something, not someone, you would find at the gas station
- you went to the kitchen when someone yelled “Dinner!” instead of getting in the car
- you can remember when the TV remote control was the youngest person in the family who could understand instructions
- you think “being on line” is what your mom did on laundry day
- you recall Popeye had four nephews, but you never saw their parents.
- you were instructed that ladies never show any portion of their undergarments in public
- your first car did not have air bags,

seat belts, power steering, power brakes, electric windows or an FM radio

•you can recall when going to the barber shop was the best way to catch up on all the local news

•you remember one class high school basketball and the boy’s sectional ran for five days (Indiana residents only)

### THOUGHTS

\*Work cattle once and you will understand why we eat them.

\*Life is just a series of obstacles preventing you from reading your book.

\*If I ever go missing and someone writes my real weight on the poster, I’m not coming back.

\*When life hands you lemons, hand them back. You deserve chocolate.

\*Sometimes when I’m dieting, a chocolate bar will jump out of the cupboard, unwrap itself, and run all the way to my mouth. So Rude!

\*Never blame someone else for the road you’re on. That’s your own asphalt.

At the supermarket, a customer buying a lot of groceries was checking out.

As the clerk lifted the final bag, its bottom gave way, sending the contents crashing to the floor.

“They don’t make these bags like they used to,” the clerk said to the customer. “That was supposed to happen in your driveway.”

\*In my dream world:  
Books are free.  
Chocolate is healthy, and  
Reading makes you thin.

Make someone smile today!

## Shoals Business Association meets

The Shoals Business Association met September 16. The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Foerster at 10:05 a.m.

Present for the meeting were Association President Joyce Foerster, Secretary Sierra Rutledge, and Meredith Voegerl, Memorial Hospital Business Development Liaison.

The treasurer’s report was not given this month due to the treasurer being absent from the meeting.

Secretary Rutledge stated the town trick or treat has been set for October 31, from 5-8 p.m. She asked if the business association wanted to have the “Trick or Treat on Main & More” again and it was approved. Rutledge will be preparing everything for the event. Rutledge stated the town has ordered 400 reflective treat bags that will be passed out from the Town Hall during October.

President Foerster stated the brochure holder located the Jug Rock has been busted and needed replaced and she was researching pricing for a new one.

Rutledge reminded the group about the upcoming Hindostan Days. Foerster stated she would be present at the event.

Rutledge asked about doing the downtown Christmas Business Decorating contest again and it was decided to have it again and those details will be discussed at the next meeting. The meeting closed at 10:58 a.m.

The next meeting will be held October 21 at 10 a.m. at Shoals Overlook Park.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Safe Community event

A Safe Community Event will be held Saturday, September 25 at West Boggs Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees can meet local elected officials, along with law enforcement. Donations of non-perishable food items will be accepted to donate to the local food pantries. The event is sponsored by the Martin County Sheriff’s Department along with other local law enforcement, fire departments and emergency management services.

### 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,



Prosecutor Aureola Wright, shown in the front, and her staff of the child support division of the prosecutor’s office have prepared gift bags for the upcoming Save Community Event to be held at West Boggs this Saturday, and the township meetings scheduled.

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Solid waste board

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

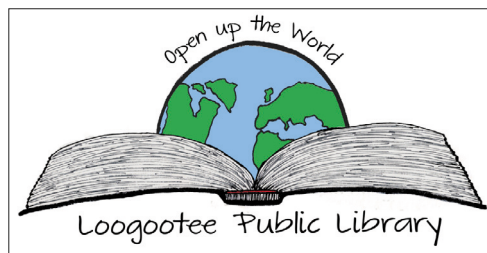
### Soil and Water meetings

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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

## Town of Shoals to flush water mains

The Shoals Water Department will be flushing water mains beginning Sunday, October 10 and ending on Tuesday, October 12. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and/ or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If problems with your water quality should continue, please contact the Town Hall at 812-247-2110.

The crew will be flushing mains during the night and early morning hours. The reason for this is to help prevent interruptions during the day and high demand periods. The water department would like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to yourself and water department employees.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The 1-2-3 Come Cook with Me cooking program for kids presented by Purdue University Extension Service is Wednesday, September 22 from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. It lasts three more weeks and kids over the age of 3 are encouraged to register. Call the library for more details 812-295-3713.

Since the test positivity rate in Martin County is very high, suggesting that cases are being significantly undercounted, the library board has mandated facemasks for all individuals over the age of 4.

Makenzie Wagoner will have a Fall Story Time on Saturday, September 25 at 11 a.m. She will have a craft for kids that goes with the story.

New Books:

Mystery: “The Jailhouse Lawyer” by James Patterson and “The Burning” by Jonathan and Jesse Kellerman.

Fiction: “An Impossible Promise” by Jude Deveraux.

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## Get outside with friends and family on September 25

Free Fishing Day and National Hunting & Fishing Day on September 25 are opportunities for Hoosiers to get a hands-on experience with nature and enjoy the state's public lands and waters.

On Free Fishing Days, which happen periodically throughout the year, Indiana residents can fish any of the state's public waters without a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp. To celebrate the last Free Fishing Day of 2021, several Indiana DNR properties, including some

state parks and state recreation areas, will offer events and activities to encourage and help visitors and families try fishing. These include opportunities to borrow fishing equipment as well as attend workshops at selected DNR locations. More information on Free Fishing Day and related events is at [on.IN.gov/FishFree](http://on.IN.gov/FishFree).

National Hunting & Fishing Day recognizes the power of individuals as a positive force in the protection of natural resources. The day also serves to acknowledge the ways hunters and anglers provide the funding foundation for wildlife conservation. The DNR invites all Hoosiers to visit Fish & Wildlife areas (FWAs), state parks, state forests, and other public land throughout Indiana. Check [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov) for more information on events at FWAs, such as building blinds at Kankakee FWA in preparation for waterfowl hunting season.

Several hunting seasons are also open the weekend of September 25 and 26, including dove, sora rail, snipe, early teal, squirrel, and youth deer season. A great way of celebrating National Hunting & Fishing Day is by sharing with others the experience of hunting for a delicious, locally harvested meal.

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The various deer hunting seasons run through January 31, 2022. It is estimated that more than 300,000 people will participate in some form of deer hunting in Indiana during that span.

The most common injuries during deer seasons are accidents involving tree stands and elevated platforms. Hunters should follow the safety tips listed below when hunting from an elevated position:

**Before the hunt:**

- Read and understand the tree stand manufacturer's instructions.
- Check tree stands and equipment for wear, fatigue, and cracks or loose nuts/bolts, paying particularly close attention to parts made of material other than metal.
- Practice at ground level.
- Learn how to properly wear your full-body safety harness.

**During the hunt:**

- Wear your full-body safety harness.
  - Use a tree stand safety rope.
  - Make certain to attach your harness to the tree before leaving the ground, and that it remains attached to the tree until you return to the ground.
  - Maintain three points of contact during ascent and descent.
  - Use boots with non-slip soles to avoid slipping.
  - Use a haul line to raise and lower firearms, bows and other hunting gear.
  - Make certain firearms are unloaded, action open, and safety on before attaching the haul line.
  - Additional safety tips:**
    - Carry emergency equipment, such as a cell phone and flashlight.
    - Make a plan before you hunt.
    - Tell someone your plan, including where you will be hunting and when you plan to return.
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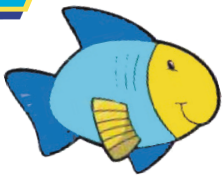
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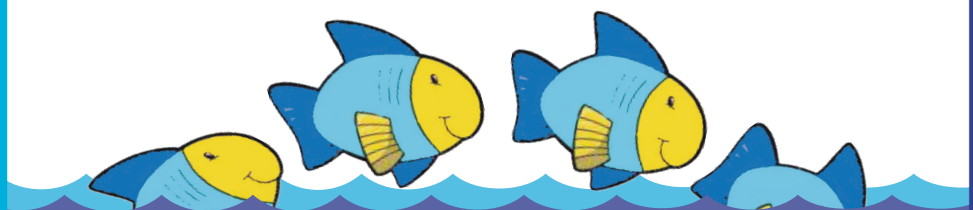
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Call SBA Secretary Sierra Rutledge at (812) 709-0636 to get your business on the list.

# Loogootee Boys' Tennis still undefeated, win Blue Chip

The Loogootee High School Varsity Boy's Tennis Team swept Vincennes Rivet this past Monday, September 20, 5-0. The boys are still undefeated at 16-0 and took the Blue Chip title.

"We knew going into the season we had a shot at the Blue Chip Conference title, so it was great to get it. This was the 18th in school history and second in as many years. Now our focus is on the Sectional and things we can do to improve," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

#### Varsity results

#1 Singles Isaac Waggoner (L) defeated Falk Von Meltzahn 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Zack Bottoms 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) won by forfeit 1-0

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated John Gafner/Thomas Herman 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Drew Woodfork/Cody Creehl 6-0, 6-0

The varsity Lions didn't lose a match at last Saturday's Loogootee Invitational. They defeated Linton 5-0 and Bloomfield 5-0 to take the championship.

Coach Tippery said, "Overall, this was a good day of tennis for us. Winning our own invite is always a goal for us. Now we move on to our second goal, winning Blue Chip. We can do that with a win over Rivet Monday."

#### Semi-Final #1 results

Loogootee 5, Linton 0

#1 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Holden Nagy 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeat-

ed Grant McGill 6-1, 6-1

#3 Singles Koen Waggoner (L) defeated Justin Brown 6-1, 6-1

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Nathan Frady/Devin Littlejohn 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Ben Wade/Wyatt Bredeweg 6-0, 6-0

#### Semi-Final #2

Bloomfield 3, South Knox 2

#1 Singles Nathan Robbins (SK) defeated Travis Priest 6-2, 6-0

#2 Singles Hunter Sievers (SK) defeated Nolan Hughes 7-5, 2-6, 1-0 (7)

#3 Singles Quinten Ross (B) defeated Nathan Ruppel 3-6, 6-1, 1-0 (8)

#1 Doubles Baylin Graf/Ryan Schulte (B) defeated Jared Fuller/Evan Drieman 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles Cole Skinner/Austin Hall (B) defeated Trevor Lough/Noah Hayden 6-3, 6-1

#### Finals

Loogootee 5, Bloomfield 0

#1 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Travis Priest 6-0, 6-4

#2 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Boone Holtsclaw 6-4, 6-2

#3 Singles Koen Waggoner (L) defeated Quentin Ross 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Baylin Graf/Ryan Schulte 6-3, 6-2

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Cole Skinner/Austin Hall 6-1, 6-1

#### Consolation game

South Knox 3, Linton 2

#1 Singles Nathan Robbins (SK) de-

feated Holden Nagy 6-3, 6-1

#2 Singles Hunter Sievers (SK) defeated Grant McGill 6-4, 6-3

#3 Singles Justin Brown (L) defeated Nathan Ruppel 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (4)

#1 Doubles Nathan Frady/Devin Littlejohn (L) defeated Jared Fuller/Evan Drieman 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles Trevor Lough/Noah Hayden (SK) defeated Wyatt Bredeweg Wade 6-4, 6-2

Last Friday, September 17, the Lions varsity defeated North Daviess, 4-1. The junior varsity tied in their matches, 1-1.

"This was a great match. North Daviess matched us shot for shot on every court. We have been good all season of running down balls and making our opponents play that extra shot. Today, North Daviess did that to us. In the end we just played better at key moments late in the sets to get the victory," said Coach Tippery.

#### Varsity results

#1 Singles Jaylen Mullen defeated Isaac Waggoner 6-0, 6-2

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Devin Collins 6-4, 5-7, 6-5 (2)

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Brook Helms 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2)

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Marcus Britton/Colin Kemp 6-2, 6-4

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Brecklin Byrer/Cam Sassano 6-3, 2-6, 6-4

\*\*A tiebreaker was played at the #2 Singles spot at 5-5 due to darkness.

#### Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Koen Waggoner (L) defeated Max Toy 6-3

#2 Singles Max Toy (ND) defeated Reece Tippery 6-2

Last Wednesday, the varsity Lions swept Terre Haute North at Vincennes Lincoln, 5-0. The junior varsity also brought home the win, 4-1.

Coach Tippery said, "Our doubles teams were really sharp today and communicated well. I was proud of the way the singles player competed. They were all playing up a spot and played well to get the sweep."

#### Varsity results

#1 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Mark Hankins 6-2, 7-5

#2 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Reece Bradley 4-6, 4-2 ret

#3 Singles Koen Waggoner (L) defeated Connor Bishop 6-2, 6-3

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Mason Lubbehusen/Cole Marts 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Clayton Stultz/John Lee

6-1, 6--2

#### Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Wade Walton (L) defeated Gabriel Dunbar 8-6

#2 Singles Peyton Lintzenich (TH) defeated Luke Lengacher 5-8

#3 Singles Luke Lengacher (L) defeated Oliver Smith 8-1

#1 Doubles Reece Tippery/Reis Whitney (L) defeated Sam Truxal/Blake Harden 8-3

#2 Doubles Alex Diaz/Jacob Lengacher (L) defeated Colin Frank/Tyler Will 8-7 (2)

The boys also swept Vincennes Lincoln last Tuesday, September 14, 5-0. The junior varsity also won, 3-2.

"Overall, we weren't as sharp as I would have liked, but it is always great to get a win on Senior Night. Our four seniors, Luke Nonte, Jacob Lengacher, Rory Tippery, and Reece Tippery have been through a lot these four years and last couple of years in particular. They have shown great leadership and know we need to continue to improve if we are going to win Sectional and advance in the postseason," said Coach Tippery.

#### Varsity results

#1 Singles Koen Waggoner (L) defeated David Wilson 6-4, 6-1

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Parker Dugan 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Calvin Carmean 6-2, 6-3

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Landon Altstadt/Ethan Jones 7-6 (6), 6-2

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Cayden McCrary/Gus McCrary 6-0, 6-2

#### Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Wade Walton (L) defeated Jayden Ray 7-5

#2 Singles Brett Turpin (VL) defeated Alex Diaz 6-1

#3 Singles Jaret Goff (VL) defeated Noah Esch 8-3

#1 Doubles Reece Tippery/Jacob Lengacher (L) defeated Jayden Ray/Brett Turpin 8-6

#2 Doubles Reis Whitney/Luke Lengacher (L) defeated Jaden CcCarter/Luke Newman 8-0

## LHS Volleyball results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Team defeated Southridge on Monday in three sets, 25-20, 25-14, and 25-12. Their record stands at 14-3 this season and 4-0 in the Blue Chip Conference.

Jocelyn Strange led in serving points with 15 and also contributed 10 digs. Kylie VanHoy led in assists with 16 followed by Brooklyn Summers with 15. VanHoy also had seven digs. Grace Lingenfelter finished with nine serving points and 10 digs, Sydnee Wittmer contributed 10 kills and Abbey Fuhrman had seven kills.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Southridge in two sets, 25-9 and 25-12. Their record stands at 5-5.

Lindsey Nolan finished with eight points and six digs. Breanna Courter also had eight points, four kills and five assists. Vittoria Zoia contributed eight points and five digs. Cacia Wilcoxen finished with four kills and Abbigail Nonte had seven assists and six digs.

The Loogootee C team beat Southridge in two sets, 25-22 and 25-22. The C team record is 2-2.

Chrislynn Holland led in serving points with eight followed by Brianna Eckerle with six and Ashley Green with five. Green also contributed five digs and three assists. Addy Lengacher led in assists with nine and Michela Orlando led in digs with nine. Ava Fuhrman finished with three kills and Jocelyn Bruner had three.

This past Saturday, the Loogootee Junior Varsity girls competed in a home tournament. The JV Lady Lions defeated North Knox in two sets, 25-16 and 25-16; lost to Barr-Reeve in two sets 11-25 and 19-25; and defeated Bedford North Lawrence in two sets, 25-16 and 25-12.

For the day, Vittoria Zoia had a team-high 13 serving points along with 20 digs. Breanna Courter led in kills with 14 and contributed 17 digs. Abbigail Nonte led in assists with 29 and had 10 serving points. Ashlynn Gilbert finished with seven points, Alana Hedrick had 12

kills and 17 digs, and Ava Fuhrman contributed nine kills.

In a varsity-only contest last week, the Lady Lions defeated Shoals in three sets, 25-9, 25-10, and 25-15.

Abbey Fuhrman finished with 15 points, nine kills, three assists and seven digs. Brooklyn Summers contributed 15 serving points and 23 assists. Kyleigh Courter added 12 serving points and six digs. Kylie VanHoy finished with nine assists, Jocelyn Strange had 16 digs and Ashlynn Gilbert had seven kills.

The varsity girls defeated North Knox last week in four sets, 25-18, 22-25, 25-15, and 25-14.

Brooklyn Summers led in points with 13 and in assists with 26. Haylie Mathies led in kills with 16 followed by Abbey Fuhrman and Kylie VanHoy with nine each. VanHoy also contributed 13 assists and 14 digs. Grace Lingenfelter added nine points and 13 digs, and Jocelyn Strange led the team in digs with 22. Kyleigh Courter finished with 12 points.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also beat North Knox in three sets, 25-17, 22-25, and 9-15.

Vittoria Zoia led in serving points with 11 and in digs with 12. She also added four kills. Abbigail Nonte led in assists with 12 and had eight points. Alana Hedrick contributed 10 digs, six points and four kills. Breanna Courter led in kills with five and had seven assists. Cacia Wilcoxen and Ashley Green each finished with four kills.

The varsity defeated Vincennes Rivet early last week in three sets, 25-19, 25-20, and 25-16.

Grace Lingenfelter led in serving points with 16 and also had nine digs. Jocelyn Strange had a team-high 11 digs and added 13 points with six aces. Kyleigh VanHoy led in assists with 19 and had eight digs. Haylie Mathies led in kills with 13 followed by Ashlynn Gilbert and Sydnee Wittmer with six each. Brooklyn Summers finished with 11 assists and Kyleigh Courter had eight digs. Mallorie Sutton contributed two blocks.

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# Donation of tourniquets to Martin County schools



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Loogootee Police Chief Jim Floyd, Loogootee School Resource Officer Kelly Rayhill, Loogootee High School Principal Christopher Walker, and Martin County Sheriff's Office Major Keith Keller.

The Martin County Sheriff's Office donated 60 tourniquets, 30 each to Shoals and Loogootee Community Schools recently.

Chief Deputy Josh Greene and Major Keith Keller met with officials from the Shoals and Loogootee schools to donate the tourniquets that were purchased by the Martin County Sheriff's Office — at no cost to taxpayers.

The tourniquets will be placed strategically throughout the schools. In the event of an emergency, whether it be an injury in woodshop class, an athletic event, or an active shooter, school staff

and emergency personnel will have access to them.

Shoals and Loogootee schools staff members were also trained on when and how to apply the tourniquets.

All Martin County Sheriff's Deputies carry a tourniquet and have used them several times in recent years. Hopefully none of these tourniquets are ever used at the schools, but it's good knowing that if one would ever be needed, they would be available, easily accessible, and potentially save a life. A tourniquet can stop the bleeding from a severe injury in a matter of seconds.

## Hoosiers can request access to internet through new state program

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs on Tuesday announced a new program aiming to help more Hoosiers obtain access to reliable and quality broadband.

Homeowners and business owners can apply for consideration for the Indiana Connectivity Program, which opens for applicants on Monday, September 27. This new tool can connect residents and businesses that lack internet service with internet service providers and assist in the expense of extending broadband to unserved and underserved locations.

"The Indiana Connectivity Program aims to bring high quality broadband service to unserved and underserved Hoosiers," Crouch said. "The last year and a half has shined a light on the severe importance of having everyone connected. This program is a path to bring service to households and businesses that are in internet darkness or have speeds that are not meeting the demands on our students who are eLearning or our workforce teleworking."

Beginning Monday, September 27, 2021, Hoosiers and business owners lacking internet connectivity can communicate their interest by entering their address and information into the Next Level Connections portal at [in.gov/ocra/](http://in.gov/ocra/)

broadband.

Hoosiers can also initiate interest by calling the Indiana Broadband Connect Center, which is open on business days from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., ET, starting Monday, September 27. Hoosiers can reach the call center at 833-639-8522.

"Through this program, we can help more Hoosiers, especially those in rural areas, have better access to quality internet service," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "The Indiana Connectivity Program is one more step toward expanding broadband accessibility to all corners of Indiana."

To be eligible, a location must have access to actual speeds of less than 25 Mbps (download) and 3 Mbps (upload). Inputting location information into the Next Level Connections Broadband portal does not guarantee extension of service.

Eligible locations submitted will be available to service providers within 90 days. Next Level Connections Broadband Program funding may be available to assist in expanding internet opportunities to these locations, following a 60-day bidding process. Once awarded, providers must complete their projects within nine months of the contract date.

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