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-Photos by Courtney Hughett
Despite the threat of rain and a few sprinkles here and there, Hindostan Days at Hindostan Falls this past Saturday was well attended. The event was designed to bring residents back to Hindostan and also raise funds for the Martin County Historical Society. Several vendors also set up booths to sell their products. An egg toss was held with the kids (one participant shown in the photo on the left) and then adults in the afternoon. The historical society raised around \$3,000 toward their mission.

Commissioners discuss small business grant, ADA policy, social media posts

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Alliance Director Angie Risacher asked the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, October 5, to approve distributing the \$250,000 small business grant to 58 businesses in Martin County. The grant was from OCRA and was for businesses impacted by COVID-19 and the money will be split evenly. The commissioners approved the distribution of the grant as presented with Commissioner Cody Roush abstaining from the vote because he is a small business owner.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported they are looking to get a new dump truck before the end of the year. He provided information on the truck to the commissioners and said they have the funds in the highway budget to cover the cost of \$82,960. The commissioners approved.

Seals reported that Milestone will be repairing damage to Mill Road this week.

He also asked the commissioners about reimbursing the highway department for having one of their employees maintain the generator at the community building. Seals said it takes his employee a few hours a month. Auditor Abel reported that \$2,500 was budgeting in the commissioners' budget for the maintenance. After discussion, the commissioners approved a resolution for paying the highway department \$2,000 a year for the generator maintenance.

Highway Superintendent Terri Alcorn said she received a letter from INDOT about getting the county-owned buildings ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. She said that this has been discussed before however the state is now

cracking down on counties who do not have a plan in place to get the buildings compliant. County Attorney Dave Lett requested time to go over the letter with Alcorn and come up with a recommendation. Commissioner Paul George told Alcorn to file an extension with the state to give more time to get a plan in place.

The commissioners approved a quote from Area One Protection for \$2,743.98 to add cameras to the probation meeting rooms in the downstairs of the courthouse. Auditor Abel said the cameras were recommended to prevent a liability issue. The other quote received was from World Class PC for \$3,197.38.

Andy Ringwald, with the Emergency Management Agency talked to the commissioners about the total eclipse that will be taking place on Monday, April 8, 2024. He said Martin County is one of the locations that will have a total view of the eclipse and agencies in the area are already planning for the influx of people who will be in the area to view it. He said the eclipse that happened a few years ago in other areas of the country caused major traffic congestion so officials are trying to get ahead of the one coming in 2024.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy reported her department currently has 11 clients on home detention and nine of those are GPS monitored. She said they are working to put together a base of community service clients so that the road crew can be restarted.

County Council Member Adam Greene, who was in the audience, asked for guidance from County Attorney Lett about a recent post he made on social media. He (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

County council split on tax cuts, spending

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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A public hearing was held for the 2022 budget at the Martin County Council meeting Monday, October 4. No one from the public commented however Council Member Randy Winger said he was against approving it. Winger said when taxes were raised a year ago, it was supposed to be because COVID was going to affect the income taxes for this year. He said the county is "sitting pretty" with \$1.3 million to be left over at the end of the year so he would like to see the taxes go back down. He then made a motion to reduce the taxes to the pre-2021 rate.

Auditor Bobbie Able told Winger that it was too late to change the tax rate per state statute. She said it can be discussed next year.

Council Member Adam Greene said his issue is the county is spending more than it is taking in and is eating into their savings. He said that within five years, there will be no money left over at the end of the year and the county will be broke.

"If you cut the amount you collect, you'd be broke a lot quicker," said Council Member Albright, referring to Winger's motion to cut the tax rate.

Greene replied that the county cannot spend more than is coming in and it's not sustainable.

Council Member Albright said the financial advisor that the county hired told them it's not wise to change the tax rate now and wait until after the effects of COVID are over.

Council Member Barb McFeaters added that the financial advisor said the 2022 budget is good as is.

Council Member Greene replied that the advisor said that the budget needs to be checked monthly however the council is now saying they don't want to look at cuts until next year.

Discussion then moved to the \$50,000 in income put in next year's budget to house out-of-county inmates. It was noted that the sheriff's department is on track to earn \$500,000 this year from the inmates.

Sheriff Travis Roush said he will do his best to keep at least 15 however he doesn't know if he can sustain that amount either. The jail has been averaging 30-plus out-of-county inmates this year.

Judge Lynne Ellis, who was in the audience, asked what the purpose of the meeting was if the budget has been approved by the council. She said she understands that Council Members Winger and Greene voted against approving next year's budget however it passed anyway. "Let's move on. It's crazy," she said.

It was noted that the purpose of the public hearing that evening was to hear taxpayer comment on next year's budget.

Judge Ellis asked if anyone in the audience or on Zoom objected. "Anyone object?" asked Ellis. No one said anything.

Auditor Abel said that following the meeting, 10 or more taxpayers can file an objection, in writing, within 10 days.

Judge Ellis asked where that objection would be filed.

Auditor Abel said the objection would

be turned into her office and presented to the council.

Charlie Joyce, with Financial Solutions, the county's financial advisors, said that tonight's hearing was for the public hearing and the actual adoption of the budget is not for two weeks. He said if someone objects to the budget, that will be discussed at the adoption on October 18.

Kim Showalter, who was in the audience, talked to the council about her concern over talk to eliminate the deputy surveyor position. She said that her concern is that the county has dangerous terrain that shouldn't be walked with just one person who is looking for the county's cornerstones. She said there is also equipment to consider that one person cannot carry alone. She said she hates to see anyone lose their job but even more so in the surveyor's office.

Council Member Albright said they voted to leave the position and the budget as is for next year.

Council Member Greene said the idea would be to bid out the work for finding the cornerstones and the surveyor would be more administrative. He said the highway department gives accountability by attending the commissioners' meetings and showing what work they have been doing and he would like to see the same thing from the surveyor's office.

Council Member McFeaters asked if Greene asked all department heads to come to meetings to report. Or if he's even asked the surveyor to come.

Council Member Winger said he has asked the surveyor a few times to attend the council meetings to provide an update.

Assessor Carolyn McGuire said she helped get the project of finding the cornerstones setup and at no time was it ever considered a temporary job.

Council Member Albright added that the surveyor's job is a state statute job with state statute responsibilities.

Council Member Winger said he was against the cornerstone project when it started 10 years ago. "I'm not going to sit here and argue with anybody," said Winger.

Council Member McFeaters said the surveyor's office does more than find cornerstones, they also do mapping. She said the deputy surveyor was created to save the county money as opposed to hiring an outside firm.

Council Member Greene said he is on the council to help limit government growth especially since the county has lost five percent of its population over the last 10 years. "As a republican council, it seems like we are going against what republicans stand for," he said.

He added that he didn't say they would hire an outside firm, he was simply saying it doesn't cost anything to look into ways to potentially find savings.

Showalter, from the audience, thanked Greene for bringing forward ideas. "Thank God you are asking questions," she said.

Teresa Harder, with Soil and Water, from Zoom, said her office has worked several times with the surveyor and they help with court cases involving very old records

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COUNCIL

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where there is a discrepancy or if there is a property dispute.

Judge Ellis then asked about the wheel tax. She said the county doesn't get all the funding from the state because the county doesn't have this tax. Auditor Abel agreed noting the county doesn't qualify for grants because there is no wheel tax.

Judge Ellis said she loves Martin County but as a former business owner in the county, she has a different way of looking at spending. She said she learned you have to spend money to make money and roads are one of the biggest issues. She said she

understands that there are residents with a fixed income, however the government provides a cost of living increase every year. She said running on not raising taxes gets the county nothing. She asked why anyone would want to drive a \$60,000 vehicle on Martin County's "crappy roads" and added that Dubois County has all kinds of things to offer people. "You do what you have to do. We are dying on the vine," said Ellis. She said, at this rate, the county will consist of only residents on fixed incomes in the next 10 years because no one is going to move here.

"You guys have a job to do," she said,

adding that the council needs to come into the reality of spending money to get more people to move to the county. "I just don't understand it. You have to step out on a ledge and make a decision," she said adding that people who actually pay taxes may be okay with it.

Commissioners Aaron Summers and Cody Roush, who were in the audience, agreed with the judge.

Council Member Wininger said there are different levels of the wheel tax, and he remembers, several years ago, that someone came to a meeting and explained it all to the council. He would like that person to come back.

Auditor Abel said this person's presentations are available online, but the man Wininger is referring to has retired. She noted that he wasn't well received by the council either and if someone is going to come give a presentation, the council needs to be more open minded.

Council Member McFeaters said she just heard the county got \$335,131.46 in Crane timber sales and while the timber money varies, it is probably more than the county would get by implementing a wheel tax.

Council Member Albright said the state needed to provide Martin County with more money for the property taxes lost due to Crane and the state forest.

Judge Ellis asked if any of the council have been to the state to address that issue.

Albright said it takes a lot of people to do that.

Ellis said if the council would let the department heads know when they are going, they would make the time to attend with them.

Auditor Abel said the state also wants the county to help themselves first. She said things like a wheel tax would be what they would expect the county to do.

Council Member Stiles said if they do a wheel tax then the highway superintendent will get bombarded with phone calls from residents who want their road fixed because they are paying this tax.

Judge Ellis said there needs to be a plan in place so residents know when their road is slated for improvements.

Stiles said there is a plan, and the state decides what is getting improved.

Ellis replied that the residents need to know if their congressmen are dictating what roads are to be done in their county. She said the council are the ones who are supposed to go to state representatives with concerns and they are the ones that need to be heard.

Stiles said Martin County roads are the worst in the state and they were told it would take \$332 million to get them back into good shape and the county will never get that.

In other business, Sheriff Travis Roush talked to the council about continued staffing issues he is having at the jail. He said they have maximized jail efficiency and done as much marketing as possible to bring in new hires. He currently has six jail officer positions and two are not filled. He said he doesn't know what else to do except raise the hourly wage again. It was recently raised from \$13.36 per hour to \$15 per hour.

"I've done everything I can," said Sheriff Roush.

Jail Matron Miranda Beaver said everywhere is paying more than the sheriff's department, including fast food restaurants. She said they are burning out the current workers who are covering shifts due to the lack of staff.

Alliance Director Risacher asked if the sheriff's department is working with WorkOne because they send out a job list each week. Beaver asked Risacher to get them on that list.

Roush said they have lost multiple jailers to Daviess County who currently pay \$18.17 per hour and are getting ready to increase that to \$21 per hour. He said Law-

rence County pays \$16 now and will see a six percent increase in 2022. Greene County pays \$18.26 per hour for jailers and Pike County pays \$16.60.

The sheriff said he has served as a jailer in the past month for the first time in the 6.5 years as he has been sheriff because they didn't have anyone to work.

Council Member McFeaters said it's hard to watch the sheriff come and request money when he is making so much from housing inmates. She said she wonders if there should be a policy saying the sheriff gets a certain percentage of that out-of-county inmate income, so they don't have to ask for it.

After more discussion, the council approved increasing the jailer pay from \$15 to \$17 per hour with Council Member Stiles opposed.

Council Member Greene said there was an error to the meeting minutes from September 13. He said he didn't bring up the deputy prosecutor or deputy surveyor positions in that meeting even though the minutes reflect that he did. The council then argued about who brought it up if it wasn't Greene. In the end they decided to table approval of the minutes until the recording of the meeting could be reviewed. Council Member Buck Stiles voted against tabling the minutes.

COMMISSIONERS —

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said Commissioner Aaron Summers indicated that Greene did something inappropriate by making the post and he wanted to get the attorney's opinion. Commissioner Summers said his comment regarding the post was his personal opinion.

Auditor Abel said the county does have a social media policy, but she hasn't reviewed it recently. She said she believes any county employee posting about county business must include a disclaimer but she is unsure of the exact wording in the policy.

Greene asked Attorney Lett to review his post and make sure he didn't cross a line. Lett said he would talk to Greene privately about it later.

Council Member Greene also asked whether the county surveyor provided an update on the progress of finding the cornerstones in the county. Commissioner Paul George said the surveyor called him prior to the meeting and would not be in attendance.

Greene asked if the commissioners have a policy in place regarding elected officials disrupting meetings. Attorney Lett said he brought a policy of that nature to the commissioners a few months ago but the commissioners chose not to move forward with it. Auditor Abel noted that the county council also chose not to pass that resolution.

Greene said he just wants to know what should be done in the instance that someone is disorderly in a public meeting. He said he thinks there needs to be a line drawn. Attorney Lett replied that the president of the commissioners, which is Paul George, has the authority to stop any behavior. He said the sheriff's department could also be approached about providing security at the meetings.

Commissioners George and Cody Roush both said they can just ask anyone disrupting meetings to leave.

A member of the audience asked if the solid waste will be adding another \$24 fee to the fall property tax statement. Auditor Abel said she informed the solid waste director that a fee can't be added without going through the proper procedures and letting the public know. Attorney Lett said the solid waste board is in the process of looking into it and are not ready to make a decision.

Purdue Extension Educator Dena Held requested the commissioners proclaim October 3-9 as National 4-H Week. The commissioners approved.

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ROY GRAFTON

Roy Dale Grafton passed away September 29, 2021. A resident of Loogootee, he was 69.



ROY GRAFTON

He was born September 25, 1952, in Washington; son of Dale and Clara Grafton. He married Elizabeth Ann Johnson on October 5, 1973, and she preceded him in death on July 18, 2021.

He graduated from Shoals High School and was a lifelong farmer. He retired from US Gypsum and enjoyed camping, attending tractor shows, visiting his grandchildren, and helping his neighbors. He was a member of the White River Valley Antique Association where he showed his collection of antique tractors. Roy Dale never met a stranger, and he leaves behind a large circle of friends who will miss him dearly.

Surviving are two sons, Andrew and Amy Grafton of Loogootee and Adam and Stephanie Grafton of Deer Creek, Illinois; grandchildren, Eli, Allie, and Annabelle; sister, Carol Hastings of Elnora; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, one sister, Sue Garner; and granddaughter, Amanda Grafton.

Pastor Dennis Cecil will officiate a private graveside service at the Grafton Cemetery at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Cancer Center of Jasper or to Heart to Heart Hospice.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

RACHEL HOLT

Rachel Mary Holt, formerly of Shoals, passed away Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Mitchell Manor in Mitchell. A resident of Bedford, she was 75.

She was born September 19, 1946, in Shoals; the daughter of Herman and Ruby Ann (Murray) Hatfield.

She married Jerry Dean Holt and he preceded her in death in 2001.

Surviving are her children, Eric Holt, Steve Sanders, and Scott Sanders; grandchildren, Tasha Nicole Holt, Miranda Sanders, Heaven Sanders, Shayla Sanders, Ryan Sanders, and Christopher Sanders; siblings, Dale Hatfield, Doris Sergeant, Wanda Gilbert, Freida Hatfield, and Bonnie Hert; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Jerry Dean; son, Marty in infancy; and one brother, Lee Hatfield.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 1 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Shoals. Burial followed in the Allbright Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

PAUL ROGERS

Paul Rodgers passed away Friday, September 24, 2021, at his home with family at his side. A resident of Shoals, he was 73.

Paul was born August 19, 1948, in Vincennes; son of Arthur and Naomie (Wallace) Rodgers. He spent his youth in Vincennes and graduated from Vincennes Lincoln High School in 1966. Paul was married to Brenda French, his wife of 53 years on July 14, 1968.

After high school, Paul served in the Vietnam War and attended Indiana University, Bloomington where he attained a degree in physics.

Paul worked at N.S.A. Crane for many years until his retirement. During his retirement, Paul enjoyed working as an office assistant at Edward Jones and the Shoals Public Library, where he was known for hosting "The Fun Telescope Parties." Paul

was also known to many as "The Tutor" for the tutoring services he provided to all ages in the fields of math and science.

Paul was an active member and past President of the Shoals Lions Club. For many years he was a favorite of the Shoals Catfish Festival as "Uncle Sam".

Paul loved living in Martin County and was a founding member of the Martin County Community Foundation. Paul and Brenda spent many happy days touring the backroads of the U.S.A. with their Road Trek Club family.

Paul was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Eric Rodgers.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda; one sister, Dixie Storey of Evansville; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

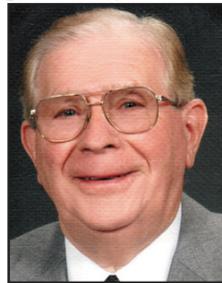
A Celebration of Life will be held for Paul on Saturday, October 23 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Shoals Public Library.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of the Shoals Public Library, PO Box 909, Shoals, IN 47581.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

CARL MAX COOPER

Carl Max Cooper passed away at 1:45 p.m. Friday, October 1, 2021, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes. A resident of Loogootee, he was 89.



MAX COOPER

He was born September 1, 1932, in Loogootee; son of the late Carl and Vivian (McBryant) Cooper.

Max was a United States Air Force veteran and served in Germany. He loved woodworking and cruising in his 1955 Oldsmobile. He was an airplane and railroad enthusiast. He worked part time at the Loogootee VFW for 20 years. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the VFW Post 9395.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Dee Ann Nolan; one great-granddaughter; first wife, Mary Jane Cooper; third wife, Roberta Cooper; siblings, Geraldine Fiscus, Carolyn Blackwell, Charles "Slick" Cooper and Carla Howell.

Max is survived by his children, Dana (Keith) Davis of Vincennes, Carl "CJ" Cooper (Staci DeWitt) of Dubois and Bryan Cooper of Loogootee; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; and brother, Tom Cooper of Kokomo.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, October 6 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 9395 or St. Vincent De Paul Society.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Carl Max Cooper.

KARL HOFFMAN

Karl E. Hoffman passed away at 12:46 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 73.

He was born October 11, 1947, in Washington; son of the late Luther and Amanda (Himsel) Hoffmann.

Karl married Rebecca Hanger on October 16, 1965, and she survives.

Karl was employed by Jasper Plastics Solutions since 2008. Previously, he was employed by Kimball International from 1970 to 2008. He was a United States Army veteran and served in Germany for a year and a half. He was a member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church and

the American Legion Post 120. He also was the vice president of the senior citizens housing in Loogootee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Amanda Hoffmann; siblings, Dorie (Howard) Roberts, Alfred Hoffmann and Richard Hoffmann; and brothers-in-law, Bill Bosley and Paul McGiveney.

Karl is survived by his wife, Becky Hoffman of Loogootee; son, Ryan (Dawn) Hoffman of Greenwood; grandchildren, Bryce and Brie Hoffman; grand dog, Grayson and grand cat, Lucky; honorary granddaughter, Chassidy (Tye) Collins and their daughter, Kennedy Rose; sister, Margaret McGiveney of Paoli; sisters-in-law, Barbara Hoffmann and Alma Wagoner; special nephews, Eric Wagoner and many other nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 2 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Burial followed at Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Donate online at <https://www.dav.org/>.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Karl E. Hoffman.

JAMES ELLIS

James H. Ellis passed away at 8:58 p.m. Tuesday, September 28, 2021. A resident of Loogootee, he was 93.

He was born December 13, 1927, in Loogootee; son of the late Asa and Mary B. (Halbert) Ellis.

Jim was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He enjoyed farming and tinkering in the barn. He loved to dance and loved to make people laugh.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Jean (Mills); son, Stephen James Ellis; parents, Asa and Mary B. (Halbert) Ellis; siblings, Dorothy (Ellis) Spears, Mary (Ellis) Keller, Margaret (Ellis) Wagoner, Ann (Ellis) Cunningham, and Charlie Ellis; brothers-in-law, Bob (Dorothy) Spears, Louis (Mary) Keller and Jack (Ann) Cunningham; sisters-in-law, Edith (Harry) Ellis, Helen (Bill) Ellis, Linda (Charlie) Ellis, and Jeanie (Raymond) Ellis.

Jim is survived by his children, Alan (Carla Hayes) Ellis of Washington, Patti Parsons, Diane Padgett of Loogootee, and Mary Kay Perkins of Jasper; grandchildren, Denise (Allen) Henninger, Chris Parsons, and Derek Parson, all of Loogootee; Brian (Julie) Padgett of Bloomington, Matt (April) Padgett of Columbus, Haley (Brandon) Witte of Ft. Wayne, and Brooke Perkins of Jasper; nine great grandchildren; and siblings, Harry Ellis, Bill Ellis, Raymond Ellis and Ruth Strange.

A private service was held Friday, October 1.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of James H. Ellis.

ELDENA EAST

Eldena East passed away at 1:10 p.m. Sunday October 3, 2021, at the Timbers of Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 86.

She was born July 23, 1935, in Martin County; daughter of Sophie (Ziegler) and Bill Street.

Eldena retired from N.O.R.C.E. in Enid, Oklahoma in 1995. She married Ted East at Bloomington on January 2, 1954, and he passed away in 1994.

She is survived by her two daughters, Karen (Al) Wulffenstein and Debbie (David) Wright; five grandchildren, and several great grandchildren.

Cremation was chosen according to her wishes. Family services will be held at a

later date in Waukomis, Oklahoma so she can be buried beside her husband.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

DENISE LOUDERMILK

Denise A. Loudermilk went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, September 30, 2021, in Vincennes. She was 52.



DENISE LOUDERMILK

She was born on Tuesday, April 22, 1969.

Those left to cherish her memories include her best friend and husband of 30 wonderful years, Keith Loudermilk

father, Ed Wagner; mother, Herta "Tina" Scharf Wagner; brother, Dennis Wagner; three sisters-in-law, Krista Davidson-Wagner, Joni Herr, and Betty Wheatley; brother-in-law, Robert Loudermilk; father-in-law, Sherman Loudermilk; mother-in-law, Sherry Loudermilk; two nephews, Austin Wagner and Davidson Wagner, and other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by one nephew, Benjamin Wagner.

Denise Loudermilk graduated from Lincoln High School and went on to Vincennes University to graduate with an Associate Degree in Business, she also worked for ASG Mortgage Company for many years. She loved her family very much. Animals that she had were like her children. Gardening, canning the vegetables, and working in her flowerbeds were her favorite hobbies. She loved her home and that was her favorite place to be. She will be deeply missed by all!

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 5 at Goodwin Sievers Funeral Home in Vincennes. Officiating was Pastor Trevor Murry. Interment followed in the Memorial Park Cemetery in Vincennes.

Pallbearers were Robert Loudermilk, Jon Herr, Thomas Herr, Dailyn Smith, Austin Wagner, Davidson Wagner, and Dennis Wagner. Honorary pallbearer was Bryan Roberts.

Memorials may be made to Vincennes Animal Shelter in honor of Denise Loudermilk. Online condolences may be made at goodwinsievers.com.

BILLY DEAN HOWELL

Billy Dean Howell passed September 28, 2021, at Cathedral Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, he was 82.



BILLY DEAN HOWELL

He was born July 3, 1939, in Bloomfield; son of Estel and Beulah Mae (Ashcraft) Howell.

He was a 1957 graduate of Shoals High School and retired from the IT

Division of Crane. He was a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include his children, Shawn (Rhonda) Howell, Paul (Christy) Howell, Kim (Terry) Kendall, Travis Howell and Steve Norman; six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, siblings, Darcus (Dale) Abel, Judy Connerly and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by his parents and one brother-in-law, Don Connerly.

Services were held Saturday, October 2 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals.

Online condolences may be made at www.queenlee.com.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:03 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Crane. Captain Reed responded.

12:46 a.m. - Received a report of several trees down on US 50, east of Shoals. Captain Reed, Loogootee Officer Means, and Shoals Fire responded.

2:53 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means and Captain Reed responded.

6:10 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

8:01 a.m. - Received a cow complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:22 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

10:00 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:47 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50, east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

2:19 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist south of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

3:34 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver on US 50, east of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:00 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee on US 231. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:00 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:12 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

1:30 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took three inmates to court.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

6:25 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist north of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

7:47 p.m. - Received a cow complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:00 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:33 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a fight in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means, ISP Trooper Nolan, and Sergeant Gibson responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:18 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Chief Floyd, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:15 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

7:04 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:33 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:35 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking on US 231, north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means and Deputy Shaw responded.

6:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Shaw responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:16 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.

10:23 a.m. - Corporal Seymour assisted with a funeral detail in Shoals.

11:15 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

1:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, west of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Wells and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Wells and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

11:51 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. ISP, Deputy Wells, and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

2:01 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth re-

sponded.

4:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire and Orange County Ambulance responded.

5:52 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Shaw and Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

6:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:05 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd, Deputy Shaw, and Deputy Hawkins responded.

5:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Seymour, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Hawkins responded. No one was transported.

8:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Officer Seymour, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:28 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Deputy

Real estate transfers

Chip Mehaffey and Stacy L. Mehaffey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Cory Julian and Emily Julian**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.18 acres, more or less.

Amy Love Todd, of Martin County, Indiana to **Seth T. Taylor and Courtney B. Taylor**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.42 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.375.

James W. Marshall and Sara Jane Marshall, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monty Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of Lot Number 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

Thomas Ray Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas R. Fuhrman and Denise L. Fuhrman**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 1.24 acres, more or less.

J&B Hawkins Properties, LLC to **Larry J. Miller and Jolene K. Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 11 in Summers, Cannon and Crane's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

Shaw and Shoals Fire responded.

1:48 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

3:09 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

4:36 a.m. - Received an alarm call east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded and all was secure.

10:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes.

12:08 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

2:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

2:56 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Todd responded.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:35 p.m. - Robert Roach II, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Captain Reed and K9 Officer Spike.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:26 p.m. - Nathan Hoffman, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment and for a Martin County warrant. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10% and also \$1,500 cash.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

1:40 a.m. - Jessica Tredway (Foll), 32, of Arizona, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and resisting arrest. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Officer Means.

10:38 p.m. - Julie Lents, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with driving while suspended and resisting law enforcement. Her bond has been set at \$30,000 10%.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

2:26 a.m. - Isaac Davis, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with battery, intimidation, and resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond.

7:35 a.m. - Kelly Winger, 59, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Floyd and charged with residential entry and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

11:00 p.m. - Timothy Keathley, 37, of Tennessee, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and possession of a syringe. He is being held on a \$30,000 10% bond. ICO Mann assisted with the arrest.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

2:53 a.m. - Officer Means responded to a disturbance at a local business.

8:15 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of an erratic driver westbound on US 50 in Loogootee.

12:45 p.m. - A complainant advised of a vehicle that passed a school bus when it was stopped on North Line Street.

3:37 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to an alarm on Church Street.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:25 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

2:46 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a possible impaired driver on North Line Street.

8:44 p.m. - A caller reported a dog running loose on West Broadway Street.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

11:00 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a hit-and-run accident.

11:59 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted Martin County EMS with a medical call.

1:18 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a suspicious person on West Washington Street.

2:40 p.m. - A caller reported an unlicensed driver.

4:00 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Kentucky Avenue.

6:22 p.m. - A caller reported debris in the roadway on JFK Avenue and Officer Means removed the debris.

8:33 p.m. - A caller reported a vehicle sitting on Butcher Boulevard with no lights on.

10:41 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a disturbance at Country Place Apartments.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:28 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a suspicious person.

7:41 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to an accident on US 231 North.

10:37 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

11:03 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a gas line that had been hit.

4:39 p.m. - A complainant reported an

identity theft.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

5:35 a.m. - Officer Means gave a courtesy transport to a male.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident in the parking lot of a local business.

6:23 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a fight on Nolley Lane.

7:49 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth checked a report of smoke in the area of Queen Street.

8:32 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a domestic dispute in a local business parking lot.

8:43 p.m. - A caller reported possible illegal drug activity.

10:09 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a suspicious person on Southwest Third Street and provided a courtesy transport.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

5:52 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a suspicious person in a local business.

10:45 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted with a funeral procession.

5:11 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage accident.

7:11 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on JFK Avenue.

8:55 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted Martin County EMS with a medical call at West Boggs.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:48 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walnut Street.

3:09 a.m. - Officer Seymour completed a welfare check on a male walking on US 231 South.

9:58 a.m. - A caller reported possible illegal drug activity.

11:08 a.m. - A caller reported a possible suicidal subject.

11:44 a.m. - A complainant called regarding a dog running loose on Bridgewater Street.

2:59 p.m. - Officer Todd responded to a domestic dispute on North Oak Street.

8:40 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report that someone had driven over the medium on West Broadway Street.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

August 25

William F. Maryon, operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 Felony.

Kendra J. Leighty, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony. Kestin Jones, murder.

September 1

Logan C. Kelsey, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

September 2

Arnold R. Heshelman, domestic battery, a Level 5 Felony; domestic battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, a Level 6 Felony.

September 7

Tyson L. Winger, possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony; battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony.

Kaala A. Spurgeon, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person-prior withing 7 years, a Level 6 Felony.

Kelly E. Winger, unlawful use of 911 service, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jaylon T. Knepp, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

September 8

Blake M. May, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

September 13

Tonya M. Summers, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony.

Dakota Dawn Hauger, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle with ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Heather M. McBride, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jessica Lee Perez-Alvarado, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

September 16

Nicole R. Shelley, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Austin Alexander Hinton, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James E. Graber, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

September 17

Christopher J. Kelsey, interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor; conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

September 21

Donald L. Hawkins, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brandon S. Melvin, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony.

September 24

Christopher J. Koontz, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

September 27

Cleveland J. Burchett, carrying a handgun without a license, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Nicholas J. Guy, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony.

September 28

Robert G. Roach, II, possession of

methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

September 22

Danny W. Rose, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 2 months of probation.

September 23

Amanda Paige Krodell, convicted of burglary, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 812 days suspended and credit for 81 actual days previously served plus 27 Class B credit days. 540 days of the executed Indiana Department of Corrections time shall be served on Grant County Community Corrections Home Detention program, so long as the defendant remains eligible. Defendant received 24 months of probation. Also convicted of maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 364 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 182 actual days previously served plus 182 Class A credit days.

Rayna J. Moffitt, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

September 24

Connie E. Carlson, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony with habitual offender enhancement. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections suspended to Martin County Probation. Defendant shall serve said suspended sentence at the Lighthouse Recovery Center for the full 1.5 years. Defendant shall serve 3 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections as an enhanced sentence with credit for 274 days previously served plus 274 Class A credit days, leaving 547 days to serve on Martin County Community Corrections, as long as the defendant remains eligible.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

September 22

Danny W. Rose, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 23

Amanda Paige Krodell, theft, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 24

Connie E. Carlson, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

September 23

Capital One Bank vs. Felicia Dotterweich, civil collection.

September 24

American Express National Bank vs. Christopher Bearden, civil collection.

Hoosier Hills Credit Union vs. Luther Jones, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

September 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff SHWS Development, LLC and against the defendants Kimberly Rhodes and Alexis Rhodes in the amount of \$4,253.43.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 27

Derek F. Mattingly of Shoals and Katie D. Stone Payne of Shoals.

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By Ann Ackerman



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*You saw cars up on blocks because tires weren't available.

*You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.

*You are the last to see the gold stars in the front windows of grieving neighbors whose sons died in the war.

*You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you imagined what you heard on the radio.

*With no TV until the 50's, you spent your childhood playing outside.

*There was no Little League. There was no city playground for kids.

*The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was like.

*On Saturday afternoons, the movies gave you newsreels sandwiched in between Westerns and Cartoons.

*Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines) and hung on the wall in the kitchen.

*Computers were called calculators; they were hand cranked.

*Typewriters were driven by pounding

fingers throwing the carriage and changing the ribbon.

*INTERNET and GOOGLE were words that did not exist.

*The government gave returning veterans the means to get an education and spurred colleges to grow.

*Low-cost loans and installment payment plans opened many factories for work.

*New highways brought jobs and mobility.

*The radio network expanded from three stations to thousands.

*You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus. They were glad you played by yourselves until the streetlights came on.

*You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves, and felt secure in your future though the "Depression Poverty" was deeply remembered.

*Polio was still a crippler.

*You came of age in the 50's and 60's. You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland. WWII was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life with unease.

*Only your generation can remember both of time of great war, and a time when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty. You grew up at the best possible time.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

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Solid waste board

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Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

Monday, October 11, will be Columbus Day, perhaps the least celebrated of all holidays. Still, it is a federal holiday and banks and governmental offices will close. In recent years, Columbus has somewhat fallen from favor, and some believe this day, a celebration of his landing in the New World in 1492, should not be celebrated. Some believe that his voyages and the exploration and exploitation that followed were not good events. Others point out that the Norse had already been to North America but did not begin colonizing.

Today, most of us ignore Columbus Day. In communities with a large Italian ethnic population, the day has become the official celebration of all things Italian. Whatever you think of Columbus, his exploration changed the world.

Just imagine a pizza without tomato sauce, peppers or pineapple. (OK, I know many of you would just as soon not have pineapple on your pizza.) Were it not for Columbus, tomatoes, peppers and pineapple might never have been known in Italy. All of these plants are native to the western hemisphere and were taken to Europe in the great Columbian Exchange during the years following the voyages of Columbus. Actually, it still took nearly 300 years for tomatoes to translate to tomato sauce. For years, tomatoes were grown as ornamental plants and were thought to be poisonous. Now, tomatoes are one of the main crops in Italy and the sauce is a staple for pizza and pasta.

Other crops from the New World made their way into European kitchens. potatoes became such a staple that a potato blight resulted in a catastrophic famine in Ireland. Squash and pumpkins also became staples in European homes. The American wild sunflower made its way to Russia, where it was developed as a ma-

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- Drop off the field-dressed deer at a local participating processor.
- Processing fees are paid for by the Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund.
- The processor will create healthy venison burger to distribute to food banks.

The participating organizations notify food banks throughout Indiana when venison is ready to be collected from certified Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund butchers. The food banks distribute venison to soup kitchens and food pantries.

As a result of the 2020 deer hunting seasons, the Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund provided funding to process more than 360 harvested deer that resulted in more than 20,650 pounds of venison being donated.

For information on donating your harvested deer and participating processors, please visit sbf.IN.gov.

ajor grain crop. Of course, the results of the breeding of the American plants in Europe eventually returned to the west and have become a part of our everyday diet.

Imagine a world without chocolate. Cacao from South America was taken to Europe and experimentation resulted in the confections prized today. One might say that the Snickers bar owes its existence to Columbus. Peanuts were another food from the Americas.

Many berries were taken to Europe, including blueberries, black raspberries, cranberries and gooseberries. Beans and corn (maize) were also American contributions to the diet of the world. Avocados, papayas and passion fruit also made their way across the Atlantic.

Another American plant that has had a great impact on the world is tobacco. It became the major cash crop for colonists in Virginia and the Carolinas, with most of the crop produced shipped to England and the European mainland.

Of course, the Columbian Exchange brought old world plants to the new world. Sugar cane, rice and coffee found fertile land for cultivation in the west. Settlers found that the climate of sub-equatorial regions of the Americas would support citrus groves. Cotton and flax could be grown in the colonies to supply the textile mills of England. This exchange of goods resulted in fortunes for a few and gave rise to the slave trade.

Europeans also brought new weapons and disease, resulting in the decimation of the native population. Some of the plants brought in became invasive and wiped out the habitat of native plants and the wildlife they supported.

Whether you view Columbus as a hero or a villain, you have to admit that his "discovery" and the resulting exchange between cultures has changed the world. I'll gladly accept the day off and maybe eat some Italian food, complete with American ingredients.

Join The Big Sit! at Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area

Enjoy the sights and sounds of fall bird migration during the Big Sit! on Sunday, October 10 from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. ET at Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area (FWA).

The Big Sit! is an international event focused on recording all bird observations at one location over the course of a day. It is an opportunity for people who love observing birds to spend time together.

Goose Pond FWA is a prime location for observing birds during fall migration and the Big Sit! experience takes the mystery out of where to find birds, which can be helpful for those who are new to birding.

"Hosting the Big Sit! at the Visitors Center allows participants to learn more about the property while also enjoying birding with members of the Friends of Goose Pond and DNR staff," said property manager Kalli Dunn.

Throughout the day, participants are welcome to come to Goose Pond and stay for as long as they like. DNR staff and experienced birders will be on hand to help guests locate birds. Participants should bring a portable chair and binoculars or spotting scopes if they have them.

This event will be held with assistance from the Friends of Goose Pond.

Learn more about the event and register at big-sit-goose-pond-fwa.eventbrite.com.



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

My wife has been splitting open persimmon seeds. For those who don't know what this is supposed to mean – it is an old wives' tale method of predicting the upcoming winter weather. For clarity, I'm not saying my wife is old, but she does like to read persimmon seeds! Traditionally, you split the persimmon seed open to reveal the whitish sprout inside. It may require a bit of imagination, but they are supposed to resemble a spoon, a fork or a knife. The spoon is said to predict lots of heavy, wet snow. A fork means you should expect a mild winter. A knife indicates an icy, windy and bitter cold winter. Surprisingly or luckily, it is often correct. She split open several seeds this year – all were spoons.

Now, I would not bank on that information, but it is a reminder that we need to be prepared ahead of time for whatever the weather decides to throw at us.

Each year is a little different, so strategy and planning must be adjusted as needed as the season progresses. It is also important to have a game plan on how to deal with unplanned circumstances.

I like to try and think ahead of the next livestock move – often calling it staging. Early in the season, the term staging is easier to understand. It is the planned and predicted, yet adjustable, allocations for a set time frame. During spring growth, you want to keep forage as vegetative as possible to provide quality feed for grazing animals and to maintain that solar panel in order to increase forage yield as much as possible with adequate rest. A lot of that is timing of when to go back to the first paddock and start over. It requires a watchful eye to know when to do that too.

By late summer, and into early fall, the growing days for forages start getting numbered. The impact of this is intensified around the Sept. 22 when fall equinox kicks in – daylight is now less than 12 hours per day. This slight change in daylight does slow forage growth. Staging now has more to do with allocating out grazable forage/fodder that is present, allowing as much time as possible for plants to continue to grow to get maximum yield to graze later, and knowing when to graze what in order to maximize all of it and graze longer while meeting livestock nutritional needs.

What should you be grazing right now? If you still need to stockpile forage or rest pasture, then annuals or crop residue can certainly work. Corn stock residue can provide at least 30 days of decent grazing after harvest date. After 30 days, the quality of that fodder will decrease quickly and only maintenance animals should really graze them, unless higher quality annuals have been planted into the stalks, raising the nutritional value and they are ready to graze. If you have annuals such as oats and brassicas that were planted a few weeks ago, some of those can now be grazed. You would not want to graze them too hard if you don't have to; you will want to save some for later so leaving sufficient residual is important, ideally about four inches.

Some areas still have an abundance of forage available for grazing. Deferring this forage for later use provides an opportunity for more growth in the declining daylight days and more opportunity for grazing later. Once we have a good killing freeze, which will be coming soon in the northern part of the state, you can feel comfortable to start grazing stockpiled forages without worrying too much about stressing the plant too much. You want the plant to build both the top and new roots to store energy for next spring. If you continue grazing into late fall the plant will be weakened some next spring.

As we proceed later into October and ap-

proach November, forages that don't hold their value very well, or for very long, need to be grazed first. Orchardgrass, hay aftermath, perennial ryegrass and even smooth brome grass once it has for sure gone dormant should be first on the menu. I would then move back to any annual small grains if soil conditions permit.

The backbone dominating stockpiled forage for the rest of the winter here in the Midwest is most certainly tall fescue. Whether old Kentucky 31 or an endophyte-friendly tall fescue like Max-Q, if it is dominantly new fall regrowth it will hold its nutritional value better than anything for as long as it lasts. The fescue should be the last thing normally grazed in the winter...so save it for late use. It will hold up to some abuse, maintain decent quality and is basically standing hay.

Summer annual warm-season grasses, such as sudangrass or sorghum-sudangrass hybrids often have some late season value, but caution should be taken in utilizing these forages this time of year, Johnsongrass included. Once frosted, these forages quickly start shutting down and can start producing a cyanide-containing compound commonly called prussic acid. This acid is the same compound that is produced by these same plants under stressed conditions. Livestock should be removed from these forages for 10-14 days to allow for the forages to "dry down" and the prussic acid to dissipate before grazing again. Frosted sudangrass or sorghum-sudangrass hybrids can be harvested for balage right after being frosted and later fed if they are allowed their normal fermentation process time period of three or four weeks. Frosted areas may only be "pockets" in a field to start with. Any regrowth from the base of the plant after a frost can also be very high in prussic acid. If in doubt about nitrates or prussic acid – test before feeding or grazing!

I would strongly recommend doing an animal to forage/hay/feed balance right now to see how you are set for the winter. Better to figure out now that you may be short than later when finding and moving hay/feed is more difficult. In dry areas, consider trying to buy yourself a little time for more forage regrowth by feeding some hay or other stored feed now to maximize any potential growth while you can.

Last year most producers would have appreciated a little more free concrete, or rather, frozen ground. It is best to be prepared. Mud is certainly worse around feeding, watering and other concentrated areas. One of the best solutions for these concentrated areas is to install a heavy use protection area or HUAP if you like acronyms, or more simply, rock pads. These areas are fairly simple to construct and better yet, very economical and one of those items I consider "money well spent" for animal well-being.

The rock pad should ideally be placed in a well-drained area. Sometimes you are better off to consider moving your winter-feeding area if drainage is an issue. The ideal site would also have wind protection associated with it. Sometimes, this could be just a row of strategically placed round bales. The pad should also be located away from major drainage areas and water bodies, so you don't have to worry about contaminating them with possible runoff. You would certainly not want to create a resource concern with these areas, so they need to be located appropriately, managed properly and be a part of a planned system. Information on how to build a rock pad can be found at any USDA service center.

Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

Reps urge Hoosiers to connect to free training in fast-growing fields

State Reps. Jeff Ellington (R-Bloomington) and Shane Lindauer (R-Jasper) urge Hoosiers to join the thousands who are already taking advantage of Indiana's Next Level Jobs certificate program to skill up at no cost and obtain a higher-paying job.

With many high-wage positions requiring specially trained workers, Ellington said Hoosiers can skill up for free with a Next Level Jobs Workforce Ready Grant, which covers tuition costs for those earning a high-value certificate from Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University. Since launching in 2017, more than 50,000 Hoosiers have enrolled to complete a high-demand certificate program through Indiana's Next Level Jobs Workforce Ready Grant.

"Indiana needs to build on its labor force in order to prepare for the increasingly technical jobs coming to our state," Ellington said. "Next Level Jobs is a tremendous resource for residents seeking better employment, and for businesses requiring workers with updated skills."

According to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, those who earn a Workforce Ready Grant certificate see an annual median wage increase of \$6,800.

Lindauer said the program is designed

so that participants can continue to work while earning a certificate in 1 of 5 in-demand job fields, including health and life sciences, IT and business services, building and construction, transportation and logistics, and advanced manufacturing. To learn more about Workforce Ready Grants, visit NextLevelJobs.org.

"Whether searching for your first job, re-entering the workforce or planning a career change, there are many high-paying, in-demand positions available throughout Indiana," Lindauer said. "Next Level Jobs gives Hoosiers the opportunity and the resources to take that first step on an exciting new career path."

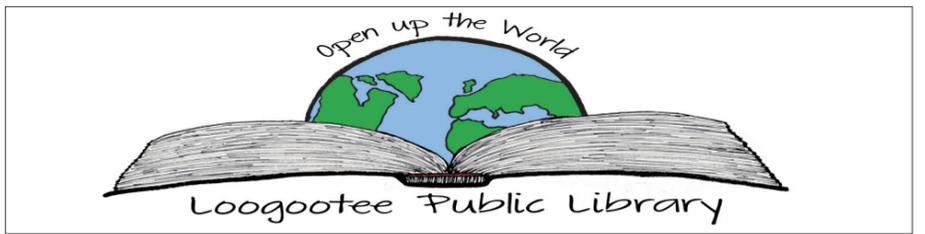
Lindauer said to connect to a career in a fast-growing field today, Hoosiers can also visit IndianaCareerReady.com/INDemandJobs. This website helps job seekers easily explore industries experiencing significant growth, both in the number of hires and in rising wages. High-demand jobs in Indiana include nurses, accountants, computer systems analysts, construction managers, electricians, plumbers and software developers. The web portal offers a sortable list displaying the educational requirements, average salary, job postings and training opportunities for each occupation.



Make My Day grant

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Martin County Community Foundation recently presented a \$500 "Make My Day" Grant to the Martin County Humane Society to help them continue their important mission. Pictured from left to right are Jerry Braun (MCCF Board member), Josh Hughett (Humane Society), Kirby the cat, and Lisa Staff (CFP Grants Officer).



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Shyann Hibbs will be offering a program geared for seniors that focus on balance, connection, and community. There is a \$10 donation to attend the program. The program is scheduled for November 1 from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Pre-registration is required.

Kim McCracken will be offering a wooden scarecrow craft program for adults on October, 19 at 5 p.m. Pre-registration will be required and limit 15 participants.

Makenzie Wagoner will have a Family Fun program on Saturday, October 9 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. She will provide jumbo size Jenga, Yahtzee, Checkers, and Connect Four.

Crafts for kids will be on Fridays while supplies last and Lego playtime on Thursdays.

New Books:

Mystery: "Foul Play" by Stuart Woods, "2 Sisters Detective Agency" by James Patterson, and "Twisted Tea Christmas" by Laura Childs.

Fiction: "The Butler" by Danielle Steel.

Inspiration Fiction: "A Season of Change" by Beth Wiseman.

DVDs: "Roe vs Wade".

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

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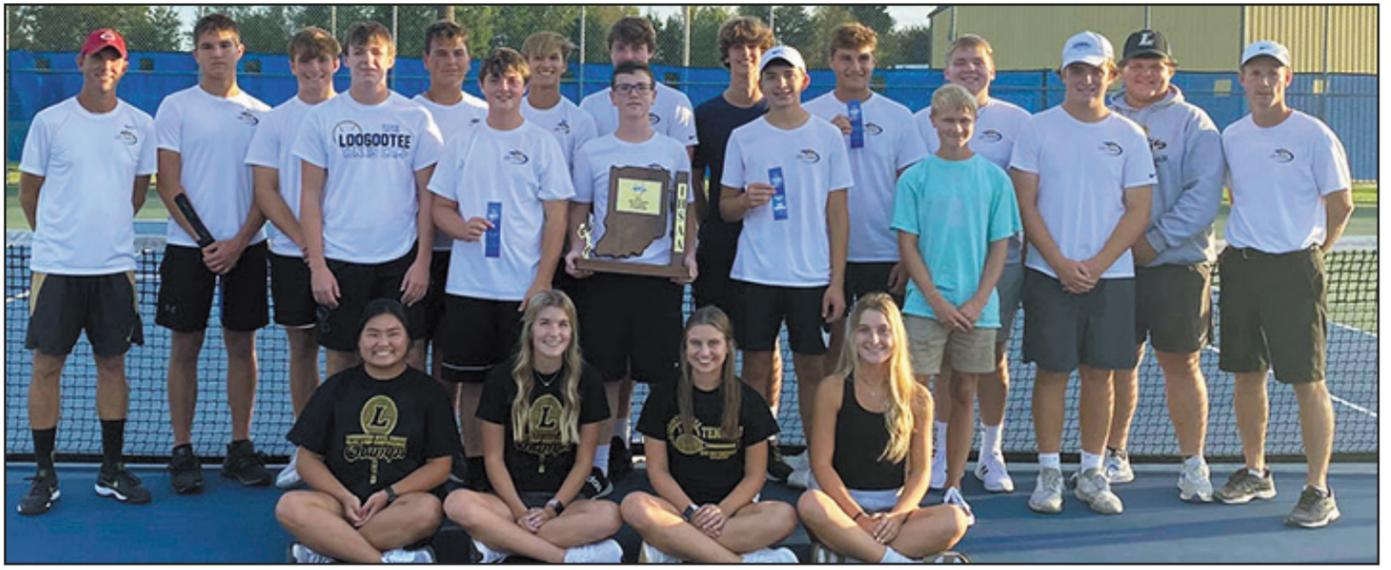

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Loogootee Boys' Tennis win Sectional, fall at Regional

The Loogootee Boys' Tennis Team were defeated in regional at Jasper on Tuesday, October 5. After a perfect season, the boys had their first loss against Jasper, 0-5. They finished their season with a record of 20-1.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "We battled hard tonight and created some opportunities midway through the match to get back into it but Jasper closed the door on that opportunity quickly. Jasper is ranked #12 for a reason. It is not the results we wanted but the better team won tonight. We have had back-to-back perfect regular seasons only to have Jasper end that run in the regional. This type of setback only makes you hungrier. Our four seniors have been a part of the three straight 20-win seasons, two conference titles and four straight sectional championships. This group has a combined varsity record of 82-6. That is an impressive feat and has set the bar high for future generations."



-Photo courtesy Loogootee Tennis Facebook page

In the front row, from left to right, are Grace Foddrill, Katie Callison, Annalise Powell and Kieregan Napier. In the back row are Luke Lengacher, Brandon Bledsoe, Noah Esch, Leighton Jeffers, Kage Lyon, and Reece Tippery. In the back row are Assistant Coach Brad Christmas, Isaac Waggoner, Rory Tippery, Koen Waggoner, Luke Nonte, Peyton Bledsoe, Alex Diaz, Drew Walker, Reis Whitney, Jacob Lengacher and Head Coach Mike Tippery. Not pictured is Wade Walton.

Regional results

#1 Singles Max Sternberg (J) defeated Isaac Waggoner 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Justin Schultz (J) defeated Leighton Jeffers 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Reece Lampert (J) defeated Brandon Bledsoe 6-2, 6-3

#1 Doubles Noah Hanneman/Trey Gutgsell (J) defeated Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe 2-6, 6-3, 6-1

#2 Doubles Caleb Schnarr/Noah Schue (J) defeated Rory Tippery/Drew Walker 6-3, 2-6, 6-0

The Lions defeated Barr-Reeve last Friday night to win Sectional again, four the fourth time in a row. The Lions edged out the win 3-2 and pushed their record to 20-0.

Coach Tippery said after the win, "I was

pleased with the way our doubles played. They took care of business and got us off to a 2-0 lead. I knew we were going to get pushed at all three singles spots. Donnie and Kayden both played great matches. No matter what adjustments we made they had answers. I can't say enough about Leighton Jeffers. He has come through for us on back-to-back nights. I really think the close match Wednesday helped Leighton stay calm and focused at key moments at the end of each set today."

Coach Tippery continued, "At the beginning of the season, I said our strength was in our doubles, but we have pretty good singles players. I need to amend that. We have very good singles players that have stepped up for us all season and

proven they are as good as the big three we had last year."

Finals results

#1 Singles Kayden Graber (BR) defeated Isaac Waggoner 6-4, 6-2

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Hagen Knepp 6-4, 6-4

#3 Singles Donnie Mills (BR) defeated Brandon Bledsoe 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Robert Hostetter/Ethan Stoll 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Isaac Madison/Brody Swartztruber 6-1, 6-0

In Sectional semi-final action last Wednesday, Loogootee defeated Northeast Dubois 3-2.

Semi-final results

#1 Singles Aden Thewes (NED) defeated Isaac Waggoner 7-6 (6), 2-6, 6-2

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

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Gavin Leinenbach 6-3, 6-4

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Aidan Dodd/Ty Kalb 6-3, 6-2

#2 Doubles Corbin Hurt/Brayden Beck (NED) defeated Rory Tippery/Drew Walker 6-3, 6-3

Lady Lions Volleyball results

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball teams defeated Wood Memorial this past Monday night. The varsity took the win in three sets, 25-8, 25-13, and 25-17. The varsity record stands at 21-7.

Jocelyn Strange led in serving points with 21 and in digs with seven. Brooklyn Summers had a team-high 20 assists and added seven serving points. Abbey Fuhrman led in kills with 10 followed by Haylie Mathies and Ashlynn Gilbert with seven each. Kyleigh Courter contributed 13 serving points, Kylie VanHoy added 13 assists and Grace Lingenfelter finished with six digs. The junior varsity Lady Lions won in two sets, 25-22 and 25-16. Breanna Courter led in serving points with 11, in assists with nine and in digs with nine. She also had five kills. Lindsey Nolan finished with seven points and seven digs, Addy Lengacher had five serving points and six assists and Alana Hedrick contributed five kills and six digs. Vittoria Zoia contributed six digs also. The varsity Lady Lions competed in the Boonville Invitational last weekend. The girls defeated Boonville 25-18 and 25-23 and Evansville Bosse 25-10 and 25-24. They lost to Caste 14-25 and 20-25.

Kyleigh Courter led the day with a team-high 17 serving points followed by Brooklyn Summers with 15 and Grace

Lingenfelter with 12. Summers also added 36 assists and Lingenfelter added 16 digs. Ashlynn Gilbert led in kills with 13 while Abbey Fuhrman, Haylie Mathies and Kylie VanHoy each had 10. Jocelyn Strange led in digs with 29 and VanHoy added 21 assists.

The varsity defeated Springs Valley last week in five sets, 14-25, 23-25, 25-18, 28-26, and 15-12.

Abbey Fuhrman finished with 11 serving points followed by Kyleigh Courter with 10, and Brooklyn Summers and Jocelyn Strange with nine each. Kyle VanHoy led in kills with 22 with Haylie Mathies added 13 and Sydnee Wittmer with 11. Summers led the team in assists with 35 while VanHoy added 18 along with 13 digs. Strange finished with 22 digs and Courter had 14. Mallorie Sutton contributed two blocks.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Springs Valley in three sets, 25-23, 15-25, and 15-6.

Breanna Courter led in serving points with 11 and also had five kills and six assists. Lindsey Nolan led in digs with 15 followed by Addy Lengacher, Vittoria Zoia and Abigail Nonte with five each. Lengacher also added seven assists and Zoia added five serving points. Alana Hedrick finished with seven kills and Ashlynn Gilbert had four serving points.



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Annual Dinner

The Martin County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that we will once again have our Annual Dinner event!

But because of COVID-19, the meeting portion will be conducted virtually with videos posted online. And there will be a drive-thru meal at the Martin County Community Building on the 4-H fairgrounds. We hope to see you there and share a smile or two!

Monday, November 1
Meals to be picked up 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Video link will be on our Facebook page and on our website at www.cfpartner.org

Meal tickets will not be sold at the door!

*Tickets are \$20 with a meal and \$15 with no meal. Tickets **must be purchased by Friday, October 15th**, and are available from MCCF Board Members Laura Albertson, Jerry Braun, Dan Gregory, Jenell Hoffman, Alan Lagree, Paula Ringwald, Angie Risacher, Garry Smith, Phillip Smith, Annette Taylor, and Curt Johnson. You may also call the MCCF Office at 812-295-1022 for tickets.*

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