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## Shoals Library proposed tax base expansion in detail

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The Shoals Public Library was built in 1914 after a group of volunteers contacted the Andrew Carnegie Foundation. The original library started in 1912 in a room of the schoolhouse. The Carnegie Foundation agreed to give the library board \$10,000 with the stipulation that the town and townships, served by the library, guaranteed financial support. Librarian Sylvia Albaugh said that Halbert and Center Townships used to be taxed for the library but that fell away at some point, and they have never figured out why.

With a current budget of \$69,995 a year, Albaugh and part-time employee Mary Holt, say they cannot plan for the future of the library and the historic building without more financial support. Other than their two positions, the library has one other part-time staff member who started as summer help, and they came up with enough money to keep her for the rest of this year. This is why Albaugh and Holt approached the

### CALL planning Loogootee Christmas Stroll this year

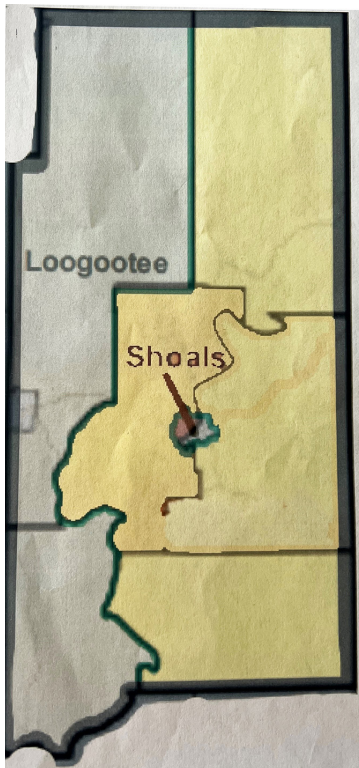
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Anyone with questions can email [ccalogootee@gmail.com](mailto:ccalogootee@gmail.com).



The map above shows the Shoals Library district in yellow. The small circle in the middle of that district is the current property tax base for the library.

Martin County Commissioners at their meeting last week to get approval to expand the tax base to include Halbert, Center, Lost River and Mitcheltree townships. Currently, those townships combined contribute an average of \$12,000 a year to cover their residents. The residents in the Town of Shoals and the area of West Shoals are providing a majority of the income for the library to the tune of 79 percent. If expansion is approved, the rate would be the same throughout the whole district and the rate residents in Shoals and West Shoals pay would be substantially lower (from 0.1977 currently to 0.0745). The property tax income the library would receive would increase to \$140,000 a year.

The Shoals Library currently serves 4,481 residents. Of those residents, 756 are in the Town of Shoals and 3,725 are from outside the town. This means that 71 percent of residents in the district served by the Shoals Library are not paying a tax rate.

## Martin County jobless rate stood at 1.7 percent for October

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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown above is the Shoals Library built in 1914. The library is almost completely original to when it was built.

The library had 800 books checked out in August and September of this year and 73 percent of those checking out books were from outside the Town of Shoals.

Residents of Shoals, who currently pay a tax rate, are given a green library card that allows them to have full library services including access to ebooks through Evergreen Indiana. They can also use that card at other Evergreen libraries in the state. Those outside the Town of Shoals have a blue library card that only allows basic services and cannot be used at other libraries nor does it give access to Evergreen services. If the tax base is expanded to include the entire library district, everyone would have the same full ser-

vices and thus end confusion related to the different colored cards. Albaugh said that the library patrons with the blue card don't understand why their services are limited and it also causes confusion when residents with a blue card try to use them at surrounding libraries.

Only 83 percent of the library's \$69,995 budget comes from tax revenue. The rest is through donations and grants. Albaugh said she applies for every grant she can find however they do not qualify for some due to the lack of staff. If they apply for grants to provide a new service, the grant is denied because there is not enough staff to provide that service. Al-

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## Shoals Council approves plans, contracts

The Shoals Town Council met Wednesday, November 10.

Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint D. Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney Dave Lett, and SVFD Chief Jim Hamby. Others in attendance were Jeff Jones and Brittany Jones.

Jeff Jones came before the board to seek approval to use the town softball field for practices after school for the Shoals High School middle school team. Jones stated the middle school team doesn't wear metal spikes and would make sure there was no damage to the field. He said since there are no lights at the school softball field it would be hard to host two practices in one night. The council all stated they were fine with the use of the field by the teams but would like for Jeff to also get approval from the park board.

Council Member Albright asked Attorney Lett if he had an update for the property next to the ballpark that the town is interested in. Attorney Lett presented two appraisals to the council to take under review. Albright will talk with the property owner and set up necessary procedures to move forward.

Albright asked Attorney Lett about the bond counsel needed for the SRF loan for the wastewater project. Lett stated he has it set up with Ice Miller, LLC, out of In-

296 of them without jobs. In October of 2020, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.8 percent with 16,687 residents in the workforce and 464 of them unemployed.

Dubois County's jobless rate moved

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Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented a letter of approval from Purdue University for the 2021 Pavement Asset Management Plan for use in 2022. Rutledge said this is required to continue to apply for and receive federal funds.

Rutledge said she was notified that the town was awarded \$276,699 in Community Crossings Matching Grant funds for the 2021-2 call for applications. Rutledge stated that is the full amount that was applied for. Council Member Albright stated this is for road improvements and the work is tentatively scheduled to take place in the spring in 2022. Rutledge presented Resolution 2021-04 which is authorizing the town council president as the authorized signer for INDOT contract. Rutledge said this is a new requirement of INDOT. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-04 with Council Member Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor. (See 'SHOALS COUNCIL' on page 2)

## CORRECTION

In last week's article about the Shoals Library wishing to expand their tax base, it stated Lost River Township didn't pay the Shoals Library any money in 2020. Lost River did actually give \$1,500 from their township operations fund. *The Journal* apologizes for this error.

  
**Happy Thanksgiving**  
*From Our Family To Yours*  
**Josh, Courtney, Wyatt, and Alex Hughett**  
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# LIBRARY

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baugh said it puts them in a difficult spot for growth.

The library currently provides the traditional rental of books and audiobooks, but they also provide computer services, faxing and copying, free wi-fi, meeting room space, and programs year-round for children, teens and adults.

The increased revenue would allow the library, according to Albaugh, to expand their hours, add programs, expand their wi-fi signal, and add more books and audiobooks to their inventory.

Wi-fi is a big draw according to Albaugh. She said it's not uncommon to drive past the library after hours and find residents on the steps utilizing the wi-fi service. She said they would love to get that wi-fi expanded further away from the library. Albaugh also noted that she spends a tremendous amount of time helping residents fill out online applications because they don't know how to do it or don't have internet access at home. Expanding the tax base would allow the library to add part-time help to free up Albaugh for grant writing and providing more children's programming, which is her passion since she has a degree in education. The library also has plans to work with the IU Center for Rural Engagement which would offer a host of new programs. They also plan to do improvements to the 107-year-old building that has had few changes and is almost completely original. Those improvements include a new roof, replacing ceiling tiles that currently have water damage, and repairing the deteriorating brick mortar on the outside of the building.

The new tax rate, if approved, would be 0.0745 for every \$100 in a property's assessed valuation after deductions, such as the mortgage deduction or homestead deduction. The assessed value of a prop-

erty is not the same as an appraised value and Albaugh wanted that noted. You can check your property tax statement to see what your assessed value is after deductions. You can divide that number by 100 and then multiply it by the 0.0745 proposed tax rate. This would be what you would be paying annually.

Currently, 98 percent of properties in the state pay something to their library. Residents outside Shoals are some of the few who currently do not.

For comparison, the Loogootee Public Library's property tax revenue in 2020 was \$161,015.31. Shoals Public Library received \$24,804.31. Shoals Library serves 4,481 residents, Loogootee serves 5,003 according to the most recent census data.

Albaugh and Holt both agreed that being at retirement age, they are looking out for the future of the library. Both said they are not working at the library because of the salary, which is very minimal, they are doing it because it's a passion. Their fear is that once they retire, it will be difficult to find another librarian willing to work for such a low salary. They want the library, and the historic building, to continue far into the future. Expanding the tax base will provide the library with funds needed to do this.

The library hours are currently Monday, Tuesday and Friday from noon to 5 p.m.; Thursday from 2-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Albaugh also noted that they are very open to getting feedback from the public on the kind of books they would like to see in the library.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Shoals Library can send it to PO Box 909, Shoals IN 47581. The library also has an endowment fund set up with the Martin County Community Foundation to receive requests.

# SHOALS COUNCIL

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Rutledge presented the updated draft of the ADA Transition Plan. She stated the town is required to have a ADA Transition Plan on file and update it regularly in order to be eligible for federal funding. Rutledge said the purpose of her presenting this document in the meeting was to fulfill the public involvement requirement for submission. She said the draft plan will be available for review by the public at the clerk-treasurer's office and that public comments will be accepted for two weeks until November 24, 2021. Rutledge said after this date, all public comments will be submitted to the consultant for preparation of the final ADA Transition Plan which will be presented at the December 13, 2021 regular session for approval.

Rutledge then said she would be meeting with Radius tomorrow concerning a Federal EPA Planning Grant concerning recreating and wanted approval from the council to move forward with the process. The council stated they were in support.

Rutledge presented the FY 2022 1782 Budget Notice Approval. No changes were requested. Next Rutledge requested approval for two new grants funds for grants received; "SVFD SCBA Bottle Upgrade" and "Lets Light Up Shoals". Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the funds with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented Resolution 2021-05 which listed the request for several appropriation transfers for end of the year expenditures. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept the resolution with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented the 2022 Fire Protection Contract for Center and Halbert

townships. Each contract was in the amount of \$16,000. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the contracts with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge told the council that the year-end meeting date needed to be set. The council decided on December 31 at 8 a.m. Rutledge also requested days and times the council wanted to meet in 2022. The council voted to keep it as is, the second Monday of each month at 5:59 p.m. Next Rutledge said she needed to know when the council wanted to meet with the vendors that submitted quotes for the meter system change that is planned to be done with ARPA Funds. The council requested sometime next week to set up a work session.

Rutledge presented adjustment approvals: C. Rush and A. Deckard. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the adjustments with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Rutledge presents meter deposit and applies for V. Denio-Miller, T.Owens and J. Meyer. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to accept with Council Member Ragsdale made the second and all were in favor.

Shoals Fire Chief Hamby said he met with Halbert Township Trustee concerning the CCI fund for the fire department. Council Member Albright thanked the chief for his work on the fund. Albright asked Chief Hamby about the status of the West Shoals tornado siren. Hamby stated the electrical needed to be run and they would get it taken care of.

With no further business, Council Member Hoffman made a motion to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. with Council Member Ragsdale making the second.

The next regular session will be Monday, December 13 at 5:59 p.m.

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### The Martin County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for the following positions:

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- High School Diploma or GED
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- Citizen of the United States
- Must not have any Felony or Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence Convictions
- Be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
- Ability to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

**To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581 (812) 247-3726. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.**

# OBITUARIES

## RANDALL BAKER

Randall Baker passed away at 10:47 p.m. November 14, 2021 at St. Vincent Evansville. A resident of Huntingburg, he was 73.



**RANDALL BAKER**

He was born June 12, 1948, in Colson, Kentucky; son of Dewey and Alpha (Diamond) Baker.

He married Shelley Faye Anderson in Shoals on August 24, 1968. He graduated from Shoals High School, Class of 1966 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Oakland City College, Class of 1994.

Randall was a veteran of the US Army, 1967-1970, Combat Veteran Vietnam War and Bronze Star recipient. He served in the US Army Reserves from 1970 to 1973, Army National Guard from 1983 to 2000 and retiring in October 2000 from the Army National Guards with a rank E8 MSG.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Shelley Faye Baker; two daughters, Dena (Brian) Carney and Shelley (Jason) Calhoun; two sisters, Dana Gammon and Billie Ball; four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, three sisters, Carol Triplett, Jewell Miles and Freda Hutchens; one brother, Delbert Baker; and two daughters, Michelle (Scott) Phillips and Kelly (Derek) Collins.

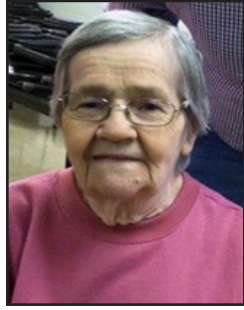
In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Charlie's Angels, 4380 S Old St Rd 145, French Lick, IN 47432.

Service arrangements to be determined at a later date.

## LYDIA BRAUN

Lydia Alice Braun, formerly of Shoals, died peacefully on November 20, 2021, at the Martin County Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 91.

She was born May 14, 1930, in Martin County; daughter of Elmer and Rachel Crites Howell and was raised by foster parents Henry and Stella Qualkenbush of



**LYDIA BRAUN**

Shoals. Lydia graduated from Shoals High School with the class of 1948 where she was a charter member of the National Beta Club, having joined in October of 1946.

She was a homemaker and worked four years as secretary for Sherfick Manufacturing Company in Shoals.

She married Cleo Braun on June 10, 1950, and he preceded her in death on March 15, 2008.

She is survived by a daughter, Brenda Braun of Loogootee; a son, Jerry Braun and wife, Sherri, of Shoals; a grandson, Jeremy Braun and wife, Allison; three great granddaughters, Aryonna, Avaley, and Acelyn Braun, all of Loogootee.

She is also survived by a brother, Richard Howell and wife, Dorothy, of Shoals and a brother-in-law, Harrod Grove of Bloomington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, foster parents, three brothers, Gordon, Ellis, and Roy Howell; and three sisters, Catherine Winkler, Dorothy Grove, and Alma who died in infancy.

Lydia was a member of the Shoals Senior Citizens and was an active member of the Jug Rox Grandmothers club for 27 years. She was a lover of animals and belonged to the Martin County Humane Society.

Lydia like to read, watch TV, and loved gardening and yardwork. She was known for her cooking. She loved animals and most of all loved her family.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, November 24 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Shoals. Pastor Matt Sullivan officiated. Burial followed at Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

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

## HARRY ELLIS

Harry G. Ellis passed away at 12:30 p.m. Friday, November 19, 2021, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 97.

He was born March 22, 1924, in Loogootee; daughter of the late Asa and Mary B. (Halbert) Ellis.

Harry was a member of the White River Antique Association and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He enjoyed antique tractors, horses and anything involved with farming.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Edith (Meehan) Ellis; parents, Asa and Mary B. Ellis; siblings, Dorothy Spears, Mary Keller, Jim Ellis, Margaret Wagoner, Ann Cunningham and Charlie Ellis; and son-in-law, Denny Ash.

He is survived by his children, Barb Ash, Keith (Darlene) Ellis and Karen (Robert) Jones, all of Loogootee; grand-

children, Becky (Tom) Gates, Ashley (Corey) Arvin, Derek Ellis, Chad Jones and Kim Jones; great-grandchildren, Addy and Landon Gates and Maxwell and Luke Arvin; siblings, Bill Ellis and Raymond Ellis, both of Loogootee and Ruth Strange of Bloomington; and special friend, Linda Schnarr of Washington.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, November 23 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be to St. John Catholic Cemetery Fund.

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

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

## ALMA HENSON

Alma May Henson, formerly of Loogootee, passed away Wednesday, November 17, 2021. A resident of Hartland, Michigan, she was 91.

She was born April 17, 1930, in Wolcott; daughter of the late Roscoe and Dortha (Fife) Robbins.

Alma married Robert E. Henson on May 29, 1948. The couple raised their daughters in Lafayette, Indiana; then moved to Kokomo, Kingman, and then Loogootee. Alma moved to Hartland,

Michigan later in life after Robert's death.

Alma worked as an office administrator/manager for several companies during her working years. She was a talented artist in many media, including oil painting, needlework, quilting, garment design/sewing/tailoring, crochet, and knitting. Her artwork was often prize-winning in local competitions.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Henson; parents, Roscoe and Dortha Robbins; and siblings, Charles Emmett Robbins and Esther Joan Darling.

She is survived by her daughters, Charlotte (Paige) Gasker of Tucson, Arizona; Donna Munro of Hartland, Michigan; Elayne Henson of Westfield, and Beverly (Terry) Terrell of Shoals; eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and brothers, Glenn Robbins of Warsaw and Arnold Robbins of Lafayette.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 20 at Blake Funeral Home. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

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

Memorial donations may be sent to Hartland Senior Activity Center, 9525 Highland Road, Howell, MI 48843.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:07 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:41 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Shoals. Corporal Seymour responded.

8:24 a.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.

8:37 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check.

9:51 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:27 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint. ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

11:25 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:14 p.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.

2:43 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint. Deputy Wells was notified.

3:20 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:30 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist southeast of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

3:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County units were notified.

9:44 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

1:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:28 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

5:07 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

8:58 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:00 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:08 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:01 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:48 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

1:45 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

2:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire De-

partment and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Dog owner was located and notified.

11:35 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

12:00 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

1:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Good Samaritan in Vincennes.

1:24 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist in south of Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

1:47 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:00 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

5:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Orange County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported by Orange County Ambulance.

7:00 p.m. - Received a report of fire east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:34 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.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

4:04 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received a report of a road hazard south of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

10:09 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:30 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check northeast of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

11:05 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:07 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

1:18 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a cow complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:45 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth responded.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:48 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. The keyholder was notified.

9:58 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:39 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver and Loogootee Fire responded.

2:38 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

2:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins

and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:46 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a car accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Deputy Hawkins, Deputy Shaw, and Martin County Ambulance responded, but did not transport.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

12:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Deputy Wells, Deputy Hawkins and Martin County Ambulance responded, but did not transport.

3:48 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

6:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. ICO Mann and Deputy Hawkins responded.

7:08 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. ISP Trooper Brumett responded.

11:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw, Haysville Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21

12:07 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southeast of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

12:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Crane Village. Deputy Shaw, Crane Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:14 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

7:47 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Officer Wells re-

sponded.

8:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health Bedford.

11:29 p.m. - Received a coyote complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

## ARRESTS

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:30 p.m. - Jennifer Butler, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant for possession of controlled substance, driving while suspended prior, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held without bond.

5:28 p.m. - Brandon Crowder, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells on a Martin County Warrant for domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, kidnapping, intimidation, strangulation, and three counts of domestic battery. He is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

12:55 p.m. - Travis Arvin, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents on a Martin County Warrant for driving while suspended. He is being held without bond.

12:55 p.m. - Leroy Taylor, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia bond was set at \$15,000 10%.

9:31 p.m. - Billie Groff, 65, of French Lick, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated - prior. Bond was set at \$15,000 10 %.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED November 15

Cole Tyson Ross, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed November 10

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Charles Bell, civil collection.

## November 12

Discover Bank vs. Tristan Horsting, civil collection.

## November 15

Capital One Bank vs. Alyssa Matheis, civil collection.

Stacy J. Wright vs. Joshua A. Wright,

petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS November 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Sandra Ray in the amount of \$6,410.38.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Sherri Campbell in the amount of \$1,402.61.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS November 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Gregory A. Braun in the amount of \$3,218.03.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jacob K. Stockle of Shoals and Candy L. Land of Shoals.

## Martin County real estate transfers

Daniel E. Foerster and Joyce R. Foerster to Family Fellowship, Inc., all that part of Lot Number 10 in the Town of Shoals, formerly called Memphis.

KRA Holdings, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to Dean Robert Poolley and Françoise Marie Bernadette La Poulighet, of Hamilton County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

SHWS Development, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to Billy Walker, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 152 according to the original plat of the Town of Memphis, now the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

Jeffrey A. Williams, of Martin County, Indiana to Dustin E. Williams, of Mar-

tin County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 6 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 12690 Chicken Farm Road Shoals IN 47581.

Joseph James Fegan and Dola Francyne Fegan, of Martin County, Indiana, to Wyatt J. Crane, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.86 acre, more or less.

Sharon Wolfe, Lois Austin, Rachel Walls, Ruth King and Sarah Greene, of Martin County, Indiana to Alexandria Elizabeth Sutton, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 32 in Ackerman's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

## Erratic behavior leads to OWI and meth charges for Shoals man

On the morning of Wednesday, November 10, the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a call from a business in Shoals concerning a male subject driving recklessly in the business' parking lot and on the highway near the business. The caller also stated that the male had been acting erratically inside the business a few minutes prior. Captain Tyler Reed and Loogootee Officer John Wells responded to the location.

Prior to Captain Reed's arrival, the caller stated that the subject had parked his vehicle in the business' parking lot and then taken off on foot. Captain Reed checked the area on foot but was unable to locate the subject. Shortly afterwards, the caller stated that the subject had arrived back at the business. Officer Wells and Captain Reed arrived and detained the subject identified as Marty G. Peek, 37, of Shoals. Peek displayed signs of intoxication and an operating while in-

toxicated (OWI) investigation was initiated. Sheriff Travis Roush also arrived to assist. After gathering witness statements and the results of the OWI investigation, Peek was arrested on charges of reckless driving and OWI. During a search at the scene, Captain Reed located a plastic bag in Peek's pocket that contained a white crystal substance. The substance field tested positive for methamphetamine and had a field weight of 6.1 grams. Peek was transported to the Martin County Security and booked in on the listed charges.

Peek was charged with possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony, operating while intoxicated w/ prior conviction, a Level 6 Felony; operating while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; and reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



#### THOUGHTS:

\*Sometimes it takes me all day to get nothing done.

\*I've come to the conclusion that I'm a reasonably intelligent person who does moderately stupid things on a semi-regular basis.

\*One minute you're young and free and the next minute you're super excited that your grocery pickup order has no substitutions or out of stock items.

\*The longest drum solo in history was 10 hours and 26 minutes and was performed by the kid behind me on Delta flight 963 from LA to Tokyo.

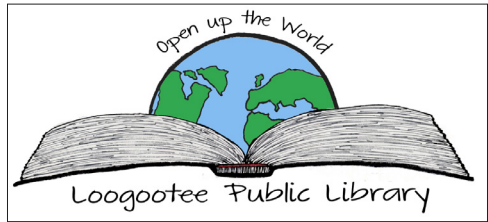
\*When I am done eating something, I have to show my hands to the dog like I'm a black-jack dealer.

Friend: What are you doing today?

Me: Drinking/pole dancing

Friend: Oh, so coffee and mopping the floor.

#### RIDDLES:



#### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 25, Friday, November 26, and Saturday, November 27. Evergreen Indiana will be updating to 3.7 during this time, holds will not be available. This may effect OverDrive eBooks too. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Carolyn's Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

Jonathan Cropp will be offering free guitar lessons at the library. If interested, call the library for more information.

Yoga for Seniors will be held on Monday, December 6 from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Pre-registration required. There is a \$10 donation.

The library was awarded a Martin County Community Grant to purchase a 75" SmartTv for the Community Room. The SmartTV will be used for training, movies, sports programs, etc. We appreciate the continual support of the foundation.

#### New Books:

Mystery: "The Playing Fields" by Stella Cameron,

Fiction: "The Devil's Sea" by Clive Cussler and "Out of the Rain" by V.C. Andrews.

DVDs: "Luca".

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

1. What happens when it rains cats and dogs?
2. Why can't dogs work the TV remote?
3. What do you get when you cross a sheepdog with a rose?
4. What did the dog say to the sandpaper?
5. What did the Dalmatian say after his meal?
6. What's a dog's favorite city?
7. How do dogs travel cross country?
8. Why did the poor dog chase his tail?

#### SERIOUSISMS

\*Sometimes I just want someone to hug me and say, "I know it's hard. Here is chocolate and 6 million dollars."

\*The person who invented the Ferris Wheel never met the person who invented the Merry-Go-Round. They traveled in different circles.

\*When science finally locates the center of the universe, some people will be surprised to learn they're not in it.

\*The biggest difference between money and time: you always know how much money you have, but you never know how much time.

\*Saying Christmas is "at risk" due to supply chain problems leads me to believe that you don't know the reason for Christmas.

#### ANSWERS

1. You can step in a poodle
2. Because they always hit the paws button.
3. A collie-flower
4. Ruff
5. That hit the spot!
6. New Yorkie
7. They take the greyhound
8. He was trying to make both ends meet

Make someone smile today!

#### Commissioners' meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in regular session on Tuesday, November 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

#### Night of Praise

First Choice Solutions, formerly known as the Pregnancy Care center, is hosting a Night of Praise on December 3 at Word of Life Church located at 7144 Russell Drive in Bicknell. Get the latest update on services provided by First Choice Solutions and to listen to the praise and worship band, Forged in the Fire. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with the event starting at 7 p.m. Free-will offerings will be accepted. If you have any questions, call the clinic at 812-257-1041.

#### Church performance

The Alfordsville Assembly of God Church will host music group Renee on Saturday, December 4 at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

#### A Child's Christmas

On Saturday, December 4 the Dubois County Museum will sponsor "A Child's Christmas". The program will be from 12-4 p.m. Santa arrives at the museum from 12-2 p.m. for visits and pictures. A wide variety of crafts and games will be available for all to participate. Each child will receive a goody bag. From 3-4 p.m., all are welcome to enjoy the sweet sounds of violins with the students of Strings as they present a holiday concert. Make a reservation with museum volunteers by November 30 by calling 812-634-7733. List name, phone number and number of adults and children coming. Cost of the program is admission into the museum.

#### 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 third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

#### Soil and Water meetings

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

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,  
Purdue University Master Gardener

It has been a tough year, Santa, but I have been trying really hard to make the nice list. I'm not sure I really made it, but I thought I'd write my annual letter, just in case.

As usual, my number one wish is for rocks. Actually, I am really wanting one special rock. It would be large enough to say "Sandhill Gardens" and also have room for my address. If it is large enough, perhaps the delivery drivers will see it and actually deliver things to the right place.

I also need some stones that are flat and about four inches thick to finish the walkway through the moon gate. Of course, I need some fine gravel to fill in around the stones and lock them in to make a safe walk. Some solar lights would be nice to outline the moon gate.

Of course, some nice fieldstones to line the pathway would be welcome. I really need a truck load of such stones, as I have several pathways to up-grade.

Santa, you likely remember my love of seating areas in the gardens. Last year, I asked for some chairs that look like gigantic hands. I knew that was a long shot, but I really do want those seats at the top of the cliff. I guess it would not do any harm to repeat a request.

I try to take good care of my garden tools, but I must admit, that some of them are needing upgrades. As I get older, power tools hold a certain gleam. I am especially interested in a power trimmer known as the Jaw. It is a cross between pruners and a chain saw and is powered by a re-chargeable battery pack. I think you can also get a set of hedge trimmers that will use the same battery. That could be very handy.

On the other hand, I am very fond of antique garden tools. I have some old eye hoes that need new handles and a couple of picks that could also use handles.

One of my greatest desires is to get an actual stone hoe head. Other tools used by Native Americans and early pioneers would also be welcome additions to my collection. I enjoy using the tools in programs about how gardening has changed through the years and to also show that we still have the same connection with the earth when we grow our own food.

I do not usually ask for specific plants, but I thought you might be able to bring some gift certificates for my favorite nurseries. A beautiful new redbud won Plant of the Year honors at the Chelsea Garden Show this summer. Marketed in the United States as "Flame Thrower", this redbud offers brilliant red, orange and yellow leaves throughout the growing season. Those accents in the canopy will be show-stoppers in the landscape. I have a couple of places where I would like to try them, so two trees would be nice.

Witch hazels provide interest in the garden at a time when there is little else in bloom. I would like both autumnal and vernal witch hazels.

I certainly need a gift certificate for a native plant nursery. I want to get some rattlesnake master plants going for my meadow and would love other native bloomers. I especially would like to get some native bittersweet, which has become very scarce in this area.

Finally, I once again ask that you send some elves to help me in the gardens. I find that it is hard for me to get everything done these days. A good work crew for a few days would really be a big help.

As always, if I end up on the naughty list again, you have my permission to use this letter as a guide for gifts for the good gardeners. I am sure they will appreciate the gifts.

Your humble gardener,  
Ralph

## #OptOutside with DNR on Black Friday

Free admission to any DNR property that charges a gate fee will be granted on Friday, November 26 to anyone participating in the annual Opt Outside promotion.

Those who Opt Outside on Black Friday will also be entered in drawings for DNR annual passes, lake permits, Outdoor Indiana subscriptions, Smokey Bear materials, gift cards and DNR staff-led outdoor experiences. To participate, you can do one, two or all three of the following to increase your chances of winning prizes:

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DNR social media sites for posting include division and/or property pages as well as the links listed below.

- Indiana State Parks Facebook page: [facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs](https://facebook.com/INdnrstateparksandreservoirs)
- Indiana Fish & Wildlife Facebook page: [facebook.com/INfishandwildlife](https://facebook.com/INfishandwildlife)
- Indiana State Forest Facebook page: [facebook.com/INdnrforestry](https://facebook.com/INdnrforestry)
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2. Opt Outside Scavenger Hunt. Download and complete the Opt Outside Scavenger Hunt found at [on.IN.gov/optoutside](http://on.IN.gov/optoutside) at any DNR property, then return it to [SPContests@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:SPContests@dnr.IN.gov) to be entered in a separate drawing for prizes and experiences.

3. Check in at a property with the Indiana State Nature Passport. As a bonus this year, if you check in at any DNR property currently listed in the Indiana State

Nature Passport Program at [visitindiana.com/explore](http://visitindiana.com/explore) or if you complete the Opt Outside Scavenger Hunt and enter the special Nature Passport Scavenger Hunt PIN, you will be entered in a drawing for a 2022 Annual Entrance Pass and an Outdoor Indiana magazine subscription. The special Nature Passport PIN for the scavenger hunt will be posted in the same location as each property's usual Nature Passport PIN.

Everyone who posts a photo as described or participates in the scavenger hunt will be entered in a grand prize drawing for a gift pack from outdoor gear retailer REI in Castleton. REI is a supporter of the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation and Indiana State Parks.

"Being able to spend time outdoors at one of our DNR properties any time of the year helps make you a winner, but we are glad to offer free admission and these great prizes to add to your outdoor experience as you #optoutside on Black Friday," said DNR Director Dan Bortner.

REI started the #optoutside initiative in 2015, announcing it would close its stores on Black Friday. For more information, visit [rei.com/opt-outside](http://rei.com/opt-outside). To read an REI blog about the benefits of being outdoors, visit [rei.com/blog/news/a-dose-of-the-outdoors](http://rei.com/blog/news/a-dose-of-the-outdoors).

### Patoka Lake hosts archery lesson December 11

Patoka Lake is hosting an archery lesson for beginner to intermediate archers on Saturday, December 11 from 10 a.m. to noon inside the Patoka Lake Nature Center. The lessons will be taught by the interpretive naturalist, who is a certified archery instructor.

The event is open to archers age 8 and older, and all archery equipment will be provided. Participation is limited to the first 15 people, and cost is \$5 per person. Register by calling the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake ([on.IN.gov/patokalake](http://on.IN.gov/patokalake)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

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### Shop grant

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The Martin County Community Foundation recently presented a \$500 Make My Day grant to the Shoals High School Shop Class for materials that can help enhance their learning opportunities. Mr. Kent and his students are continually looking for ways to apply their skills to new projects. One such project is the barn in the background of this picture. It will be used as an Animal Handling Facility to better raise stock and learn all that is involved in the farm-to-table process. In October, the MCCF was pleased to award them a \$10,000 Impact Grant to help with the Facility construction. Pictured, from left to right, are Chris Davis, MCCF Board member Laura Albertson presenting the \$500 Make My Day check to Mr. Ben Kent, Zeke Wells, Darrin Jones, and Keegan Brock.



Where does our water come from? We are very blessed in the Town of Shoals. We have an abundant supply of water that actually sits right under our town. It sits over six-and-a-half stories underground. A geologist once told me that we have a large natural lake that Shoals sits over. We are not the only ones that use water from this lake, our local Gypsum company does and East Fork Water Company also. We have some of the highest quality water in Indiana. This has been confirmed by the State of Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). Anyone can go online and purchase a water testing kit, or someone can come in your house and sell you a way (they think) to make your water better. The bottom line is, they all have something to sell. Their test will show that you need to purchase this or that to arrive at their particular standards. At the Town of Shoals, we trust science and that's through Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

### RATE

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from 1.8 percent (previously reported at 2.3 percent) in September to 1.6 percent in October. The county had the third lowest unemployment rate in the state for October, tied with Adams, Boone and Hamilton counties.

In October, the county had 22,057 residents in the workforce with 360 of them unemployed. In September, there were 21,982 residents able to work and 394 of them without jobs. In October of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 3.4

percent with 22,636 residents in the workforce and 770 of them jobless.

Greene County's unemployment rate moved from 2.7 percent (previously reported at 3.3 percent) in September to 2.6 percent in October. The county had the 19<sup>th</sup> highest jobless rate in the state for October, tied with Grant, Owen and Porter counties.

In October, the county had 13,574 residents in the workforce with 350 of them unemployed. In September, there were 13,591 residents able to work and 361 of them without work. In October of 2020, Greene County's jobless rate was 4.3 percent with 13,476 residents in the workforce and 586 of them without work.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for October were Union and LaGrange counties at 1.5 percent, Hamilton, Boone, Dubois and Adams counties at 1.6 percent; Martin and Daviess counties at 1.7 percent and Whitley, White, Wells, Steuben, Ohio, Hendricks, Gibson and Elkhart counties at 1.8 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for October were Howard and Lake counties at 4.2 percent, LaPorte County at 3.4 percent, Fayette County at 3.3 percent, Miami County at 3.2 percent, Vigo County at 3.1 percent, Marion and Orange counties at 3 percent, and Delaware, Madison, Scott, Starke and Vermillion counties at 2.9 percent.

SPECIAL NOTE: Indiana's unemployment rate for September 2021, which stood at 4.0 percent when released on October 22, has since been revised downward to 3.5 percent by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Indiana's labor force participation

rate for September also has been revised downward by BLS, from 63.0 percent to 62.9 percent.

BLS made the revision after discovering an immediate change needed to the unemployment rate model that affected the East North Central Region, which includes Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin.

BLS said unemployment statistical models used to calculate labor force data have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Effective October 2021, BLS changed its approach to detecting and adjusting for outliers in monthly statewide data. The distortions made to January-August 2021 statewide labor force estimates will be modified during the annual benchmarking process in February 2022.

For more information from BLS, please click this link: [www.bls.gov/lau/launews1.htm](http://www.bls.gov/lau/launews1.htm).

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.3 percent for October, and the national rate is 4.6 percent. 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 9,183 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 7,030 unemployed residents and a decrease of 2,153 employed residents.

Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.33 million, and the state's 62.7 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 61.6 percent.



### Goodie bags

-Photo provided

The Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers Association delivered bags of goodies to all Loogootee School Corporation employees on Monday, November 15, in appreciation for all they do for the children. Shown above is elementary teacher Shannon Wagler receiving her bag of goodies from Daviess/Martin Retired Teacher President Alice Jones.

Doorbusters (Limit one per customer) Pearl Earrings - \$15 • Diamond Earrings - \$49 • Diamond Pendant - \$39

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# ~LETTERS TO THE EDITOR~

## 'Thank you to everyone'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*:

The Shoals Adult Booster Club would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations and support of this year's Fall Festival: Martin County Journal, Big Splash, Wonderlab, Children's Museum of Evansville, German American Bank, Gasthof Restaurant, Chicago's Pizza, Chastain's Flowers & Gifts, Faytastic Pizza, French Lick Resort, The Shoals News, Stoll's Lakeview, Bo-Macs, Southern Indiana Steel, Shoals Public Library, Pizza Junction, Country Creations, The Flower Project, Kentucky Kingdom, McDonald's, Los Amigos, Fast Eddies, Lark Ranch, Loogootee Fire Department, Performance Seed Service, Jasper Memorial Hospital, Eichmiller Pumpkins, Shoals Lions Club, Shoals High School Media Class, Jones Oil Company, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance-Travis Brett, Rox Café, Mrs. Perry, Mr. Kent's Class, Angela Smith Family Dental Care, Carla's Catering, Loughmiller Machine, Crane Credit Union, Applacres, Lana Helms, Hawkins Healthcare, Kizior & Young Orthodontics.

A special thanks to Robert Sullivan and all the coaches, athletes, staff, parents and community volunteers who helped make this year's festival a great success.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to support the Shoals Athletic program.

The Shoals Adult Booster Club

## 'We owe it to them to make their lives easier'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*:

Although I know people have very mixed feelings on the issue, I was listening to Christmas music in November on the radio. During one of the breaks from music, the subject of how badly people are treated that work in grocery stores, especially at the holidays, was brought up. It was mentioned that we all need to consider ways we can make the persons working in grocery stores easier. Those at our local groceries have been with us during this entire pandemic and we owe it to them to make their lives easier.

I spoke with a former local grocery store employee who relayed the following story of his last Thanksgiving at the store. A customer came in two days before Thanksgiving seeking a very specific poundage of turkey, 20 pounds. He had a 19.8-pound and a 20.9-pound turkey, but not a turkey that weighed exactly 20 pounds. After keeping his cool and trying his best for 10 minutes to find her the perfect turkey; she proceeded to request to speak to the store manager to report his incompetence.

All this weighed on me and I felt it was important to investigate how to make the lives easier for those in this very important industry.

1. Treat employees with respect.
2. Don't complain about the store's new hours and don't violate special shopping hours set aside for those who are elderly, pregnant or immunocompromised.
3. Don't come to the store if you are sick.
4. Throw your masks and gloves in the trash after you are done shopping, not on the ground.
5. We all want to save money, but have respect for others, when couponing. If possible, go to the store during times that are less busy.
6. After your items are rung up, don't run back into the store for an item you forgot.
7. Don't go into the express lane with a full cart of groceries.
8. Don't stand with the freezer doors for an extended time.
9. Don't touch items you do not plan to purchase.
10. Don't leave items you changed your mind about in random spots.
11. Don't complain about items that are not in stock and don't ask employees to check in the back.
12. Follow any limits that are placed on hard-to-find items; be a good neighbor.
13. Don't taste test while perusing the fresh food section.
14. Put your cart back in the cart stall.

To all the grocery store staff reading this, "You are heroes!"

Melissa Jeremiah, RN,  
Director of Operations  
Hoosier Uplands Home  
Health Care & Hospice

## Public notice for Bridge 58 on Brickyard Road

Des. No. 1902785  
Martin County, with funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and administrative oversight from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), is planning to proceed with the replacement Martin County Bridge No. 58 (NBI No. 5100029) carrying Brickyard Road (County Road 13) over Boggs Creek in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Martin County Bridge No. 58 was previously determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Since this bridge is also categorized as a "Non-Select" bridge within the Indiana Historic Bridge Inventory, the FHWA is satisfying its Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 responsibilities following the procedures outlined in Stipulation III.B of the Historic Bridges Programmatic Agreement. Per Stipulation III.B. of the HBPA, Martin County will hold a public hearing for the project prior to completion of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) studies. The hearing will be advertised at a later date.

No other properties listed in, or eligible for listing in, the NRHP will be impacted by the project. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), on behalf of the FHWA, has issued a "No Historic Properties Affected" finding for the project. The finding for this project only applies to the other resources located within the APE and not Martin County Bridge No. 58. In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, the views of the public are being sought regarding the effect of the proposed project on the historic elements as per 36 CFR 800.2(d), 800.3(e) and 800.6(a)(4). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.6(a)(4), the documentation specified in 36 CFR 800.11(d) is available for inspection at Metric Environmental, LLC. The documentation can also be viewed

electronically by accessing INDOT's Section 106 document posting website IN SCOPE at <http://erms.indot.in.gov/Section106Documents>. Persons with limited internet access may request project information to be mailed to them. Please contact Karen Garrard, phone - 513-399-8482, email -- [kareng@metricenv.com](mailto:kareng@metricenv.com).

This documentation serves as the basis for the "No Historic Properties Affected" finding. The views of the public on this effect finding are being sought. Please reply with any comments to Karen Garrard of Metric Environmental, LLC (513-399-8482, [kareng@metricenv.com](mailto:kareng@metricenv.com)) no later than 30 days after the publication date.

In accordance with the "Americans with Disabilities Act", if you have a disability for which the Martin County needs to provide accessibility to the document(s) such as interpreters or readers, please contact Terri Alcorn, Martin County Highway Department, 10753 Sherfick School Road/P.O. Box 57, Shoals, IN 47581, phone - 812-247-2666, email - [highway-clerk@martincounty.in.gov](mailto:highway-clerk@martincounty.in.gov).

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**DOUGY is a male tiger stripe adult cat, around a year old. Very sweet, feisty though. Adoption fee is \$45. The shelter is open by appointment only for adoptions. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).**

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