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MARY WILDMAN

Mary Wildman named new Martin County historian

Martin County has a new county historian. With the passing of County Historian Nancy Baker on November 8, 2020, Martin County Historical Society nominated and approved Mary Wildman to be the next historian. This past week, the Indiana Historical Society also approved Mary.

Mary has been involved with the historical society for many years and a board member for the past four years. She has been a key point of contact for visitors

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Commissioners discuss ARPA, FSG

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, February 8.

Auditor Bobbie Abel told the commissioners that the county council approved the financial aspect of having FSG serve as the county's financial advisor for this year. The commissioners now have to approve the contract portion. The contract approved by the council was not to exceed \$25,000.

Commissioner Cody Roush said he is against hiring the advisor to help with the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Auditor Abel asked Commissioner Roush if he plans to write the internal controls required as part of the plan. She said a management plan also has to be submitted and she wants to make sure they are done properly.

Commissioner Roush replied that there are really only three projects they plan to do with the ARPA funds, and he thinks the discussion of hiring the advisor should take place at the ARPA meeting on February 17.

County Attorney Dave Lett said other counties are hiring firms to help them with ARPA funds too.

Commissioner Paul George suggested tabling the ARPA contract until the meeting next week. He said they can also discuss a dollar amount cap to include in the contract.

Back to the county's contract with FSG, Commissioner George said they are in a tough situation having to approve the contract so the council can have the advisor, whether the commissioners want it or not. Commissioner Aaron Summers then made a motion to approve the county's contract with FSG. Commissioner Roush said he wanted to read the contract first. Commissioner (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 3)

County council again split over financial advisor

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council had a small dispute at their meeting Monday night, February 7 regarding re-hiring the financial advisor for the county. The contract for Greg Guerrettaz, with FSG (Financial Solutions Group), came up for a vote. The contract is for 2022 and the cost is not to exceed \$25,000. The council approved the contract with a 5-2 vote, with Council Members Adam Greene and Randy Winger voting against.

Council Member Barb McFeaters asked Greene and Winger who they would suggest do the job if they do not want the advisor.

Council Members Greene and Winger both replied that the county council should do the job. Greene added that the county council is paid to do this work.

McFeaters asked if they have been to financial school and are CPAs (Certified Public Accountants) now. Before they could respond she asked if they know all the rules involved with government finance. She said the county is a quarter of a percent away from reaching the ceiling of the maximum income tax and they need to have someone to help them look at every aspect of the budget.

Council Member Greene replied that the cost is what concerns him.

Council Member McFeaters said the financial advisor has already saved the county as much as his contract.

Greene asked how.

McFeaters replied that the financial advisor is going to help the county re-establish the cumulative capital development fund because the auditor doesn't know how to do it.

Greene asked Auditor Bobbie Abel if the state department of local government finance could provide resources to help her with that.

Auditor Abel replied that they will only send the statute showing it is a requirement now. She also noted that the financial advisor only bills the county for the hours he helps them.

McFeaters added that the financial advisor worked more hours than the contract maximum however didn't bill them over the \$25,000.

Auditor Abel said Guerrettaz has worked for the department of local government finance and the Association of Indiana Counties before starting his own firm.

"He seems like a sharp guy, but the county needs to cut where they can," replied Council Member Greene.

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Primary Election candidates are final

The following offices are on the Martin County Primary ballots this year. The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2022. During the Primary, voters are required to choose a ballot (Republican or Democrat) and the voter will only vote on races from that party. The Martin County races that need a voter decision for the Republican ballot are County Council District 2, County Council District 4, and Shoals Town Council (choosing three to move on to the General Election). On the Democrat ballot are County Commissioner District 2 and Perry Township Trustee. The winners of those races will move on to the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, along with the others that didn't need a Primary decision. During the General Election, all races are on one ballot for a final decision from the voters.

County Assessor - Carolyn McGuire (R)

County Clerk - Julie Fithian (R)
County Council District 1 - Jordan Dant (R)

County Council District 2 - Jim Hamby (R); Gerald D. Montgomery (R); James A. "Buck" Stiles (R)

County Council District 3 - Monty Gregory (R); Richard Summers (D)

County Council District 4 - Andrew Beaver (R); Sheri J. Bowling (R)

County Commissioner District 2 - Paul George (D); John R. Collins (D)

Circuit Court Judge - Isha E. Wright-Ryan (R)

County Prosecutor - Aureola S. Vincz (R)

County Sheriff - Josh Greene (R)

Perry Township Trustee - Brenda J. Smith (D); Jason Hennette (D); Darla Harper Wagler (D)

Halbert Township Trustee - Exzelia Montgomery (R)

Mitcheltree Township Trustee - Tammy Jo Gore (D)

Center Township Trustee - Ann Marie Stewart (R)

Rutherford Township Trustee - Terry J. Street (R)

Lost River Township Trustee - Mildred C. Brown (R)

Perry Township Board - Julie Green (D), Anthony J. "Tony" Dant (D); Brandi Hennette (D)

Halbert Township Board - Kimberly Albright (R); Stephanie (Stevie) J. Horton (R); Travis Montgomery (R)

Mitcheltree Township Board - Becky Sellers (R); Kay Belcher (R); Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (R)

Center Township Board - Norma Baker (R); Matthew Sullivan (R); Dean Crandall (R)

Rutherford Township Board - Virgil Scott Street (D); Danny F. Berry (R); Jeff Horney (R)

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-Photo provided

The Danny Clark family was awarded the Farm Family of the Year for Martin County at the Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting on Monday night, February 7. Shown above, from left to right, are Danny Clark, Sheila Clark and Justin Clark.

Residents honored at Soil & Water meeting

The Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District held their 77th Annual Meeting on February 7 at the Martin County Learning Center. The evening started with guest speaker, Ben Kent, Shoals High School Ag and Shop teacher. Mr. Kent spoke to the group about the great things going on at Shoals School. The students are involved raising pigs, chickens and growing a vegetable garden and orchard. They have poured a walking path around the school and collect rainwater to water the livestock and plants. The shop class builds picnic tables and other items to sell. They are in the process of building a pole barn to house the livestock, feed and other supplies. Mr. Kent encouraged everyone to contact him for a tour of the Ag area.

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-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Karen Whorrall was honored with the Fred L. Woods Lifetime Conservationist of the Year award at the soil and water annual meeting.

USI Fall Dean's List

In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, the University of Southern Indiana Dean's List has been released for the Fall 2021 semester.

Semester honors are not awarded to master's degree students or doctoral students.

Undergraduate students must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 system) to be named to the list. Students earning no IN (incomplete) or Z (missing) grades for the term and earning letter grades of computable point value (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory and Pass/No Pass graded courses do not apply) in 12 or more semester hours, with a semester grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 are named to the list.

The following are students on the Dean's List from Martin County:

Loogootee: Chloe M. Carrico, Corrine E. Corbin, Annie E. Graber, David D. Graber, Leonna L. Hedrick, Erin K. Herbst, Christopher Jones, Cassandra Knepp, David C. Lengacher, Aaron J. Lents, Savannah H. McAtee, Kallin B. Trambaugh, Katie A. Wagler, Makenzie J. Wagoner, and Olivia R. Winger

Shoals: Erica J. Bratton, Kenady A. Bratton, Alan E. Cook, Gabrielle N. McCarty, and Layne M. Turpin

SOIL & WATER

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Chairman David Gregory was re-elected to another three-year term by a unanimous vote.

Karen Whorrall was presented with the Fred L. Woods "Lifetime Conservationist of the year" award. Karen was recognized for her years of conservation including tree planting, her work to eradicate invasive species and her help with CISMA.

The Danny and Justin Clark Family were presented with the Farm Family of the Year award. Danny, along with wife, Sheila; their son, Justin and daughters, Jessica and Jennifer raise cattle. They also put up hay for the cattle.

The Soil and Water District would like to thank the agricultural community for all they do.

HISTORIAN

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looking for their family history in the county.

To contact Mary, email historical@frontier.com, by phone at 812 247 1133 or send an inquiry by mail to Martin County Historical Society Box 564 Shoals IN 47581. Att: Mary Wildman.

COUNCIL

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A member of the audience asked how long the county plans to use the financial advisor.

Council Member Warren Albright said they are still learning from him. Council Member McFeaters said it will be a year-by-year basis and they will evaluate the need each year.

Albright added that the county council are less informed on what the job of county council entails which is what the financial advisor is helping them with.

Auditor Abel said the financial advisor came up with a three-year plan for the county and they plan to expand and broaden that. She said her personal opinion is that it's a benefit having extra eyes to look over the county budgets. She said after they learn what they need to, the need for the advisor diminishes. She said the current requirement of the restructuring of the cumulative capital development fund will require certain percentages of money to go in certain funds, such as reassessment, for example. She said she needs help navigating that.

In other business, the council approved a transfer for the community corrections department for \$13,325. The money is leftover from a juvenile grant received and will be split between both county schools so they can hold convocations for students. Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy said each school will be deciding what the topic of the convocation will be, such as substance abuse, vaping or bullying.

Murphy said they currently have 17 clients in community corrections and recently interviewed 10-12 others who are eligible. She said she sees a continued increase in clients in the future.

Sheriff Travis Roush presented his bi-annual commissary report. He also gave the auditor a check for \$109,165 for housing Vigo County inmates. He said he currently has 25 in the jail.

The sheriff noted that his staffing issues are almost resolved, and he has a full roster of jail officers and deputies. He said they are not completely staffed with full-time dispatchers however have several part-time positions filling in. He said the recent raises really paid off.

The merit board recently approved hiring Kyle Long as a new deputy. Sheriff Roush said he currently has 10 deputies with one in the academy in Evansville.

Alliance Director Angie Risacher reported that Phil Smith will be attending the redevelopment commission meeting

on February 17 to discuss WestGate and TIF funds. She said the state is projecting 2,000 jobs to be added to WestGate over the next few years and the county needs to start talking about this and how to bring new residents to the county. She said that many of those new hires most likely won't relocate to Martin County but added, "Wouldn't it be nice if a few of them did?"

Risacher also talked to the council about a group of site selectors who will be coming to the county on March 2 to

assess the county's land and see if any could be developed. She said this assessment is typically \$10,000 but the county is getting it for free. She said once the assessment is complete, if someone calls her to see about locating to the county, she will have a list of what land is available for development.

Risacher said they are also working on getting a USDA revolving loan set up for small businesses in the county that will provide zero interest loans to help with any impact of COVID.

ELECTION

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Lost River Township Board – Keith Emmons (R); Alice Dianne Butler (R); Bruce Fithian (R)

Shoals Town Council (3 members) – Cary D. Albright (R), Roger Lee Abel (R), Richard "Rick" Gibbs (R); Kevin R. Boyd (R); Walter Holt (D), Cecil L. Ragsdale (D), Micky Hawkins Crew (D)

Shoals Clerk/Treasurer – Sierra Rutledge (D)

Crane Town Council (3 members) – Ronald Barker (R); Charles Parcels Jr. (R); Henry Lauders (R)

Crane Clerk/Treasurer – Linda Wiloughby (R)

Democrat Precinct Committeemen (only on ballot if there is a contest) – Larry Fellers (D) - Perry 1

Democrat and Republican State Convention Delegates (only on ballot if there is a contest) – Gerald Montgomery (R), Dale E. Brown (R), Warren D. Albright

(R); Stephen A. Deckard (D), Audra P. Deckard (D)

Federal and State
United States Senator for Indiana - Haneefah Khaaliq (D); Valerie McCray (D); Thomas M. McDermott, Jr (D); Danny Niederberger (R); Todd Young (R)

US House of Representatives Eighth District - Adnan H Dhahir (D); Ray McCormick (D); Peter F.H. Priest II (D); Larry D. Bucshon (R)

Indiana Senate District 39 - Eric Bassler (R)

Indiana House of Representatives District 63 - Teresa Kendall (D); Shane M. Lindauer (R)

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OBITUARIES

LINDA COURTRIGHT

Linda Faye Courtright, 72, of Loogootee, passed away at 5:16 p.m. February 4, 2022, at Sycamore Care Strategies (Loogootee Nursing Center). A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.



LINDA COURTRIGHT

Linda was a dedicated mother and homemaker. She enjoyed spending time with family, friends, and her grandkids. She also loved to travel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David Daniel and Ruth Loucille (Lindley) Tinkle; siblings, Janet Ragains, Jack Tinkle, Clara Winger, William Bill Tinkle, Daniel Tinkle, Carolyn Sue Bailey, Carl Tinkle and Pam Blair.

Linda is survived by her children, Sandy (Keith) Carrico of Montgomery, Everett Hopkins of Loogootee and Starrla (Jerry) Bussinger of Loogootee; brothers, Tennis Tinkle of Loogootee, Harold Tinkle of Dubois; sisters, Yvonne Stone of Loogootee, Brenda Tedrow of Loogootee and Lana Bush of Linton; grandchildren, Brandon Carrico, Zachary Carrico, Moriah Bussinger, Ruger Hopkins and Sarah Bussinger; and one great grandchild, Leighla Grace Hopkins.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 8 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Marvin Lagle officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

ELIZABETH BYRER

Elizabeth Allegra Arvin Byrer passed from this life on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, at Stonecroft Health Campus in Bloomington. She was 79.

Beth was born on May 28, 1942, in Washington; daughter of Orland Arvin



ELIZABETH BYRER

Beth grew up on the Arvin Farm in Martin County, where she milked cows twice a day. Her grandparents, Raymond and Carrie Armstrong, had a farm in Pennyville, Indiana, where she, her siblings and cousins all played in the barn. Beth began playing the piano in her early childhood and was one of the best pianists in a family full of good musicians. She had many jobs including Crane, IU, and was a Cook retiree. She respected all religions and beliefs. She was deeply spiritual, an avid reader of poetry and the Bible, and loved astronomy.

Beth was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 1989. MS robbed her of the use of her body, but it never took away her brain, her spirit, her wit, or her faith. She was right with her soul.

Beth is survived by her loving daughters, Carrie Beth Byrer and Deana Stand; her son-in-law, Tom Stand; her sisters, Francine Schmitt (Mike) and Abigail Bishop (Wally); her brothers, Quentin Arvin (Karen) and Randy Arvin (Marianne); many nieces and nephews; and an army of nurses who cared for her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her loving husband of almost 57 years, her Gabby.

Good ways to honor and remember her are to enjoy a good book, listen to music, learn an instrument, love unconditionally, and be kind to all—Godspeed, Momma!!

A private, family-only service was held Tuesday, February 8 at Deremiah-Frye Mortuary (700 W Gourley Pike, Bloomington, IN 47404).

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.DeremiahFryeMortuary.com for the Byrer family

and Eleanor Armstrong Arvin, the oldest of their five children. She married Gary Dean (Gabby) Byrer on August 14, 1960. Their relationship exemplified unwavering commitment and great love.

ALICIA KEITH

Alicia Ann Keith passed away February 3, 2022. A resident of Washington, she was 41.

She was born July 3, 1980, in Washington; daughter of Tracey Keith, who passed away January 31, 2022.

Alicia was a 1998 graduate of Washington High School who later attended Vincennes University and the University of Southern Indiana. She was a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant and a member of Alpha Psi Chapter of Psi Iota Xi. Alicia was a lifelong member of the Antioch Christian Church and attended the Bethany Christian Church during the past two years. She enjoyed cooking and coloring.

Those who now cherish Alicia's memory include her brother, Ryan (Brian-na) Keith of Evansville; grandparents, Austin and Barbara (Chestnut) Keith

of Washington; aunt and uncle Cheryl (John) Hardesty of Bloomfield; aunt and uncle, Jeff (Sue) Keith of Washington; special friend, Brian Potts of Loogootee; and nephews, Case and Ryker Smith.

During her lifetime, Alicia knew the heartache of loss with the passing of her mother, Tracey Keith, and cousin, Cody Keith.

Donations may be made to Alicia's family in care of the Ed L. Lee Mortuary.

A funeral service was held Saturday, February 5 at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary, North Chapel. Pastor Tom Watson officiated. Interment followed in the Antioch Christian Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

The staff of the Ed Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with Alicia Keith's arrangements.

COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner George moved onto other business while he waited for Roush to read the contract. When it circled back to whether to approve it, Commissioner Roush said he isn't in favor of having the advisor. "I have my reasoning and I'd prefer to stay quiet about it," he said. He added that he was excited about having an advisor at first but hasn't seen any money saved.

Commissioner Summers said the savings cannot be gauged this quickly. "Rome wasn't built in a day," said Summers.

Auditor Abel agreed saying the financial advisor has only been working for the county for six months. She said it's going to take longer than that to turn things around.

Commissioner George asked elected officials in the audience. Treasurer Lori Carrico said she is in favor of keeping the advisor on for another year. She said they have learned a lot from him, and he has good ideas and asks good questions. "I think it's worth the money," she said. Assessor Carolyn McGuire agreed saying the advisor sees what other counties do and has that knowledge to pass on to Martin County.

Commissioner George said he wasn't in favor of having a financial advisor at first,

but the council believes the advisor is trying to help. He said he doesn't want to upset the council because he may need their help with something in the future.

In the end the contract was approved with Commissioner Roush voting against.

The commissioners discussed an ordinance establishing a fund for an emergency use grant for the health department related to COVID for \$150,000 over the next two years. Commissioner Roush asked about the verbiage in the grant because he didn't want to approve it if there was anything stating a vaccine would be mandatory. Attorney Lett wasn't at the meeting yet during this discussion, so the commissioners decided to table approving the new fund. County Attorney Lett came into the meeting later and was asked about the wording of the grant. Lett said there was nothing in there about mandating vaccines. The commissioners then approved the ordinance creating the fund.

Commissioner George read a letter stating that Emergency Management Director Monty Wolf will be recognized for 50 years of service at Indiana General Assembly on February 21.

The commissioners approved Shirley Jeffers to serve on the Loogootee Public Library Board.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

7:26 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:35 a.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted the Martin County Highway Department with a vehicle identification check.

9:53 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:23 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

10:35 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:51 a.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

1:36 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:38 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Loogootee. ISP was notified.

5:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:39 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:47 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:10 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

3:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:50 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a report of property damage at Gypsum Express, east of Shoals. ISP was notified.

7:55 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

10:22 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check northeast of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:16 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:20 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins took two inmates to court.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins took two inmates to court.

5:57 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims, Town Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a theft northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Sergeant Gibson were notified.

6:54 p.m. - Received a request for a permit for a roadkill deer north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:56 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did

not transport.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Civil Defense and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:12 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Means and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene was notified.

2:51 p.m. - Received a report of an accident northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Gibson and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:05 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a report of a theft northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene was notified.

5:05 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received several accidental 911 calls.

8:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Flanagan and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

12:11 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:03 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded and Martin County Highway Department was notified.

2:03 p.m. - Received a bulldozer complaint on county roads south of Loogootee. Major Keller and Corporal Wells responded.

2:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Harmon, Corporal Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane

Fire Department responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:42 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person south of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

6:46 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of property damage north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:21 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm north of Loogootee. The property owner was notified.

6:10 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Loogootee. Civil Defense and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:10 p.m. - Received a report of property damage northeast of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:00 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

4:09 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:56 a.m. - Corporal Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

8:30 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Corporal Wells was notified.

10:58 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

11:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:46 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

12:14 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle in Shoals. Corporal Wells was notified.

9:24 a.m. - Received a report of slick roads southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

11:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson, Corporal Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:07 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. ISP was notified.

5:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. ISP was no-

tified.

5:49 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:21 p.m. - Received notification of an e-learning day for Shoals Community School due to weather conditions.

6:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Sergeant Gibson and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health Paoli.

11:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Animal Control Officer Hughett were notified.

11:02 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

Real estate transfers

Jerry Lee Earl, of Martin County, Indiana to **John Jeremy Earl**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 10 acres.

David Watkins and Lisa Watkins to **Kevin Martin Malone**, the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter and a strip 16 rods in width off the west side of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, all in Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 48 acres. Also, the north half of the north half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 10 acres. The exception of tracts containing 22 acres and one acre.

Kenneth J. Allen, of Martin County, Indiana to **James E. VanWinkle**, of Marion County, Indiana, 10 acres in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

Thomas J. Miller, of Martin County, Indiana to **Richard B. Ivey and Charla R. Ivey**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Donald Nolan, of Martin County, Indiana to **Stephanie Gilbert**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 1, except therefrom 13.16 feet of even width off the north end of said lot in Risacher's Third Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

10:32 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a possible domestic disturbance on Queen Street.

4:45 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding a domestic issue.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:57 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of suspicious activity in the Hindostan Falls area.

6:56 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a welfare check at a local business.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

12:46 p.m. - Chief Means and Loogootee First Responders were dispatched to a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

2:22 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Vine Street.

2:51 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage accident on Reinhart Road.

10:00 p.m. - Received an alarm at a local business.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:05 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth and Reserve Captain Harmon completed a welfare check at a local business.

2:42 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Street.

6:06 p.m. - Caller reported an erratic driver on Lincoln Avenue.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:50 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a slide off on Bloomfield Road.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

4:00 a.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with checking a residence with an open door.

11:13 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East Broad-

way Street.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

11:06 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Terrace Drive.

1:03 p.m. - Officer Wells and Officer Gibson responded to a report of a runaway child.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

9:30 a.m. - Timothy Ervin, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:02 p.m. - Tessa Brown, 47, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant. She is being held on a \$480.37 bond.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

3:48 p.m. - Logan Plano, 18, of Linton, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:17 a.m. - Charles Kline, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with public intoxication. He is being held on a \$6,000 10 % bond.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

11:00 a.m. - Diagina Williams, 35, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with operating while intoxicated-refusal and possession of marijuana. She is being held on a \$6,000 10% bond.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

January 31

Travis L. Holman, convicted of criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 12 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days.

February 1

Jasmine Nichole Harner, convicted of cruelty to an animal, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 12 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days.

Johnathon Chace Allstott, convicted of false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 24 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 12 actual days previously served plus 12 Class A credit days.

Matthew J. Carruthers, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 6 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days.

Roland L. Slaubaugh, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Michael Alan Sluder, convicted of intimidation, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 614 days suspended and credit for 58 actual days previously served plus 58 Class A credit days. Defendant received 20 months of probation.

Jason J. Roach, convicted of operating

a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 52 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Christopher R. Earley, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 126 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 63 actual days previously served plus 63 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

January 31

Travis L. Holman, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; two counts of battery resulting in bodily injury, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

February 1

Jasmine Nichole Harner, cruelty to an animal, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Roland L. Slaubaugh, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jason J. Roach, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Christopher R. Earley, obstructing traffic, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

February 1

Karen A. Hickman vs. Michael J. Searl, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

January 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff TD Bank USA and against the defendant Debra Montgomery in the amount of \$5,648.16.



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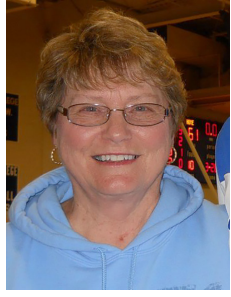
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I went to the Walmart today, and I was there for literally 5 minutes.

When I came out there was a state trooper writing a parking ticket for being in a handicap spot.

So, I went up to him and said, "Come on, buddy, how about giving a guy a break?"

He ignored me and continued writing the ticket. So, I called him a pencil-necked cop. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for worn tires!

So, I then asked him if his psychiatrist makes him lie face down on the couch cause he's so ugly.

He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket!

This went on until he had placed five tickets on the windshield... the more I insulted him, the more tickets he wrote.

I didn't care. My car was parked around the corner.

Betty White quotes:

*Get at least eight hours of beauty sleep, nine if you're ugly.

*If one has no sense of humor, one is in trouble.

*I not only knew Houdini, but we had a very lovely relationship...I really thought we had something going, and then the son of a gun disappeared.

*I don't understand how people can get so anti-something. Mind your own business. Take care of your affairs, and don't worry about other people so much.

THOUGHTS

*If you're praying for a blizzard, please

go to Dairy Queen.

*I just fired myself from cleaning my house. I don't like my attitude and I got caught drinking on the job.

*Did a little mechanics work today. Put a rear end in a recliner.

*As the year progresses, I urge you to take care of yourself and avoid accidents because spare parts for old models like you are no longer in stock.

*My dog thinks I'm perfect. Who cares what anyone else thinks?

*Going to bed early, not leaving my house, not going to a party - My childhood punishments have become my adult goals.

*The clocks go forward next weekend. Not sure how far forward, but I think 4 months should do it.

ENGLISH LESSON

Tsunami - T is silent
Honest - H is silent
Psychology - P is silent
Knife - K is silent
Wife - Husband is silent
Class dismissed.

SERIOUSISMS

*If I cannot do great things, I can do small things in a great way. -Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Once you carry your own water, you will learn the value of every drop.

*Act twice as much as you think.

*When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them, but to live with the love they left behind.

Make someone smile today!

Right To Life announces Father Frank Pavone as banquet speaker

Daviess/Pike and Martin County Right to Life groups announce that Father Frank Pavone will be the guest speaker at their annual banquet on October 6 of this year.

Father Frank Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world. Originally from New York, he was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal John O'Connor, and has dedicated his entire life and ministry to ending abortion.

In 1993 he requested and received permission to serve as the National Director of Priests for Life, the largest pro-life ministry in the Catholic Church. He is also the President of the National Pro-life Religious Council, and the National Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and of Rachel's Vineyard, the world's largest ministry of healing after abortion.

Father Pavone travels throughout the country, to an average of four states every week, preaching and teaching against abortion. He broadcasts daily to hundreds



Shown above is Father Frank Pavone (Center) with Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (right) and Liz Kavanaugh (left) at the Right to Life Banquet in Evansville in August of 2021 when Father Pavone was given the Lifetime Achievement Award by Right to Life of Southwest Indiana.

of thousands of people on television, radio and online programs.

The banquet will be held once again at the Simon J. Graber Building at 6:30 p.m. on October 6. Ticket information will be available later this year.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, February 10 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

ARPA meeting

The Martin County ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Board will meet Thursday, February 17 at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous,

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

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The last of the flowering plants being honored this year by the National Garden Association is one that is familiar to most gardeners. In the perennial category, 2022 is the Year of Phlox.

There are over 65 species of phlox, and all but a couple are true perennials, meaning they will come back in the garden for multiple years. Most are native to North America, but a couple are found in Siberia. Phlox is a genus that was exported to Europe soon after European exploration of the Americas began, and breeding efforts have spanned several centuries. The European breeders are now sending some wonderful new cultivars back to America.

Phlox are divided into two main groups: groundcover phlox and tall phlox. Both types have five-petal flowers that appear in large panicles. In fact, the name phlox comes from the Greek word for flame. The flowers may be red, pink, purple, blue or white, and many of the new cultivars have bi-color flowers. Most groundcover phlox bloom in the spring, and the tall phlox bloom in the summer and fall.

Phlox do best in full sun, but anyone who has seen the wild tall phlox knows that some shade is tolerated. However, flowers growing in the shade tend to flop over easily. They like a rich soil with good drainage, preferring a sandy loam. If you lack that soil, you can amend the soil with plenty of compost.

The tall phlox will often re-bloom, especially if they are deadheaded. However, if you do not deadhead, the plant will set seed, which will fall to the ground and result in more plants. These seedlings sometimes offer some surprises, as various cultivars cross readily. The root system is stoloniferous, meaning that the

plant develops horizontal roots that will increase the size of a clump in a couple of years. To ensure the plants perform well, most will benefit from dividing every three to five years.

Phlox flowers are loved by pollinators, especially butterflies. They are even host plants for a couple of butterfly species. The tubular flowers are also a good nectar source for hummingbirds and bees.

The biggest enemy of phlox is powdery mildew. Some of the new cultivars have been bred for resistance to this fungal disease. Otherwise, you may need to treat the foliage with a fungicide. Once the fungus starts, there is nothing you can do except cut the plant down and dispose of the diseased foliage. Good air circulation will help to prevent the fungal disease. You should never use an over-head watering system when watering phlox, as wet foliage invites fungal problems.

Some phlox blooms are very fragrant. My personal favorite is a white cultivar named "David", the scent of which is among the most pleasant odors in the garden. The blooms are also long-lasting and the flower clusters are very large. This wonderful plant has earned a prominent spot in my moon garden.

In fact, phlox cultivars exist for about every garden spot where there is a reasonable amount of sunlight. The creeping phlox and moss phlox are great groundcovers for banks. Some have evergreen foliage, so they even look good when not in bloom. Native woods phlox add some bright flowers in marginal areas at the edge of shade gardens. The perfume of scented cultivars make those plants great for sensory gardens. I even planted phlox in a Bible garden. After all, the shepherds were guarding their phlox at night.

Ag Economy Barometer declines, producers concerned about rising costs and supply chain disruptions

BY KAMI GOODWIN

Purdue University News Service

Farmer sentiment weakened in January as the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer declined 6 points to a reading of 119, its second-lowest reading since July 2020. The Index of Current Conditions fell 13 points to a reading of 133, while the Index of Future Expectations changed little in January, down 2 points to a reading of 112. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted Jan. 17-21.

"Rising farm input costs and ongoing supply chain disruptions appear to be contributing to producers' weaker perception of current conditions and expectations of their farm's financial performance in 2022 when compared to last year," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The Farm Financial Performance Index fell sharply in January to a reading of 83, a 30 percent decline compared with a year earlier, and 27 percent lower than in December 2021. The financial index is generated based upon producers' responses to whether they expect their farm's current financial performance to be better than, worse than or about the same as the previous year.

"The sharp drop in the financial performance index this month indicates producers expect a sharp decline in income in

2022 compared to 2021. In the December survey, producers were focused on comparing a very positive income year, 2021, to 2020, which really supported the index at year end," Mintert said.

The Farm Capital Investment Index also weakened this month, falling 4 points to a reading of 45. In January, 52 percent of respondents said they plan to reduce their farm machinery purchases in the upcoming year. Supply chain issues continue to hamper farmers' investment plans as, for the third month in a row, over 40 percent of producers reported that low farm machinery inventories were holding back their purchase plans. Farm construction plans were also weaker this month as 66 percent of respondents reported reducing their construction plans in the year ahead versus last year.

Supply chain concerns extend beyond farm machinery and farm building/grain bin construction plans. Disruptions in the supply chain for many farm inputs, coupled with strong demand, are pushing production costs higher. Fifty-seven percent of survey respondents in January said they expect farm input prices to rise by 20 percent or more in 2022, and 34 percent of producers said they expect prices to rise by 30 percent or more.

The disruptions extend not just to input pricing, but also input availability. In January, 28 percent of producers responding to the survey said they have had difficulty purchasing crop inputs from suppliers for the 2022 crop season. In a follow-up question posed to producers experiencing difficulty in procuring crop inputs,

Applications for reserved spring turkey hunts opening soon

Indiana DNR is accepting applications for reserved spring turkey hunts from February 14 through March 14.

Hunters can apply online at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt by clicking "Apply for a reserved hunt" and entering their Customer ID. The online method is the only way to apply. Late entries will not be accepted.

Applicants must possess a valid hunting license for the species they wish to hunt. A valid spring turkey hunting license and game bird habitat stamp privilege, a comprehensive lifetime hunting license, comprehensive lifetime hunting and fishing license, or a resident youth hunt/trap combo license is required to hunt or call in wild turkeys in the spring season. Non-hunting partners who plan to call in wild turkeys must be properly licensed.

The application process is consolidated into the online services website, on.IN.gov/INHuntFish, along with licenses, CheckIN Game, and HIP registration. You do not need to have an online account to apply, so there is no need to log in.

Even though there is no fee to apply, you must still add the registration to the cart, "Proceed to Checkout", and "Place Order" to complete the application process.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized random drawing. Draw results will be available within two weeks of the application closing. You can see draw results at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt by clicking the "View hunt draw results" link. You can also check if you were drawn by logging in to on.IN.gov/INHuntFish, where you can see the full history of your past hunt registrations. An email will be sent to applicants when results are available.

Applications will be accepted for the

following properties:

Fish & Wildlife Areas (FWAs)

These properties are holding reserved turkey draws for April 27-29, April 30-May 1, and May 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, 14-15: Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area, Jasper-Pulaski FWA, J.E. Roush Lake FWA, Kingsbury FWA, LaSalle FWA, Pigeon River, FWA, Tri-County FWA, Willow Slough FWA, and Winamac FWA

The below properties are holding reserved turkey draws for April 27-29 and April 30-May 1:

Atterbury FWA, Crosley FWA, Deer Creek FWA, Fairbanks Landing FWA, Glendale FWA, Goose Pond FWA, Hillenbrand FWA, Hovey Lake FWA, Sugar Ridge FWA and State Reservoirs

Mississinewa Lake is holding reserved draws for April 27-29, April 30-May 1, and May 2-4, 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, and 14-15.

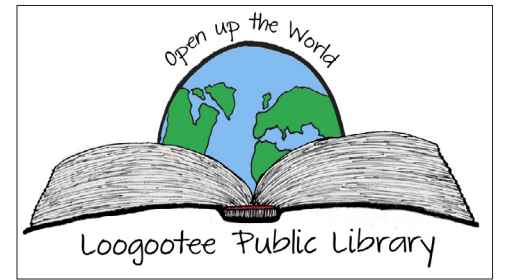
Salamonie Lake is holding reserved draws for April 27-29, April 30-May 2, and May 3-5, 6-8, 9-11, 12-13, and 14-15.

Private Lands Access

Indiana Private Lands Access (IPLA) is offering limited turkey hunts on private property. Turkey hunt reserved draws will be for April 27-May 1 and May 2-8. More information on the IPLA program is at <https://bit.ly/3tO037F>.

Youth hunters can apply for IPLA draws for April 23-24. Youth hunt applicants must be 17 or younger to apply. Parents can enter the youth's information into the system for them. Youth hunters must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult who is at least 18 years of age. There can only be one firearm or set of archery equipment in the field, and only the drawn hunter can harvest a turkey.

For more information and to apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Carolyn's Book Club will meet on February 15 at 6 p.m. and the book selection is "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson. New patrons are welcome just let Carolyn know if you need a copy of the book.

Valentine Story Time with Makenzie is on Saturday, February 12 at 11 a.m. Please register to attend. Limit 20.

New Books:

Mystery Fiction: "One Step Too Far" by Lisa Gardner, "Steal" by James Patterson, "City of the Dead" by Jonathan Kellerman, and "Abandoned in Death" by J.D. Robb.

Fiction: "Lightning in a Mirror" by Jayne Ann Krentz.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Lady's Mine" by Francine Rivers and "Foundation of Love" by Amy Clipston.

DVDs: "The Addams Family 2".

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respondents reported difficulty in purchasing a broad spectrum of crop inputs including herbicides, insecticides, fertilizer, and farm machinery parts.

Prices for nitrogen fertilizer have skyrocketed over the last year. According to the U.S Department of Agriculture, anhydrous ammonia (NH₃) prices in Illinois during January 2022 were nearly triple what they were in January 2021. Although a majority (57 percent) of corn producers said they intend to use the same nitrogen application rate in 2022 as in 2021, nearly four out of 10 (37 percent) said they intend to reduce their nitrogen application rate compared with last year.

The rise in farm input costs was also the primary reason why many producers are expecting to have a larger operating loan in 2022. This month, 27 percent of respondents said they expect to have a larger operating loan in 2022 than a year earlier, 10 points higher than on last year's survey and 12 points higher than two years ago.

For the second month in a row, both the short-term and long-term farmland value indices declined. The Short-Term Farmland Value Index declined 11 points to an index value of 142, while the Long-Term Farmland Value Index declined 7 points to a reading of 145 in January. Both indices have fallen about 10 percent compared with their fall 2021 peak values.

"Recent weakness in both indices could reflect recognition of how much farmland values have increased over the last year or more, tempering expectations for further price increases," Mintert said.

National unemployment little changed at 4 percent for January

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 467,000 in January, and the unemployment rate was little changed at 4.0 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment growth continued in leisure and hospitality, in professional and business services, in retail trade, and in transportation and warehousing.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate, at 4.0 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 6.5 million, changed little in January. Over the year, the unemployment rate is down by 2.4 percentage points, and the number of unemployed persons declined by 3.7 million.

In February 2020, prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, and unemployed persons numbered 5.7 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.8 percent) and Whites (3.4 percent) edged up in January. The jobless rates for adult women (3.6 percent), teenagers (10.9 percent), Blacks (6.9 percent), Asians (3.6 percent), and Hispanics (4.9 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of job leavers increased to 952,000 in January, following a decrease in the prior month. The number of persons on temporary layoff, at 959,000 in January, also increased over the month but is down by 1.8 million over the year. The number of permanent job losers, at 1.6 million, changed little in January but is down by 1.9 million from a year earlier.

In January, the number of persons jobless less than 5 weeks increased to 2.4 million and accounted for 37.0 percent of the total unemployed. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) declined to 1.7 million. This measure is down from 4.0 million a year earlier but is 570,000 higher than in February 2020. The long-term unemployed accounted for 25.9 percent of the total unemployed in January.

After accounting for the annual adjustments to the population controls, the labor force participation rate held at 62.2 percent in January, and the employment-population ratio was little changed at 59.7 percent. Both measures are up over the year but remain below their February 2020 levels (63.4 percent and 61.2 percent, respectively).

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 3.7 million, continued to trend down over the month. The over-the-year decline of 2.2 million brings this measure to 673,000 below its February 2020 level. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was little changed at 5.7 million in January. This measure decreased by 1.3 million over the year but is 708,000 higher than in February 2020. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who wanted a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 1.5 million, changed little in January. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but

had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, was also little changed over the month, at 408,000.

Household Survey Supplemental Data

In January, the share of employed persons who teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic increased to 15.4 percent. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey specifically because of the pandemic.

In January, 6.0 million persons reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic--that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey due to the pandemic. This measure is considerably higher than the level of 3.1 million in December.

Among those who reported in January that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 23.7 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, up from the prior month.

Among those not in the labor force in January, 1.8 million persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, up from 1.1 million in the prior month. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must be either actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey beginning in May 2020 to help gauge the effects of the pandemic on the labor market. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Tables with estimates from the supplemental questions for all months are available online at www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 467,000 in January, compared with an average monthly gain of 555,000 in 2021. Nonfarm employment has increased by 19.1 million since April 2020 but is down by 2.9 million, or 1.9 percent, from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. In January, employment growth continued in leisure and hospitality, in professional and business services, in retail trade, and in transportation and warehousing.

Employment in leisure and hospitality expanded by 151,000 in January, reflecting job gains in food services and drinking places (+108,000) and in the accommodation industry (+23,000). Since February 2020, employment in leisure and hospitality is down by 1.8 million, or 10.3 percent.

In January, professional and business services added 86,000 jobs. Job gains occurred in management and technical consulting services (+16,000), computer systems design and related services (+15,000), architectural and engineering services (+8,000), and other professional and technical services (+7,000). Employment in temporary help services continued to trend up (+26,000). Employment in professional and business services is 511,000 higher than in February 2020, largely in temporary help services (+185,000), computer systems design and related services (+161,000), and management and technical consulting services (+151,000).

Retail trade employment rose by 61,000 in January. Job growth occurred in general merchandise stores (+29,000); health and personal care stores (+11,000); sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores (+7,000); and building material and garden supply stores (+6,000). Retail trade employment is 61,000 above

its level in February 2020.

Employment in transportation and warehousing increased by 54,000 in January and is 542,000 higher than in February 2020. In January, job gains occurred in couriers and messengers (+21,000), warehousing and storage (+13,000), truck transportation (+8,000), and air transportation (+7,000). All four of these component industries have surpassed their February 2020 employment levels, with particularly strong growth in warehousing and storage (+410,000) and couriers and messengers (+236,000).

Employment in local government education rose by 29,000 in January but is down by 359,000, or 4.4 percent, since February 2020.

Employment in health care continued to trend up (+18,000) over the month but is down by 378,000, or 2.3 percent, from its level in February 2020.

Wholesale trade added 16,000 jobs in January, with gains in both durable goods (+11,000) and nondurable goods (+8,000). Employment in wholesale trade is 125,000, or 2.1 percent, lower than in February 2020.

Employment showed little change

High-priority bills advance as session reaches halfway point

In the first half of the 2022 legislative session, area lawmakers voted to advance several key priorities, including a sweeping tax-cut package to help hardworking Hoosiers and businesses.

Now in the hands of the Indiana Senate, State Reps. Stephen Bartels (R-Eckerty) and Shane Lindauer (R-Jasper) supported what would be the largest tax cut in state history, putting over \$1.3 billion back in Hoosiers' pockets. The state's budget reserves are expected to hit a record \$5 billion at the end of fiscal year 2022, which is \$3 billion more than expected.

"Thanks to the resilience of Indiana's workforce, our state remains in a strong fiscal position, making it possible to do the right thing and return money to taxpayers," Bartels said. "Rather than growing the size of government, we want to put more money in the pockets of hardworking Hoosiers."

Bartels said House Bill 1002 would deliver direct relief to working Hoosiers by reducing the individual income tax from 3.23 to 3 percent. To encourage new investments, this legislation would also lower the business personal property tax while ensuring homeowners and schools aren't negatively impacted. In addition, the bill would lower Hoosiers' utility bills by repealing the 1.4 percent Utility Receipts Tax.

To alleviate the state's ongoing nursing shortage, local lawmakers supported House Bill 1003 to boost the health care workforce pipeline by providing flexibility to those seeking licensure. By 2031, Indiana will need 5,000 additional nurses and nursing programs will need to increase their graduating classes by 1,350

over the month in mining, construction, manufacturing, information, financial activities, and other services.

In January, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 23 cents to \$31.63. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 5.7 percent. In January, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 17 cents to \$26.92.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls fell by 0.2 hour to 34.5 hours in January. In manufacturing, the average workweek edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.2 hours, and overtime edged up by 0.1 hour to 3.3 hours.

The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.2 hour to 33.9 hours.

In accordance with usual practice, the seasonal adjustment models are updated as part of the annual benchmark process. As a result of the updates, there were some large revisions to seasonally adjusted data that mostly offset each other.

each year to meet this need. This is in addition to the current 4,300 nursing job openings statewide.

"The pandemic only exacerbated the nursing workforce shortage," Lindauer said. "This legislation would help expanding nursing education programs and grow the candidate pool all while maintaining high standards."

Lindauer said this legislation would also give flexibility to nursing programs and nurse educators, and support nursing students working to obtain the required hours to be licensed.

To reduce jail overcrowding, area lawmakers supported House Bill 1004 to allow judges to send Level 6 felony offenders to the Indiana Department of Correction instead of county jails. The state often offers greater access to mental health and addiction treatment services.

"Treatment and rehabilitation options are crucial for reducing recidivism rates," Lindauer said. "In some rural areas, options for mental health and drug addiction are limited. If we can connect these low-level offenders to the right resources, we have a greater chance of getting them the help they need."

Lindauer said a recent report shows nearly 75 percent of all felony criminal filings in Indiana are Level 6 felonies, with many of those substance-related, like drug possession or operating while intoxicated.

Bartels said there's a lot of work left to do in the second half of session as the Indiana House of Representatives will consider Senate bills and the Senate will consider House bills. Watch session and committees, and view legislation at iga.in.gov.



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