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Recycling board agrees to extend Shoals Town Council discusses loan, find match for baler grant

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Solid Waste Management Board met last Thursday, August 15. Board Member Cody Roush was not

Board President Brian Ader said they reached an agreement with Duke Energy regarding replacing the lighting in the building. It was reported last month that some of the work was done but not at all that was previously agreed on. Ader said the Duke Energy representative that gave them the initial quote of \$2,200 is no longer employed with the company and the new representative said they could finish the work for an additional \$3,000. Ader said they negotiated that down to \$1,000. The board agreed to move forward with paying the extra money.

The board spent quite a bit of time discussing how to handle the extension of the \$65,000 loan the recycling center owes to German American. Director Janell Freeman said German American will not agree to two years on the current loan, only one, so she reached out to Crane Credit Union and Springs Valley Bank. Crane offered a 5-year loan at \$1,325 per month at 7.9 percent interest. Springs Valley will extend the loan for two years at a 6.5 percent interest rate with a one-time payment and no collateral. German American is currently holding the loan at 5.875 percent interest and they have the baler as collat-

Board Member Paul George said he spoke with John Lundy with German American, and he believes he can find a way to get the bank to extend the loan for two more years.

The board discussed whether they wanted to put down \$10,000 to \$20,000 on the loan and refinance. With \$101,000 currently in the recycling center account, some board members felt \$20,000 was too high. The center also has \$19,000 in other bills owed currently so \$20,000 will take their available funds down to \$61,000. After discussion, the board decided to reach out to German American and see if they could put \$10,000 down and refinance the loan for two more years. They also suggested reaching out to Springs Valley Bank to see if they would match German American's interest rate.

Board Member Ader said the center needs to move forward with purchasing security cameras for the property. He said he believes he can get a system for less than \$2,500. The board agreed to have Ader get estimates if he can find cameras

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Martin County again has the lowest unemployment in the state

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Martin County's unemployment rate rose only slightly in July to 3.6 percent, up from 3.5 percent the month before. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the

In July, the county had 5,570 residents in the workforce and 202 of them were without work. In June, there were 5,489 residents able to work and 192 of them were unemployed. In July of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 3 percent with 5,495 residents in the workforce and 164 of them without jobs.

Daviess County's jobless rate bumped to 3.8 percent in July, from 3.4 percent in June. The county had the fifth lowest jobless rate in the state for July, tied with Rush, Posey, Hamilton and Boone coun-

In June, the county had 17,880 residents in the workforce and 671 of them were without jobs. In June, there were 17,702 residents able to work and 601 of them were unemployed. In July of last year, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.7 percent with 17,352 residents able to work and 467 of them without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 3.5 percent in June to 3.7 percent in July. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for July, tied

CORRECTION

In last week's Martin County Journal, in the story about budget hearings, the Martin County Treasurer was incorrectly identified as Sherri Crandall. The Martin County Treasurer is Rhonda Sanders. Crandall is the Martin County Recorder. The Journal apologizes for the mix-up.

with Clinton and Benton counties.

In July, the county had 22,670 residents in the workforce and 850 of them were unemployed. In June, there were 22,489 residents able to work and 791 of them were without jobs. In July of 2023, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.7 percent with 22,696 residents in the workforce and 614 of them without work.

Greene County's jobless rate bumped up to 5.8 percent for July, from 5.2 percent the month before. The county had the ninth highest jobless rate in the state for July, tied with Grant County.

In July, the county had 13,469 residents in the workforce and 777 of them were unemployed. In June, there were 13,333 residents able to work and 698 of them were without jobs. In July of last year, Greene County's jobless rate was 4.2 percent with 13,399 residents able to work and 566 of them were without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for July were Martin County at 3.6 percent, Dubois, Clinton and Benton counties at 3.7 percent; Rush, Posey, Hamilton, Daviess, and Boone counties at 3.8 percent; and White and Gibson counties at 3.9 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for July were Howard County at 7 percent, Fayette County at 6.9 percent, Huntington County at 6.7 percent, Blackford and Lake counties at 6.6 percent, Delaware County at 6.3 percent, Vermillion County at 6.2 percent, Allen County at 6 percent, and Grant and Greene counties at 5.8 percent.

The unemployment rate of the State of Indiana in July stood at 4.0 percent, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, (See 'UNEMPLOYMENT' on page 2)

multiple issues in two-hour meeting

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, August 12. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary Albright, Kevin Boyd, and Micky Crew; Clerk-Treasurer Tina Franklin, Attorney Dave Lett, Shoals Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Hamby, Jeffery Dorsey, Dylan Way, Matt Copeland, Mark Franklin, Bailey Dearwester, Trenton Scott, Darlene Grogan, and Sharon Akles.

Councilman Albright discussed the town council's attendance for their assigned committees and that council members should attend all the committee meetings as representatives for the Town of Shoals. He said a couple of committees last month had to cancel due to lack of a quorum. Albright said that by not attending the meetings, the Town of Shoals does not have a say in what is being discussed if a representative is not there.

Albright presented the bid openings for the surplus inventory 2014 Ford F150. Albright asked if the bids ran in the paper for a period of two weeks and Clerk-Treasurer Tina Franklin replied that they did. Attorney Dave Lett opened the first bid from Brian Eckert, of Huntingburg, for \$1,000. The second bid was from Raven Davis, of Shoals, for \$1,626. Attorney Lett told the council that the advertisement had no requirements except all bids be on a bid form with the actual bid price. He said both bids were done properly. Councilman Albright asked for a motion to accept the highest bid presented. Councilman Boyd asked Attorney Lett, if the bid from Raven Davis was reasonable, because this is Boyd's daughter. Boyd added that his daughter does not live in his household. Attorney Lett recommended that Councilman Boyd abstain from voting due to the familial connection. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to accept the highest bid with Albright seconding the motion. Councilman Boyd abstained from the vote. The motion passed. The vehicle will be sold as is, no expressed or implied warranty by the Town of Shoals, and this shall be placed on the bill of sale.

Councilman Albright reported the Town of Shoals had a structural engineer from Cook Group, at no charge, evaluate the 232 Main Street Project. The town is currently awaiting information from the engineer to proceed further. Albright said he is incredibly pleased that the Town of Shoals has a company like the Cook Group to provide services for free, like their structural engineer. He said that would have been a large expense for the Town of Shoals if they had not stepped in to assist.

Albright also presented information from Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP on behalf of the 232 Main Street Project. This law firm specializes in construction litigation, Attorney Lett aided with finding the firm to help the Town of Shoals with the 232 Main Street Project and told the council that he does not feel comfortable continuing to give advice on any type of construction claims in the case. Lett mentioned that construction litigation is a very specialized area of the law, and he is not familiar with it. The law firm presented is based out of Carmel and is experienced in construction law. Attorney Lett recommended retaining Drewry Simmons Vornehm LLP to represent the Town of Shoals with the insurance claim involving Oliver Masonry, who has yet to respond

to the claim. He said there would be one voice to communicate with the firm so there is no miscommunication. The council approved hiring the law firm.

The council approved hiring HWC Engineering to apply for the second round of Community Crossings grant.

Councilman Albright discussed the Spring Hill Cemetery mowing contract held by Green Thumb LLC, represented by Bailey Dearwester. Councilwoman Crew stated there have been complaints about the cemetery not getting mowed weekly and the weed eating around the stones is not being done. She said she did go by the cemetery that day and it looked better. Bailey Dearwester said that he does know that the cemetery is getting mowed every week. He did acknowledge the weed eating was not done most of July due to lack of staff, which is a struggle for him because people don't want to work no matter what he pays them. Dearwester stated when the staff is at the cemetery, the mowing will be completed and he will continue to make sure they do everything when they are there, not having to come back another day. Dearwester told the council that Spring Hill Cemetery is 20 acres of headstones and requires 40 to 50 hours of labor for weekly mowing.

Councilman Albright reported the storage facility at the ballpark was recently damaged. The mortar of the building has been repaired and the building just needs to be repainted. He said an insurance claim was submitted on the ballpark fence that was damaged from high winds. He signed the acceptance letter of the claim amount and Clerk-Treasurer Franklin stated the \$20,000-plus check has arrived for deposit. Councilman Boyd asks if the park board is required to use the same type of fencing because he is concerned that they will have the same issues if there are high winds. Attorney Lett stated the funds should be used for the fence repair only.

Councilman Albright requested that all homeowners have a shut off water valve outside their home. Matt Copeland plans to discuss the shut off valve requirements, if any, with Bo Wilson to see if the Town of Shoals can request each resident have a shut off valve. Albright will also see if the Town of Shoals can require shut off valves on new water service lines that will be installed in the future. He said the shut off valves, with new lines, will help reduce additional cost in time, labor and water loss if the resident can shut off the water to leaks on their side of the service line.

Albright reported the Town of Shoals Wastewater has multiple violations with IDEM and they are trying to resolve each, one by one. If the town does not continue correcting the violations, there could be a \$25,000 per day penalty applied. The list of violations has been presented and the town is doing their best to take care of each violation as quickly as they can. He said the town has contingency money from an earlier wastewater project. SIDC is currently collecting all the information needed to get all the pump stations up and running up to IDEM standards. He requested to pay Straeffer Pumps \$6,000, which is 10 percent of the invoice owed until the contingency money arrives. The \$6,000 will get reimbursed into the waste-

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water fund once the they receive the money. The council approved. Albright talked about the IDEM violation with the town's lagoons. The town will begin to use an enzyme to help break down the solids of waste in the lagoons, which is a requirement and cannot be avoided. He said the enzymes will need to be applied to lagoons daily which will run the town \$300 a month. Matt Copeland added that Martin County plans to help with mowing the lagoon area to help with aeration. Dylan Way stated that completing the IDEM violations is a lengthy process, but it is getting done. Albright commended Matt Copeland and Dylan Way for their hard work in getting the lift stations cleaned out. The men did this task manually, removing hundreds of pounds of waste by hand, saving the town a large expense. Albright also commended Bo Wilson for his hard work in addressing all the violations with IDEM and helping the Town of Shoals with the entire process. He said he plans to ask SIDC for additional contingency money to get a UV system for the wastewater to help eliminate another IDEM violation. This system will assist with disinfection when releasing, which is necessary to prevent future violations. Copeland stated the technology the town has now, unfortunately, is outdated.

The Town of Shoals and the Shoals School are currently working together on a water project. Both parties are working together on a fire issue and fire hydrant project to make sure everyone is compliant. Councilman Albright said the school and town are sharing the cost together, which is a good situation for both parties. He said the school is currently working on painting the fire hydrant areas red to be compliant as well.

Councilman Albright asked Councilman vice will not slow down due to the change

Boyd if he had anything to say about brush pick up. Councilman Boyd said he thinks the Town of Shoals should limit brush pick up to just stormy seasons, not on an everyday basis. Councilwoman Crew asked if the town could do it once a month, due to too many people not having a way to remove such debris. Copeland and Way explained that almost daily they are picking up brush piles, garden debris, grass clippings, etc. The men explained that they get paid the same either way, but it is extremely time consuming and costly in gas for the backhoe and dump truck to pick up such things daily, mostly by the same offenders. Albright said Copeland and Way are skilled laborers and doing such time-consuming tasks daily is just wasting the Town of Shoals' time and money. He said if a resident has trees trimmed, it is the resident's responsibility to have the trimmings hauled off, not the Town of Shoals' responsibility. There were talks of other alternatives by Darlene Grogan, but the council was unsure if there is an area to provide such a service. The discussion continued with the idea of charging residents for such services however the council does not feel they have the labor to do it anyway. Discussions of a brush ordinance were brought up, then tabled. Councilman Albright then asked for a motion to approve brush pick up for storm damage only and the rest of the council approved. There was an amendment by Councilman Boyd to make the start date for storm debris pick only, beginning September 1, 2024. The council approved that as well.

Councilman Albright brought to the table hiring a part time laborer due to one of the employees requesting to reduce their hours for personal reasons. He wants to hire someone part time to start teaching the skills of a laborer so the town's ser-

benefits and the hiring of an additional laborer, the vote was tabled until the council can come together in an executive session to discuss further.

Councilman Boyd let the council know that Mark Franklin told him Spring Hill

SOLID WASTE

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Director Freeman reported that IDEM (Indiana Department of Environmental Management) reached out to the center about approving a matching grant to pay off the baler. The current balance stands at \$130,000. She said they would have to find the 50 percent match. Discussion ensued on who to reach out to for help paying the matching amount, including the community foundation. They won't know for sure if they will get the grant until October. The monthly payment of \$4,200 for

Freeman reported they found a new broker for aluminum cans and can now get 80 cents a pound when they have been getting 55-70 cents a pound. They were also told they would make even more money if they trucked them to the location. Freeman said it would depend on where they have to transport the aluminum. The board said they need to find out where they would have to go.

the baler is due again in November.

She told the board that the Bobcats are having issues. One has 3,400 hours and the other has 6,000 hours. She said it's going to cost \$1,300 to fix both. She looked into leasing them instead of purchasing but the cost is \$60,000 for a new machine and leasing is \$15,000 a year with a maintenance contract. She said she is going to try for another IDEM grant that is due September 6. That grant requires a 25 percent match, however.

of employees. After some discussion over Cemetery needs to be surveyed. He said the cemetery needs to be surveyed to help assist with straight lines. Mark Franklin said that after it is surveyed, the town can buy metal markers to put in the ground.

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UNEMPLOYMENT_

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the national unemployment rate for July stands at 4.3 percent.

In addition, Indiana's labor force participation rate of 62.5 percent is now .1 percent higher than it was in June but still slightly below the national rate of 62.7 percent. This rate is the percentage of Hoosiers 16 and older that are either working or actively looking for work. Those not in the labor force include, primarily, students, retirees and other non-working populations, such as individuals unable to work due to a disability or illness, or adults responsible for their family's childcare needs.

Indiana's total labor force stands at 3,387,066.

Private sector employment in Indiana was unchanged over the last month. In July of 2024 Indiana reported 2,859,300

Industries that experienced job increases in July included:

Leisure & Hospitality (+2,000);

Trade, Transportation & Utilities (+2,000);

Construction (+ 1,400); and

Professional and Business Services (+1.300).

As of July 16, 2024, there were 96,433 open job postings throughout the state. As of the week ending on July 27, 2024, Indiana had 20,275 continued unemployment insurance claims filed.

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LUCY ANN MCATEE

Lucy Ann McAtee passed away at 3:20 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at



her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 90.

She was born April 28, 1934, in Loogootee; daughter of the late J. Warner and Sadie (Spaulding) Mullen.

ANN MCATEE Ann retired from NSWC Crane after 40 years of civil service as a Computer Programmer.

She was a member of St. Martin Catholic Church and the St. Martin Altar Society. She dearly loved her grandchildren and family. Ann also enjoyed playing euchre.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John McAtee; parents, J. Warner

and Sadie Mullen; and sisters, Virginia (Bill) Cooper, June (Pius) Hart, and Rita McAtee.

Ann is survived by her children, Mark McAtee, Steve (Becky) McAtee, Joe (Audra) McAtee, and Marcia Wagoner, all of Loogootee; grandchildren, Sarah (Michael) Johnston, Carrie Papke, Bryant (Stephanie) McAtee, Scott (Nicole) McAtee, Savannah (Wyatt) Wade, Madison McAtee, Whitney Wagoner (fiancé, Rick Lyon), Wylliam (Sarah) Wagoner, Wynter Wagoner, Waylee Wagoner (fiancé, Rece Buckmaster), and Wayden Wagoner; six great-grandchildren; brother, Patrick (Linda) Mullen; and brother-in-law, Joe McAtee.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Friday, August 23 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield.

Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, August 23 from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at St. Martin Catholic Church.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee, Indiana is honored to serve the family of Lucy Ann McAtee.

CAROLYN SANDERS

Carolyn Louise (Frye) Sanders passed away Wednesday, August 14, 2024, at Serenity Springs Senior Living at Northwood in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 83

She was born February 17, 1941, in Rutherford Township; daughter of Marion and Jane (Vice) Frye.

She married William "Bill" Sanders on September 1, 1957, at the Loogootee Christian Church and he preceded her in death on September 22, 2019.

Carolyn owned and operated Sanders

Oil Company along with her husband for many years.

She was of the Christian faith.

Surviving is her son, Richard L. "Rick" (Angela) Sanders of Shoals; granddaughter, Amanda (Fawad) Shams of Shoals; great-grandsons, Eli and Abram Laiq of Shoals; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill Sanders; four sisters, Pauline Arvin, Eula Williams, Clara Buhr, and Mary Margaret in infancy; and one brother, George "Jack" Frye.

A funeral service was held Saturday, August 17 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Pastor Keith Meece officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Right to Life.

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

SHOALS

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That way even if the stakes are covered, it can still be located with a metal detector. The previous markers the town used previously cannot be found due to being made of clay and the ground has covered them all. He said he does not feel comfortable selling spots in the older sections due to unmarked graves as well as the need for an updated map. The town is trying to update the cemetery to the best of their ability, but the map needs to be updated, as well as digital map of the cemetery to help assist with questions of those who currently have a deed and those who want to buy spots at the cemetery. The council approved having the county surveyor give the town a quote to have the cemetery surveyed, Albright also mentioned the need of updating the wording of the deeds. Attorney Lett agreed, stating with the assistance of Clerk-Treasurer Franklin, they have come up with a project to improve the wording on the deeds. He said when that is drafted, he will bring it before the council.

Councilman Boyd suggested the town start buying a ton of cold mix from Calcar at a time instead of purchasing the individual bags of cold patch. He said the cold mix is a better quality as well as a cheaper option and this cold mix was used in the past. Dylan Way explained to the council the labor as well as the supplies needed to continue using gravel and millings on the potholes around town, that the current way of filling the potholes is not lasting. Coun-

cilman Albright suggested moving the discussion to an operations meeting and the issue was tabled.

Fire Chief Jim Hamby told the council the tornado siren at the Shoals Community School has not worked properly after installation. There was a quote given to the Town of Shoals for repair, however Hamby suggested they call the company who did the installation of the siren to see if there is a remaining warranty. Clerk-Treasurer Franklin stated she will give the company a call. Councilwoman Crew asked Chief Hamby about the monthly testing of the tornado sirens. She said she has been getting complaints about the testing and suggested something be posted when it is planned. Chief Hamby explained it is Martin County that assesses all the sirens. Clerk-Treasurer Franklin added that there is usually something on the local news stations or social media regarding days of testing.

Chief Hamby reported the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department is currently awaiting notification if the department will receive a grant in the amount of \$76,000. Matt Copeland said the grants are being awarded every Friday and that the State of Indiana had allocated over \$326 million. As of last Friday, the state had given out over \$109 million. The Shoals Volunteer Fire Department are hoping they will receive some of

Darlene Grogan asks the council where they are regarding the alleyway closures. She said it has been over a year since the

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process started, and she wanted to know when it will all be completed. Attorney Lett told Grogan he is working on a description for the project and so far, he has not been satisfied with what he has been presented. He said he needs to get with the surveyor to get the description reworked to his satisfaction. The discussion was tabled until documents can be completed.

Sharon Akles approached the council about a water bill adjustment. She said they had a giant water leak on their side of the meter, and they had the Town of Shoals turn their water off until the leak was fixed. She said they had a previous adjustment in March for another water leak they had to fix. She asked the council for an additional adjustment despite already having one for the year. Clerk-Treasurer Franklin reminded the council that each resident receives one adjustment a year for leaks. If there are any additional leaks in that year's timeframe, they are required to come to a town council meeting to ask for an adjustment. Matt Copeland told the council that the water leak did not go through the sewer due to the location. Akles said the repair was done from the meter to the house, all in one piece. The council then approved another adjustment to Akles' water bill.

Clerk-Treasurer Franklin let the council know that the Town of Shoals currently has two Certificates of Deposits with Old National Bank that will be maturing on August 16. The current rate of the CDs with OBN is .2 percent. Franklin made an inquiry of German American's current rates which are 4.3 percent for 12 months and 3.85 percent for 24 months. Franklin requested the CDs be transferred over to GAB, as well as the council to decide which rate they wish to proceed with. Councilman Albright recommended to the council to go with the 12-month CD at 4.3 percent. The rest of the council approved.

Albright said he would like to have Clerk-Treasurer Franklin put back money in an account to build up funds for future water meter replacements. He said he feels it is important for the Town of Shoals to have an initiative-taking approach for meter replacements that might be needed 20 years down the road. He said doing so will put the town in a better position for that project years from now.

Clerk-Treasurer Franklin provided quotes for security cameras from Area One Protection, Korseen and Leading Edge. Councilman Albright asked Chief Hamby who they used for their security cameras. Hamby replied that the fire department did the installation themselves but unfortunately the devices were not up to par. Chief Hamby said West Boggs Park is having cameras installed and he can give that company the Town Hall's number to provide a quote. He said the cameras the park

is installing also have facial recognition, allowing them to know when a pedophile is in the park, as well as follow the pedophile throughout the park. Changing security companies was tabled until the Town of Shoals can get more quotes.

Councilman Albright reported that Indiana University and the Town of Shoals had a meeting to find ways to assist the town. IU will assist the town with applying for grants and with the town's website. IU did let the town know that they cannot assist with Spring Hill Cemetery. Indiana University also plans to present the town with an architectural design for the ballpark and this will be a recommendation on the most efficient way to use the land at the ballpark. Albright also provided updates on a meeting that was attended by himself, Clerk-Treasurer Franklin as well other elected officials of Martin County. Officials were invited to attend a sit down with Daniel Shackles (Commissioner of Department of Local Government Finance) and Elise Nieshalla (Indiana's Comptroller). While in attendance, the officials voiced their concerns for Martin County regarding federal land in the county, which they receive no taxation for. Shackles and Nieshalla agreed to investigate this to see if they could provide any form of assistance to make possible changes.

Attorney Lett told the council that he and Councilman Albright have been working on a project to get law enforcement for the Town of Shoals. They have been collaborating with Sheriff Josh Greene on allowing his deputies to work part-time for the town as deputy town marshals. They would contract with the Town of Shoals individually, not with the county. Lett said he believes all parties have nailed down an agreement, but it is not time yet to ask the council for approval. He provided the council with a copy of the agreement to review. He said he is aware there have been some changes to the agreement compared to the previous one. Once the agreement is finalized, it would be between the Town of Shoals, Martin County Commissioners and the Martin County Sheriff to provide law enforcement for the community.

Resident Bob Tedrow wrote a letter to the council regarding a water line project recently done. Tedrow was extremely impressed with the service Dylan Way and Matt Copeland provided. He said in the letter that the two did an outstanding job and they worked overtime each day, completing a job in three days that would have taken at least a week. Tedrow stated that none of the residents were without water for more than a few hours and it is nice to see such dedication in town employees. The council thanked Way and Copeland again for all their hard work and initiative to do things correctly the first time.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

8:24 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident no injuries south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a call regarding a property dispute south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells Advised.

9:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Captain Harmon responded.

9:47 a.m. - Received an accidental 911

9:50 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

10:07 a.m. - Received a call reporting an animal complaint south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

11:27 a.m. - Received a call reporting a water leak in Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities responded.

12:08 p.m. - Received multiple calls regarding a property dispute south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells and Indiana State Police responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting a broken-down vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Reserve Captain Harmon responded.

1:06 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. No one was transported.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:04 p.m. - Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark, Martin County Medic 3, Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Shields, Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial

7:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:47 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Shields and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

9:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:47 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Sergeant Wells responded. No one was transported.

1:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Sergeant Wells responded. No one was transported.

1:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 2 and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting to dispose of unused medication. Advised caller of medication disposal drop off located at the Martin County Sheriff's Office.

6:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute south of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

11:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting suspicious activity south of Shoals. Major Reed and Deputy Baumgart responded.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

12:02 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

7:04 a.m. - Received multiple calls reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

10:22 a.m. - Received a call from Orange County requesting an ambulance in their county. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health Paoli.

11:45 a.m. - Received a report of a scam in the area. Sheriff Greene and Chief Deputy Keller were advised.

12:56 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver travelling south on US 231 South. Captain Gibson and Deputy Baumgart responded.

1:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of an accident with no injuries south of Shoals. Sheriff Greene, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing respond-

3:23 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Loogootee Reserve Captain Harmon and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transport-

7:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Deputy Baumgart re-

9:22 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

10:44 p.m. - Received a call from Central Station advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

11:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

7:57 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:16 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was trans-

9:32 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Captain Gibson responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:55 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

10:33 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

2:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Gibson

3:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner re-

5:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner, Loogootee Officer Garab and Deputy Baumgart responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Advised all Loogootee Officers.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:54 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Hess responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle repossession in Loogootee.

7:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle repossession east of Shoals.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

3:30 a.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.

6:15 a.m. - Received a call from Daviess County dispatch advising of a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south that may come into our county.

7:49 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt re-

10:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:27 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

12:52 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported three inmates to court.

1:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a dispute and vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Hunt, Captain Gibson and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann

2:28 p.m. - Received a call from a medical alarm company advising of an alarm push in Shoals. Alarm owner advised to

3:53 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on a camper in Shoals. Deputy Branham re-

8:06 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

8:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark, Loogootee Officer Hess and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

8:44 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

7:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

8:40 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins re-

11:21 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee with no injuries. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

2:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling

north. Loogootee Officer Garab and Deputy Branham responded.

9:17 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

9:26 a.m. - Received a call from a medical alarm company requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling south. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

2:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

4:06 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 Daviess Community Hospital.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of an illegal vehicle on the roadway north of Shoals. Indiana Conservation Officer Mann, Deputy Branham and Deputy Shields respond-

5:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Deputy Branham responded.

5:25 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle repossession in Crane.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

2:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

9:33 a.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a commercial fire alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and LPD Sergeant Wagoner responded.

10:44 a.m. - Received a report of a structure fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded.

12:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Baumgart and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:12 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn east of Shoals.

3:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

3:19 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals.

5:30 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Baumgart respond-

7:24 p.m. - Received two 911 calls reporting a motorcycle in a ditch southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Major Reed and Deputy Baumgart responded. No one was transported.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down west of Shoals. Shoals Fire respond-

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

9:46 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Officer Garab, Major Reed and Deputy Baumgart responded.

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

a call on Terrace Drive.

a call on Mt. Pleasant Road.

a call at the Dollar General.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

Washington Street.

in Shoals.

Boulevard.

to a call at the Dollar General.

a traffic stop on US Highway 231.

11:06 a.m. - Officer Harmon performed

3:23 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Of-

5:52 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to

7:16 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to

7:40 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to

10:44 p.m. - Officer Garab responded

9:21 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department

9:31 a.m. - Chief Hunt and Sergeant

10:32 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Depart-

12:25 p.m. - Chief Hunt and Sergeant

3:45 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner respond-

5:05 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner re-

6:08 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Offi-

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7:45 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to

3:30 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department

8:02 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a

responded to a medical call on Locust

a call on West Washington Street.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

cer Garab responded to a call on Butcher

sponded to a call on McCormick Street

ed to a call on US Highway 231.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

call at CVS Pharmacy.

call near Corner Café.

call on Park Street.

Wagoner responded to a call on West

ment, Chief Hunt and Sergeant Wagoner

responded to a call at IGA grocery store.

Wagoner responded to a call on Church

responded to a medical call on Larimer

ficer Harmon responded to a call near On

COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminals charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND **SENTENCINGS**

August 12

Ashton V. Pottorff, convicted of child molesting, a Level 3 Felony. Sentenced to serve 16 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 730 days suspended and credit for 1,276 actual days previously served plus 425.33 Class B credit days. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

Kaden Hickman, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant shall complete 32 hours of community service through Martin County Community Corrections.

Glendon C. Dixon, III, convicted of domestic battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 403 days suspended and 64 credit days. Defendant received 403 days of probation and shall serve 96 hours of community service.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

August 8

Anthony S. Pulliam, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 12

Kaden Hickman, operating a vehicle missed.

with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Glendon C. Dixon, III, domestic battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed August 8

Wyatt J. Taylor vs. Jamie L. Taylor, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 9

Jazmyn Yoder vs. Justin Hayse, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 13

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Tracie Stuckey, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

August 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff The Bank of New York Mellon and against the defendants Joleane R. Ingle, Hoosier Accounts Service, Cassidy Diane Altmeyer, et al, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$61,880.72.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

August 8

Terri L. Greene vs. Edward T. Greene, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

August 9

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Alaina Hembree, civil collection, dismissed.

August 12

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Rita Moffitt, civil collection, dis-

Martin County real estate transfers

Tania M. Brown, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tania M. Brown, Kimberly** M. Cundiff, and Zachary W. Brown, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.818 acres,

Stewart E. Blake and Mary Ellen Blake, of Martin County, Indiana to Connie Walker, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 7 in Risacher's Second Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Jessica P. Courtright and Seth D. Kell, of Martin County, Indiana to Lauren R. Mortland, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.30 acre, more or less.

Teri L. Becker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dylan Street**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 39, 40 and 41 in Walker's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Brittain Properties, LLC to Kalissa A. Weitkamp and Joel D. Weitkamp, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 99 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indi-

Kevin John Moffatt and Carla June Moffatt, of Orange County, Indiana to Premier Construction, LLC, of Indiana, Lot Number 10, Lot Number 9, and 40 feet of even width off the east end of Lot Number 8 in Riverfront Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana. More commonly known as 7441 Boat Club Lane, Shoals, IN 47581.

Cynthia A. Newman f/k/a Cyntha A. Spears, of Martin County, Indiana to Melvin Leroy Spears, Jr., of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 32.348 acres, more or less, except a section containing 1.346 acres, more or less.

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Co., of Indiana to Madison Matheis, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Donald L. Mann, of Martin County, Indiana to Lori J. Mann, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5

Lester Kemp and Bonita R. Kemp, of Martin County, Indiana to Steven James Wittmer and John Henry Wittmer, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Drive sober or get pulled over. That's "Driving drunk or drug-impaired is a problem for everyone," said James Bry-

the warning the Indiana State Police are issuing drivers as they gear up for the annual end-of-summer impaired driving enforcement campaign. From now through September 2, the Indiana State Police will join with officers across the state to increase patrols and sobriety checkpoints to crack down on those driving under the influence of drugs or

The extra high-visibility enforcement is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through grants administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

an, ICJI's Traffic Safety Director. "Making the choice to operate a vehicle while impaired is never the right option."

Alcohol-impaired driving continues to contribute to many deaths in Indiana. In 2023, around 20% of all traffic fatalities in Indiana involved alcohol impairment. Drug-impaired driving is another major contributor to deadly crashes. In 2023, nearly a quarter of all traffic fatalities involved drug impairment.

"We want our community members to understand that it's our first priority to keep people safe, so we're asking

they'll be out drinking," said Lieutenant Jason Allen. "Help us protect the community and put an end to this senseless behavior."

Drivers should be safe during this Labor Day holiday by planning ahead if they intend to drink. Even if you only have one drink, designate a sober driver or use public transportation or a ride service to get home safely. Never drive impaired or let friends get behind the wheel if they've been drinking.

paired driving, visit www.nhtsa.gov/ risky-driving/drunk-driving

Loogootee Police log

call on JFK Avenue. 8:43 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at the Eldorado Motel.

9:43 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on Northeast Second Street.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call at Breaktime Bar & Grill.

2:31 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call near Marathon gas station.

8:06 p.m. - Officer Clark and Officer Baumgart responded to a call on Cedar

8:33 p.m. - Officer Clark, Officer Baumgart and Officer Hess responded to a call at Sunset Trailer Court.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

6:21 a.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on US Highway 231.

8:40 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Legion Avenue.

9:26 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call on Vine Street.

11:21 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the Marathon gas

2:52 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on South Oak Street.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

5:00 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a medical call on Poplar Street.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

2:27 a.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on Truelove Drive.

9:33 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Southeast Third Street.

12:45 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call near Kentucky Avenue.

1:22 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the Martin County Jail.

5:50 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call at the Martin County Jail.

7:36 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on US Highway 231.

9:46 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on US Highway 231.

6:40 p.m. - Steven Hunt, 46, of Wash-

ington, was arrested by Loogootee Of-

ficer Garab and charged with domestic

battery. He is being held on \$10,000

6:56 a.m. - Samuel Ramirez, 32, of

Washington, was arrested by Corporal

Hawkins and charged with operating

while never receiving a license. He is

11:01 p.m. - Rejan Allen, 49, of

Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy

Baumgart and charged with possession

of methamphetamine, possession of par-

aphernalia, obstruction of justice, pos-

session of a legend drug, possession of a

schedule III drug, possession of a sched-

ule IV drug, possession of a schedule V

drug and resisting law enforcement. She

is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

being held on \$3,000 10% bond.

being held without bond.

10% bond.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

2:35 p.m. - Brian Holmes, 45, of Madison, Wisconsin, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a schedule 2 controlled substance, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-refusal and possession of marijuana. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

8:41 p.m. - Robert Allbright, 60, of Plainfield, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

9:40 a.m. - Robert White, Ill, 43, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

2:30 p.m. - Dylan Adams, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Hawkins on a Martin County warrant. He is

1:31 p.m. - Rejan Allen, 49, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief

Hunt and charged with battery and criminal mischief. She is being held without bond. Captain Gibson assisted with the arrest.

2:05 p.m. - Summer Jones, 43, of Orleans, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine and operating while intoxicated. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond. SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

10:21 p.m. - Ulloa, Rico Oscar Armando, 40, of Jasper, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Garab and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held without bond.

Indiana State Police reminds drivers: Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over everyone to plan ahead if they know

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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

MARTIN COUNTY JOURNAL Page 6

Throwback By Dan Gregory

Originally published August 26, 2007

Change....such a simple word....one syllable.... easy to spell.... not always so easy to do or accept.

I resigned from the position of Executive Director of the Martin County Community Foundation last week. A change that has been coming for a while now. I still love the job in many ways, yet other options and thoughts kept cropping up here and there, and finally it seemed this was the time to explore them. When I looked up the word "change" and the variations of the word, it filled a page of small type in the dictionary. The first definition was "to make different; alter; modify." In the context of a career change, that definition certainly fits. The second definition was "to put in place of another; take the place of; alter." Since I am not retiring, nor do I ever plan to, that fits too. In my case the "world of work" is a refuge and the best fit for my personality. I admit I may feel differently someday about retirement, but currently the idea holds no appeal. It would have to be replaced with worthwhile use of my time. Another definition was "to pass from one phase to another." This might be the best use of the word "change" for my present state of mind.

My new work will no doubt give me pause from time to time about how good the Community Foundation work was... and that I willingly left it. But the challenges the new work presents, to learn new things and meet new people are a big part of what drives my decision to change.

change.

I always thought one should trust their instincts when it comes to change. I first started noticing how much I liked talking about and explaining agriculture at an early age. Our farm has always experimented with new technology and genetics, and I enjoyed analyzing it from a business perspective as well as the fact that it was interesting to see changes work out as well or better than expected. These changes keep us sharp and in an expectant state of mind. I could never quite adapt this thought to Community Foundation work.

Change does bring its share of personal soul searching and risk assessment. After all, I changed to Community Foundation work from an agricultural career and now am returning to agriculture. I suppose my mind plays tricks that cloud both the positive and negatives of each.

The people who I work for and within the Community Foundation field are some of the best I have ever been around. Bright, articulate, challenging, compassionate, they are all of these things, and have inspired and taught me how to be a better person as well as having been good friends and I will miss being associated with them.

The phrase "the only thing constant is change" has always been a favorite of mine. Another more recent one that I heard and have thought about is the definition of insanity, it is: "Doing the same thing, and expecting a different result."

Yes, this is definitely time for me to

CALENDAR OF

Closed-door meeting

The Martin County Council and Martin County Commissioners will meet in executive session on Wednesday, August 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is (1) for discussion of strategy with respect to a real property transaction pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) and (2) for discussion of strategy with respect to Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law, pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B). The meeting is closed to the public.

Strange-O'Maley-Jones Reunion

The Strange-O'Maley-Jones Reunion will be held Sunday, September 1 at St. Joseph Annex, Bramble. Food will be served at 12:30 p.m. Ice tea and table service will be provided.

100 Cooks Who Care

100 Cooks Who Care, presented by Old National Bank, is set for September 7, 2024, at the Huntingburg Event Center. Proceeds will benefit Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition otherwise known as SWICACC. Tickets are \$100 each or \$800 for a table of eight. To make your reservation or learn more, please contact Chad Hoffman at chad.hoffman@oldnational.com or 812-634-5238. Event info, a list of sponsors, chefs, and the purchase of tickets/tables can be done online at https://jasper.100cookswhocare.com/.

Community corrections meetings

The Martin County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet in executive session Thursday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the community corrections office at 211 SE 1st Street in Loogootee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b) (7). The meeting is closed to the public. An open meeting will follow the closeddoor meeting at around 8:30 a.m.

Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, September 20 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

Loogootee High School GAME, SET, MATCH! Men's & Women's Singles/Doubles, Mixed Doubles **SEPT 21 2024** Fee: \$20 first event, \$10 for each additional Matches will be single 6-game set Register by Age divisions TBD based on registrants Sept 15th Play will begin at 8:30 AM, draws TBD Register @ https://tinyurl.com/bpacpa4z or contact Jake Strange (812) 296-8003 Proceeds will support the Loogootee Boys and Girls Tennis Programs

HELP WANTED

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We are a railroad contractor at Crane Naval. We have a current contract for the next 4 year and need additional operators and laborers. You need a current driver's license with no felony convictions and be able to pass a pre-employment physical and drug screen. We are a railroad union contractor, with health and retirement benefits after 90 days. Our rate of pay is from \$30 to 45 dollars per hour paid weekly. The work week is Monday thru Friday.

To apply go to www.alltrackinc.com and download an application and fax to 765-778-9506 or call 765-778-9500.

Loogootee (812) 295-2312

Shoals

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With about a month left of summer, we are officially in the summer doldrums. The hot, humid weather makes garden work difficult, and the recent rains have resulted in lush growth, especially in the weeds. A couple of my gardening friends last week told me they have given up on their gardens and are just letting them go until it cools off, when they will clear them out and dream of better things next year. It is tempting, but I am holding out for the century celebration at Sandhill Gardens coming up on September 28, so I continue to work toward the goal of making the gardens presentable for that

Last week, I scoured the gardens for materials for twelve arrangements to decorate the tables for the annual Orange County Good Samaritan fundraising dinner. Many of the summer blooms were past prime, and the mums, asters and other fall flowers are not yet blooming. However, I was able to turn to the wildflower meadow for inspiration and materials. I needed twelve small bouquets for the tables, so I had to find enough plant material to fill twelve vases. Veronica (ironweed) and solidago (goldenrod) provided the base materials for about half of the arrangements. Ornamental grasses-big blue stem, fountain grass and northern sea oats—gave the bouquets some airy height without obstructing the view across the tables. I cut most of the annuals that were presentable, including dahlias, zinnias and impatiens, to give spots of contrasting color. Three colors of crape myrtle were used in a few arrangements, and for the first time, I used some wild touch-menot and prairie pea in vases. A few sprigs of Queen Ann's Lace gave a couple of arrangements lacy edges. The unconventional arrangements received a lot of compliments at the dinner, and I was able to recycle one with a large dahlia, some begonia leaves and a few springs of fountain grass for church on Sunday. Since the vases were just recycled olive jars, I was able to take them to Springs Valley Meadows to distribute them to the residents there. With a little imagination, one may use almost any plant material to make pretty bouquets for any occasion.

For many years, a pair of concrete chairs shaped like hands have been on nephews, I got them moved into place tation.

along the top of the cliff. I now will be able to sit in them and watch the sun set in the valley below the cliff. I may be a little partial, but I do not know of many venues more beautiful for watching sunsets in this part of Indiana. My nephews also moved an old turtle bench into a more accessible area beneath a river birch. I like having seats throughout the garden, where I can rest and visitors may sit and enjoy views.

I still have a lot to do before my celebration. The bank along the road is pretty rough, and the area where the original homestead sat needs attention. I am hoping that the annuals I cut will stimulate the plants to put on some fresh flowers that will be in bloom at that time.

I did get a lot of weeding done in the vegetable beds and even got several beds planted for fall crops. My late-planted tomatoes are beginning to ripen, so there should still be vegetables in late September. I have had some good help mulching between the beds and hope to get that task completed in the coming weeks. As I grow older, I find that some garden tasks are a little more difficult than they used to be, but there is still no place I would rather be than in the garden.

DNR offers open house on use of state's water resources

The public is invited to join the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Water staff in a discussion about Indiana's vital water resources and their impact on all Hoosiers on Wednesday, Sept. 4, in Alexandria.

This is the first in a series of similar open houses to be held throughout the

Representatives from the DNR Division of Water will be available to share information about their work in floodplain management, floodplain mapping, water resource assessment and availability, water rights and use, dam and levee safety, watershed stewardship, floodway and lake permits, and compliance.

The free event, which will offer open public question-and-answer opportunities, will be held at the Emery Lee Building from 5-7 p.m., a span during which my Christmas list. I finally bought them attendees are encouraged to arrive at any recently, and thanks to a couple of strong time, as there will be no formal presen-

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
- 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 $submitted\ vendor\ application\ form.$

Reserved hunt applications opened August 19

Beginning August 19, hunters could apply for reserved hunts at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt, the one-stop information spot for the hunts.

The online method is the only way to apply for the hunts listed below. No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a hunting license that's valid for the hunt for which they apply.

Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on Sunday, September 15. More specific hunt information for individual properties is available on the website.

Hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. An email will be sent to all applicants when draws have been completed. Applicants will be able to view draw results online within two weeks after the application period closes.

Waterfowl hunts on Fish & Wildlife areas (FWAs): Hovey Lake FWA, Kankakee FWA, Kingsbury FWA, LaSalle FWA, Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area, and Goose Pond FWA

Deer hunts on FWAs: Deer Creek FWA and Fairbanks Landing FWA

November Gamebird Area (GA) Hunts: Reserved hunts on GAs in northern Indiana (Benton, Jasper, Newton, Warren, and White counties). Hunters may choose from a variety of hunt dates in November. Youth hunts will be offered. These hunts are not put/take pheasant hunts.

Indiana Private Land Access (IPLA) deer firearms hunts in the following counties: LaPorte, Cass, Sullivan, Scott, Harrison, and Bartholomew

IPLA waterfowl hunts in the following counties: DeKalb, Sullivan, and Bartholomew

IPLA gamebird hunts in the following counties: Scott, Sullivan, DeKalb, Steuben, Greene, and Pike

State Park Deer Reduction Hunts:

Updates on reserved hunts at Indiana State Parks will be posted on the website sometime this fall, pending regulatory approval. Please check the website for updates.

Please note that only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once an application is submitted.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with licenses, CheckIN Game, and HIP registration. An online account is not required to apply, but a Customer ID number is needed.

In this system, hunts without a registration fee will follow the same process as those with a fee. Applicants must add a hunt to their cart and place an order to submit their application. If the transaction total is \$0, the applicant will not be asked to enter credit card information.

To view draw results, applicants can log into their online services account or click "View hunt draw results" on the website.



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~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'They are not surveying the land, they are taking a survey'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

All along the proposed Mid-States Corridor route people are receiving letters. These letters may seem to be innocent; but they are far from innocent. They are another attempt to convince you that opposition to the Mid-States Corridor is futile. That is not the truth, opposition is possible.

A few weeks back Mike Braun told the Martin County Alliance that there was no funding and that the Mid-States Corridor had a very low priority at INDOT. That just wasn't true, as shortly after he made these statements, INDOT announced that there was now funding for the Tier 2 Survey. Since letters are being sent out, obviously the priority has been raised by INDOT, as well. This is just another example of how the Spencer/Dubois County Cabal tries to deceive us. The money and the upgrading of priorities will come faster and faster the closer Mike Braun, and his cohorts, get to the governor's mansion.

Last Thursday, August 15, Mr. Jason McCoy and Ms. Teresa Kendall hosted a Q & A at VUJC. It was standing room only as the session got underway at 6 p.m. During the hour and a half session, Mr. McCoy and Ms. Kendall gave a history of the who, what, where, how and whys of the Mid-States Corridor and answered questions from the audience. This presentation was similar to one they held in Loogootee a few

months back, with similar results. I encourage everyone to go to the Dubois County Free Press site and click on the "NEWS" tab. From the drop-down menu click on the "Mid-States Corridor" tab. Then don't start reading the most current articles and letters but go the beginning, page 15, and start by reading the letter dated December 13, 2011. In this letter Hank Menke explains why I-67, now called the Mid-States Corridor, is needed. You will be shocked as to how we got here.

But, back to the letters, these letters are telling us that surveyors will be coming to our property, to research if there are any endangered flora or fauna along the Corridor's route. This may be true, but it is not the whole truth. These surveyors do not bring transits and chains, they bring laptops and notebooks. They are not surveying the land, they are taking a survey, a poll. Do not comply with their survey and under no circumstances allow them onto your land. If you comply, they will report back that there is no opposition and the landowners are compliant, and this will embolden the Cabal. Here is what we should do, we should ignore the letters, we should not allow them onto your property, we should just say no to all their requests. You do not have to allow them onto your land. If they become pushy or belligerent or will not leave your property, call the sheriff and report them as trespassers. The sheriff is duty bound to come and remove them.

At a recent Martin County Budget meet-

ing Surveyor Nathan Hoffman requested a Deputy Surveyor due to an anticipated increase in his workload. When asked what this increase in workload was for, he stated it was for the Mid-States Corridor. I didn't know the council and the board were allocating tax money to the Corridor, did you?

Mr. Hoffman's comments make one wonder if the Board of Commissioners, especially Mr. Aaron Summers, are in favor of the Mid-States Corridor and why. It would be a nice gesture for both Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Summers to publicly state their positions on the Corridor. The taxpaying voters need to know where these two stand.

Keep in mind that no matter what the Cabal or some of our local elected leaders want, we the people of Martin, Dubois and Daviess counties can and will stop the Mid-States Corridor. We don't want the Corridor; we will not sell our land and we will stop the Corridor. All we have to do is say "No" to the surveyors and to the Mid-States Corridor.

Jim Arvin Rutherford Township Martin County

Free coding/IT classes open for Martin County residents

Ivy Tech and the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Inc. announced on Tuesday that applications are open for Code/IT Academy, a 10-week upskilling program to help Hoosiers acquire in-demand tech skills and access higher paying jobs. The fall 2024 session prepares participants to pass the CompTIA A+ Certification Exam. Code/IT is a partnership between The Mill in Monroe County, Regional Opportunity Initiatives (ROI), and Ivy Tech Bloomington.

"We're really excited to offer this expanding program in Martin County,' said Jessica Potts, Executive Director of Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Inc. "Classes will be held at the Bowling Manufacturing building, located at 99 W Washington Street, Loogootee, and the instruction is streamed live from Ivy Tech instructors in Bloomington. There will be a facilitator on site that will be there to assist the class as the participants go through the training together. There's a great sense of camaraderie and excitement. The course is completely free, and Code/IT even covers the cost of the certification exam."

Code/IT's ten weeks of free training prepares individuals for certifications and jobs in areas such as web development, IT administration, CompTIA Security+, and Amazon Web Services Cloud Practitioner. Ivy Tech instructors teach three sessions of Code/IT a year on a variety of in-demand topics. This fall, the program is introducing a new pathways-based learning system, which offers a structured and flexible approach tailored to different skill levels and career goals. This system is designed to provide a more personalized and effective learning experience, ensuring participants can progress at their own pace while gaining the skills necessary for the tech industry.

Registration for the session on Comp-TIA A+ is open now and closes September 23, 2024. Class starts October 10 and meets twice a week in the evenings. More details and the application form are available at https://codeitacademy.dimension-mill.org/fall-2024-registration.

"We're excited to prepare these students for a career in the tech industry" said Haley Pritchett, Program Manager, Code/IT Academy at The Mill, the non-profit entrepreneurship center that runs Code/IT Academy. "There are hundreds of thousands of unfilled tech jobs in the US. This is a great opportunity to start on a promising career track."

Code/IT Academy is funded through a \$1.4 million READI grant.

Daviess/Martin County Retired Teachers meeting

The Daviess/Martin County Retired Teachers met at the Gasthof Restaurant on August 16. President Ramona Lennen welcomed the attendees and led the pledge to the flag, then proceeded with the meeting. The minutes of the May meeting were submitted by Nancy Adams and were approved as printed. Treasurer David Lennen presented the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year 8-16-2024 through 7-31-2025. David made the motion to accept the budget and was seconded by Denise Walden. David Lennon also installed the officers for this year. The slate of officers are as follows: President Ramona Lennen; Vice President Donna Keller; Secretary Vicky Bauernfiend; Treasurer David Lennen; Program Committee Arlene Owens and Alana Thompson; and Community Service Marilyn Read and Denise Walden. During this time, the community service coordinators reminded the members to keep track of their volunteer hours that will need to be turned on by January

President Lennen reminded members of the Area 8 Fall Workshop that will be held on Thursday, September 26 at the Gasthof Restaurant. The meeting will be from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with breakfast and lunch being furnished. Denise Walden and Linda Strosnider will work the registration table. Members were encouraged to pass the word to active teachers about the classroom grants that are available. Applications can be found at Retiredteachers.org. David Lennen traveled to Indianapolis on August 15 for the signing of House Bill 1004 by the Governor.

Thank you notes were received from the Foundation for the silent auction baskets for the General Assembly. Special thanks to Rosie Wininger, Alana Thompson, and Ramona Lennen for the donations of items for the baskets. The Martin County Humane Society expressed their appreciation for the donation from Pennies from Heaven.

The motion was made to donate Pennies from Heaven money for this semester to the Hatchets Helping Hatchets by Alana Thompson and seconded by Carol Olsen

Jason Williams, representing AMBA, was available for any questions from the membership and spoke about the benefits offered to retired teachers.

Our program was presented by Shelly Christmas, Assistant Superintendent of the Loogootee School Corporation. She spoke of all the positive changes being made to the school system. Renovations have recently been made to the junior high, the elementary playground, and the addition of rooms by using a couple of locker rooms. The integration of problem-solving, hands-on learning, respect and dedication into the curriculum has been very positive to the students' learning. The school is very proud to have the opportunity of being able to offer engineering and manufacturing classes to the curriculum. Shelly was very excited to be a part of these great changes.

Door prizes were brought by David and Ramona Lennen and Ruthanne Burkhart and won by Luwana Hand, Carol Olsen, and Janice Riley. Next month, Nancy Adams, Marion McCracken and Luwana Hand will furnish the door prizes. Attending the meeting were Nancy Adams, Ramona Lennen, Vicky Bauernfiend, Marilyn Read, Ken Macy, Linda Strosnider, Alana Thompson, Pam Cardinal, Donna Keller, Janice Riley, Arlene Owens, Stephanie Obrian, Marion McCracken, Peg Neidigh, Denise Walden, Carol Olsen, Jason Williams, and Pat Brochin.

The next meeting will be September 20 at The Gasthof. After the blessing, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.



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