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Caseload Size Category	Rank	Rolling 12 Paternity Establishment Ratio		Support Order Ratio		Rolling 12 Current Support Ratio		Rolling 12 Cases Paying on Arrears Ratio	
Large	1	VANDERBURGH	104.95%	VANDERBURGH	97.37%	ALLEN	67.30%	ALLEN	79.28%
	2	LAKE	103.05%	ST. JOSEPH	95.44%	ELKHART	65.97%	ELKHART	79.22%
	3	ALLEN	103.00%	ALLEN	94.78%	VANDERBURGH	65.17%	VANDERBURGH	78.54%
Medium-High	1	JOHNSON	109.76%	GRANT	98.38%	MARSHALL	75.83%	HENRY	84.71%
	2	HENRY	108.15%	MARSHALL	98.04%	HENDRICKS	74.44%	PORTER	84.60%
	3	BARTHOLOMEW	106.34%	HUNTINGTON	97.72%	PORTER	73.86%	MARSHALL	83.89%
Medium-Low	1	WASHINGTON	113.03%	WABASH	99.58%	WHITLEY	81.93%	DECATUR	87.20%
	2	OWEN	110.28%	DECATUR	98.52%	ADAMS	78.46%	CLINTON	86.10%
	3	JEFFERSON	109.86%	JENNINGS	98.14%	DEKALB	76.79%	WHITLEY	85.99%
Small	1	MARTIN	112.90%	BROWN	98.85%	JASPER	79.31%	NEWTON	88.78%
	2	FOUNTAIN	111.15%	MARTIN	98.73%	NEWTON	78.80%	MARTIN	83.96%
	3	CARROLL	110.34%	ORANGE	98.34%	MARTIN	78.57%	PERRY	83.87%
Overall Statewide	1	WASHINGTON	113.03%	WABASH	99.58%	WHITLEY	81.93%	NEWTON	88.78%
	2	MARTIN	112.90%	BROWN	98.85%	JASPER	79.31%	DECATUR	87.20%
	3	FOUNTAIN	111.15%	MARTIN	98.73%	NEWTON	78.80%	CLINTON	86.10%

FFY 2023 Leaderboard as of 12/31/2022

Martin County Child Support Division to receive award

The Martin County IV-D Child Support team is proud to announce that Martin County is leading as number one for the small county category and number in overall statewide.

The IV-D staff (Trish McKibben and Kimberly Bauer) will be accepting an award from the state this summer at the Indiana Child Support Conference for going green in all four categories.

"It is not easy to work in this field and takes a lot of hard work, compassion, and drive to be able to get to where we are today. Our hope and goal is to continue this progress throughout the years to come. We enjoy serving our community and look forward to helping those in need of child support services," said IV-D Administrator Trish McKibben.



Shown above are Aureola Vincz, Prosecutor; Trish McKibben, IV-D Administrator; and Kimberly Bauer, IV-D Administrative Assistant. Not pictured is Mike Fritch, IV-D Deputy.



Shown above, kneeling, from left to right, are Remi Lake, Tritt Rutledge, Bentley Smith, Kyle Winger, and Mason Lake. Standing, from left to right, are Town Council President Cary Albright, Jaxson Mullis, prior Council Member Cecil Ragsdale, Jonathan Kreitler, Ian French, Town Council Member Micky Crew, Emmalyn McNabb, and Abbi Rollins. Not pictured were RoxStars Coaches Dean and Lorna Troutman, Town Council Vice President Roger Abel and prior Council Member Clint Hoffman.

Shoals donates to RoxStars headed to nationals

The Town of Shoals presented a \$1,000 check to the RoxStars Robotix Team for their upcoming competition in May at the FLL National Championship in New Jersey. The team advanced on at the First Lego League State Championship in December that was held in Indianapolis, Indiana winning the Motivate Award. The team competed against 48 teams and came out 1 of 6 teams to advance. This is Shoals history in the making. This is the first team to advance past the state championship since the robotics program was started at Shoals Community School ten years ago.

One part of the competition is the

robot games. The team works several months in advance on programming their self-designed robot to score as many points as possible in the challenge for the robot games. The team also must come up with a community-based project that aligns with the theme of the year. The theme this round was solar energy. The team met with leaders from the Town of Shoals on multiple occasions and came up with a project and plan to change over the street lighting in Shoals to solar powered. The team presents their project during the competition along with participating in interviews by held judges and presenting a skit.



The new elected members of the Shoals Town Council held their first business meeting of the year on Monday, January 9 at the Shoals Town Hall. Shown from left to right are Roger L. Abel Jr., Vice President; Micky Crew, Member; and Cary D. Albright, President. The council will hold their monthly public meetings the second Monday of each month at the Shoals Town Hall at 5:59 p.m.

Shoals Council makes appointments, discusses town clean up, drainage issues

The Shoals Town Council held their first meeting of the year on Monday, January 9. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Roger Abel Jr., and Micky Crew; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Whitney Haulk, and citizen Tex Howell.

The first item on the agenda was the re-organization of the council. Councilman Abel made a motion to make Councilman Albright President with Councilwoman Crew making the second. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to make Councilman Abel Vice President and Councilman Albright made the second.

Citizen Tex Howell came before the council with a concern of a property on Lynwood Street that has an overabundance of trash and debris and asked if there was anything the council could do to address the issue. Council Member Albright stated they now have an ordinance enforcer and would discuss the issue with him and address a violation.

Council Member Abel made a motion to appoint Dave Lett as the town attorney for 2023 with Council Member Crew making the second and the motion passed. Next was the appointment of several boards as follows: SIDC- Cary Albright, Martin County Solid Waste Board- Roger Abel Jr., Radius Indiana - Cary Albright, WRMCA (White River Valley Military Coalition Alliance) - Cary Albright tentative Micky Crew taking the spot, Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth Board- Cary Albright and Sierra Rutledge, Martin County Tourism - Cecil Ragsdale and Whitney Haulk. It was noted the Shoals Business Association meets the first Tuesday of the month and Shoals Council presence is desired when available.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented two sewer break requests for 2023 for Main Street Laundry and Michael's Car Wash. Council Member Abel made a motion to approve with Council Member Crew making the second and the motion passed.

Rutledge presented the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth invoice for annual membership for \$1,000. Council Member Abel made a motion to approve with Council Member Crew making the second and the motion passed.

Rutledge presented the 2023 annual member invoice for AIM (Accelerate Indiana Municipalities) in the amount of \$1,100. Council Member Abel made a motion to approve with Council Member Crew making the second and the motion passed.

Rutledge stated HWC would be onsite tomorrow from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. and the 2023-1 CCMG application would be submitted. Council Member Abel stated he would like to see Lynwood/North Walnut Street addressed in an upcoming application and Council Member Albright stated he has had them look at it and pricing has been put together for a future application. Rutledge reminded all that the town hall would be closed on Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Council Member Abel stated an area on Stephens Street has a storm drain that needs to be addressed. He said it was on the corner of West 1st Street and Stephens Street and that a new storm drain needs to be put in. Abel stated he felt the town could handle doing the project and (See 'SHOALS COUNCIL' on page 2)

City of Loogootee Primary Election filings

The following candidates have filed, so far, for the City of Loogootee Primary Election on May 2, 2023:

- Loogootee Mayor: Noel D. Harty (D)
- Loogootee Clerk/Treasurer: Lori D. Carrico (R)
- Loogootee City Council At-Large: Ronald Gilbert (D)
- Loogootee City Council District 1: Mike Engleman (R)
- Loogootee City Council District 2: (John) David Smith (R)
- Loogootee City Council District 3: Carroll R. Rayhill (D)
- Loogootee City Council District 4: Rick Norris (D)

To run for these positions, you need to have resided within the city for one year prior to filing. You must be a registered voter in the city at the time of filing. You may pick up paperwork to file at the Martin County Clerk's Office at 129 Main Street in Shoals. If you have questions, please call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651. Deadline to file is February 3 at noon.

Daviess-Martin Joint Park Board 2023 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the West Boggs Park Activity Center unless otherwise noted.

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| Tuesday, January 10 - Lake Diagnostic Study Meeting at Dinky's Auction Center | Tuesday, June 13 |
| Tuesday, February 14 | Tuesday, July 11 |
| Tuesday, March 14 | Tuesday, August 8 |
| Tuesday, April 11 | Tuesday, September 12 |
| Tuesday, May 9 | Tuesday, October 10 |
| | Tuesday, November 14 |
| | Tuesday, December 12 |

WestGate Board 2023 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 1:30 p.m. in the WestGate Academy or via Zoom when requested. Zoom option may end in the future.

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| Tuesday, January 10 | Tuesday, July 11 |
| Tuesday, February 14 | Tuesday, August 8 |
| Tuesday, March 14 | Tuesday, September 12 |
| Tuesday, April 11 | Tuesday, October 10 |
| Tuesday, May 9 | Tuesday, November 14 |
| Tuesday, June 13 | Tuesday, December 12 |

Shoals Town Council 2023 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 5:59 p.m. in the Shoals Town Hall, 221 Low Street, Shoals..

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| Monday, January 9 | Monday, August 14 |
| Monday, February 13 | Monday, September 11 |
| Monday, March 13 | Monday, October 2 |
| Monday, April 10 | Monday, November 13 |
| Monday, May 8 | Monday, December 11 |
| Monday, June 12 | (The year-end meeting will be set at the December 11 meeting) |
| Monday, July 10 | |

Radius Indiana welcomes new board members and presents initiatives for 2023

Radius Indiana welcomes nine new board members and announces a new slate of officers and key initiatives for 2023, including expanded efforts in regional tourism, talent attraction, and collaboration and development in the defense sector.

With ten board members reaching term limits and two retiring from the Radius board at the end of 2022, a host of new community leaders have joined as new board members.

Those new appointees include: Katy Preidt, Duke Energy Paul Quick, Smithville Matt Long, AT&T Natalie Hedde, Centerpoint Craig Buse, Springs Valley Kelly Zimmerly, Greene County local government, County Council Craig Menke, Crawford County local government, County Council Mike Kluesner, Dubois County local government, County Council Lonnie Hawkins, Martin County private sector

Retiring board members were honored with a proclamation for their service to Radius and their contributions to the region at the December 2022 meeting, including oversight of the launch of Radius' tourism brand, Discover Southern

SHOALS COUNCIL — (Continued from page one)

he would get pricing to do the work. With no further business to discuss, Council Member Abel made a motion to adjourn with Council Member Crew making the second and the meeting closed at 6:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, February 13 at 5:59 p.m.

Indiana, a significant expansion of work-force-related programs, launch of the regional business news platform Southern Indiana Business report, and increasing assistance for the region's existing business sector.

During the meeting, the board also re-elected former Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman to serve as chair of the board. Additional 2023 officers include:

Vice Chair: Bryan Brackemyre, Indiana Municipal Power Agency Secretary: Bryant Niehoff, Daviess County Economic Development Corporation;

Treasurer: Brent Sternberg, German American Bank

Executive Committee At-Large Members: Justin Green, Mayor of Salem and Jeff Pipkin, Hoosier Energy

LEDO Representative: Shance Sizemore, Lawrence County Economic Growth Council

"The leaders who have been on our Board for the past few years took us through the trials of the COVID era and helped us reshape our approach to economic development to meet the region's needs as we came out of the pandemic," said Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius Indiana. "We appreciate the work they did as voices of the region giving us feedback and input."

The board also ratified its 2023 budget to support programs and activities for the eight Radius counties. These activities include continued significant tourism funding to market Discover Southern Indiana, a full year of the new regional business retention and expansion (BRE) program, continuation of Spark Downtown, support for the Southern Indiana Trailways rails-to-trails development, and expansion and modification of the Choose Southern Indiana population attraction incentive program.

"We anticipate 2023 to be another great year for Radius as we continue to initiate programs and contribute to projects that shape the future of Southern Indiana," said Skillman. "This new slate of board members adds a wide range of knowledge and expertise, and I'm looking forward to the year ahead."

Radius will hold its annual stakeholder luncheon February 15, 2023. More details to follow.

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FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Shoals has a full-time job opportunity available for a qualified individual to work as a **general laborer**. The person in this position will perform manual work and operate a variety of motor driven vehicles and equipment for the Town's Utility & Street Departments. This position involves removing snow & ice, working with and locating underground utilities, waste removal and management, operating and maintenance on all equipment, reading water meters, mowing, weed eating, operations and maintenance at the cemetery grounds, and light construction duties. These duties will involve working outside in all weather conditions and will include being on call every other weekend, and for emergency reasons such as weather, water and sewer leaks, utility emergencies, etc.

Advancement will be possible with proper training and state certification licensing.

The successful candidate will receive a starting hourly rate based on experience and will be eligible for all of the town benefits which include paid vacation, sick and personal days, paid holidays, PERF (Public Employment Retirement Fund), health, dental and vision insurance, short term disability and access to a company vehicle.

Minimum Requirements:

- Must possess the ability to communicate with the public, Town Council Members, and all other individuals in a positive and professional manner;
- High School Diploma or equivalent;
- Physical capabilities to perform manual labor and light construction;
- Ability and willingness to work in all weather conditions and be on call for emergencies;
- Must have a clean driving record and valid driver's license;
- Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug screen and random testing thereafter, a pre-employment background check, a pre-employment physical, and vaccines as required by the State Department of Health.

Interested candidates may pick up and submit applications at the Shoals Town Hall. Questions can be directed to the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 812-247-2110.

Completed applications may also be mailed to:

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OBITUARIES

DORIS POTTORFF

Doris Lynn Pottorff, formerly of Shoals, passed away Thursday, January 12, 2023. A resident of Washington, she was 66.

She was born July 10, 1956, in Evansville; daughter of Frank and Fern (Wildman) Johnson.

Doris attended Shoals High School and was a homemaker. She loved going camping, fishing, and spending time with her family.

Surviving are husband, Timothy Pottorff; children, Leland (Kelly Spaulding) Sipes, Dennis Sipes II, and Amanda (Jeremy) Foll; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Sandy (Rick) Gammon; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three children in infancy; and siblings, Lloyd Robert Johnson, Martha Shaw, and Shirley Beers.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, January 17 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Bro. Rick Gammon officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pace observes Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Cervical Health Awareness Month is recognized in January and Pace wants you to be empowered to take control of your health, educated on cervical health, and have improved well-being. Cervical cancer is preventable with screening and vaccination. Approximately 80 years ago cervical cancer was the leading cause of cancer death among women in the United States. Each year, more than 14,000 new cases of cervical cancer are detected and approximately 4,000 deaths occurred in 2021.

Rebecca Skiver, PA-C, Health Connection Supervisor stated, "99 percent of cervical cancers are caused by human papillomaviruses (HPV). The HPV vaccine (Gardasil) is approved for the prevention of cervical cancer in males and females between ages 9 and 45, and Gardasil is currently offered at all Health Connection Clinics."

There are several recommendations for cervical cancer screening based upon your age range.

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

EMMA HAMBY

Emma Sue York Hamby died Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at Thomasville Medical Center. She was 80.

Sue was born December 5, 1942, in Haywood County; daughter of the late Ralph York and Carrie Green York.

Sue worked in the restaurant industry, as a manager for 50 years and was a member of Almond Baptist Church in Bryson City before moving to Thomasville. Sue was "one of the best cooks you ever met", and loved to go camping, fishing and traveling. She also owned and operated Eastside Bakery in Indianapolis.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother, Carroll York of Sylva and sister, Joyce Nuedling of Bryson City.

Sue is survived by three sons, Jimmy Ray Hamby, Jr (Shari) of Indiana, Edward Thomas Hamby (Crystal) of High Point, and Michael Lee Hamby (Donna) of Thomasville; a daughter, Debbie Sue

- 21-29 years old: A pap test every 3 years is recommended.
- 30-65 years old: A pap test and high-risk HPV testing (co-testing) every 5 years is recommended.
- 65 years and older: Routine screening is not recommended after adequate prior negative screening results.
- Additional screening may be necessary depending on the pap test and HPV results. Your provider will determine your specific screening recommendations.

Plan for a well-woman visit in 2023 by contacting Health Connection. There may be no co-pay, deductible, or out-of-pocket cost. To schedule an appointment or to talk to a healthcare provider, call the Health Connection clinic closest to you, Bedford (812) 675-0247, Sullivan (812) 638-2998, Terre Haute (812) 234-0707, Vincennes (812) 882-6069, and/or Washington (812) 254-6936. Please visit our website at <https://www.pacecaa.org/health-connection> for more information about the agency.

Combs of Thomasville; two brothers, Walter York of Franklin and David York of Bryson City; one sister, Dana Lupo (Roy) of Goose Creek; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Cremation was chosen and no services are scheduled at this time.

To honor Sue's wishes, she will be scattered on the mountain she so loved in Great Smokey Mountains National Park.

VIOLET CANNON

Violet Dolores Cannon passed on January 13, 2023, at her home. A resident of Pittsboro, she was 101.

She was born August 4, 1921, in Huron; daughter of Thomas and Pearl (Pearson) Pridemore. She married Donald Cannon in 1941 and he preceded her in death in 1960.

Violet attended school in Huron, was a member of the Shoals United Methodist and retired from NWSC Crane. Her family was her life, and they loved her for her love and care.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas (Linda) Cannon and Mike (Rita) Cannon;



VIOLET CANNON

one daughter, Sandra (David Harmon) Cannon; one son-in-law, Donald Sparks; grandchildren, Audra (Jason) Pierce, Tyler (Hannah) Sparks, Brian (Courtney) Sparks; great grandchildren, Dane, Clair, Carter, Levi, Nolan, Lexi; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded by her parents, husband, one daughter, Linda Sparks; and siblings, Linza, Lucille, Ernest, Glen, Alleen, Homer and Lou.

Funeral services were held today Wednesday, January 18, at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor David Conley officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Union Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made at www.queenlee.com. The Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care has been entrusted with the arrangements.

"The most dangerous phrase in our language is, 'We've always done it this way.'"
-Admiral Grace Hopper

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:39 a.m. - Received a call reporting a stalled semi in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Stork's Towing responded.

8:50 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:56 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:48 a.m. - Received a call reporting a stalled vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:03 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:39 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard in Shoals. INDOT was notified.

3:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting the fire department in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Gibson responded. No transport was needed.

3:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver heading west on US 50 coming into Shoals. Martin County Law Enforcement was notified.

3:56 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:55 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:03 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:05 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

10:39 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on Highway 231 North, heading South. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement.

12:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:58 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

2:10 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

3:05 p.m. - Received a call from Martin County Highway Department advising of a road closure tomorrow for a culvert replacement. Windom Road between Blue Creek Lane and Simmons Creek Road.

3:21 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:56 p.m. - Received multiple landline calls reporting an abandoned vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

4:22 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:43 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:20 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on Highway 231 South, heading south. Martin County Law Enforcement and Dubois County were ad-

vised.

5:38 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:18 p.m. - Received a report of an officer needed in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin, Loogootee Reserve Officer Long, Captain Reed and Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:00 p.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

11:52 p.m. - Received a call reporting harassment southwest of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:08 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

10:50 a.m. - Deputy Pressley took one inmate to court.

12:02 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County EMS and Crane EMS responded. Crane EMS transported patient.

6:17 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane Village. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Loogootee Reserve Officer Long responded.

6:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Loogootee Reserve Officer Long responded.

7:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Loogootee Reserve Officer Long responded.

7:57 p.m. - Received a report of a person being robbed in Crane Village. Deputy Hawkins and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:58 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

12:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. No transport was needed.

5:45 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:31 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:35 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:20 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:48 a.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

12:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting missing dogs south of Shoals.

12:58 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

1:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on an ATV north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

1:57 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

3:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious activity north of Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northwest of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

5:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

5:31 p.m. - Received a report of harassment. Corporal Wells responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received a call from Astro Alarm Company advising of a fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims and Corporal Wells responded.

9:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

1:45 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Deputy Long responded.

2:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Dubois County ALS, and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with a Dubois County Medic on board.

9:37 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Medic 2, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Loogootee Fire Department and Storks Wrecker Service responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting harassment. Corporal Wells responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a semi lost a tire east of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:57 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer. Corporal Wells responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

11:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute southwest of Shoals. Deputy Long, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

11:57 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

12:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a

Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

12:53 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

1:27 a.m. - Received a call from Daviess County requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Deputy Long responded.

1:55 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:02 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

10:18 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

10:31 a.m. - Received a report of an ambulance needed in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:44 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident west of Shoals. Corporal Wells, Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Officer Seymour and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

12:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

3:53 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Corporal Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with a Dubois County Medic on board.

6:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:21 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Long and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded. No one was transported.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

2:18 a.m. - Received a call from Orange County advising of an impaired driver possibly heading toward Martin County from Orange County. Deputy Long and Loogootee Officer Erwin were notified.

3:08 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

6:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:20 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:46 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident on Crane base. Transferred call to Daviess County 911. (See 'SHERIFF'S LOG' on page 5)

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

January 5

Ayron R. Miller, convicted of operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 951 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 38 actual days previously served plus 13 Class B credit days. Defendant shall serve the remaining executed time of 900 days on the Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Program, as long as he remains eligible.

Veronica E. Abrams, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 730 days suspended. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

Joshua A. Yarbrough, convicted of intimidation, a Level 6 Felony and strangulation, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 912 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with

Real estate transfers

Delphia G. Street, of Martin County, Indiana to **Magdalen R. Arvin and Michael L. Stewart**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 4 in Block "E" in Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a strip of ground eight feet in width along the entire north side of Lot Number 5 in Block "E" of the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Shawn Emberton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert E. Williams, Jr. and Maryam Williams**, of Marion County, Indiana, Lot Number 3 of the Thompson Woods Subdivision.

Mark F. Bauer to Hunter C. Land and Erin B. Land, all of Lot Number 28 and all of Lot Number 27, except that part of Lot 27 used as a street. Also, the east half of Lot Number 26, except a strip 70 feet in depth off of the south end of the east half of said lot, all in Cray's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Monty L. Gregory to Douglas Edward Harder, Jr. and Jenifer Lynn Harder, a tract of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana.

Charles M. Evans to Joshua Paul Bigham and Jennifer Louise Bigham, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Also, all that part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, lying south of CR 60 (Kale Road), except a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 10, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing in all 40 acres, more or less, except a section containing 2 acres, more or less. More commonly known as 10161 Bear Hill Road, Shoals IN 47581.

610 days suspended and credit for 151 actual days previously served plus 151 Class A credit days. Defendant received 20 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 912 days with 912 days suspended. Defendant received 30 months of probation.

January 6

Frank T. Winger, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 370 days with 366 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 366 days of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

January 5

Ayron R. Miller, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Veronica E. Abrams, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 6

Frank T. Winger, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

January 6

Property Sure vs. Annabelle Corneau, eviction.

ARRESTS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

11:49 p.m. - Travis Holman, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor, three counts. He is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

9:15 a.m. - Daniel Saunders, 57, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with operating while suspended-prior. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

SHERIFF'S LOG

(Continued from page 4)

ferred call to Crane 911.

2:21 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Loogootee for a possible domestic dispute. Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Hawkins responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer south of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver heading west on US 50. Deputy Hawkins and Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident in Lawrence County. Caller was advised to call Lawrence County for report.

9:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a semi that is stalled on Highway 231 South. Deputy Long and Ruxer's responded.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:39 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a stranded motorist on West Broadway Street.

8:47 a.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on East Main Street.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of electrical wires in the street on Pleasant Lane.

2:58 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a possible electrical fire on East Broadway Street.

5:15 p.m. - Officer Seymour investigated a report of a shoplifter at Family Dollar.

5:43 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical all in Nobles Court.

6:11 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at Larkin Apartments.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

12:46 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Green Street.

2:03 p.m. - Officer Seymour was requested on Indiana Avenue.

3:46 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a stranded motorist in Whitfield.

7:56 p.m. - Officers Erwin and Long performed a welfare check in Scenic Hill.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:08 a.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to an accident on Highway 231 North.

12:02 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Vine Street.

1:10 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on East Broadway Street.

Attorney General asks Hoosiers to watch for signs of human trafficking and report suspicions

Attorney General Todd Rokita is asking Hoosiers to stay alert for signs of human trafficking in communities across Indiana and to report any suspicious activities to authorities. People in certain job roles — such as medical professionals, restaurant workers, teachers and truck drivers — are particularly likely to come into contact with trafficking victims.

"The evil enterprise of human trafficking is a modern form of slavery," Attorney General Rokita said. "In America, this scourge is propagated in significant part by criminal cartels operating out of Mexico. Here in Indiana, we're committed to rescuing victims from their enslavers and bringing perpetrators to justice."

Human trafficking is a \$150 billion criminal enterprise. It occurs anytime someone uses force, fraud or coercion to make another individual provide labor, services or commercial sex acts. If the person performing commercial sex acts is under 18, the crime of human trafficking still occurs even without the elements of force, fraud or coercion. (humantraffickinghotline.org)

With January 11 being National Human Trafficking Awareness Day, now is a fitting time to remind Hoosiers to stay watchful for signs that someone might be a trafficking victim.

According to the U.S. State Department, those signs include observations

4:54 p.m. - Chief Means and Officer Long responded to a domestic issue on North Line Street.

6:35 p.m. - Officers Sims and Long assisted with articles dropped off on Ackerman Drive.

7:23 p.m. - Officers Sims and Long responded to a civil disturbance on North Line Street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

1:20 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a lift assistance request on Vine Street.

9:07 p.m. - Officer Sims and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a fire alarm on Cooper Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

1:45 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a burglar alarm on West Broadway Street.

9:32 a.m. - Officer Seymour and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a semi rollover near Zehr Lane.

12:42 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Redbud Street.

8:33 p.m. - Officer Erwin assisted Deputy Long with a domestic call.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

12:53 a.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a burglar alarm on West Broadway Street.

8:10 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted Deputy Wells with a traffic stop.

10:10 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a complaint on East Main Street.

10:38 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted with traffic control at an accident.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:06 p.m. - Officer Erwin assisted with traffic control on Highway 231 South.

that someone:

- lives with their employer.
- lives with multiple people in a cramped space.
- otherwise experiences poor living conditions.
- is prohibited from speaking alone to strangers.
- gives answers that appear to be scripted and rehearsed.
- has an employer holding their identity documents.
- shows signs of physical abuse.
- is submissive or fearful.
- is unpaid or paid very little.
- is under 18 and working in the commercial sex industry.

If you have suspicions that someone is being trafficked, you should immediately call local law enforcement. You may also call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888.

The Office of the Attorney General operates the Address Confidentiality Program, which helps protect victims of certain crimes — including those who have been trafficked — by concealing their residential address from the public and thereby their victimizers. Learn more about the program at the Attorney General's website at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/about-the-office/appeals/victim-services/address-confidentiality-program/.



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Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association meeting

The Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association met at the Gasthof restaurant on Friday, January 13. President Ramona Lennen led the members in the pledge to the flag and conducted the meeting. The minutes of the November meeting were submitted by Nancy Adams and were approved as read. David Lennen gave the treasurer's report and Lawana Hand thanked members who turned in their 2022 service hours.

Registration is still open for the Connecting Virtually workshop which will be held on January 25, beginning at 10 a.m. Registration can be made at www.retired-teachers.org. Ramona Lennen will fill the term of the Area 8 director who recently resigned. It was decided that Power House will be the recipient of the Pennies from Heaven project for this semester.

Our program was presented by Tracy Cook, director of the Power House since 2019. The Power House has been in operation since 1999, and exists to build relationships with junior and senior high students with the goal of fostering a relationship with Jesus Christ. The facility is open from 3-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and offers teens a place to go after school. A meal is served each day and there are activities for the students. At this time, 40 to 50 students come each day. Tracy told us they have a program called Power Up where students earn wages for the work they do, and they

will soon be offering a Dave Ramsey program for teens which will help them to learn how to manage their money. 92 percent of the funding for the Power House comes from donors. Tracy said they have been doing fundraising for a new building which will house a gymnasium and cafeteria. The groundbreaking for this building is set for the spring.

Jason Williams, from AMBA, spoke about their new recovery care insurance plan and offered to be available to anyone who would like more information.

Door prizes for this meeting were provided by Donna Keller and Alana Thompson and were won by David Lennen, Ruth Frette and Arlene Owens. Pat Brochin and Peg Neidigh will furnish the door prizes for the next meeting. Attending today's meeting were Kenneth A. Macy, Marilyn S. Read, Janice Riley, Peg Neidigh, Arlene Owens, Alana Thompson, Ruthanne Burkhart, Ruth Frette, Lawana Hand, Ramona Lennen, David Lennen, Pat Brochin, Linda Strosnider, Vicky Bauernfiend, Donna Keller, Nancy Adams, Tracy Cook, Power House Director and Jason Williams, AMBA representative. The next meeting will be Friday, March 10, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof. All retired teachers living in Daviess and Martin counties, and the surrounding areas, are invited to attend. The blessing was sung, and the meeting was adjourned for lunch.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Redevelopment commission meeting

The Martin County Redevelopment Commission will meet Thursday, January 19 at noon at the Martin County Learning Center at 2666 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN 47553. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, January 19 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic hosts a wellness clinic on the third Friday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email echristmas@youthfirst.org or toddamy@iu.edu.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

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 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 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

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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.

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

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.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



AUGUST is a male lab mix, around a year old. He is very sweet, playful and okay with other dogs. He is neutered and up to date on all shots. An approved adoption application is required to set up an appointment. Adoption fee is \$100. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humane-societyofmartincounty.org.



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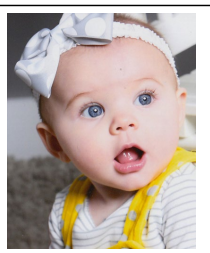


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Let Us Pray for the Little Ones Lost By Abortion!

We join our nation in mourning the deaths of millions of innocent lives lost to abortion. We acknowledge the pain and anguish suffered by the many mothers and fathers who now regret that fateful decision. We pray for their healing. We only wish that mothers coming into the abortion chambers could see the “window into the womb” to understand what they are carrying. If allowed this vision, we believe they would choose life, not abortion.

How can you help in this battle against abortion?

1. Educate yourself on the abortion issue and what it is doing to our society.
2. Talk to your family members and friends, encourage them to support life and not abortion.
3. Support the Right to Life Movement financially and with your time and talent.
4. Always vote pro-life. Find out how the candidates stand on the abortion issue before you vote. If not, you may be supporting abortion by your vote.
5. Finally, pray to end abortion.

Now is the time to support the efforts of the Right to Life Organizations in our area by renewing your membership or making a donation to help in this most important mission.

You should receive by mail, a letter, to renew your membership. **If you do not, and wish to donate, mail your contribution to Martin County Right to Life, P.O. Box 11, Loogootee, Indiana, 47553**

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The Town of Shoals is accepting sealed bids for the contracted mowing of Springhill Cemetery for the 2023 & 2024 mowing seasons.

Mowing Season: April 1st through October 31st of each year.

Contract Terms:

MOWING: Mowing of grass to a height of 3.5 inches is desired.

- The expectations of the contractor is to mow the area once a week except in adverse weather conditions. For example, drought grass may not need mowing once a week in certain areas and wet and soft areas need plenty of time to dry to reduce the risk of making ruts in the cemetery.

TRIMMING: Trimming around headstones, trees, shrubs, etc. is to be done twice per month. Headstones are to be cleared of grass clippings after trimmings.

CLEANING: Cleaning out of the cemetery grounds is to take place five (5) times per year. This is preferred to happen during the following time through the season:

1. At the beginning of the mowing season April 1st.
2. The week before the Memorial Day holiday.
3. The week before the 4th of July holiday.
4. The week before the Labor Day holiday.
5. The week after the last needed mowing of the season.

Accepted contractor is required to furnish proof of \$1,000,000 liability insurance coverage prior to the start of the mowing season.

BID INFORMATION: Sealed bids will be accepted at the Shoals Town Hall at 221 Low Street Shoals, Indiana 47581 or by mail at P.O. Box 1078 Shoals, Indiana 47581 until Friday, February 10th 2023 at 3:00 P.M. Bids will be opened at the regular scheduled meeting on Monday, February 13th 2023 at 5:59PM at the Shoals Town Hall. Bid should include: Bidder Name, address, phone number. Bid amount in total for each year. Upon awarding, the bidder will sign a contract with the Town of Shoals agreeing to all terms listed above.

The Town of Shoals reserves the right to refuse or deny any bid received.



This is column number 800. I am amazed and honored that after all of these years of writing this column, people still encourage me to continue. This column started as a way for me to combine my talents and interests in gardening and writing, and to complete the volunteer hours needed for my Master Gardener certification. Since it takes about three hours each week for me to research, write and distribute the column, I have now accumulated 2,400 volunteer hours from the column.

Many things have changed over the years. I initially offered the column to newspapers in Orange and Lawrence counties. It has spread around other parts of southern Indiana, usually due to moves by faithful readers who requested the column be run in their local papers. Of course, during this time, many newspapers have ceased publication or have merged to form new publications. When I started writing this column, online publications were not yet common, but the column appears in some online news publications now.

Many have asked if I am paid for this column. I am not, since I do it as a volunteer. However, over the years, I have received some gifts from readers. Most of the gifts were craft projects for the garden completed by people who were inspired by the column. I have proudly displayed many such birdhouses, bird feeders and works of garden art at Sandhill Gardens. Just last week, I was informed that a reader is playing Santa, and is supplying the new bench for the rose garden requested in my letter to Santa. I am humbled and honored by the generosity of my gardening friends and readers.

From the beginning, I insisted that this would not be a garden question and answer column. I often get calls and letters asking gardening questions, and I try to find the answers, often writing about them in the column. However, the column has been much more than that. I have often described the column as my garden diary. Within the 800 issues, you will find

many tales about my activities at Sandhill Gardens. You will also find descriptions of gardens I have visited throughout the United States, as well as gardening-inspired tours in Europe. I hope to continue making visits to great gardens and would love to have readers join me in touring some public gardens in Indiana and neighboring states.

I have judged many 4-H fairs, including several state fairs, and have acted as a judge at flower shows. I love visiting flower shows and have a bucket list of shows I hope to visit. When I do so, rest assured that you will read about the experience in this column.

My travels, work and educational experiences have resulted in an accumulation of friends who are experts in many fields. I like to feed the birds and watch the butterflies but am neither an entomologist nor an ornithologist. I do know that an answer to almost any question is only an email or a phone call away.

I often have invited readers to join me and enjoy a sunset over the cliff at Sandhill Gardens. Sometimes, people ask if I really mean that. The answer is a resounding "Yes!" There is nothing I like more than sharing this garden with others, be it an old friend or someone I have just met. I always warn visitors that I do not have a staff to care for the garden, so it is far from perfect, but my family has grown vegetables, field crops and flowers on this plot of land for nearly a century, and I have tried to include things to make it interesting in all seasons.

To be quite honest, I have thought about discontinuing the column. I have written about everything that I could find related to gardening, and I wonder if I have anything else worth sharing. I have been reminded that new gardeners are born every day, and it is acceptable to repeat some lessons. I just hope I have helped my readers to become better gardeners, and thereby, have enriched their lives. Thanks for reading.

USDA expands eligibility, enhances benefits for key disaster programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) made updates to several conservation, livestock and crop disaster assistance programs to give more farmers, ranchers, and tribes the opportunity to apply for and access programs that support recovery following natural disasters. Specifically, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) expanded eligibility and enhanced available benefits for a suite of its programs. These updates will provide critical assistance to producers who need to rebuild and recover after suffering catastrophic losses of production and infrastructure due to natural disasters.

FSA has updated the following programs: The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Emergency Forest Restoration Program (EFRP), the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP), the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) and the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP).

"As I meet with producers across the country, I have gained a better understanding of the ways in which our programs work—and the ways in which they can be improved to better support all producers, especially those who are working to rebuild their operations after a disaster," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "This set of updates to our disaster assistance programs reflects FSA's commitment to listening to producers and responding to their needs wherever we have the authorities to do so. We are confident that these changes will increase the both the accessibility and efficacy of our disaster assistance programs, consistent with our goal to build equity into the fabric of our work at the FSA."

Conservation Disaster Assistance Updates

FSA updated ECP to:

Allow producers who lease Federally owned or managed lands, including tribal trust land, as well as State land the opportunity to participate.

Provide advance payments, up to 25 percent of the cost, for all ECP practices before the restoration is carried out, an option that was previously only available for fence repair or replacement. The cost-share payment must be spent within 60 days.

Additionally, Congress also authorized the Federal government to pay 100 percent of the ECP and EFRP cost for damage associated with the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire in New Mexico. This fire burned over 340,000 acres from April 2022 to June 2022 and was the largest wildfire in recorded history in New Mexico. ECP and EFRP cost-share assistance is typically capped at 75 percent. This policy change for 100 percent cost-share applies only to those locations impacted by the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire.

ECP and EFRP provide financial and technical assistance to restore conservation practices like fencing, damaged farmland or forests.

Livestock Disaster Assistance Updates
FSA also expanded eligible livestock under ELAP, LFP and LIP. Specifically, horses maintained on eligible grazing land are eligible for ELAP, LFP and LIP. Many family farms and ranches use their forage to raise horses to augment their other agriculture endeavors. FSA recognizes that animals maintained in a commercial agriculture operation, add value to the operation and could be available for marketing from the farm. FSA regulations have been updated to include these animals as eligible livestock.

Horses and other animals that are used or intended to be used for racing and wagering remain ineligible.

Ostriches are also now eligible for LFP and ELAP. FSA is making this change because ostriches satisfy more than 50 percent of their net energy requirement through the consumption of growing forage grasses and legumes and are therefore considered "grazing animals".

This change for ostriches is effective for the 2022 program year for both LFP and ELAP. ELAP requires a notice of loss to be filed with FSA within 30 days of when the loss is first apparent. Because this deadline may have passed for 2022, FSA is extending the deadline for filing notices of loss through March 31, 2023.

LIP and ELAP reimburses producers for a portion of the value of livestock, poultry and other animals that died as a result of a qualifying natural disaster event or for loss of grazing acres, feed and forage. LFP provides benefits for grazing losses due to drought and eligible wildfires on federally managed lands.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance

NAP provides financial assistance to producers of non-insurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory or prevented planting occur due to natural disasters. Basic NAP coverage is equivalent to the catastrophic level risk protection plan of insurance coverage, which is based on the amount of loss that exceeds 50 percent of expected production at 55 percent of the average market price for the crop.

Previously, to be eligible for NAP coverage, a producer had to submit an application (Form CCC-471) for NAP coverage on or before the application closing date. For 2022, if a producer has a Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification (Form CCC-860) on file with FSA, it will serve as an application for basic coverage for all eligible crops having a 2022 application closing date and all NAP-related service fees for basic coverage will be waived for these producers.

FSA will notify all eligible producers who already have the CCC-860 certification form on file of their eligibility for NAP basic coverage for 2022. To potentially receive NAP assistance, producers who suffered losses due to natural disasters in 2022 should file an acreage report as well as a notice of loss with the FSA at their local Service Center.

Producers who are interested in obtaining NAP coverage for 2023 and subsequent years should also contact their local FSA county office for information on eligibility, coverage options and applying for coverage.

Reporting Losses

Producers impacted by a natural disaster should report losses and damages and file an application with their FSA county office. Timelines for reporting losses and applying for payments differ by program.

For LIP and ELAP, producers will need to file a Notice of Loss for livestock and grazing or feed losses within 30 days and honeybee losses within 15 days. For LFP, producers must provide a completed application for payment and required supporting documentation to their FSA office within 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing loss occurred.

For NAP, producers should contact their local FSA office for guidelines on submitting a notice of loss and filing an acreage certification.

More Information

The updates to these programs build on (See 'PROGRAMS' on page 8)

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Purdue ag economists provide insight on critical issues facing farmers in 2023

BY KAMI GOODWIN
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After a year of economic shocks that included supply chain disruption, global conflict, tight margins and historic inflation, Purdue University Department of Agricultural Economics experts are looking ahead to what the agricultural sector can expect in 2023. Those findings were recently published in the Purdue Agricultural Economics Report's annual outlook issue.

"Signs are pointing to another uncertain and volatile year in agriculture," said Roman Keeney, associate professor and co-editor of the report. "In 2023, our experts are assessing the possibility of a recession, impacts from the ongoing war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as expectations for input costs and food prices.

"Additionally, the 2018 Farm Bill is set to expire in September, which makes 2023 an important year for farm policy. Following multiple years of emergency support and agriculture benefitting from COVID relief packages, government di-

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other Biden-Harris administration efforts to improve disaster assistance programs, including additional flexibility in obtaining Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) basic coverage for socially disadvantaged, beginning, limited resource and veteran farmers and ranchers.

Previous enhancement to the ELAP provide program benefits to producers of fish raised for food and other aquaculture species as well as cover above normal expenses for transporting livestock to forage and grazing acres and transport feed to livestock impacted by qualifying drought. And earlier updates to the LIP payment rates better reflect the true market value of non-adult beef, beefalo, bison and dairy animals.

Yesterday, FSA announced it would begin accepting applications for the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) Phase Two and the new Pandemic Assistance

rect support to agriculture is set to fall dramatically."

Inside the issue, Keeney discusses the implications of these changes and notes that the short timeline and a wave of new congressional representatives could make replacing the 2018 Farm Bill in 2023 a significant challenge.

To read the full Purdue Agricultural Economics Report 2021 outlook issue, visit <https://purdue.ag/paer>. The report provides an outlook for the following agricultural topics:

The U.S. Economy in 2023

Trade and trade policy

Factors that shape the 2023 Farm Bill

Consumer food prices

Dairy consumption and production

Purdue Crop Cost and Return Guide

Agricultural credit

Farmland values and cash rents

The Purdue Agricultural Economics Report is a quarterly publication from the Department of Agricultural Economics. Articles in the annual outlook issue are intended to provide a road map for understanding challenges facing the agricultural economy.

Revenue Program (PARP) on January 23, 2023, through June 2, 2023. ERP Phase Two is designed to fill gaps in the delivery of program benefits not covered in ERP Phase One and improves equity in program delivery to underserved producers. PARP will help address gaps in previous pandemic assistance, which was targeted at price loss or lack of market access, rather than overall revenue losses.

Additional Resources

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Farm Loan Discovery Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and Natural Resources Conservation Service programs, contact the local USDA Service Center.

USDA reminds producers of continuous certification option for perennial forage

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds agricultural producers with perennial forage crops of an option to report their acreage once, without having to report that acreage in subsequent years, as long as there are no applicable changes on the farm. Interested producers can select the continuous certification option after USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) certifies their acreage report.

"FSA's continuous certification option simplifies future acreage reporting of perennial crops, and it can also help streamline the application process for many of our farm programs, including disaster assistance programs," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "For example, when persistent drought conditions over the past year affected livestock producers in the West and Great Plains, producers who had previously filed a continuous acreage report were able to benefit from a streamlined application process for the Livestock Forage Disaster Program."

An acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch and its intended uses, including perennial crops like mixed forage, birdsfoot trefoil, chicory/radicchio, kochia (prostrata), lespedeza, perennial peanuts and perennial grass varieties. To access many USDA programs, producers must file an accurate and timely acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage.

The perennial crop continuous certification process requires a producer to initially complete an acreage report certifying the perennial crop acreage. The producer may select the continuous certification option any time after the crop is certified. Once the continuous certification option is selected, the certified acreage will roll forward annually and does not require additional action on the producer's part in subsequent years un-

less the acreage report changes.

Once a producer selects continuous certification, then continuous certification is applicable to all fields on the farm for the specific crop, crop type and intended use. If continuous certification is selected by any producers sharing in the crop, then the continuous certification is applicable to fields in which the producer has a share for the specific crop, crop type and intended use.

"Currently less than half of the 336.5 million acres of perennial forage is being reported using the continuous certification process," Ducheneaux said. "Producers can help streamline the reporting process by selecting continuous certification after filing their crop acreage report."

Producers can opt out of continuous certification at any time. The continuous certification will terminate automatically if a change in the farming operation occurs.

How to File a Report

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety.
- Intended use of the crop.
- Number of acres of the crop.
- Map with approximate boundaries for the crop.
- Planting date(s).
- Planting pattern, when applicable.
- Producer shares.
- Irrigation practice(s).
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable.
- Other information as required.

More Information

Producers can contact their local FSA office to see if their crops are eligible for continuous certification or to make an appointment. Producers can make an appointment to report acres by contacting their local USDA Service Center.

Sign up for Happy Little Trees virtual 5K by March 1 and support Indiana State Parks

Inspired by "Happy Painter" Bob Ross' love of the outdoors, Indiana State Parks and the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF) are partnering with the Michigan DNR to stage the virtual Run for the Trees / Happy Little (Virtual) 5K between Earth Day and Arbor Day.

The virtual event was started in 2020 by the Michigan DNR, which is inviting other states to participate this year. In Indiana, proceeds will be used to fund projects at Indiana State Parks related to forest health, tree planting, invasive species removal, and other stewardship-re-

lated projects through the INRF.

Participants, who will be encouraged to do the run outdoors, if possible, between Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 28), will receive a keepsake Happy Little T-shirt, a commemorative race bib number, and a finisher's medal, similar to what participants in an in-person event traditionally get. The registration fee of \$34 also includes shipping and handling.

To learn more and sign up by the deadline of March 1, see runsignup.com/happytrees, where you can also make additional donations to the cause.

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