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Commissioners not sure on spending for cyber security

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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What to do about cyber security topped the discussion at Tuesday night's Martin County Commissioners' meeting. A representative of Matrix, in Jasper, was present to discuss contracts he and Auditor Bobbie Abel had worked out.

The first two contracts were for telephone service - \$3,100 for installation and \$2,285 per month. The other contract was for cybersecurity including internet, software management and firewalls. Auditor Abel explained that the county is currently under contract with RTC Communications for internet. The contract starts at \$8,000 each year and when costs each year go over that amount, the county just starts a new \$8,000 contract. Last year the county spent \$15,920 with RTC. The contract with Matrix would be \$30,000 more than what is currently being spent but does include services not offered by RTC.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd was hesitant to enter into an agreement without making sure the extra \$30,000 each year would be available. He suggested the auditor present the information to the county council first. Discussion ensued on whether the commissioners were asking the county council to do their job. Attorney Dave Lett said he felt it was a courtesy to alert the county council about what is being planned. Commissioner Paul George agreed saying that he didn't want the council to read about how much the commissioners were spending without it being explained. They decided to delay making a decision on cybersecurity until their November 19 meeting. They did approve

Burn ban lifted

Per the Martin County Commissioners, the burn ban for Martin County has been lifted and is no longer in effect.

the contracts for telephone service. They also approved a new insurance policy for cyber security for \$2,330 annually.

Clerk Gerald Montgomery presented the commissioners with a contract for CSI, who provides the records system for the clerk's office. Montgomery explained that the county has been in contract with CSI since 2005 however the state is offering Odyssey, a free program starting in 2021. The 2020 contract will be the last one with CSI at a cost of \$25,518. Odyssey's service, according to Montgomery, is supposed to be free and they will also provide his office with new computers. The commissioners approved the contract.

The commissioners approved Wagler & Sons to build a 12-foot by 9-foot awning and replace a window at the highway department for \$4,640.93. They also approved the highway department to purchase a new truck from Bailey Bros. for \$10,000. They will be trading in a 1993 model at an estimated trade-in value of \$500.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett also told the commissioners that he will be getting a list together of surplus items so they can hold an auction.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, talked to the commissioners about the Community Crossings grant funds that were announced last week. He said they are already discussing the application for the next round in January which has a maximum allowance of \$1 million. Hunt said an informational meeting will be held next month to announce major changes to the grant. He will report back on those changes. Hunt also told the commissioners that they only plan to apply for funding for two bridges next year at a cost of \$300,000 to \$350,000 which will free up the rest of the money for road improvements.

Hunt and Padgett also have no news (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Martin County jobless rate drops to 2.3 percent

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's unemployment rate dropped slightly from August to September, from 2.7 percent to 2.3 percent. The county had the 14th lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with six other counties.

In September, the county had 5,272 residents in the workforce and 119 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 5,405 residents able to work and 144 of them were without jobs. In September of 2018, Martin County's unemployment rate was 2.5 percent with 5,133 residents in the workforce and 130 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's jobless rate also went down a bit, from 2.5 percent in August to 2.1 percent in September. The county had the fifth lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with Gibson and Wells counties.

In September, the county had 16,745 residents in the workforce and 352 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 17,053 residents able to work and 428 of them without jobs. In September of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.3 percent with 16,469 residents in the workforce and 385 of them without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 2.4 percent in August to 1.9 percent in September. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for September.

In September, the county had 22,777 residents in the workforce and 442 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 23,401 residents able to work and 552 of them were without jobs. In September of 2018, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.2 percent with 22,880 residents in the workforce and 505 of them unemployed.

Greene County's unemployment rate

went down slightly to 3.2 percent in September, down from 3.8 percent the month before. The county had the 10th highest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with six other counties.

In September, the county had 13,841 residents in the workforce and 448 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 13,740 residents able to work and 520 of them were without jobs. In September of 2018, Greene County's unemployment rate was 3.8 percent with 13,659 residents in the workforce and 519 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for September were Dubois County at 1.9 percent, Tipton, Boone and Bartholomew counties at 2 percent; Wells, Gibson and Daviess counties at 2.1 percent; and Steuben, Rush, LaGrange, Hamilton, Clinton and Adams counties at 2.2 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for September were Fayette County at 4.4 percent, Lake County at 4.3 percent, Vermillion County at 4.2 percent, LaPorte, Starke, and Vigo counties at 3.6 percent; Sullivan County at 3.5 percent, Newton and Porter counties at 3.3 percent, and Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Greene, Howard, Miami and St. Joseph counties at 3.2 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate continues to drop to 3.2 percent for September and remains lower than the national rate of 3.5 percent. The last time Indiana's unemployment rate was lower than 3.2 percent was December 2000. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

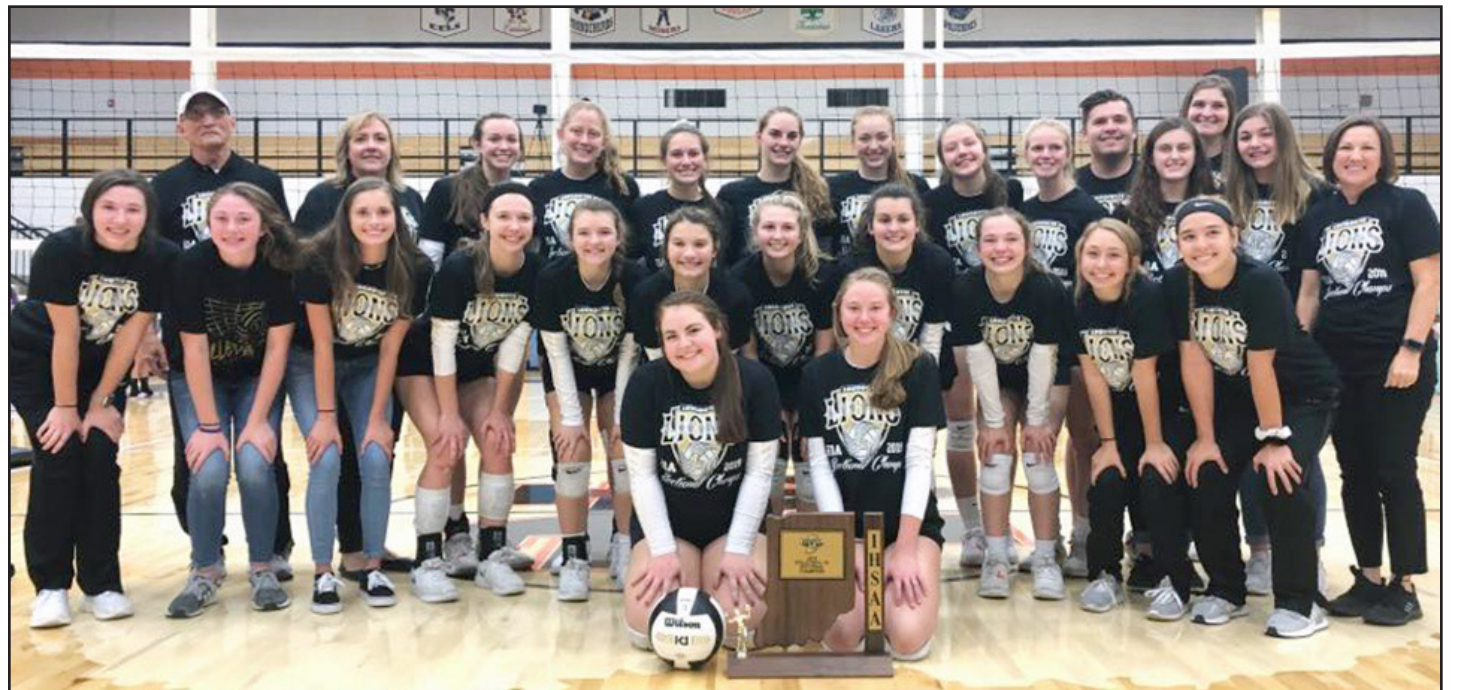
Indiana's labor force had a net decrease of 2,722 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 2,934 (See 'JOBLESS RATE' on page 2)

Lady Lions win Volleyball Sectional

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team won Sectional 63 this past Saturday, October 19. They first defeated Shoals in three sets, 25-14, 25-15 and 25-11 and then defeated Vincennes Rivet in three sets, 25-17, 25-17, and 25-17. The girls move on to Regional this Saturday, October 26, facing off against Trinity Lutheran. The matches are in Loogootee. Rock Creek Academy will play Springs Valley at 10 a.m. and the Loogootee vs. Trinity match will start at noon. The winners of those games will face off at 7 p.m.

In the Shoals matchup, Emily Wade led in points with 17 followed by Kylie VanHoy with 13. Kylie also led in kills with seven. Makenzie VanHoy finished with 19 assists and six kills. Asia Crim led in digs with 13 followed by Jocelyn Strange with 10. In the matches against Rivet, Asia Crim led in points with 15 followed by Emily Wade with eight. Crim also led the team in digs with 14.

(See 'LADY LIONS' on page 2)



-Photo via Lady Lions Volleyball facebook page

Shown above are the players, coaches and volunteers of the 2019 Sectional 63 champion Lady Lions, with their trophy. The girls will move on to Regional this Saturday at home.



Loogootee's bison -Photos by Courtney Hughett

As part of the state's bicentennial celebration, the state gave bison to each county to decorate and display to commemorate the occasion. One was given to Shoals Schools and one to Loogootee. Students and art teachers from Loogootee recently completed painting their bison. It will no be on display in downtown Loogootee. One side depicts activities depicting Crane Naval Base along with sports-themed items. The other side is downtown Loogootee. Shown above in the front row are Ashley Sargent and Elly Wagler. In the back row are Teacher Tyler Walton, Tasha Kreilein and Teacher Madelyn Ueltschi.



JOBLESS RATE

(Continued from page one)
unemployed residents and an increase of 212 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.38 million, and the state's 64.5 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.2 percent.

Additionally, this month had the lowest unemployment insurance claims in the reference week (12th of the month) in 2019.

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

COMMISSIONERS — (Continued from page one)

Employment by Sector
to report on the status of Brooks Bridge. Commissioner Dan Gregory said he needs to see the federal aid contract from 10 years ago to see if there was a timeline on how long the bridge needed to remain open to traffic. Hunt said the fall weather would be bad on the bridge but they are currently at a standstill on what needs to be done.

Alliance Director Tim Kinder told the commissioners that he was approached by a developer who may be interested in purchasing the county-owned 1.32 acres remaining in the WestGate Tech Park. He will report back when he has more information.

Auditor Abel said that she was asked to request that the county's mileage reimbursement rate for county employees be increased from 44 cents to 58 cents, which is the current federal rate. The county attorney will produce a resolution to bring back to the next meeting to make the change.

LADY LIONS —

(Continued from page one)
Kylie VanHoy again led in kills with 14 and had 16 assists. Makenzie VanHoy had a team-high 21 assists and 10 kills. Sara Street finished with six kills.

Private sector employment has grown by 21,500 over the year and has decreased by 3,400 over the previous month. The monthly decrease is primarily due to losses in the Leisure and Hospitality (-2,000) and the Manufacturing (-1,000) sectors. Losses were partially offset by gains in the Construction (1,700) and the Financial Activities (400) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,737,700, which is 5,600 above the December 2018 peak.



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Furniture & Household: This is an auction with outstanding quality & clean furniture!!!! Don't miss this auction! Tell City furniture including dining room table w/2 leaves & 6 chairs, glass door china hutch, 2 rockers, floor lamps, wall hanging coat & hat rack, oak floor lamp oak coffee table, oak serving cart, all the above are Tell City; solid cherry 3 pc bedroom suit, maple bedroom suit, oak California king size 3 pc bedroom suit, sofa, rocker recliners, Oak secretary book case combination (made in the community), 4 pc oak wall shelving unit, corner cabinet, coffee table, stereo console, oak end tables, Coke style table & chairs, dry sink, lady's writing table, kitchenware, utensils, linens, several Danielle Steele books & others, several other items

Antique & Collectibles: Brazil Indiana stone jug, crocks, kraute cutter, wooden butter mold, jars of marbles, several pcs of glassware, cookbooks, twisted leg round table, scales, metal, Tonka truck, several other items

Tools: DeWalt 12" saw w/stand, Radial arm saw, band saw, drill press, 13" Ridgid planer, DeWalt scroll saw, table saw, Makita hand saw, concrete saw, Fresn Trail bull float, air tools, power tools, all kinds of hand tools, cordless tools, pressure washer, long handle tools, several ft of lumber, several other items

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MARTIN COUNTY
Monday, October 28
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
at the Martin County Community Building
on the 4-H Fairgrounds

TICKETS: \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Children
Each booth will have a door prize. The Chamber will several prize donations from local businesses. Face Painting for the kids.

The event is promoted by the Martin County Chamber of Commerce.
SAMPLES AND/OR PRODUCTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:

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Scentsy
Tupperware
Dairy Queen
31 Bags & Gifts
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West Boggs Park
Mary Kay
Color Street Nails
German American Bank
Denise's Collies
and still adding more daily.

The Event is sponsored by: Isha E Wright Ryan, Attorney at Law PC; St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish, TOC Direct Media, NewWave Communications, Martin County Alliance, Martin County Journal, Old National Bank, Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design Inc.; Crane Credit Union, West Boggs Park and Hollie's Eats & Treats

GARY HARTMAN

Gary Mikel Hartman, PA-C passed away Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Schneck Medical Center. A resident of Seymour, he was 67.



He was born October 25, 1951 in Wabash; son of the late Nathan and Marjorie (Schlemmer) Hartman. On July 24, 1976 he married Theresa "Lynn" Wininger, his wife of 43 years.

Gary was a physician's assistant for over 40 years, serving in Michigan and Indiana. He received his bachelor's degree at Wabash College, his master's degree from Indiana School of Medicine, and he went on to receive his Physician Assistant Certification from Mercy College in Detroit, Michigan.

Generations in need of basket builders

This holiday season, Generations is sponsoring its 11th annual Build*A*-Basket project to help provide for the basic needs of Generations' clients while bringing them some holiday cheer.

Generations serves older adults in Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Knox, Martin and Pike counties. These individuals are on fixed incomes and often cannot afford the everyday necessities that many of us take for granted.

This project is open to schools, churches, businesses and individuals. Just purchase a laundry basket or tote and fill it with items such as dish soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc. Many individuals also decorate their baskets to make them more festive.

A list of suggested basket items, as well as list of drop-off sites is available on the Generations' website at www.generationsnetwork.org and on the Generations' Facebook page. You may register your basket online by following the link on the website or Facebook post. Baskets must be completed and dropped off no later than December 13. Generations' staff and volunteers will deliver the gift baskets.

For questions, or to register your basket by phone, please contact Alma Kramer at 812-888-4527, toll-free at 1-800-742-9002, or by e-mail at akramer@vinu.edu.

Generations is a program of Vincennes University's Community Services Division.

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He is survived by his wife; children, Kelly (Jason) Woods, Kristy (Augie) Moss and Mikel (Ashley) Hartman; grandchildren, Katelynn Grace Woods, Jenna Faith Woods, Hannah Hope Woods, Lucy Eleanor Moss, Joseph Frederick Moss, and Emma Lynn Hartman; and sisters, Holly LaSalle and Julie (Art) Reimer.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; and brother-in-law, Robert LaSalle.

Funeral services were held at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee on Saturday October 19. Burial followed at St. Joseph's cemetery in Bramble.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be written to Schneck Hospice Services, and mailed to Voss & Sons Funeral Service 316 North Chestnut Street Seymour, IN 47274.

Arrangements provided by Blake

Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana. Online condolences may be given on the funeral home website at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

MARY MUIR

Mary R. Muir passed away October 15, 2019 at Forum at The Crossing. A resident of Indianapolis, she was 91.



She was born April 14, 1928 in Martin County; the daughter of the late Curtis and Lorena (Fuhrman) Abel. On April 4th, 1975 she was married to the late Samuel Muir.

Mary was employed with the Indiana State Police Department for 20 years as

a secretary in the Crime Lab.

She is survived by her two daughters, Carol (Craig) Sharpe of Carmel and Candice Burrell of Indianapolis as well as two brothers, Roger and Robert Abel, both of Shoals; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, as well as her stepdaughters, Suzy Muir and Patricia Abner.

Funeral services will be held Friday, October 25 at 1 p.m. with calling from 11 a.m. until the time of service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (526 E 52nd Street, Indianapolis). Burial will follow at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery (9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis).

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the Alzheimer Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flanner Buchanan-Broad Ripple.

GUEST COLUMN - REMEMBERING RAY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was submitted by Alexandra Paul of Los Angeles, California. Ms. Paul is an actress and philanthropist.)



Raymond J. Arvin January 17, 1950-April 2019

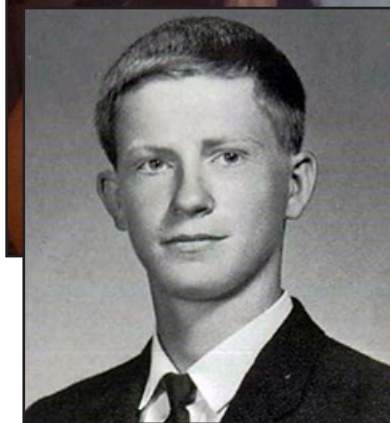
On Saturday, June 22, a body was pulled up from the bluffs beneath Santa Monica's Palisades Park. John Doe #135 had decomposed beyond recognition, but the coroner found that he had probably died in his sleep at his hillside encampment 2 1/2 months before.

John Doe #135 is 69-year-old Raymond John Arvin. He was my friend.

I am writing this so his life doesn't disappear into oblivion, because even though Ray spent his last years on the streets, his daily life continued to be eventful, he was excited by it, and he was loved by many.

I met Ray over 30 years ago, when I think he still had a roof over his head. I am an actress and I remember him first from the premiere of *Dragnet '87*, a studio comedy I which I played Dan Aykroyd's love interest. Ray was at the red carpet among the paparazzi, yelling out stars' names. But Ray stood out because his sport coat looked a bit disheveled and, instead of long lensed Nikon, he held a small instamatic camera. He was at many Hollywood events with a press pass and his little camera, and he saved me once when my agent asked me to go to a Grammy party as a date for Wham's Andrew Ridgeley. Mr. Ridgeley ditched me as soon as we got to the event and I was standing there not knowing a soul, when Ray with his big smile and slight southern accent came up to me, asked to take my photo and chatted for a bit. I was deeply grateful to him.

Perhaps because I got weary of show business events, or maybe hard times fell on Ray, but for the next two decades our paths did not cross. It was after I started volunteering for the Santa Monica chapter of Food Not Bombs [FNB] in 2013 that I saw him again. Ray was a regular at the Thursday night dinners we served for the hungry and homeless. He was usually slightly ruffled and sometimes he arrived unshaven with a smear of dirt on his face, but he was always cheerful. He gave cards to almost every volunteer at one point or another, his neat print with lots of exclamation marks expressing his gratitude in minute detail. He had



-Photos provided
The photo on the left Ms. Paul provided of Raymond Arvin in high school. In the photo above, is Ms. Paul (on the right) with Raymond Arvin (center) and another friend.

a knack for dates – especially anniversaries and birthdays. We celebrated his and he remembered ours. He would read his multi page letters of gratitude to FNB as we cleaned up after a night of serving a large, hot vegan meal to 100 people. He walked our volunteer Viv to her car to make sure she was safe and then came back to help carry the recycling, chatting all the way. Then he would hop into volunteer Jeff's coupe to be dropped off along PCH or at the top of the Incline.

Every once in a while, Ray didn't appear and the plate we had set aside for him went to someone else. It was always because he was at a free concert at the beach or a similar event – I joked to Ray that he got more culture and did more cool LA things than I. We had a ritual that I attribute to his very human need to be seen and heard: he would ask "What am I, Alexandra?" and I would reply "You are awesome, Sir Raymond!" and he would laugh delightedly and say "Thank you!"

On April 4, 2019, Ray announced that it was FNB's six-month anniversary at our new location, Santa Monica's Salvation Army. I looked at the calendar when I got home that night and saw he was, as usual when it came to oddball dates, right. What I didn't know was that evening was also the last time I would see Ray. A couple weeks later, volunteer Emily mentioned she had been waiting to give him a card and he wasn't at the dinner. The next week when he didn't show up, we started looking for him. We made calls to

hospitals, shelters, homeless outreach programs and filed a Missing Person report. We handed out flyers at the weekly Food Not Bombs dinner, in hopes that other folks in the homeless community might have seen him. I was disconcerted by how little I knew about him, now that I needed to. We missed his smile and upbeat presence greatly, and he would have been tickled by all the concern.

When his body was found in repose at his camp 3 1/2 months later, the coroner couldn't positively identify him because no one knew his relatives and he had no teeth. All of us at Food Not Bombs knew it was Ray, though, because he was wearing clothes we had given him. His glasses were set aside, and his wallet was still there, so he probably died in his sleep. Fittingly, we sent in the myriad cards he had written to each of us to help ID him, but it turns out he never licked the envelopes so there was no DNA.

Ray's life should not go unnoticed simply because he lived in a tent. Raymond J. Arvin from somewhere around Loogootee, Indiana, was a vibrant, interesting, loving man who brought sunshine to our lives. He loved hugs and movies and people. He had very neat handwriting and would fill a card (or several pieces of paper) with his appreciation.

He taught me about the beauty of gratitude and once saved me when I was ghosted by a pop star. All of us at Food Not Bombs miss you so much, Ray.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Lents, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Air Evac responded. The subject was transported to University of Louisville Hospital.

10:54 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Chief Deputy Greene assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

5:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

7:24 p.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

8:46 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

8:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

4:28 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Corporal Reed responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted with a funeral detail north of Loogootee.

1:40 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Wright responded. All was secure.

1:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. No one was transported.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents, Loogootee Reserve Officers

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

2:30 p.m. - John Chambers, 63, of Bloomfield, was arrested by Deputy Wells on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

2:58 p.m. - Tony Osborne Jr, 48, of Houston Texas, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Texas warrant and is being held without bond.

10:41 p.m. - Shayla Brewer, 24, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with battery with a deadly weapon and attempted residential entry. She is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:55 p.m. - James Stevens, 48, of South Carolina, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with operating while intoxicated, operating while intoxicated endangerment, operating while intoxicated minor passenger in car, and driving while suspended. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

11:30 p.m. - Jason Grow, 42, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:43 p.m. - Adam Salmon, 35, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Seymour, Corporal Reed, Reserve Deputy Greene, Reserve Deputy Ochs and Reserve Deputy Harmon.

Cummings and Davis, and Loogootee Fire responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

7:00 p.m. - Deputy Lents and Loogootee Officer Cummings assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

9:00 p.m. - Received a noise complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Corporal Reed, Deputy Lents, Loogootee Officer Allen, and Loogootee Reserve Officer Cummings responded.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Wells took three inmates to court.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Wells took one inmate to court.

2:25 p.m. - Deputy Wells took one inmate to court.

7:11 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:25 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee.

7:34 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Loogootee Officer Allen responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:08 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Allen responded. All was secure.

8:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Dubois County Ambulance and Lost River Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:43 p.m. - Deputy Wright completed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Wright, ICO Mann, and Loogootee Reserve Officers Cummings and Davis responded.

5:23 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Cummings responded.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:10 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen responded and all was secure.

9:11 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

9:44 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check in Crane.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Crane. Deputy Wright, Loogootee Officer McBeth, ISP Trooper Wilson, and Crane EMS responded. No one was transported.

5:14 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all was okay.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Daviess County Sheriff's Office, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Barnett, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and the Daviess County Sheriff's Office responded.

12:50 p.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

6:14 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded and all was okay.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

Martin County real estate transfers

Ronald Tavares, of Martin County, Indiana to **Douglas Bays**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 116 in the original town of Crane, Indiana.

Nathan Waggner, as executor of the estate of Robert Scott Waggner to **Ashley D. Allen**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 18 in Risacher's Fifth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Dale E. Richer and Carol E. Richer to **Caleb Levi Richer**, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.60 acres, more or less.

Alice A. Horsting, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kathryn S. Tredway**, of Martin County, Indiana, 4.088 acres in Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

Joseph Lukomski, Jr. and Nancy Sharp, of Martin County, Indiana to **Benjamin R. Blackwell**, of Martin County, Indiana, one and one fourth acres in Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana.

Tammy M. Woody, of Martin County, Indiana to **Terry E. Wells**, of Martin

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

2:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:25 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing .53 acre. Tract II: A portion of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.29 acre.

Theresa K. Fuhrman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua K. Condra and Elizabeth A. Condra**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.50 acres, more or less.

LaRon Keith, of Volusia County, Florida to **Elias Graham Keith**, of Hennepin County, Minnesota, the south half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter containing 19.28 acres and a part of the south half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter containing 12 acres, both in Section 5; part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, containing 36.61 acres and 9 acres off the west side of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, being in Section 8. All in Township 4, Range 3 West.

"Thank You"

The Right To Life Organizations would like to say a "Special Thank You" to all those individuals who helped to make the Right To Life Banquet another huge success.

To those who helped to sell the Ads, sell tickets, those who helped at the Banquet, those businesses who bought Ads in the Banquet Book and to anyone else who helped in any way. We Say Thank You!

Also if you picked up a donation card at the Banquet, it is not too late to send in your donation to the address below.

Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!

Louis Kavanaugh Jr. & Van McAtee
Daviess & Pike Co. Right To Life, P.O. Box
41 Washington, In. 47501

Martin Co. Right To Life, P.O. Box 11
Loogootee. In. 47553

COURT NEWS

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 11

Jaleena Graber vs. Gavin Benock, petition for dissolution of marriage.

October 15

Ronald C. Cantrell vs. Kevin Holt, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed October 15

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Isaac W. Jones, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Justin Andis, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Dakota N. Mullins, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Wade L. Hurdle, Jr., complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Magdalen R. Arvin, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lucas W. Cain, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS October 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Richard E. Abel in the amount of \$6,053.58.

MARRIAGE LICENSES October 11

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Annual Dinner and 20th Anniversary Celebration!

The Martin County Community Foundation welcomes
Dr. Brett Seidle
NSWC Crane Technical Director

We are very pleased to have Dr. Seidle as the keynote speaker for our Annual Dinner and celebration of our 20th anniversary. The event will be held at the Martin County Community Building.

Dr. Seidle began his career in the private sector in 1988. After obtaining his Master of Science in Electrical Engineering and becoming an Alcoa Plant Manager in two locations, he joined NSWC Crane in 2000 with Strategic Systems.

Dr. Seidle completed his PhD in Public Policy from Indiana University and continued his managerial career as two Deputy Department Directors, a Department Director, and Deputy Technical Director. Then in 2016 Dr. Seidle was appointed as a member of the Senior Executive Service and named the Division Technical Director at NSWC Crane. He is responsible for more than 3400 civilian employees focused on providing engineering and technical expertise to the nation's warfighters.

Monday, November 4
Doors open 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm
Tickets will not be sold at the door!
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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 a.m. - Male reported a utility problem on North Line Street.

10:54 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

1:23 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

3:12 p.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

5:29 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Kentucky Avenue.

6:25 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in city hall parking lot.

9:30 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:05 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

1:55 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service on Mill Street.

3:27 p.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

5:21 p.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the county with a traffic accident on US 231.

6:11 p.m. - Female reported criminal mischief on Bloomfield Road.

6:56 p.m. - Female reported her vehicle broke down on US 231.

9:12 p.m. - Male reported a traffic complaint on Park Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:34 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

1:45 p.m. - Male reported a child custody matter.

3:45 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

5:45 p.m. - Female reported a theft.

8:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:56 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:08 a.m. - Officer Allen responded to a business alarm.

9:02 a.m. - Officer McBeth checked out a possible fire on East Main Street. Everything checked out okay.

1:12 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

5:30 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on a male.

8:03 p.m. - Male reported an animal complaint.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported a car/deer accident on State Road 550.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:34 a.m. - Female reported a harassment complaint.

1:45 p.m. - Female reported an animal complaint.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Hwy 50.

5:37 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

6:23 p.m. - Male reported his home was broken into, but nothing was missing.

6:52 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted a motorist.

10:21 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Bloomfield Road.

11:50 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted Daviess County with a traffic accident.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

12:50 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted with a funeral procession.

2:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

5:44 p.m. - Caller reported a possible trespasser on SW 3rd Street.

5:48 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:13 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

2:10 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

11:57 a.m. - Caller reported a road closure on Mill Street.

2:56 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

5:09 p.m. - Male reported a traffic complaint on Hwy 50.

10:57 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Reasons why Halloween is the best holiday:

1. You are not obligated to visit your relatives.
2. You are not obligated to get gifts for anyone.
3. People will give you candy for absolutely no other reason than Halloween.
4. It's the only day when it's acceptable to go out in public dressed like a penguin.

RIDDLES

1. Why can't you hear a pterodactyl use the bathroom?
2. How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
3. How do you frighten a millennial?

THOUGHTS

*Having a teenager is like having a cat that only comes out to eat, and hisses if you try to pet it.

*Do you know what "diet" stands for: "Did I eat that?"

*One big difference between men and women is that if a woman says, "smell this," it usually smells nice.

*I don't always have time to fold and put away the laundry, but when I do, I don't.

*I like to play a game called nap roulette. I take a nap and not set an alarm. Will it be 20 minutes, or 4 hours? Nobody knows. It's risky and I like it.

*People giving directions like "then head south." Okay, Lewis and Clark, do I turn at Chick-fil-A or go towards the Sonic?

*I do all my own stunts, but never intentionally.

*When I was little, I laughed when my mom crossed her legs when she sneezed. I no longer find that funny.

*Some people aren't just missing a screw; the whole toolbox is gone.

*Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie.

*To the thief who took my anti-depressants, I hope you're happy.

*Who says I can't cook? You obviously haven't tasted my cereal.

*Dogs can't operate MRI scanners, but a cat scan.

*Great diet tip – eating a burger is a great way to suppress your appetite.

*If your thighs touch, you're one step closer to being a mermaid, so who's the real winner here?

SERIOUSNESS

*I would rather have questions that can't be answered than answers that can't be questioned.

*The trick to being smart is knowing when to play dumb.

*Not everyone likes me, but not everyone matters.

*Even if we disagree about everything, we can still be kind to each other.

*If you are more fortunate than others, build a longer table, not a taller fence.

ANSWERS

1. Because the "p" is silent.
2. With a pumpkin patch
3. Put them in a room with a rotary phone, an analog watch, an old typewriter, and a TV with no remote (add rabbit ears for fun). Then leave directions for use in cursive.

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



HOLLY is a female long-haired adult cat, 4 years old. For info on all the dogs and cats at the Martin County Humane Society, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Democrat meeting

The Martin County Democrat Party will meet Wednesday, October 23 at 6 p.m. in the courthouse in Shoals. The party is looking for candidates that are willing to run in 2020. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions, please call 812-639-8106.

Family Fun Fest

Purdue Extension Martin County and the Martin County 4-H Council will hold a Family Fun Fest this Friday, October 25 at the fairgrounds. Doors open at 6 p.m. with an achievement program at 7:30 p.m. There will be free food, a pumpkin decorating contest, games and activities and information will be provided about joining 4-H.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, November 20 at noon at the China Wok in Loogootee. Anyone interested in Chamber activities is invited to attend.

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.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist

Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

City of Loogootee leaf pick-up schedule

The City of Loogootee Street Department will begin picking up leaves on Monday, November 4.

The following is the leaf pick-up schedule.

Leaves need to be raked to the side of the road or bagged.

On Mondays, leaf pick-up will be in precinct two. This area includes everyone north of State Highway 50/150 and everyone east of Highway 231 (JFK

Avenue).

On Tuesdays, leaf pick-up will be in precinct one. This area includes everyone north of Hwy 50/150 and everyone west of Highway 231 (JFK Avenue).

On Wednesdays, leaf pick-up will be in precinct three and precinct four. This area is everyone south of Highway 50/150 east and west side of the city.

Sticks cannot be picked up with leaves and must be kept separate.

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The Loogootee Public Library would like to thank everyone that supported the Pull up a Chair Fundraiser!

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- Loogootee Library Board Members and Staff
- Father Walker and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
- Noel Harty
- Mark Graber
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PUBLIC WELCOME!

Winger Family honored as 2019 adoptive family

The Winger Family, Mike, Jill, Elijah and Anna, were honored at the Right to Life Banquet as the 2019 Adoptive Family as they have adopted two children in the last several years. Speaking on behalf of the family, Jill spoke of how she always wanted to adopt children after having children of their own. But they learned that was not going to be possible, so they began the process of preparing for adoption. Jill spoke of the excitement of receiving those calls telling them that their prayers had been answered as they were about to become parents. She said they were always pro-life but this has made them even more attentive to the fact that all young mothers should be encouraged to choose life over abortion and she praised the work of the Right to Life organization and the Pregnancy Care Center for their work in the trying to end abortion and for the care of mothers in unplanned pregnancies.



Shown above are Mike and Jill Winger, and children, as they were being honored at the annual Right to Life Banquet held last Thursday evening at the Simon J. Graber Building. In front is Mike Winninger, adopted son, Elijah Lee, and Jill Winger holding the couple's adopted daughter, Anna Louise and Louis Kavanaugh Jr., President of Daviess County Right to Life.

A special tribute in memory of Marvin Arvin was given by President Louis Kavanaugh Jr., his widow Virginia Arvin and his two daughters.

Over 500 people attended the annual banquet in which Brad Mattes of Life Institute was the main speaker for the evening. This event is held annually as a fundraiser for the Right to Life organizations of Daviess, Martin and Pike counties and much of the proceeds from the special event are given to the Washington Pregnancy Care Center. Funding is also given to Daviess and Martin County RTL Groups.

Matt and Danielle Hoffman received the 2019 Humanitarian Award for Danielle's volunteering at the Pregnancy Care Center and for their caring for children in the Foster Parent Program. Louis Kavanaugh Jr., who made the presentation, praised the two individuals for their service to the PCC and to the Foster Parent Program and encouraged others to be a part of this special program.



Shown above are Matt and Danielle Hoffman who received the 2019 Humanitarian Award at the Right to Life banquet last week.



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- ACTS OF KINDNESS --

Isn't it nice when someone makes that extra effort to say "Hi" or to give you a helping hand? Most times it's someone you know. Sometimes it's not. Sometimes it's a simple act, sometimes it's not. Seen or unseen, these acts of kindness can lift up your mood, spirit and outlook.

-- FEELING OF GIVING --

And how do you feel when you do something good for another person? Does it lift you up a little bit as well? A smile in return makes you smile too? Sure, it can. But let me ask you this – do you feel as satisfied when you do that something and the other person doesn't know it was you? Reach deep inside to answer that one. The true sense of giving also comes from deep inside. That's a special gift. Doing good for others is a good thing. But be sure it's for them and not for you.

-- REACHING OUT --

We have people all around the county that are here to help others; and to help sincerely, from deep down. They are individuals, groups and organizations who are looking to reach out and help in some way. Your county non-profit groups and organizations are a large part of those looking to do just that. They are here to serve with a goal of providing some help in some way. And those include your city and county governments, your schools and your churches.

-- MUSTERING ELM --

The Trinity Springs Mustering Elm organization is one of those that serves others and our county. They maintain the Mustering Elm Park along State Road 450 where it is used for reunions, picnics, weddings, car shows and other events. Some of you may know how this peaceful, beautiful, historic park got its name. At this particular location, under a massive elm tree, is where the 65th Indiana Regiment was mustered for the Civil War in the early 1860s. And then, at the conclusion of the war, the survivors were mustered under that same tree. Hence the name "Mustering Elm."

Liz Chattin, a MCCF Board member, was happy to present a \$500 grant to the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm board to help maintain of this great little park and keep its history alive. Take some time one afternoon to check it out. You'll enjoy looking around at the markers, old foundations, spring and the serenity of it all.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you help our county, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](https://twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



Pictured left to right is Bob Boyd (Trinity Springs Mustering Elm President), Rowena Tripp (Mustering Elm Secretary), Liz Chattin (MCCF Board member), Sarah Sexton (Mustering Elm Treasurer) and Char Sandel (Mustering Elm Board member).

Join us for a fun-filled evening at the

FALL FESTIVAL



Sponsored by the Shoals Jug Rox Adult Booster Club

Saturday, October 26
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

at the Shoals High School Gymnasiums

Cake Auction begins at 6:30 p.m.

Costume Contest at 7:15 p.m. for funniest, most original, scariest, best costume & best group.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Last week, I traveled with my oldest brother and his wife to southwest Missouri. As is my custom, I try to find a way to connect my vacations with my gardening interest. That was done in a rather unique fashion on this trip. I visited a mail-order seed company headquarters.

Last year, I was introduced to the Baker Creek Seed Company catalogue. The catalogue was one of the best mail-order seed sources I have ever used. The catalogue was one of the most colorful in the trade and was quite extensive, offering over 1800 varieties of seeds, as well as tools, books and other items of interest for gardeners. All of the seeds are non-GMO, open-pollinated, non-patented and untreated. Most of the varieties are considered heirloom varieties. Many of the varieties are from Europe and Southeast Asia. The catalogue includes excellent descriptions of the plant varieties and suggestions for using the produce. Just perusing the catalogue can be a wonderful way to pass a wintery day.

Intrigued with the catalogue, I went to the website (www.rareseeds.com) and placed an order. I learned that this is a company with a heart. After many natural disasters, the company will send notices to those on their e-mail list that there will be a day when the proceeds of all seed orders will be donated to the disaster relief effort. I later placed a second order on one of those special days.

The seeds and plants I ordered arrived in good shape and have performed well in my gardens this summer. I ordered vegetables, flowers and herbs. Some were new varieties for me, but most were varieties which I have grown before.

In May, I learned that the company was hosting an annual festival at the headquarters in Mansfield, Missouri. I was unable to go at that time, but I also learned that one may visit the headquarters at any time

of the year and decided I would make a point to do so when I was in the area. Mansfield is about 40 miles east of Springfield on U.S. Highway 60. It is the adult home of famed Little House author Laura Ingalls Wilder, whose home is a museum in the town. Bakersville, as the company headquarters is known, is a short drive outside of Mansfield. It actually is a village of its own. Bakers Seed Company owner Jere Gettle and his wife Emilee have created a village, complete with stores, a hotel and a restaurant. There are also farm buildings and a jail.

When we arrived at the site, two school busses were in the parking lot. Some elementary school students had come on a field trip. They were having a ball in the pioneer village. In addition to the fields where plants are grown for seed harvesting, the farm includes pastures for animals. A couple of the buildings include stages, where southern gospel concerts are held. However, there were no performers there during my visit. The farm and village are open from 8 AM until 5 PM Sunday through Friday, closed on Saturday. The restaurant is open from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. and specializes in food made from local ingredients, most of which have been grown on the farm.

Since the seed varieties sold are open-pollinated, care must be taken to not grow two varieties of the same species too close to each other. For that reason, some of the growing is done by other farms and growers across the country. Some are grown in large hoop-house greenhouses at the farm.

It was a fun and educational day, both for the school children and for me. If you are in southwest Missouri, I recommend stopping by Bakersville. I also recommend requesting the company's entertaining catalogue on the website or by calling 117-924-8917.

Cattlemen's pasture walk for Fischer Farms

The Dubois County Cattlemen's Association, in cooperation with Purdue Extension and Fischer Farms Natural Beef, is hosting their Fall Pasture Walk on Saturday, November 9. The walk runs from 1-3 p.m. (EST) at Fischer Farms, 2.8 miles east of St. Anthony on Indiana 64 (5142 S. Kyana Road, Birdseye, IN 47513).

Speakers and topics:

* Dave Fischer, Owner of Fischer Farms, and Jim Verkamp, President of Dubois County Cattlemen's Association, will explore cattle farms, the meat business, and beef genetics.

* Lee Schnell, District Conservationist for the USDA NRCS, will talk about options for maintaining clean water on livestock operations, including use of ponds and wetlands.

* Nick Minton, Beef Nutritionist for Purdue Extension, will discuss how

Fischer Farms uses silage and feed commodities for balanced cattle rations.

* Jason Tower, Manager for the Southern Indiana Purdue Ag. Center, will demonstrate over twenty cover crop test plots being tried for cover and cattle grazing use.

* Kenneth Eck, Educator for Purdue Extension - Dubois County, will focus on fragipan soil challenges as well as how Fischer Farms is using annual ryegrass to reduce their soil concerns.

* Additional presentations on feeding barns, machinery use, and forage and crop production are also planned.

This event is generously supported by Superior Ag., and reservations for this free event are not required to attend. Questions on the event can be directed to the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782 or duboisces@purdue.edu.

Spring Mill State Park hosts craft spirits tasting experience

Spring Mill State Park is partnering with Spring Mill Inn and Lawrence County Tourism to host a craft spirits tasting experience on November 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. in its Pioneer Village.

Enjoy distilled spirits like bourbon, whiskey, and more with appetizer pairings by a crackling wood fire while enjoying the music of Stony Point. Distillers currently participating include Donum Dei, Dusty Barn, Old 55 Distillery, Spirits of French Lick, MGP, Hard Truth Distillery, West Fork Distillery, and Cardinal Distillery. More may be added.

At 5 p.m. Alan Bishop, head distiller at Spirits of French Lick Distillery in West Baden, will present "The History of Distilling in Hoosier Occupied

Northern Kentucky: The Black Forest of Indiana." Spirits of French Lick Distillery distills bourbon, brandies, botanical spirits, and American whiskey.

Cost for the event is \$50 per person, and reservations must be made in advance through Spring Mill Inn. Call 812-849-4508 for details and to make reservations. Inn and campground packages, including special ticket rates, are available. Attendees must be 21 with a valid photo ID, and people driving in on the day of the event must have a designated driver. Shuttle service will be provided for those registered at the Inn and the campground.

Spring Mill State Park (on.IN.gov/springmillsp) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

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