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## Solid waste district receives audit results

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The Martin County Solid Waste Management District recently went through a policy audit that covered January 1, 2020-December 31, 2023. The audit results were presented to the board last month.

According to the report, the solid waste district, which has had five different directors over the audit timeframe, had issues with bank account reconciliations, capital assets, payroll disbursements, receipt issuance, appropriations, errors on claims, the annual financial report, board minutes missing, and a public purchase.

In bank account reconciliations, monthly depository reconciliations of the district's fund balances to its bank account balances were not presented for examination for 2 of the 20 months selected for testing.

In capital assets, the district board had not passed a formal capital assets policy. On April 17, 2019, the district board did pass a capital asset threshold amount, although no written policy was presented that detailed other information such as asset valuation methods and physical inventory procedures.

The following deficiencies were noted during the review of payroll disbursements: for 2021, no salary ordinance was passed by the district board and payroll was paid based on 2020 salary ordinance and two of twenty payroll disbursements tested were not paid per approved rates in the salary ordinances. In both instances, employees were paid at an hourly rate less than the approved salary ordinance.

In receipt issuance, the Indiana State Board of Accounts is responsible for prescribing and/or approving the accounting forms/records for all governmental units. The district did not use the prescribed Form 352 (Receipt) for any collections during the engagement period.

In appropriations, expenditures in the solid waste management fund exceeded the approved budget in 2021, 2022, and 2023, in the amounts of \$75,208; \$151,662; and \$192,682, respectively.

In errors on claims, during the review of twenty vendor claims selected for testing during the engagement period, the following errors were noted:

-Eleven claims were not approved by an officer or person receiving the goods or services and certified by the fiscal officer prior to payment.

-One of the claims did not have the district board approval.

-The approval of claims by the district board occurred when they met in person, as a result, claims were found to be paid in advance of the district board approval. No process or provision for approving payments in advance, as passed via a district board ordinance, was in place.

The Annual Financial Report (AFR) and other information are required to be entered annually into the Indiana Gateway for Government Units (Gateway) financial reporting system.

The following errors in the AFR and Other Information were identified:

*Accounts Payable/Receivable*

-For 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, the district reported accounts payable and accounts receivable in Gateway with no detailed listing to support the reported amounts.

### *Leases and Debt*

-For 2022, no debt was reported, but the district had borrowed \$213,515 to purchase a cardboard baler.

-For 2023, two note payable debts were incorrectly reported in Gateway. Purchase of a cardboard baler ending principal balance was overstated by \$40,706, and principal due within one year was understated \$43,215. Operating expense note payable ending principal balance was overstated by \$25,000, and principal due within one year was overstated \$25,000.

### *Capital Assets*

-For 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, the capital assets reported in Gateway could not be verified to the detailed capital asset listing presented for review. The amount reported at December 31, 2023, was \$861,534.

For board minutes, no district board minutes were presented for 17 of the 48 months during the engagement period.

For public purchase, the district did not properly bid for the purchase of equipment that exceeded \$150,000. In 2023, the district did not perform the formal bid process for the purchase of a baler and conveyor with a total cost of \$213,515. No supporting documentation was provided to document the purchasing method and whether the vendor was considered a single source supplier of the baler and conveyor.

The full audit can be viewed at <https://secure.in.gov/apps/sboa/audit-reports/>.

## **Conservation officer helps save woman from Shoals house fire**

An Indiana Conservation Officer (ICO) is being credited with saving a life after helping rescue a woman from a house fire.



On August 26 at 12:20 p.m., ICO Kendrick Fuhrman was on patrol when he responded to a call of a house fire in the 800 block of High Street in the Town of Shoals.

One of the first to arrive on scene, he was told by bystanders that people were still inside the home.

Fuhrman entered the burning home and located a male and a female occupant. The female needed help getting out of the home, and Fuhrman and the male assisted her as all exited before flames engulfed the house.

After ensuring the occupants were a safe distance from the house, Fuhrman helped the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department with trying to get the blaze under control.

Other agencies responding to the scene included Medic One, Martin County Sheriff's Department, Duke Energy, and Martin County Civil Defense Fire Department.



## Still progressing

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The new Hindostan Falls shelterhouse now has a roof as progress continues on its completion prior to Hindostan Days on September 28.

## Martin County Alliance looking for participants for leadership program

Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Inc. will be offering a leadership course entitled "Legacy" Martin County's Leadership Program, for people interested in learning more about Martin County and how leadership can benefit their communities, organizations or businesses. 2024-2025 will be the first year for this program and it was created by an interest in developing future leaders within Martin County. The mission of Legacy- Leadership Martin County is

to develop leaders who will participate in the growth of the county and promote its development. As a program of Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Inc., the goal of Legacy is to create an understanding of how the county and communities work, increase leadership skills, and provide an incentive for leadership. In return, the participants will become even more effective leaders who will strengthen and transform their com-  
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## Cemetery still needs funds for paving 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. They have currently raised \$5,100.

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.



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# LEADERSHIP

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unities, organizations and the county as a whole. The class will also work together on a project of their choosing, from ideas gathered from the speakers and/or Martin County Alliance, to show their leadership skills and must be beneficial to the County overall. This course will run for seven months. Participants will meet for one 7-hour day each month beginning in October 2024 and running through April 2025. A graduation ceremony will be held in April 2025. Attendance at all sessions is necessary for graduation as well as participation in the class project. This year's sessions will be held on: Session 1 - October 18 Session 2 - November 8 Session 3 - December 13 Session 4 - January 17, 2025 Session 5 -

February 21, 2025 Session 6 - March 21, 2025 \*Graduation - April 2025 \*Date to be announced at a later date. The cost for the program is \$300 and only 15 individuals will be accepted into the program.

Applications to apply for the program are now opened. You can apply by putting the following link into your web browser: [https://SIDC.formstack.com/forms/legacy\\_martin\\_county\\_leadership\\_application](https://SIDC.formstack.com/forms/legacy_martin_county_leadership_application)

Or by e-mailing Jessica Potts, Executive Director of Martin County Alliance, at [Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org](mailto:Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org), and she can send you a hard copy. Applications are being accepted until September 13. Participants will be notified on September 30 whether or not they are accepted into the program.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice of 30 Days for Public Comment Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Local Plan South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.

The South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is requesting public comments regarding the WIOA 2024-2027 Local Plan of Services. The WIOA Local Plan is the primary vehicle for communicating the Board's vision for the local WorkOne system and how it will provide services to meet the needs of job seekers and employers in the Indiana Counties of Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen.

The plan will be available for review on the web at [www.workonesouthcentral.org/](http://www.workonesouthcentral.org/) no later than 5:00 pm on August 23, 2024. The public comment period begins on August 23, 2024 and ends at 5:00 pm (EDT) on September 23, 2024. Written comments will be accepted by email at [southcentralregion8@gmail.com](mailto:southcentralregion8@gmail.com). Comments may also be submitted by US Mail to:

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# OBITUARIES

## TAMELA TINCHER

Tamela Jean Tinchler passed away at her son's residence in Washington on August 28, 2024. She was 63.



**TAMELA TINCHER**

She was born in Washington on May 27, 1961; daughter of Jack Eugene and Carolyn Sue (Clark) Tinchler.

At one time, Tamela was a nurse's aide at the Washington Nursing Center. She was a lady with a big heart who made friends easily wherever she went. She loved spending time with her family and dearly loved her canine companion, Roscoe. Tamela attended the Victory Community Church.

Those who now mourn Tamela's passing include her mother, Carolyn Sue Tinchler; son, Clayton (Ashley) Alford of Washington; grandchildren, Camron Alford of Washington, Cassidy Alford of Washington, Caiden Alford of Washington, and Elizabeth Osgatharp and Allen Osgatharp, both of Loogootee. She leaves siblings, Jack (Lori) Tinchler of Washington, Kim (Mike) Gogel of Loogootee, Lori (Shannon) Winger of Washington, and Jeannie Stodghill of Washington, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Tamela Tinchler were held Saturday, August 31 at Ed L. Lee Mortuary. Pastor Derrick Crews officiated. Burial will be at a later date.

Condolences may be left online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com).

The staff of the Ed L. Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with Tamela Tinchler's arrangements.

## BRENDA KING

Brenda Sue King passed away Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at Paoli Health and Living Community. She was 82.



**BRENDA KING**

She was born July 6, 1942, in Elnora; daughter of Alva and Stella (Bell) Kinnaman. She married Kenneth "Kent" King on July 19, 2002, and he survives.

Brenda was a 1961 graduate of Odon High School and retired from Walmart. She attended Fairview Church of Christ. Brenda enjoyed sewing and riding on a Harley with her husband.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth "Kent" King of Mitchell; children, Derenda (Chris) Lofton of Indianapolis and Randall (Kristi) Baker of Scotland; and grandchildren, Candace (Matt) Clark and Cassi (Cory) Mueth.

Her parents and siblings, Wynoma Tomey and Sally Plano-Targett, preceded her in death.

Cremation has been chosen with graveside service in Port Williams Cemetery at a later date.

## MARGARET PENDLEY

Margaret Jones Pendley, formerly of Shoals, passed away Saturday, August 31, 2024, at Franciscan Hospice House, Indianapolis. A resident of Greenwood, she was 99.

She was born May 30, 1925, in Shoals; daughter of Hovey and Myrtle (Jones) Pendley.

Margaret graduated from Shoals High School with the class of 1941.

She worked at Eli Lilly & Company

for over 41 years, retiring in 1987.

Surviving are her sister-in-law, Esther Pendley; nieces and nephews, Sandra Simmons, Margie (Gary) Eltzroth, Kevin Bailey, and Roger Lee Pendley; great-nieces and great-nephews, Steve Simmons, Lori Moore, J.D. Simmons, Noah Eltzroth, and Gabe Eltzroth; great-great nieces and great-great nephews, Alli (Wyatt) Squires, Ryan Simmons, Mandi Simmons, and Jake Simmons; and three great-great-great niece and great-great-great nephews, Karri, Leeland, and Hunter.

She was preceded in death by her

parents; and siblings, Edmund Russell Pendley, Eldeana Rose Bailey, and Forrest Roger Pendley.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 5 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. until the hour of service on Thursday at the Queen-Lee Chapel, Shoals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 26

2:53 a.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.

8:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft east of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

9:51 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Transport Officer Norman responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

12:16 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a structure fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson and Deputy Baumgart responded. No one was transported. Duke Energy was also notified.

1:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

2:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

5:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart and Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Deputy Baumgart responded. No one was transported.

7:31 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on an ATV in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

7:53 p.m. - Received a call from Life Alert requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

11:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

1:56 a.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

7:40 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Sergeant Wells and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

12:27 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance north of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:19 p.m. - Received a call advising that both nursing homes in Loogootee will be testing fire alarms today.

3:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling north. ISP responded.

4:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling south. Dubois County was notified.

5:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

5:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on

an ATV east of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

5:44 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle fire east of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense, Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Wells and Deputy Baumgart responded.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

8:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same tree.

9:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

12:36 a.m. - Received a call from Med Scope requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

1:55 a.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Loogootee Office Garab responded.

6:24 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting two suspicious individuals knocking on doors south of Loogootee. Major Reed and Chief Deputy Keller responded. Daviess County was also notified.

8:19 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

10:40 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 50 traveling east. Sergeant Wells responded.

11:35 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

1:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:31 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle southeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

2:54 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Duke Energy responded.

3:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:14 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check northeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

8:19 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 150 traveling toward Orange County. Notified Orange County.

8:27 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported two inmates to court.

9:27 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on an ATV in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

11:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling south. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

11:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Chief Hunt responded. No one was transported.

12:02 p.m. - Received a call requesting

a vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a call advising of an alarm system being installed in Shoals if we get calls.

3:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a brush fire north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Martin County Civil Defense responded. No one was transported.

3:57 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on Highway 231 North, traveling south. Deputy Branham responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a call from Jasper Police Department requesting assistance in our county. Loogootee Officer Clark, Loogootee Officer Hess, Deputy Branham, Deputy Shields and Jasper Police Department responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Hess responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Deputy Shields responded.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

12:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Erwin responded.

12:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting the same tree.

12:56 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

1:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible trespasser north of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

4:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark and Deputy Erwin responded.

4:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Medic 3, Deputy Erwin and Loogootee Officer Clark responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:50 a.m. - Received a call reporting a water leak in Loogootee. Deputy Erwin and Loogootee City Utilities responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a single-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:17 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call east of Shoals with no one on the line. Deputy Branham responded.

12:41 p.m. - Received a call from Orange County requesting to speak to Sheriff Greene. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

2:44 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a two-vehicle accident in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee

Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Hunt, Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:41 p.m. - Received multiple 911 and landline calls reporting a tree down on US 231 South. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Branham responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

7:56 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Deputy Shields responded.

9:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Deputy Shields responded.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

12:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call in Shoals with no one on the line. Deputy Shields responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received multiple calls requesting assistance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt and Deputy Branham responded. No one was transported.

11:38 a.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting a single-vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Haysville Fire Department, Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

12:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a call requesting officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt and Deputy Branham responded.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious female east of Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt and Deputy Branham responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Reserve Captain Hunt responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:24 p.m. - Received a call reporting a trash fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:39 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Loogootee. Deputy Shields responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy north of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

10:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Deputy Shields responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Shields responded.

10:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 2, Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Garab, Deputy Shields and Big John's responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

4:31 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab responded.

# COURT NEWS

*Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed July 31

Kyle D. Gruber, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joshua L. Arthur, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Carl D. McCarty, theft, a Level 6 Felony; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### August 1

Jacob E. Jones, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Robert E. Allbright, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

### August 5

Jeffrey L. Friede, Jr., operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Anthony Clements, domestic battery, a Level 5 Felony.

Michael D. Norris, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Krista Michael, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Timothy Utt, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of anabolic steroid, a Level 6 Felony.

Jessica A. Bauerle, domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony; strangulation, a Level 6 Felony.

### August 7

Anthony G. Jones, cruelty to an animal, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jarod Lester, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Jeffery Dotterweich, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### August 8

Jerry R. Holt, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Danny M. Arthur, Jr., battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kirk Kidwell, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; intimidation, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### August 12

Monte D. Graham, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Krista Michael, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Peggy R. Stoll, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Steven A. Kiser, resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, a Level 6 Felony; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Travis Bottoms II, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended with prior conviction within 10 years, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### August 13

Issac Davis, domestic battery commit-

ted in the presence of a child less than 16 years, a Level 6 Felony; strangulation, a Level 6 Felony; battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety official, a Level 5 Felony; battery on a public safety official, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement causing bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brian Holmes, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Robert E. Allbright, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### August 14

Steven P. Hunt, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony.

### August 15

Samuel Adelson Morales Ramirez, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Richard D. Gingerich, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Zachary Edwin Lee Pace, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### August 16

Rejan K. Allen, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; obstruction of justice, a Level 6 Felony; legend drug deception, a Level 6 Felony; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Pamela D. Gammon, three counts of invasion of privacy, Level 6 Felonies.

### August 20

Summer D. Jones, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Oscar Armando Ulloa-Rico, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license (prior), a Class A Misdemeanor.

### August 23

George K. Aldred, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Ronaele Sanders, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### August 26

Travis Bottoms II, driving while suspended with prior conviction within 10 years, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### August 27

Ephrum Hovis, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

### August 22

Edwin Acuna Hinojosa, convicted of operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 2 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day.

### August 23

Kade Grogan, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 548 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 96 hours of community service.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### August 26

Chadd W. Lents, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Lowell G. Sanders, Jr., possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Bryson C. Haines, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### August 27

Javier Baltazar Andres, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Richard D. Gingerich, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

### August 24

JPMorgan Chase Bank vs. Severn Harper, civil collection.

### August 26

Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. The unknown heirs and devisees of Nathan K. Cox, deceased; the unknown tenant, and the United States of America Department of Agriculture Rural Development, mortgage foreclosure.

### August 27

Discover Bank vs. James Evans, civil collection.

Discover Bank vs. Russell Hopkins, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### August 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Zachary Danielson in the amount of \$2,512.04.

### August 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Ruth Gilbert in the amount of \$1,012.05.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

### August 27

Jeanette Blackwell vs. Randall Blackwell, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

### August 26

Angel L. Sanchez vs. Gary and Jessica Allen, complaint, dismissed.

Hongqui Zhao vs. Lauren and James Poirier, complaint, dismissed.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Dianna R. Wilson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Richard D. Wagler and Rebecca J. Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east one-half of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 20 acres, more or less.

**April Lee Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **B&T Ventures, Inc.**, of Ohio, 110 West Main Street, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

**Lawrence E. Gates, Mary Lisa Gates and Thomas G. Gates**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Helm 44, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 1 and Lot Number 2 in Block "E" in the Loogootee Land Company's Addition to the town,

now City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana.

**Lands Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Philip Kemp**, of Martin County, Indiana, all of Lot Number 28 and all of Lot Number 27, except that part of Lot 27 used as a street. Also, the east half of Lot Number 26, except a strip 70 feet in depth off of the south end of the east half of said lot, all in Cray's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua Seymour**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 16 in the recorded plat of West Shoals, now a part of Shoals, Indiana.

**Teresa M. Nolley**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monty Gregory**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 5 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a part of Lot 6 in Risacher's Fourth Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Todd A. Wilcher and Stacy R. Wilcher**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Larry Allen Wilcher and Cynthia D. Wilcher**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.048 acres, more or less.

**Lori J. Thompson**, of Greene County, Indiana to **John S. Owen and Joni M. Owen**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Fractional Section 6, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana. Lot 5 of Lazy Acres Subdivision.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

11:59 a.m. - Geoffery Kallner, 36, of Springville, was arrested by Corporal Hawkins and charged with writ of body attachment. He is being held on \$1,000 bond.

12:20 p.m. - Michael Heuser, 29, of Washington, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

12:54 p.m. - Leoncia Perez, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with domestic battery, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond. Chief Deputy Keller assisted with the arrest.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

10:16 p.m. - Pamela Gammon, 50, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with invasion of privacy. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

11:47 a.m. - Michael Phipps, 50, of Elwood, was arrested by Captain Gibson on a Monroe County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

2:16 p.m. - Jeffery Raisor, 36, of Corydon, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

2:38 a.m. - Jeremiah Hickam, 23, of Holland, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Garab and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

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## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

**'Road preservation is the cheapest way to keep our roads in good shape'**

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

There is an electronic billboard on the southbound side of US-231 between Haysville and Jasper that proclaims the Mid-States Corridor will save commuting time and will make for a safer commute. An interesting message and an interesting location.

Numerous studies have shown these statements to be inaccurate. A shorter commute depends on where one can enter and exit the Corridor. An example, if local roads dead-end into the corridor, then the added miles to an entrance/exit will make your commute longer. Regarding a safer commute, does one really believe school buses, farm equipment and horse drawn vehicles crossing a multi-lane, high-speed highway without a traffic signal is safe? These are just two examples of how the Lochmueller Group is spreading propaganda for their agenda.

Recently, Purdue's Local Technical Area Program (LTAP) provided an analysis on the status of INDOT's funding for road maintenance and new construction. The analysis indicated nearly a billion-dollar shortfall in funding. In addition to this funding issue the LTAP said that 28 percent of Indiana's roads are in poor shape and 41 percent are in fair shape. A real problem in funding is that as we move to more fuel efficient or electrical vehicles, we will take in less and less gas tax monies, which will only make the lack of funding even more of a problem.

The need to get our roads in good shape was shown by the fact that it costs between \$150,000 to \$1.5 million per mile to repair poor roads and only between \$1,000 to \$7,500 per mile to maintain good roads. Road preservation is the cheapest way to keep our roads in good shape. None of these funding shortfalls

take into account the cost to build new terrain highways, i.e. the Mid-States Corridor. (For more information on the LTAP Analysis one can go to the Stop the Mid-States Corridor Facebook page.)

All of this current activity is another sign of the desperation the Mid-States Corridor folks, the Lochmueller Group, is experiencing. The good people of Dubois County are up in arms about the Corridor, the Tier 2 Study, the letters and yes, the surveyors. It is election time and those in favor of the Corridor are not representing the wants of the people. We have a representative form of government, and it is important that we elect representatives who will represent our wants and needs and not their wants.

Let's all keep in mind that we can stop the Corridor. If you are angry about the Corridor, talk to your family, friends and neighbors. Keep them informed. And convince them to vote for people who are like minded. There are many anti-Corridor candidates, in all political parties, this year.

We can stop the Corridor, all we need to do is vote and continue to say "No".

Jim Arvin

Rutherford Township  
Martin County

## ANIMAL SHELTER *Pet of the Week*



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, September 5 at 4 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

### County council special meeting

The Martin County Council will hold a special meeting Thursday, September 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2025 budget and any other business that may arise. The meeting is open to the public.

### Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, September 5 from 6-8 p.m. This month they will have chicken strips, hot and cold sides, bread/rolls, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 closed-door meeting at around 8:30 a.m.

### Tourism Council meeting

The Martin County Tourism Council will meet Tuesday, September 17 at 5 p.m. at Hindostan Falls. Anyone interested in county tourism is invited to attend.

### 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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A truly great garden must appeal to all five senses. The sense of hearing is probably the one least associated with gardening. Many times, we resort to artificial means to add sound. We hang wind chimes or set up a fountain to provide the sound of water splashing. However, if we provide for the needs of nature's musicians, they will come. A recent visitor to Sandhill Gardens marveled at the sound of birds, frogs and insects. Some creature is providing sound at almost any time of day or night.

While the birds are still singing in the mornings, a major source of sound in the late summer garden is the hum of hummingbird wings and the buzz of bees. With the intense heat recently, I have taken many breaks when gardening, and during those respites in the shade, I have enjoyed watching the ruby-throated hummingbirds flitting from flower to flower, providing a constant percussion. The bees have also been busy, preparing for the coming of winter.

While annual and perennial flowers provide feeding stations for the hummingbirds and bees, at this time of the year, a couple of shrubs are major sources of nectar. Abelia and caryopteris are not native shrubs, but the constant presence of pollinators on their flowers in late summer and fall convinces me that they deserve a spot in my landscape. Neither has become invasive in Indiana.

Abelia provides interest in all seasons. There are about 30 species in the genus, many of which are at least semi-evergreen. Even when not in bloom, the foliage is attractive and colorful. The one at Sandhill Gardens has leaves that are green with accents of yellow, orange, bronze and burgundy. The colors change with the season, becoming darker in the winter. However, it is the tubular flowers that attract the bees and hummingbirds. Abelia starts to flower in late spring, and, unlike most shrubs, continues to set new blooms into fall. The buds are much darker than the open blossoms. Since there are buds and

## Last Free Fishing Day of the year is September 28

Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters on Free Fishing Days. The last free fishing day for 2024 is September 28. All other rules such as seasons, bag, and size limits apply.

Free Fishing Days are an excellent opportunity to learn how to fish, take your family fishing, or introduce a friend to fishing.

blossoms present together, the clusters take on a variegated appearance when viewed from afar. My abelia has pink blooms, but there are species with white and yellow blossoms. The black spruce and two large female blue hollies sited behind the abelia serve to make the shrub really stand out. The bloom clusters make great fillers in bouquets and will last several days as a cut flower.

The blue of caryopteris makes a good foil for the pink abelia. Commonly known as blue beard, this late summer bloomer also keeps blooming into late fall. The steely blue is the color of the species, but there are cultivars with purple and white flowers. The airy flower clusters are a great source of nectar, attracting native bees as well as honeybees.

Both of these shrubs are low-maintenance plants, preferring sunny locations, but appreciating some shade in the hot afternoon. Once established, they are very drought tolerant. Neither of them has received any supplemental watering this summer, yet both are faring very well, despite the lack of rain. They have few pest and disease problems and do not require a lot of pruning to keep them in shape. If desired, the caryopteris may be cut to the ground in late winter and it will still grow to be a large shrub by late summer.

Both of these shrubs may be propagated from cuttings or from seeds. However, to ensure that they are true to the parent plant, it is better to use the cuttings. Abelias may be produced from hardwood cuttings in the fall or from softwood cuttings in the spring. Softwood cuttings root more easily, but plants produced from hardwood cuttings tend to be more hardy. Caryopteris cuttings root easily and may be taken any time during the growing season. Come out to the open garden at Sandhill Gardens on September 28 and take a cutting to grow your own shrubs.

## Outdoor Indiana features wildlife viewing

Outdoor Indiana magazine's September/October issue features a cover story on the hobby of wildlife viewing.

The issue also includes an article on the Knobstone Trail, the longest hiking trail in the state, and a story on identifying and collecting tree seeds.

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## Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton  
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

This is the 200th issue of Grazing Bites—time flies, but the need for good pasture management remains as crucial as ever.

In the book "Observations on the Means of Improving the Cultivation of the Soil and the Management of Livestock," Scottish gentleman farmer, botanist, essayist and scholar, James Anderson, provided a detailed approach to managing livestock on pasture. He strongly advocated for rotational grazing, a method that involves moving livestock between different pastures. This technique helps prevent overgrazing and allows pastures to recover, thus maintaining soil fertility and forage quality.

Anderson also emphasized the importance of avoiding overgrazing to prevent soil degradation and ensure adequate forage availability. He urged farmers to closely monitor grazing intensity to avoid depleting pastures excessively. Alongside this, he highlighted the need for maintaining high-quality pastures through effective soil management practices, such as applying manure and managing soil pH.

A key aspect of Anderson's recommendations was providing access to fresh, nutrient-rich forage. He noted that livestock perform best when grazing on nutritious, fresh plants. Anderson suggested that pastures should be grazed when plants are at their most nutritious and allowed to recover between grazing periods to promote optimal regrowth.

While Anderson supported effective pasture management, he also acknowledged the necessity of supplemental feeding during periods when pastures are insufficient to meet livestock needs, such as in winter or during droughts. His recommendations aimed to ensure sustainable practices that support the long-term health of both pastures and livestock.

James Anderson wrote about grazing management to improve agricultural efficiency, soil health, and livestock productivity in 1777. He aimed to optimize pasture use, enhance soil fertility, and ensure sustainable practices that would benefit both the financial stability of farms and the well-being of livestock. His work focused on systematic grazing methods to prevent overgrazing, reduce feed costs, and promote long-term environmental and economic sustainability. Does this seem familiar?

The message of effective grazing management remains critically important today due to its significant impact on agricultural sustainability, environmental health, and economic efficiency. Ensuring that grazing practices support long-term pasture health is vital for maintaining agricultural productivity and meeting the growing food demands of an increasing global population.

Proper grazing techniques are essential for preserving soil health. They help prevent soil degradation, erosion, and nutrient loss, which are pressing concerns in modern agriculture. By promoting effective grazing management, we support regenerative agricultural practices and safeguard soil quality for future use.

The environmental impact of grazing management practices is also substantial. Effective grazing can influence biodiversity, water quality, and carbon sequestration.

Economically, efficient grazing management reduces the need for costly supplemental feeds and inputs. With fluctuating input costs and economic pressures on farmers, optimizing pasture use helps improve financial stability and farm profitability. This economic benefit is crucial for

the long-term viability of farming operations and keeping the next generation on the farm.

Additionally, proper grazing management supports better livestock health and productivity. High-quality, well-managed pastures provide adequate nutrition and reduce the risk of health issues related to poor forage quality, ensuring the well-being of the animals.

As weather patterns and forage availability fluctuate, adaptive grazing practices become increasingly important. Effective management helps pastures withstand extreme weather conditions and maintain farm resilience, contributing to overall adaptability.

Finally, ongoing advocacy for grazing management is necessary to keep farmers informed about the latest practices and technologies. By sharing knowledge and promoting effective practices, we support industry-wide progress toward sustainability and address contemporary agricultural challenges.

Jonathan Swift, an Irish writer and satirist best known for his works such as "Gulliver's Travels," once remarked on the value of practical contributions to society, particularly in agriculture: "And he gave it for his opinion, that whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a foot of ground, where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."

I share this quote to underscore why I am passionate about what I do. It's not about the accolades but the tangible benefits that effective pasture management can deliver.

Advocating for effective pasture management is crucial for sustaining long-term agricultural productivity and environmental health. It maintains land productivity, supports a high-quality forage supply, and ensures the well-being of livestock. Proper management practices enhance soil health, contribute to environmental conservation, and improve economic efficiency. They also promote better livestock health and adaptability to varying conditions, while adding to the visual and economic value of rural landscapes. Overall, these practices are fundamental to productivity, sustainability, and the well-being of both livestock and land.

As Jonathan Swift aptly put it, practical contributions to agriculture can have a profound and lasting impact. My passion for pasture management stems from this very belief—it's about making meaningful improvements that benefit both the land and those who depend on it.

So, as we move forward, remember it's not about optimizing just one grazing event, but about maximizing the entire grazing season. Here's to continuing the journey of effective pasture management. Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities  
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# Indiana Archaeology Month started September 1

This month marks the 29th anniversary of a statewide celebration of archaeology in Indiana.

Throughout September, Hoosier history buffs can meet archaeologists and learn about the state's fascinating past. Through the prior years' celebrations, thousands of members of the public have been able to experience archaeology.

A variety of events for all ages will be offered by universities, museums, organizations, and individuals throughout Indiana, coordinated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA). A schedule is at [on.IN.gov/archaeologymonth](http://on.IN.gov/archaeologymonth).

"Archaeology tells us about the past, and Archaeology Month provides a perfect way for Hoosiers to learn about the science," said Dan Bortner, DNR director and State Historic Preservation Officer.

This year's commemorative poster focuses on the State Archaeological Survey. In the spring of 1920, the National Research Council Chairman of the Committee on State Archaeological Surveys traveled to Indianapolis with the intent of starting the systematic survey of all Indiana counties. Previously, recording Indiana's archaeological sites had occurred sporadically. Administration of

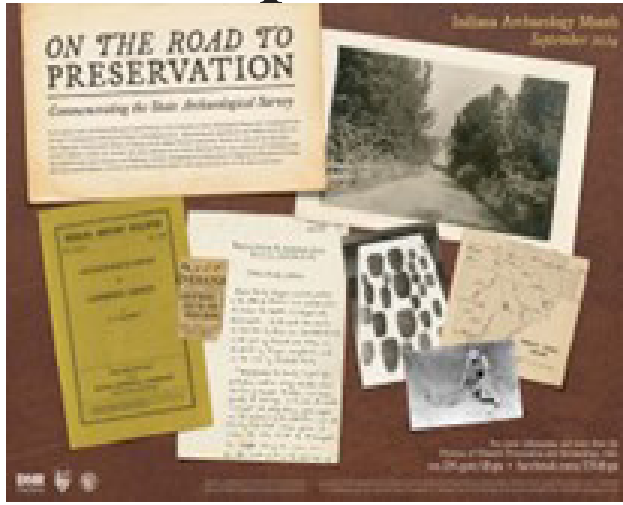
## Put-and-take pheasant hunt registration opens on September 11

Registration for put-and-take pheasant hunts opens Wednesday, September 11, at 7 a.m. ET and will continue to the end of the hunt period or until hunts are sold out. The hunts take place from November 23-December 1. Hunters can register at [on.IN.gov/reservedhunt](http://on.IN.gov/reservedhunt).

Participating Fish & Wildlife areas include Atterbury, Glendale, J.E. Roush Lake, Pigeon River, Tri-County, Willow Slough, and Winamac. Hunters seeking information about the property on which they are interested in hunting should contact that respective property. Contact information is available at the website listed above.

Registration is first-come, first-served and costs \$30 per registered hunter. Once the daily hunter quota is reached for each site, the location will be listed as unavailable. Hunters must possess a valid hunting license and a gamebird habitat stamp to hunt pheasant. The bag limit is two pheasants per person, per day. Hunters should print their registration confirmation sheet and bring it with them on the day of their hunts.

More information about put-and-take pheasant hunts and other reserved hunts is available at the website listed above.



the statewide survey fell to the State Department of Conservation (now known as the DNR), which then had a Division of Geology, and the Indiana Historical Commission. In that more methodical era, between the 1920s and the early 1960s, more than 20 of Indiana's counties were systematically surveyed, and the reports were published by the Indiana Historical Bureau.

"Recognizing the looming threats to Indigenous and Euroamerican heritage from newly proposed highways, reservoirs, and other infrastructure projects, these early surveyors were on the road to preservation," said DHPA's Amy Johnson, the state archaeologist. "We are proud that the DNR was there at the beginning of the State Archaeological Survey and that today, the DHPA continues to lead the statewide efforts for protecting and preserving Indiana's heritage."

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first published survey reports, which covered Lawrence and Washington counties.

The poster and an in-depth discussion of the design are available at the website listed earlier.

Overall, archaeologists have recorded more than 75,000 sites in Indiana since the early 1800s, helping shape public understanding of the people who have called the land we now call Indiana home.

## Patoka River NWR 30th Anniversary Celebration

The public is invited to join the Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge in celebrating their 30th Anniversary on Saturday, September 7, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. CT at the Snakey Point Marsh complex on the Refuge.

Stop by to learn about the Refuge, what has been accomplished in these last 30 years, and what is to come in the future. Enjoy refreshments and take a walk on the many trails that are available to explore. The Refuge is truly worth celebrating and it's right in your own "back yard".

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By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

## Councilman's Corner

A Vision for Shoals: Strengthening Our Community Through Connectivity

I am pursuing, along with your town board and Alliance of Martin County Jessica Potts, working with Indiana University and their program to research rural grant finding is dedication to improving the communications and internet capabilities in our Town of Shoals. This is not just a matter of convenience—it's about the future of our children, the safety of our community, and the well-being of our most vulnerable residents.

Let's first consider the children in our community. Many of them are provided with laptops to complete their homework, yet a significant portion cannot use these tools effectively because they lack internet access. We live in such a rural area, and we expect our children to expand their knowledge and build a better future for themselves through education. However, the reality is that 50 percent of the children in the Shoals Community School do not have internet access at home. This is more than a social issue; it's a fundamental problem that could determine whether they succeed or fail in life.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, this lack of connectivity was laid bare—half of our students were sent home with paper assignments and books because they couldn't access online resources. In a district where a high percentage of families live below the federal poverty level, this lack of infrastructure is holding them back from thriving, even as they struggle to survive. If we do not address this issue, we are failing to provide future generations with the opportunities they need to rise above their current circumstances.

And, of course, we must not forget our first responders. Imagine being called to a tornado-ravaged area on a narrow, one-lane road with no cell phone service and radios that won't work. This lack of communication puts lives at risk. Just recently, a first responder nearly collided with another emergency vehicle on a sharp turn because they couldn't communicate due to the lack of service in the area. Utility workers trying to restore electricity in such emergencies also face this same challenge, making it nearly impossible to coordinate efforts effectively.

The lack of reliable communication services in Shoals is not just an inconvenience; it's a pressing issue that impacts every aspect of our community's safety, education, and well-being. We cannot allow our residents to continue living in isolation, cut off from the essential services and support they need.

The Town of Shoals is committed to changing this and ensuring that Shoals becomes a place where every resident has access to the tools and services necessary to lead a connected, secure, and fulfilling life.

In today's world, reliable communication isn't just a luxury—it's a necessity. Whether it's ensuring that our first responders can coordinate effectively during emergencies or providing residents and visitors with access to essential online services, the need for robust, reliable Internet infrastructure has never

been greater.

That's why the Town of Shoals, in collaboration with Indiana University and under the leadership of its council president, along with Dr. Dayton and our own town council, Alliance of Martin County, Jessica Potts is pursuing ambitious plans to enhance our community's connectivity. Together, we are seeking grants that will not only increase Internet services throughout Shoals but will also strengthen communication capabilities for our first responders and law enforcement.

At the heart of this initiative is the goal to provide widespread access to free Internet hotspots. These hotspots will ensure that every corner of our town, from Main Street to the most remote areas, has reliable internet access. In addition, we are exploring the use of satellite phones that can be deployed in emergency situations, ensuring that our first responders remain connected even in areas where traditional communication methods fall short.

The stakes are high. Grant funding in this area is extremely competitive. Communities across the state and the nation are vying for the same limited resources. But here's the simple truth: if we don't apply, we don't stand a chance of receiving these vital funds. The future of Shoals depends on our ability to embrace these opportunities and secure the resources we need to keep our community connected and safe.

This effort is about more than just technology; it's about our future. By improving our communication infrastructure, we are laying the groundwork for a safer, more connected, and more prosperous Shoals. We are ensuring that our first responders have the tools they need to protect us, and we are providing our residents with the access they need to thrive in a digital world.

This is our chance to move Shoals forward. Let's seize it.

## LHS Volleyball defeats Linton

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team defeated Linton last week in five sets, 25-18, 25-20, 21-25, 19-25, and 18-16.

Addy Lengacher led the team in serving points with 12, plus two aces, and in assists with 22. Breanna Courter had a team-high 18 digs and eight serving points with three aces. Kaylee Hawkins finished with nine serving points and 19 assists. Jocelynn Sims had eight serving points with two aces and 16 digs. Macy Knepp led in kills with 14 and had 15 digs. Alaina Diamond finished with eight kills and two blocks. The junior varsity Lady Lions lost to Linton in three sets, 25-16, 24-26, and 14-16.

Ava Jeffers and Aubrey Gilbert each finished with eight serving points and four aces. Gilbert also had six kills and Jeffers had eight assists. Kaylee Hawkins finished with five kills, seven assists and six digs. Lauren Nolan contributed 11 digs.

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