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Martin County CEO welcomes new facilitator

The Martin County CEO board is proud to announce and welcome Todd Baker as the new facilitator of Martin County CEO program.

Todd Baker is married to Blair Baker and is a lifelong resident of Martin County. They have two children, Burke and Willa. He has a secondary education degree from Indiana University. Todd and Blair own and operate Bo Mac's Drive-In in Shoals.

The CEO program is an accredited entrepreneurship education course available to juniors and seniors from Loogootee High School and Shoals High School in the community. The class is never held in school, rather, participants meet five days a week for 90 minutes in local businesses.

The program hopes to partner with a local college in the future years to provide students with dual credit opportunities.

Throughout the school year, the CEO program takes students out of the classroom and into local businesses, allowing them to meet with community leaders, exposing them to over 100 guest speakers, and providing them with mentors who coach them through the process of starting and running a business.

The role of the CEO facilitator in the program is to facilitate the learning environment that these young people experience and collaborate with the local board to ensure program essentials are being met.

The facilitator encourages program participants to explore, discover and push themselves through the real-world learning activities they are exposed to. Asking questions, supporting curiosity, and encouraging problem solving are at the core of the role as they provide guidance through each participant's CEO journey.

This individual must also demonstrate a passion for learning and possess an abil-



TODD BAKER

ity to connect with the high-school-aged participants, as well as the community.

Todd Baker recently completed his facilitator training provided by the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship, the provider of the CEO Program nationwide, in advance of the 2024-2025 program year.

Brooke Hawkins, Martin County CEO Board Chair, states "I am excited for our first year with Martin County CEO. The board has been working hard with Midland Institute to get this program up and running. This program will provide an opportunity for our local students to see not only what they can go out and do in the future, but also what opportunities are here in their own county."

For more information about the local CEO Program, visit our local CEO Program website Martin County IN CEO - Entrepreneurial Education (martincountyceo.com)



New Loogootee business

-Photo provided

A new business in Loogootee, Taylor Tech, LLC, held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, July 29. Taylor Tech will offer a comprehensive range of tech services for both home users and small to medium businesses. From installing modems, routers, and home printers to troubleshooting PC and Mac issues, resolving software problems on iPhones, Androids, and tablets, and more. For businesses, they provide tailored solutions including networking, managed services, email setup, backup solutions, and custom email services. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Due to house calls, they encourage scheduling an appointment by calling 812-964-8871. Shown above, from left to right, front to back, are Jonathon Taylor, Martin County Alliance Project Coordinator Michelle Grace, Brandy Frady, Charlie and Peggy Lyon, Ben VanLue, Candy and Rusty Van Lue, Brady Taylor, Mary Lou and Steve Harrawood, Father Walker, Judy Yarnell, Martin County Alliance Director Jessica Potts, Loogootee City Council Member Mike Engleman, Loogootee Mayor Brian Ader, Noel Harty and Rodney Grimes. Not pictured are Zach VanLue and Libby Taylor.

Loogootee to help Shoals secure school resource officer

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety held a special meeting Tuesday night, July 30 to discuss approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shoals School to provide to be the sponsor law enforcement agency for a school resource officer (SRO). According to Loogootee Police Chief Jim Hunt, the school was preparing to start the school year without a school resource officer. He said he is unsure why the Martin County Sheriff's Department no longer partners with Shoals School but wanted to do whatever needs to be done to protect the students. He said he doesn't want to get involved in the reasons why Shoals isn't working with the sheriff, he just wants to get someone in place as soon as possible.

Hunt said Shoals tried to work out an agreement with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department but learned that state law requires the law enforcement agency be inside the county of the school system. He said the school had two options; they could start their own police department which would be very costly or they could get help from the Loogootee Police Department. Hunt noted that Shoals no longer has a town marshal so the school couldn't go that route either.

Hunt said Shoals students may not be in his jurisdiction however he worries for their safety the same way he does with students in Loogootee. "All I care about is the safety of the school and the kids," he said. He added that he didn't want them to have to start the school

year without an officer. Mayor Brian Ader agreed and said, "We've got to help each other."

Chief Hunt said they had to work pretty fast to get something coordinated before the start of the new school year, which is next week. He thanked Mayor Ader for acting quickly on the matter and working to get something in place over the past few weeks. Chief Hunt said Shoals School will pay for all expenses related to having the resource officer, including a vehicle, uniform, equipment, salary and benefits. The Loogootee Police Department will only provide training to keep the officer in good standing per state statute and the school will pay for any expenses involved. Chief Hunt said Jason Hennette will be serving as the Shoals School Resource Officer and he has already been through SRO training and already has police powers.

Chief Hunt said no liability will be put on the City of Loogootee by having this MOU and it will cost the city nothing. He said Shoals School even has their own insurance policy specifically for the SRO position.

The board of works unanimously voted to approve a memorandum of understanding with the wording updated to remove the sheriff's department as the sponsor agency and add the Loogootee Police Department.

In other business, the board of works also approved hiring Don Garab as a full-time police officer. Garab has been serving part-time for the department for the last few months.

Board of Works Member Jason Greene was not present for the meeting.



Mustering Elm Park donation

-Photo provided

The Mustering Elm Park in Trinity Springs received a \$3,988 grant from the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund. This is a donor-advised fund established with the Martin County Community Foundation by Terry (Ed) and Alyssa Kerns in memory of their son Carter. With this type of fund, the donors can make a recommendation to the MCCF for where the yearly grant is to be distributed. This year, Ed and Alyssa wanted to help Mustering Elm Park with their improvement efforts to enhance the park experience for children. Shown above, from left to right, are MCCF Director Curt Johnson, Park President Katina Jewell, Alyssa and Ed Kerns, Park Treasurer Sarah Sexton, Secretary Rowena Tripp, and Vice-President Sandy Andis.

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~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

‘The purpose of the Mid-States Corridor has not changed’

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*:

I see Mike Braun’s comments about INDOT not funding the Mid-States Corridor and how the Corridor project was low on INDOT’s list of priorities was not true. Yes, the funding is “only” for the Tier 2 study; but it shows how easy and fast it is to get the funds and to change priorities. Just imagine how fast this 3-year study will be completed when he becomes Gov. Braun.

The Lochmueller Group will be meeting with owners and residents along the proposed route; and, will be talking to the community about what’s important to them, the residents. These conversations will be about how they currently use the existing roads, not about if they think a new terrain highway is needed. Once again, the Lochmueller Group is using semantics to hide their true intentions.

The Lochmueller Group will be sending letters to the landowners along the proposed route. The stated purpose of these letters is to inform the landowners of the survey work and studies of the flora and fauna in the area that will become the right of way for the Corridor. These

are not innocent, informative letters but a survey of opposition to the Corridor. One may be tempted to just throw the letter away; but it will be much more effective to reply to these letters with a resounding “NO”. Reply to the Lochmueller Group by saying they are not welcome, nor will they be allowed onto one’s property for any purpose. Remember, it takes only half of us landowners to say no to stop the Mid-States Corridor.

Keep in mind this is the latest attempt to soften the blow of a new terrain, 4-lane, high-speed highway through some of the finest farmland in Indiana. Think about the proposed route, bypassing both Huntingburg and Jasper on the east side, when it would be less expensive and more direct to bypass these cities on the west side, then ask yourself “Why this route?” The purpose of the Mid-States Corridor has not changed, it is not for the benefit of all the people of Dubois, Martin and Daviess counties; but, for the enrichment of a few wealthy businessmen.

Now is the time for all good men to come to aid of their communities and continue to just say “NO!” to the Mid-States Corridor.

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PATRICIA ZIEGLER

Beloved mother Patricia Faye Ziegler passed away at 3:10 p.m. Sunday, July 28, 2024, at Select Specialty in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, she was 84.

She was born July 5, 1940, in Alfordsville; daughter of late Delmar and Minnie (Helderman) Harker.

Patricia was member of the Alfordsville Methodist Church. She was a past 4-H Leader for the Jolly Juniors. She loved to visit flea markets and yard sales. Patricia was known to stop for all yard sale signs.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Ziegler; daughters, infant Patricia Ziegler and Jyl Ann Harrison; brother, Ronnie Harker; and grandson, Ronald D. Allen, who was killed in action in Iraq.

Patricia is survived by her children, Ronda Ziegler and Larry (Cheryl) Ziegler, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Nathan Harrison, Andrea Harrison and Eric Harrison; seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren; and siblings, Ike Harker, Steve Harker, and Beverly (Mike) Thompson.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Saturday, August 3 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Truelove Church Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 3 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

PAUL FARRELL

Paul J. Farrell, Jr. passed away at 9:48 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at Stonebridge Health Campus. A resident of Bedford, he was 84.

He was born August 2, 1939, in Lawrence County; son of Paul Farrell, Sr. and Marie (Anderson) Farrell. He married Sally McDowell, and she preceded him in death. He later married Norma J. Seidle, and she also preceded him in death.

He retired from NSWC Crane. Survivors include two daughters, Paula

Farrell of Bloomington and Cheri Farrell and partner, Christine Atchison, of Illinois; step-children, Tracy Holtsclaw and husband, Scott, of Bedford; Darren Godsey and wife, Peggy, of Williams; and Mark Godsey and wife, Vickie, of Loogootee; grandchildren, Courtney Blackwell and husband, Evan; Kennedy LaFree and husband, Jacob; Lynnsie Greenan and husband, Pat; Terry Godsey and wife, Bethany; Danae Godsey, Cori Hall and husband, Kyle; Kyle Wykoff and wife, Kelsey; and Leah Wykoff, great-grandchildren, Emrie and Emmitt Blackwell, Adeline Riggs, Willow Godsey, Ava, Marcus and Khloee Wykoff, Violet and Malachai Bogard and Palmer LaFree.

He was preceded in death by his parents, both wives and a brother, Sonny Farrell.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, July 29 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary with Millard Jones officiating. Burial followed in Dive Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

SANDRA JONES

Sandra S. Jones passed away Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Shoals, she was 86.

She was born May 22, 1938, in Indian Springs; daughter of James and Farrell (Johnson) Akles.

She graduated from Williams High School.

Sandra married Robert Jones on November 11, 1956, in Martin County.

She owned Jones Oil Company along with her husband, Robert since 1961.

Sandra loved shopping, traveling, flowers, keeping her yard beautiful, going out to eat, her winter home in Ft. Myers, her dog, Sophie; the Town of Shoals, and her family

She was a member of the Church of the Cross and the Shoals Christian Church, member of Psi-Iota-Xi, and the Eagles #2442.

Surviving to cherish her memory are her children, Steve (Trina) Jones, Chris (Tami) Jones, Lisa (Bill) Bauer, and Derek (Connie) Jones; special friend, Bill Shaw;

grandchildren, Casey (Staci) Jones, Corey (Mackenzie) Jones, and their mother, Cathy Jones, Matt Jones, Nick (Kelsey) Jones, Victoria Sue Bauer, Brendon Jones, and Hunter Jones; great-grandchildren, Jackson and Colby Jones, Mattyson, Mosby, and Marly Jones, Riley, Oaklyn, Drew, and Creek Jones, and Charlotte and Leo Jones; brother, Mike (Sharon) Akles; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert; and two brothers,

Larry (Mabel) Akles and Mark Akles.

A funeral service was held Friday, July 26 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Pastor Matt Sullivan and Nathan Stevens officiating. Music was provided by Nathan Stevens and Bill Bauer. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shoals Catfish Festival, Church of the Cross, and Shoals Christian Church.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

SUNDAY, JULY 21

10:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

12:37 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance and officers in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Deputy Branham, Deputy Doane and Martin County Assistant Coroner Smith responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner.

3:53 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a call from Lifeline advising of a fall detection in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Deputy Branham responded. No one was transported.

9:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident west of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart, Loogootee Officer Garab and Big John's Towing responded.

10:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart and Big John's responded.

10:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Deputy Baumgart responded.

Monday, July 22

2:31 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

3:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Garab responded. No one was transported.

8:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. No one was transported.

1:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting the fire department northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

2:51 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting a lift assist northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:53 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Deputy Baumgart and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

10:04 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:17 p.m. - Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm east of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

10:31 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark and Deputy Baumgart responded.

10:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Hyundai Link advising of a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

11:11 p.m. - Received a call from B-Tech Fire and Security advising of a residential burglar alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

4:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

8:19 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Wells, Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Assistant Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

11:31 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

12:01 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a call reporting an individual causing a traffic hazard east of Loogootee. LPD Assistant Chief Long, ISP Master Trooper Lents, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Wells and Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same individual.

5:50 p.m. - Received a call from Lawrence County advising of a 911 call northeast of Shoals with no one on the line. Captain Gibson responded.

9:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark and Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:35 p.m. - Received a call from Johnson Controls advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane Village. Keyholder advised to disregard.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

1:07 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Officer Clark and Deputy Baumgart responded.

2:14 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic light out in Loogootee. Notified IN-DOT.

9:59 a.m. - Received a report of a gas line being struck in Shoals. Center Point was notified.

12:41 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible fraud. Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:08 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Captain Rayhill responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

7:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Shields responded.

8:48 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

4:22 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident in Lawrence County. Gave caller number for Lawrence County.

6:08 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Chief Deputy Keller and Deputy Erwin responded.

9:21 a.m. - Received a call from the Martin County Highway Department advising

that there will be roadwork beginning July 29 on Windom Road and to expect some traffic delays.

10:05 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Loogootee Captain Rayhill responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Captain Rayhill responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of a pig in the roadway northeast of Loogootee. The owner was contacted.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries just north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

5:02 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

5:53 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

9:06 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:33 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

9:42 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a subject in need of medical attention. Chief Deputy Keller responded. Subject refused medical attention and a ride.

10:25 a.m. - Received a call reporting a traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree on a powerline south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded. REMC was notified.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

12:05 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard southeast of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

1:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on a boat north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

2:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Captain Rayhill responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:15 p.m. - Received a call from Smithville Alarms advising of a commercial burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Keyholder advised to disregard.

4:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident southeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Branham responded. No one was transported.

4:21 p.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

4:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call request-

ing an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. No one was transported.

5:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Medic 3 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south toward Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

6:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

7:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting Marion County. Gave information for Marion County Sheriff's Department.

8:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious male southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Shields responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling east. Deputy Shields responded. Lawrence County was notified.

9:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

9:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious male in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

11:09 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Shields responded.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

12:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting possible vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

5:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disturbance in Shoals and requesting a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

12:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

1:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a septic system alarm in Loogootee. Contacted Loogootee utilities.

1:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible theft and trash being dumped in a driveway south of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance south of Shoals. ISP Master Trooper Lents, Deputy Branham and Deputy Shields responded.

7:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Shields, Loogootee Officer Clark, Loogootee Officer Baumgart and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

July 17

Brian D. Cox, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 329 days suspended and credit for 18 actual days previously served plus 18 Class A credit days. Defendant received 329 days of probation.

July 22

Anthony Clements, convicted of strangulation, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 724 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 327 actual days previously served plus 327 Class A credit days. Plus 35 actual days previously served on Martin County Community Corrections plus 35 Class A credit days. Also convicted of invasion of privacy, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 730 days suspended. Defendant received 730 days of probation.

Richard P. Ervin, Jr., convicted of operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 0 days suspended. Defendant's 730 days shall be served through Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Electronically Monitored Program, so long as defendant remains eligible. Also convicted of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 289 actual days previously served plus 289 Class A credit days. The remainder of the sentence of 152 days shall be served through Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Electronically Monitored Program, which includes 96 hours of community service, so long as defendant remains eligible.

Robert J. Hawkins, convicted of battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections on Count 1 and 2,190 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections on the habitual offender sentence enhancement, with 0 days suspended and credit for 159 actual days previously served plus 159 Class A credit days.

Eddie L. Heacock, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 363 days of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 60 days with 60 days suspended. Defendant received 60 days of probation.

Troy W. Arvin, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 359 days of probation.

Dalton J. English, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

July 17

Brian D. Cox, disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; strangulation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

July 18

Brandy Nichole Richie, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

July 22

Richard P. Ervin, Jr., possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Anthony Clements, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Robert J. Hawkins, two counts of dealing in methamphetamine, Level 2 Felonies, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Eddie L. Heacock, two counts of neglect of a dependent, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

Troy W. Arvin, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

Dalton J. English, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

July 17

Citibank vs. Chastin Burris, civil collection.

Citibank vs. Cynthia Williams, civil collection.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs Mary Petry, civil collection.

Levi K. Murdach vs. Emilee D. Murdach, petition for dissolution of marriage.

July 18

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Benjamin Hill, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Jason Strong, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

July 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Cavalry SPV I, LLC and against the defendant Stephanie Ballinger in the amount of \$5,196.25.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Lori Carrico in the amount of \$1,432.83.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Synchro Bank and against the defendant Stephanie Ballinger in the amount of \$6,273.91.

July 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Carl Snyder in the amount of \$2,503.28.

July 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Julie Fullington in the amount of \$1,384.08.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Women's Health and against the defendant Jessica Courtright in the amount of \$1,939.62.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

July 18

Credit Corp Solutions, Inc. vs. Abby Miller, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

July 19

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Tamara K. Florio, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gary W. Clark, Sr., complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Candace C. Clark, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Katie Lee Kidwell of Loogootee and Cameron Keith Wagler of Loogootee.

Wesley J. Simmons of Loogootee and Eva M. Armstrong of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JULY 22

3:11 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Garab responded to a medical call at Lyons Country Court.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Hunt assisted with a funeral detail.

10:31 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on Park Street.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

4:17 a.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on US Highway 231.

8:20 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Assistant Chief Long responded to a medical call on Church Street.

12:52 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call at the Loogootee Police Department.

4:53 p.m. - Assistant Chief Long responded to a call near White River Co-Op.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

1:07 a.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on US Highway 231.

11:34 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Bowling Manufacturing.

1:26 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call near Redemption Church.

8:48 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call near North Line Street.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

11:15 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Third Street.

1:58 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Rayhill responded to a call on US Highway 231.

7:22 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on First Street.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

11:28 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Peggy Hollow Road in Shoals.

2:58 p.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Cooper Street.

6:32 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call near West Boggs Park.

6:50 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Officer Clark responded to a call on Cedar Street.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

12:12 a.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on Kentucky Avenue.

11:16 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on High Street in Shoals.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

7:06 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Clark responded to a call on Garrett Avenue.

1:21 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on US

Highway 50.

8:29 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on Bloomfield Road.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, JULY 23

4:48 p.m. - Keith Williams, 49, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Wells on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

5:21 p.m. - James Sears, 47, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Master Trooper Lents and charged with public intoxication and obstruction of traffic. He is being held on \$5,000 10% bond at this time. Captain Gibson assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

5:28 p.m. - David Jones, 45, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Shields and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, driving while suspended-prior and two Daviess County warrants. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

7:18 p.m. - Gage Lechner, 23, of Montgomery, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

10:07 p.m. - Adam Sander, 30, of Valparaiso, was arrested by Deputy Shields on a Tippecanoe County warrant. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

3:25 a.m. - Shayla Brewer, 28, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shields and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

7:05 p.m. - Jamie Sears, 47, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Shields and charged with intimidation, assault with bodily fluid on officers, disorderly conduct. He is being held without bond.

7:29 p.m. - Ian Crosby, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

2:20 p.m. - Isaac Davis, 32, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shields and charged with domestic battery in the presence of a minor, battery on public safety officials with injuries x2, strangulation and criminal mischief. He is being held without bond.

7:54 p.m. - Byron Reed, 48, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

Martin County real estate transfers

Acorn Resources, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Northern Property & Development, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of Mill Lot in the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis.

Stephen C. Risacher, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bradley A. Harmon and Dena R. Harmon and Cole D. Harmon**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.080 acres, more or less.

Michael E. Arvin and Lisa A. Arvin, of Martin County, Indiana to **The Gingerich Family Trust**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 9.953 acres, more or less.

Roger S. Downey and Carolyn R. Parsons-Downey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Los Amigos Mexican Restaurant**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lot 25 in Keck's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.104 acres, more or less.

Ohio River Veneer, LLC, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Pfaff Properties, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana.

Tract I: A part of the west half of the northeast quarter and also a part of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 124.70 acres, more or less, except sections containing 0.341 acres, 0.044 acres, 0.075 acres, and 15 acres.
Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 15 acres, more or less, except a section containing 0.319 acres, more or less.
Tract III: A part of the east half of the northwest quarter and of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 72.82 acres, more or less, except a section containing 0.127 acres, more or less.

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Comptroller Nieshalla and state budget leaders announce fiscal year 2024 closes with nearly \$2.6B in state reserves

The State of Indiana closed fiscal year 2024 with \$2.551 billion in state reserves, confirmed State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla recently, alongside Office of Management and Budget Director Cris Johnston and Acting State Budget Director Joseph Habig.

"Thanks to our long-standing conservative stewardship, which includes maintaining a healthy cash reserve between 10 - 15 percent of budgeted appropriations, Indiana closed out fiscal year 2024 with 11 percent in reserves," said Comptroller Nieshalla. "In addition, we experienced a slight increase in income and a solid return on investments further supporting our strong financial position."

The year-end fiscal report shows Indiana's reserve of nearly \$2.6 billion broken down as follows:

\$665 million General Fund
\$181 million Medicaid Contingency & Reserve

\$672 million Tuition Reserve
\$1.03 billion Rainy Day Fund

The Comptroller's Office coordinates with agencies statewide to complete final transactions for the year and confirm

expenditures and revenues are aligned in order to produce the 2023-2024 fiscal year close-out statement, which is prepared by the State Budget Agency.

"In fiscal year 2024, Indiana continued its long practice of sound fiscal management and prudent approach to budgeting," said Acting State Budget Agency Director Joseph Habig. "The results of maintaining an annual surplus and healthy reserve levels ensure that Indiana's priorities will be funded today and tomorrow."

Comptroller Nieshalla commented, "Indiana's healthy reserves and standing as the 7th lowest debt per capita state showcases our high level of fiscal responsibility especially during a time when our country is facing a national debt crisis. As a lead financial officer for our state, I see the national debt at nearly \$35 trillion as the greatest looming threat to Indiana's robust economy."

Click here to view the full report.

Click here to view the monthly revenue reports.

Click here to explore the Indiana Transparency Portal.

ISP reminds school bus safety for drivers

Remember the following information about school bus safety in Indiana:

It is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing and stop-arm extended, except on highways divided by a barrier. If the highway is divided by a barrier, motorists are only required to stop if they are traveling in the same direction as the school bus.

To ensure school bus transportation is safe for everyone, follow these best practices:

-When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or biking to school.

-When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, be alert for young people who may not be thinking about getting to school safely.

-Slow down and watch for children walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.

Be mindful of children playing and gathering near bus stops.

-Stay alert, as children arriving late for

the bus may suddenly dart into the street without checking for traffic.

-Learn and adhere to the school bus laws in your state, as well as the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to notify motorists of upcoming actions.

-Yellow flashing lights on a school bus indicate it is preparing to stop. Motorists should slow down and be prepared to stop.

-Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate the bus has stopped and children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their vehicles and wait until the red lights stop flashing and the extended stop arm is withdrawn before they can start driving again.

For parents, teach your child the following safety practices to make school bus transportation safer:

Emphasize making eye contact with the bus driver before crossing.

Instruct your child to inform the bus driver immediately if they drop something near the bus instead of trying to pick it up themselves.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Right to Life Drives

The next Right to Life Aluminum Can Drive will be Saturday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Tractor Supply Company parking lot in Washington. No newsprint will be accepted at this location. Any questions, call Louie Kavanaugh Jr. at 812-486-3658. Martin County Right to Life will have their newspaper/aluminum can Drive on Saturday, August 3 at the Martin County Recycling Center from 9 a.m. to noon. Newsprint will be accepted at this location.

Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, August 1 from 6-8 p.m. This month they will be serving sandwiches, hot and cold sides, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Jones Family Reunion

The 51st Annual Jones Family Reunion for descendants of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones will be Saturday, August 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern time) at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519 US Highway 231, Loogootee, IN 47553 (located approximately three miles north of Loogootee on Hwy. 231). A Dutch-treat lunch from the restaurant's buffet/menu will be at noon. Since this is the first year at a restaurant, an RSVP to Trudy Sutton, 812-709-0376 (text or call) by Friday, August 2 is requested. An approximate count is needed to provide to the restaurant so enough seating and food is available.

Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, August 16 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required, first come first serve.

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.

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 third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.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 Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SWCD office located at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. (April-October) and at 6:30 p.m. (November-March). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 812-295-3149 for assistance.



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Several people have asked me recently why their spring-flowering shrubs are blooming again. The short answer to that question is that the plants are under stress. That stress may be from extreme heat, drought, disease or even storm damage. But why should stress cause a plant to bloom out of its normal season. The answer to that is a bit more complicated.

The primary purpose of all plants is to reproduce themselves. For flowering plants, that is the reason for the flowers. The flowers attract pollinators, which carry the pollen to other blooms and complete the process of pollination, eventually resulting in the production of seeds, which will fall to the earth and germinate, producing a new plant.

When a plant is stressed, the need to reproduce becomes the highest priority. That is the reason that stressed plants produce flowers, even if it is outside their normal bloom period. Unfortunately, those out-of-season blooms rarely result in completing their mission and producing new plants.

The good news is that most plants will recover from the stress that triggers re-blooming. The key is to find the cause of the stress and do what you can to alleviate it. If the stress has been caused by drought, water the plant regularly if there is not sufficient rain. If the plant has been damaged, pruning out the damaged portions and allowing them to heal may help the plant recover. If the cause is disease, determine the disease and research to see if there are ways to combat that problem.

Certain plants are more prone to re-blooming. Weigelas, for instance, set a major bloom in the spring, but often will sport a lesser number of blooms later in the summer. Weigelas may actually bloom several times, and this phenomenon does not seem to adversely affect the next year's blooms. Lilacs also are prone to re-blooming. Actually, there are some cultivars of oriental lilacs that

have been bred to re-bloom. Bloomerang lilacs may set blooms several times, with a fall bloom that nearly rivals the initial bloom in the spring. The old-fashioned lilacs are especially susceptible to fungal diseases, and many people have noted that the leaves of the lilacs are turning brown and crisp. There is not much one can do to fight a fungus, once it has started, but if the plant is otherwise healthy, it will survive and may set new leaves in a few weeks. Do your best to clean up the old leaves and either burn them or dispose of them far away from the lilacs. This will help reduce the danger of a repeat occurrence next year. In worst-case scenarios, you may have to resort to complete rejuvenation, cutting the shrub to the ground and cleaning up all of the debris. If the roots are strong, the shrub will re-grow, but it may take a few years for it to bloom again.

Encore azaleas came on the scene a few years ago. These are plants that were bred to re-bloom. Like the lilacs, the fall bloom period is usually lighter than the spring bloom.

The most unusual re-blooming that I have noticed at Sandhill Gardens is on a China Girl blue holly. The shrub bloomed well in the spring and has set abundant berries, which have started to get a little blush color on them. I was looking forward to a good crop for wreath-making this Christmas season. Recently, however, there have been some branches on which the leaves have turned brown, and the rest of the shrub is blooming again. I suspect that heat stress has caused this problem, and the only thing I can do is make sure the shrub gets enough water and keep it as healthy as I can otherwise.

Since there is little that we can do about re-blooming, the best advice I have is to enjoy the out-of-season blooms. This may result in fewer blooms in the spring, but some fertilizer and good watering practices should help the plant get back on track.

Public input sought on proposed deer hunting and otter trapping rule changes

Indiana's Natural Resources Commission (NRC) has opened the final public comment periods for proposed changes to Indiana's deer hunting and river otter trapping rules before members vote on final adoption.

Public comments can be submitted at [IN.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket](https://www.IN.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket) via the "Submit Comments Here" link in the Rulemaking Docket for the Deer Hunting Amendment Proposal and River Otter Trapping Rule. Comments can also be mailed to: Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N103, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

The deadline for public comments via either method is August 23. The public hearing for the river otter trapping proposals is August 26, from 4:30-6 p.m. ET. The public hearing for the deer hunting rule proposal is also August 26, from 6-7:30 p.m. ET. Both hearings will be at Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area, 7970 S. Rowe St. in Edinburgh. You can attend in person or online anytime during the timeframes.

To attend online for the river otter trapping rule proposals hearing, go to Microsoft Teams and enter Meeting ID 222 103 323 673 and Passcode 6Uubce.

To attend online for the deer hunting rule proposals hearing, go to Microsoft Teams and enter Meeting ID 270 300 510 234 and Passcode v8ArCJ.

Indiana DNR is proposing to open regulated otter trapping statewide but retain all other otter trapping regulations, such as the statewide quota, bag limits, reporting, and tagging for the regulated otter season. Indiana DNR values river otters and recognizes their value to

the state, said DNR furbearer biologist Geriann Albers.

"We take the responsibility of balancing differing views around wildlife management seriously and are thoughtful about making small incremental changes for river otters," she said.

Indiana DNR is confident the changes will not negatively impact river otter populations, which staff will continue to monitor.

Proposed deer hunting rule changes include:

- A statewide bag limit of six antlerless deer as well as a newly created county antlerless bag limit instead of season antlerless bag limits. Because of this change, the bonus antlerless license would be the multiple-season antlerless license that could be used in the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms seasons.

- Hunters would not be able to harvest antlerless deer on Division of Fish & Wildlife properties with a firearm.

- The use of crossbow equipment would be allowed under the archery license.

- The minimum caliber for a muzzleloader would be reduced from 0.44 inches to 0.40 inches.

- Removing the special antlerless firearms season.

For more information on the proposed rule changes, visit wildlife.IN.gov/rule-regulation-changes.

Questions about the proposed deer regulation changes should be directed to 812-334-3795 or indeerhotline@dnr.IN.gov. Questions about the proposed otter rule changes should be directed to Geriann Albers at 812-822-3304 or galbers@dnr.IN.gov.

Patoka Lake releases waterfowl resting area access calendar

Patoka Lake has released its waterfowl resting area access calendar for the 2024-2025 migratory waterfowl hunting season.

A copy is available at the Patoka Lake main office, 3084 Dillard Road in Birdseye and at on.IN.gov/patokalake by selecting "hunting" from the activities tab.

Patoka Lake's 26,000-acre property offers waterfowl hunters abundant opportunities to hunt open water, marshes, bottomland forests, and more for various migrating waterfowl. Patoka Lake manages three waterfowl resting areas (WRAs) that can offer distinctive opportunities for hunters.

Wall's Ramp and Allen Creek WRAs continue to have select dates when they are open to hunting (including waterfowl hunting), fishing, trapping, and motorized or nonmotorized boating.

Sycamore Creek WRA continues to remain closed to all forms of waterfowl hunting throughout the year. In addition, there will be no legal access for hunting, fishing, trapping, or boating (motorized or nonmotorized) within Sycamore Creek WRA from November 1, 2024,

through February 28, 2025. The intent of this restriction is to allow the area to serve as a temporary wildlife refuge for waterfowl, offering them a place of little to no disturbance.

All hunters should sign in and complete a One-Day Hunter Check-in Card at one of the 17 hunter sign-in stations on the property. This system provides valuable wildlife management information and helps in decision making for habitat management. Hunters should ensure their card is filled out and turned in at the end of their hunting day, even if no game was harvested.

Special federal, state, and property regulations must be followed. Visit Hunting.IN.gov for details.

Hunters are encouraged to call DNR Law Enforcement at 812-837-9536 regarding specific questions on federal or state laws, statutes, and/or rules. Hunters can find migratory gamebird seasons and regulations at on.IN.gov/gamebird-seasons.

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

Request for Proposals

The South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. is soliciting bids to procure Audit and Tax Services. The South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. is a nonprofit organization, providing oversight of the region's public employment and training system servicing Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. August 26, 2024. Specific information regarding this Request for Proposal may be obtained at <https://www.in.gov/dwd/compliance-policy/wdb/>.

4th Annual Hindostan Days Vendor Applications Open!

Hindostan Days vendor applications are now available and being accepted until September 1. Vendor applications can be picked up at the Martin County Historical Museum during open hours.

The 4th Annual Hindostan Days event will be held Saturday, 28th from 10 am-6 pm.

- Vendor spaces will be \$25 each.
- Vendor spaces will be 12x12.
- Vendor must provide own shade canopy (not required), tables, chairs, etc.
- Vendor spaces will be located in grassy areas.
- Vendors may purchase up to two (2) additional spaces.
- Vendor spaces will be assigned prior to the event date.



All guidelines are outlined in the vendor application form. The Hindostan Days Committee reserves the right to refuse any submitted vendor application form.

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Vincennes University offers eligible Hoosiers the opportunity to earn a tuition-free certificate in Pre-Veterinary Technology through the state of Indiana's Next Level Jobs program.

The certificate provides valuable career advancement opportunities in an in-demand field without financial barriers. The one-year Pre-Vet Technology certificate also meets Purdue University's requirements for applying to its Veterinary Nursing bachelor's degree program.

A Next Level Jobs Workforce Ready Grant covers full tuition costs and regularly assessed fees for eligible Hoosiers pursuing a certificate in one of Indiana's high-growth sectors, including Health & Life Sciences, which includes Pre-Veterinary Technology. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects employment in this field to grow 21 percent from 2022 to 2032, much faster than the average for all occupations, driven by rising numbers of households with pets and increased spending on pet care.

Brenna Edmiston, a 2014 VU graduate, firmly attests that VU's Pre-Vet Technology program provided her with a robust foundation that propelled her into becoming a registered veterinary technician.

Edmiston said, "The VU Science Department helped me the most in my knowledge and skills when it came to transferring to my Veterinary Technology program at Harrison College. My VU chemistry and biology teachers made

learning fun and that was not something that I experienced in high school. I also took an animal agriculture class while at VU, and that helped me a lot going into tech school by learning some medical terminology."

Veterinary technologists and vet nurses play essential roles on a veterinary healthcare team. Veterinary technicians work under the supervision of licensed veterinarians. They receive education in animal care, normal and abnormal life processes, and lab and clinical procedures. They contribute significantly in various settings such as private practices, biomedical research, diagnostic laboratories, zoos, wildlife facilities, food safety inspection, veterinary supply sales, and drug and feed manufacturing.

VU College of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Dean Curt Coffman said, "Vet techs play a crucial role in animal healthcare. With the state of Indiana paying for the full tuition towards VU's Certificate of Graduation for Pre-Veterinary Technician, students will have a much lower cost toward their goal of a Vet Tech degree."

Coffman added, "This one-year certificate meets Purdue University's requirements to apply to their Veterinary Nursing bachelor's degree program. It makes a lot of sense to complete the first year at VU and have that first year's tuition completely covered."

By providing a solid educational foundation, VU ensures that graduates are

well-prepared to transfer to other higher education institutions and succeed in this high-demand field. Approximately 14,800 openings for veterinary technologists and technicians are projected by 2032. The annual mean wage in Indiana is \$41,280, reflecting their growing demand and vital contributions.

The VU Pre-Veterinary Technology certificate provides the first-year courses necessary to apply to a Veterinary Technology clinical program. However, the application process is competitive, and completing these prerequisites does not guarantee acceptance.

To qualify for a Workforce Ready Grant, an individual must meet the fol-

lowing minimum criteria:
-Must be an Indiana Resident and a U.S. Citizen (or eligible resident)
-Must possess a high school diploma (or equivalent)
-Must not possess a college degree
-Maintain SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS
-Must file a Free Application for FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) for your desired academic year [Only for Credit Bearing Programs]
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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR MATCHING GRANT

Goodwill Cemetery of Loogootee has received a \$15,000 Challenge Grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to repave the roads within the cemetery. In order to receive these funds, the Cemetery Board must raise a matching \$15,000 by December 31 of this year. Only contributions received after May 29 (the date the Challenge Grant was awarded) will be counted toward the \$15,000 goal. It has been over 30 years since the roads were paved within the cemetery and there are portions that have crumbled and corners that require widening in order to prevent cars falling into mud. It is the desire of the Cemetery Board to ensure that the cemetery remains a peaceful, serene place for relatives and friends to visit their loved ones who have passed. Anyone wishing to contribute toward the \$15,000 goal can donate to the following address: Goodwill Cemetery, PO BOX 24, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

GOAL: \$15,000



\$2,350

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So Please, Vote Pro-Life!

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