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17 communities, including Shoals, awarded over \$11 million in federal grants

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs last week announced 17 rural Indiana communities will receive \$11.1 million in federal grant funding to create and expand community facilities, and improve water infrastructure.

"I applaud the local leaders across Indiana who always take the extra step when it comes to bettering the lives of their community members," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, "I look forward to seeing how each of these projects revitalize rural Indiana."

The State of Indiana distributes Community Development Block Grant funds to rural communities, which assist units of local government with various community projects such as infrastructure improvement, downtown revitalization, public facilities and economic development.

"Quality of life improvement projects such as these can be transformational for our rural towns and cities," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "I commend the leaders in each of these 17 communities for investing in critical infrastructure needs to improve their public facilities, stormwater management and wastewater or drinking water systems."

The Public Facilities Program creates and expands community facilities that enhance the lives of residents in numerous ways. Eligible projects include fire stations, community facilities, libraries, museums, community centers and performance spaces that open doors to knowledge and ideas, culture, and enjoyment.

Projects receiving Public Facilities Program grant funding include:

Martin County, on behalf of the Shoals Public Library, is awarded \$500,000 to expand the existing library. The project will include the addition of a new two-story building to the back of the library. The construction of the new addition will include an elevator to provide full ADA access as well as new ADA restrooms. Energy efficiency upgrades and additional programming space and storage will also be added.

The Stormwater Improvement Program strives to reduce flooding, cut stormwater treatment and energy costs, protect rivers, lakes and vital landscapes, and generate jobs to spur economic revitalization.

Projects receiving Stormwater Improvement Program grant funding include:

The Town of Bargersville is awarded \$600,000 to make stormwater improvements in the Three Notch Neighborhood, including new stormwater pipe, inlets and catch basins. This project will replace failing lines and cracked lines leading to sinkholes in the community. The project will also reduce the amount of water in the road after rain events.

The Town of Cloverdale is awarded \$600,000 to make necessary improvements to its stormwater system. The scope includes improvements to various culverts and the creation of new open ditches. This project will correct ponding water and improve stormwater infrastructure that is currently undersized to address stormwater backup experienced by residents.

The Town of Farmersburg is awarded \$600,000 for the rehabilitation of existing limited and failing drainage systems. This includes the areas of First, Second and Seventh Avenues, Cyrus Street, Heap to Ohio and Fifth to Sixth Streets, where stormwater is flowing into low-lying areas. This project will improve conveyance of flows to existing dedicated stormwater handling structures, reducing overflows from entering the wastewater system.

The City of Huntington is awarded \$600,000 to reduce flooding by upgrading the stormwater utility within the Home Place Addition. The stormwater system will be separated from the sanitary sewer and a new storm sewer network will be constructed. A detention pond will be added between Park Street and Etna Avenue. Roadways within the project area will be reconstructed and upgraded with new curb and gutters, drainage inlets and a sidewalk.

The Town of Ingalls is awarded \$600,000 for stormwater improvements in the Old Town area. This project will include installing new stormwater pipes, inlets and manholes to mitigate flooding issues residents currently experience.

The goals of the Wastewater/Drinking Water Program are to protect public health and the environment, reduce utility rates for low-to-moderate income communities, and improve rural infrastructure to enable long-term economic growth.

Projects receiving Wastewater Drinking Water Program grant funding include:

The Town of Bunker Hill is awarded \$600,000 to rehabilitate 100 manholes and eliminate 11 sewer cross connections. The project will line and seal the manholes, reducing inflow and infiltration by at least 72%. The proposed project will reduce or eliminate flooding and improve the quality of life for town residents.

The Town of Cayuga is awarded \$700,000 for the system-wide rehabilitation of the town's overall water system components. This includes wellfield upgrades and distribution improvements to enhance treatment and supply. Additionally, the project will increase fire protection and reduce health risks by eliminating lead components within the water system.

The Town of Clay City is awarded \$700,000 to build a new elevated water tower and to demolish the existing tower. The current tower is a 75,000-gallon water tank built in 1949. The new tower will reduce the amount of boil orders and improve water pressure for residents.

The Town of Gosport is awarded \$700,000 to make needed improvements to its water treatment plant and distribution system. The town has identified four priority areas of concern that will receive new water mains, hydrants and valves. The proposed project will also include replacing and rehabilitating the existing water treatment facility components. New meters will be installed and any lead service lines will be replaced.

The Town of Kentland is awarded \$700,000 to construct a new water treatment plant and rehabilitate the town's wells. The project will include a new (See 'GRANTS' on page 2)



Once in a blue moon

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

A blue moon was present in the sky last Wednesday night. A blue moon refers to the occurrence of two full moons within a calendar month. It is a relatively rare celestial event, happening roughly once every 2.7 years, due to the lunar cycle being approximately 29.5 days long. The term "blue moon" has no relation to the moon's color; it's more about its unusual timing. When two full moons happen in the same month, the second one is called a blue moon.

Commissioners meet new NSA Commander, approve funds for school CEO program

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT

Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 5.

NSA Commander I. Martinez introduced himself to the commissioners. He has been commander for three months, coming from Arizona and El Paso, Texas. He said this is his first time in the Midwest and he's enjoying it. Commander Martinez said he wants to continue building partnerships with communities outside the base and help each other deal with any issues that may arise. He asked the audience and commissioners if they had any questions. Commissioner Cody Roush asked if the south gate entrance to Crane could be reopened. He said it's been closed for around 10 years, and they have potential land in that area that could be used for housing development. Commander Martinez said they have no plans to open it and he can't tell the reasons why, due to security issues. Roush asked if it could at least be discussed and worked toward. Commander Martinez said, "I'll never say never."

Urgent Care to open again in Martin County

A new Urgent Care is coming to Martin County. Shortly after ZipMed abruptly closed their doors in July, Steven Burch and Erin Burns, the owners of Harvest Health & Rehab, were determined not to lose the valuable health services provided to the local community and decided to step up to open Martin County Urgent Care. It will be located at 104 Wood St. in Loogootee, the same location as the previous urgent care. You will see some familiar faces when you visit, as Janet Baugh will be continuing to provide medical services to the community as she has done at this location since 2009.

The new urgent care will offer extend-

Members of the Shoals Library thanked the commissioners for being the lead applicant on the OCRA grant they were recently awarded for \$500,000. The library is preparing for a \$1 million expansion.

Grant Sherfick, with Heartland Development Marketing Group, talked to the commissioners about the CEO program with Loogootee and Shoals schools. The CEO program takes 10-20 juniors and seniors in high school and centers a curriculum around business development. The students are tasked with creating their own businesses while in high school and selling their products and services. Sherfick said Daviess County schools have had a successful program for 11 years and some students either paid for their college with the money they made with their businesses or continued those businesses in their communities after high school. The Martin County Alliance is the lead for the program and would handle all the funds received. Sherfick said the start-up cost, to get the curriculum and support through Midland Institute, is \$35,000. They currently have half that money. After the (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

ed hours and additional services to better serve the needs of the community. It will be open Monday through Friday 7 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be on-site x-rays available in addition to illness and injury services. DOT, school, and sports physicals will also be provided. The clinic will accept all walk-ins as well as offer appointment scheduling services via an online platform. The scheduling service will allow patients to input all their intake information to make the visit efficient upon arrival. The urgent care is expected to open by December 2023. The phone number for the clinic is 812-296-4242.



Make My Day grant *-Photo provided*

Behind the Wire Ministries (BTW) recently received a \$500 Make My Day grant from the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF). This grant will help BTW with their mission to provide guidance to our incarcerated population and those transitioning back into our society. Shown above are Dannielle and Scott Highberger (BTW Treasurer and President, respectively) receiving the grant check from MCCF Board member Richard Burch. The MCCF likes to make someone's day.

Commissioners remove property from tax sale

The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting Tuesday, August 29.

Commissioner Paul George stated the commissioners were called in to discuss the removal of the Eastfork Lounge properties from the tax sale. A motion was made by Commissioner Cody Roush to pull lots 51-06-30-200-186.000-004 and 51-06-30-200-187.000-004, owned by Eastfork Lounge, from the property tax sale, seconded by Commissioner Aaron Summers. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Clerk Julie Fithian asked why the properties were being removed from tax sale. Commissioner George responded stating the Town of Shoals is working with investors on the possibility of rehabilitating the building. Commissioner Roush stated there was a meeting yesterday with several investors and there is a lot of work to be done. Removal from the tax sale would ensure the possibility of rehabilitation could continue. If someone at the tax sale would buy the property, there is a possibility it could be left to continue to deteriorate.

GRANTS

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package water treatment plant, rehabilitating three wells with new flow meters, variable frequency drive pumps, electrical upgrades, a new raw water main, and replacing the supervisory control and data acquisition system.

The Town of Kirklin is awarded \$700,000 to improve the town's wastewater treatment plant and collection system. The wastewater treatment plant improvements include new wet weather storage facilities, a new mechanical fine screen and a new influent pump station. The project will also rehabilitate portions of the sanitary sewers deemed the highest priority problem areas associated with infiltration/inflow. The project will benefit residents by addressing a failing wastewater treatment plant, addressing current health and safety issues, and helping keep wastewater rates affordable for residents.

The Town of Losantville is awarded \$700,000 to build a new wastewater distribution system. Currently, the entire community is on septic systems and many of these septic systems have either failed, are currently failing, are undersized, were improperly designed, or are nonexistent. The project will include construction of a wastewater collection system, a sewage transfer line to deliver raw sewage to the Modoc treatment facility and a lift station.

The Town of Paoli is awarded \$700,000 for improvements to the water utility system. These improvements include the rehabilitation of a 417,000-gallon water storage standpipe and a 1-million-gallon ground level storage tank. The project will also include the replacement of 20 of the largest and oldest water meters.

The Town of Walton is awarded \$700,000 to make improvements to its wastewater collection system and manholes in the northeast section of town

to eliminate infiltration and inflow into the system. The goal of this project is to eliminate the surcharging from the sewers into the streets and homes, as well as to address problems at the treatment plant caused by fluid volumes more than the maximum design capacity of the facility.

Funding for OCRA's CDBG programs originates from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program and is administered for the State of Indiana by OCRA. For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/cdbg.

COMMISSIONERS

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initial start-up, they are looking to have 35-50 individuals or businesses pledge \$1,000 a year for three years to keep the program going and fund a teacher. Sherfick asked the commissioners if they would be willing to put money toward the start-up costs. After discussion, the commissioners approved \$5,000 from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds.

Extension Educator Dena Held introduced the State Fair sweepstakes winner Harry Richer who took top prize in all levels for his poultry poster display.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals reported they have started paving and will be doing Sherfick School Road tomorrow, Rama Dye Road on Thursday and County Farm Road on Friday or Saturday.

Commissioner George asked Attorney Dave Lett if litigation has been started on the damage to bridge 44 on Deep Cut Lake Road. Lett said it has been started.

Auditor Michelle Norris reported they had the county's tax sale that morning and had a large turnout. They typically have 3-4 bidders and there were 29 this morning. There were 18 properties on the tax sale and 15 received bids.

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RUTH TOW

Ruth Elaine Tow passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 74.



She was born November 23, 1948, in Shoals; daughter of Vergil and Alma Ruth (Jones) Tow.

Ruth graduated from Shoals High School with the class of 1966 and

retired from NSWC Crane where she worked for over 25 years.

She enjoyed pets, wrote poetry, crossword puzzles, politics, tried to like football, the color purple, spending time with her family, and adored her grandson.

Surviving are her son, Brandon (Lucy) Grimes; grandson, Rodney Grimes; siblings, Cookie (Roger) Taylor and John Bruce Tow; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Ronnie Tow; sister, Vivian Gwyn Swartzentruber; niece, Tonya Taylor; and nephew, Jonathan Tow.

A funeral service was held Friday, September 1 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Stan Day officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Union Cemetery.

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

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

JOHN GAITHER

John E. Gaither passed away Wednesday, August 30, 2023, at Stone-Bridge Health in Bedford. A resident of Shoals, he was 92.



He was born October 3, 1930, in Shoals; son of Glen Erwin and Agnes Pearl (Cundiff) Gaither.

John graduated from Williams High School with the class of 1948 and previously worked as an Operator for Rogers Group.

He married Grace Jarlene Dant on June 9, 1957; and she survives.

John served in the United States Army.

He loved spending time with his family, farming, gardening, bird watching, wildlife, and being outdoors. John was of the Christian faith.

Surviving are his wife, Grace; children, Suzan (Jim) Garines and Jona Butler; grandchildren, Cinandra (Kenny) McCleery, Deidra (Tony) Brown, Lucas Butler, and Desirae Brown; four great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Mya McCleery and Collier and Mattingly Brown; sister, Esther Brock; daughter-in-law, Glenda Gaither, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, John Erwin and David Lee Gaither; son-in-law, Davey Butler; sisters, Helen Tincher and Jackie Sims; and brother, David Gaither.

A funeral service was held Saturday, September 2 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Kevin Naillieux officiating. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Military rites accorded by the Shoals American Legion.

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

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

JERRY SHADLE

Jerry W. Shadle passed peacefully from this life Monday, August 28, 2023 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 77.



He was born on October 28, 1945, in Bluffton; son of Herbert and Doris (Mosley) Shadle. He married Joan (Ritchey) Shadle on September 1,

2007.

Jerry was a US Army Veteran, serving as a drill sergeant. He was member of the Odon United Methodist Church, where he served as an usher, in the Feed My Sheep ministry and on several committees. Jerry was also a member of the 1961 graduating class of Muncie High School, NRA and American Legion. He was a retired truck driver with 40 years of service. Jerry was an avid fan of IU Basketball and Football, the Pacers and Colts. He enjoyed fishing, classic cars and his 1954 Chevy Hot Rod.

Family left to cherish the memory of Jerry include his wife, Joan Shadle; one son, Ty Shadle of Indianapolis; one daughter, Christine McFarland of Greenwood; two step-sons, Mauri Hunter of Sumner, Illinois and Rick Hey of Indianapolis; his grandchildren, Andrew (Cody) Shadle, McKynse Shadle and Rylie McFarland; one great-grandchild, Hadley Shadle; nine step-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren; three step-great-great-grandchildren; and four sisters, Judy (Bob) King, Beverly (Gary) Taylor, Cathy (Don) Rothenberger and Letta (Greg) Adams.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 2 at Odon United Methodist Church with Tim Ahlemeyer officiating. Jerry was laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon following military graveside rites presented by the Odon VFW Post #9627.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Odon United Methodist Church.

Arrangements and care have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

EDWARD POTTS

Edward Gerald Potts passed away Sunday, August 27, 2023, at Indiana University Health Bedford Hospital. He was 83.



He was born February 23, 1940, in Martin County; son of Cecil Edward and Mary Louise (Dillon) Potts. He married Marilyn

Arlene Clifton on June 10, 1961, and she survives.

Edward was a 1960 graduate of Bedford High School. He retired in 2008 from Crane NSWC as an electronic technician. Edward was a member of the American Legion Post No. 250 and the International Order of Odd Fellows Shawswick Lodge No. 177. He was a member of the Indiana National Guard and was a licensed pilot.

Surviving are his wife, Arlene Potts of Bedford; children, Kenneth Edward Potts of Rogers, Arkansas and Kathy Ann (Rob) Qualkenbush of Orleans; grandchildren, Amber (John) Peterson, Matthew Robbins, Brittnee Robbins, Jade Tuper, Jet Melvin, Richie (Chelsey) Potts, Kailey (Jacob) Morris, Natalie (John) Kluska, Grant Qualkenbush, and

Emily Qualkenbush; great-grandchildren, Abby, Farrah, Taylor, Brady, Jacob, Alexander, and Ella; sisters-in-law, Mary Lou (Jerry) Melton and Karen Phipps; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents; daughters, Liana Sue Robbins and Linda Denise Tuper Melvin; and siblings, Pauline Bicknell, Arthur Potts, Daniel Potts, Ronald Potts, and Marie Garren, preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, September 6, in the Memorial Chapel of Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center with Pastor Kenneth Allen officiating. Military rites were accorded by American Legion Post No. 250 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 9107.

DELBERT FIELDS

Delbert W. Fields passed away at 8:56 a.m. Thursday, August 31, 2023, at Sycamore Care Strategies. A resident of Loogootee, he was 82.



He was born October 12, 1940, in Loogootee; son of the late Eugene Fields and Goldie May (Dillion) Fox.

Delbert was a United States Army veteran. He was a member of the 522nd Engineer Battalion. He loved to ride motorcycles and camping. Delbert enjoyed his time spent in Florida. His grandchildren, Mindy and Ethan, were his world. Delbert was known for being able to fix nearly anything and everything. He was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the American Legion Post 425.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 45 years, Sharon Irene Fields; son, Delbert Wayne Fields Jr.; grandson, Ethan Fields; parents, Eugene Fields and Goldie May Fox; siblings, Buddy Fields, Carl (Betty) Fields, Charles (Anna) Fields, Jackie (Joyce) Fields, Rosie Fields and Laura (Bob) Wathen.

Delbert is survived by his son, Mark (Mary) Fields of Loogootee; granddaughter, Mindy (Jarrod) Rose; great-grandsons, Asher and Cannon; half-siblings, Barbara Jean Moffatt, Billy Fields, and Frankie Fields; and many nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, September 5 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, Indiana. Burial followed in St. Martin Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the charity of your choice.

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Delbert W. Fields.

BRENDA BURCH

Brenda Jean Burch passed away at 1:26 a.m. Friday, September 1, 2023, at Sycamore Care Strategies in Loogootee. A resident of Loogootee, she was 74.

She was born May 18, 1949, in Washington; son of the late John Bernard Kelley and Margaret (Ellis) Wagoner.

Brenda married the late Wayne F. Burch on August 17, 1973. She enjoyed cooking, cleaning, beautiful flowers, hummingbirds, and spending a lot of time with her family and grandchildren. She will be forever remembered as the matriarch of the family, and a compassionate caretaker to all. She formerly owned Brenda's Classic Tan and Tone and also The Bride & Groom, both in Loogootee. She decorated many wed-



dings and provided tuxedo fittings and rentals. Brenda retired from Tristar at NSWC Crane after 17 years of employment and previously worked at Kimball Electronics in Jasper for

25 years. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Bernard Kelley and Margaret (Ellis) Wagoner; her husband, Wayne F. Burch; her brother, Gary Lee Kelley; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Charles and Bernice (Strange) Burch; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Fullbeck, Linda Trambaugh, and Joyce Conlon; and brother-in-law, Buzzy Bridges.

Brenda is survived by her children, Bernard Joseph Burch of Paris, France; Melissa (Rodney) Hedrick of Loogootee, Fanessa (Allan) Harmon of Loogootee, Alissa (Eric Graber) Burch of Washington, Kelly (Dustin) Schnarr of Montgomery, Lorissa (Billy) Walker of Loogootee, and Waynessa (Josh) Franklin of Loogootee; her grandchildren, Pryce (Katherine Gilbert) Hedrick, Mya, Leonna, and Alana Hedrick, Lucas Burch, Haylo Harmon, Jocelyn and Alyn Strange, Aria Graber, Riley Jones, Stella Schnarr, Hannah Walker, Lilli Walker, Rilyn Medina, Kyelyn Walker, Leela, Lyrika, Layne, and Ledger Franklin; one-great-grandchild, Kai Hedrick; her siblings, Danny Kelley of Loogootee, Tony (Ginger) Kelley of Martinsville, Donna (Terry) Norris of Loogootee, Kevin Kelley of Florida, Kent Kelley of Washington, Jule (the late William) Beltz of Loogootee, and Cheryl (Bob) Carrico of Loogootee; brothers-in-law, Glen (Patti) Burch, Bernie Burch, and Peter Fullbeck; sisters-in-law, Shirley Bridges and Karen Doyle; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Friday, September 8, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. Martin Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 8 from 10 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Venmo, @Waynessa-Franklin or <https://account.venmo.com/u/Waynessa-Franklin>, for her grandchildren's college education fund.

Brenda left her children with words of wisdom.

Lesson 1. Always be nice to the person on the other end of the line.

Lesson 2. Pay attention to when they answer by name i.e. say "Hi Walt, this Brenda Burch" and give them the reason you are calling. When you address them by their name, they feel a connection to want to help you more. Before hanging up, thank them for helping you.

Lesson 3. ALWAYS remember... KILL THEM WITH KINDNESS!! No matter how hateful they are to you follow lesson 1 & 2 and you will be able to tell maybe sometimes just a slight change in their attitude, at least you know you treated them with R-E-S-P-E-C-T always!

Always remember - I'm proud of each one of you and who you have become, even though it seems I'm hard A..a lot. If anything ever happens to me I know you all will be able to SURVIVE without me :)

Love, Mom

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

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Brenda Jean Burch.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

12:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

10:30 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:59 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible trespasser in Crane Village. Captain Gibson responded.

1:49 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree limb hanging into the roadway north of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

4:46 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.

4:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with Deputy Erwin. Deputy Erwin responded.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting a water outage in Loogootee. Loogootee Municipal was notified.

7:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol southeast of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

8:59 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

11:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a grass fire south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:24 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported three inmates to court.

12:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

1:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting the fire department in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:53 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller, Captain Gibson, Martin County Medic 1, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Martin County Medic 3, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Coroner responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a low hanging tree limb south of Shoals. IN-DOT was notified.

2:45 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:45 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft south of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

1:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible scam in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

4:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Officer Davis and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

8:51 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane Village. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

9:39 a.m. - Received a report of a road closure in Shoals.

10:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a trespasser south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:39 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock east of Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

4:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Corporal Hawkins responded. No transport was needed.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless motorcycle heading south on US 231 North. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

5:50 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

5:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

5:59 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

6:46 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

12:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:09 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting a verbal domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

3:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting of a reckless driver heading to Martin County from Daviess County.

4:12 a.m. - Received a call reporting of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:08 a.m. - Received a call reporting a residential burglar alarm east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call in Lawrence County. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

7:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:55 a.m. - Received a call reporting street work in Shoals. Advised all Martin County Deputies.

10:00 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:45 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Indiana University Bloomington Hospital.

2:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer east of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:13 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received a call reporting an individual walking north of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance west of Shoals. Sergeant Wells, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident west of Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Martin County Medic 2, and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:43 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting an incident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:24 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Sims, Deputy Shields, and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a missing dog in Loogootee.

10:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting an abandoned vehicle north of Shoals.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

7:31 a.m. - Received a call advising of a commercial fire alarm in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:02 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:37 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disturbance in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Indiana State Police responded.

9:47 a.m. - Received a call about an incident that occurred in Loogootee regarding two vehicles. Chief Deputy Keller, Indiana State Police, and Big Johns Towing responded.

11:11 a.m. - Received a call reporting an attempted break-in south of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents and Loogootee Chief Long responded.

1:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:56 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Advised Dubois County Dispatch.

4:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:15 p.m. - Received a call reporting an incident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Kyle Long responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting an incident with a bird in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a medical alert press in Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting an animal incident west of Shoals. Animal

Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting a transaction dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

3:15 a.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting littering south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:30 a.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Dubois County address. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

4:37 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Indiana Conservation South Region and Animal Control Deputy Hughett were notified.

7:19 p.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 IU Health Bedford.

8:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Lawrence County EMS, Indian Creek Fire Department and Martin County Medic 2 responded. No one was transported.

9:52 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded. No one was transported.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

12:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

4:57 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Deputy Erwin responded.

5:28 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute east of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:58 a.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long and Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:03 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:31 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south-east of Loogootee.

11:31 a.m. - Received a call advising of a deceased bald eagle. Indiana Conservation South Region was notified.

12:25 p.m. - Received a call reporting a loud explosion sound in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

2:24 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check northeast of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:54 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:08 p.m. - Received a 2nd call on the noise complaint. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed July 26

James D. Sears, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brandie Morris, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony.

July 28

Willie D. Wilson, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; three counts of theft, Class A Misdemeanors.

Robert Vincent Oferosky, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 31

Robert D. Sutton, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Marjorie Hether, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Storm L. Bradley, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Shawna D. Campbell, operating a vehicle as an habitual traffic violator, a Level 6 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

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

August 4

Aragarn G. Ashby, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Amber F. Henard, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 7

Shannon F. Blankenship, five counts of failure to appear, Level 6 Felonies.

August 9

Deborah A. Gruber, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Lisa Lindsey, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

William A. Kidwell II, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Grant J. O’Neil, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

August 11

Jessica A. Gregory, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

August 14

Bran Bateson, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; distracted driving, a Class C Infraction; operating a motor vehicle with a fictitious plate, a Class C Infraction.

Marina Leanne White, battery against a public safety official, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

August 16

Morgann C. Chapman, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; obstruction of justice, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Nicolle L. Waggoner, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; obstruction of justice, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Derek Lee Godfrey, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; obstruction of justice, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

August 18

Frank H. Sloan, dealing in marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

August 21

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

Jerod W. Bechtel, dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance, a Level 4 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 23

Justin Cole, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 24

Lahoma F. Estrada, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Stephanie Jean Royston, interference with medical services, a Level 5 Felony; failure to make, keep or furnish records, a Level 6 Felony; obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or deceit, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony.

Jessica R. Asher, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; 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.

August 25

Dometery Riker, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS August 28

Santos Morento Calo, convicted of knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 0 days.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed August 23

Discover Bank vs. Rachel Bruner, civil collection.

August 25

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Duhevon Shoultz, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Rachel Blythe, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Eythan Bary, civil collection.

August 28

Angela M. Edwards vs. Waldon L. Edwards, petition for dissolution of marriage.

August 29

Springs Valley Bank and Trust Co. vs. Mark L. Taylor, Dawn N. Taylor, Old National Bank, et al, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS August 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Bank of America and against the defendants Michael W. Baker and Discover Bank for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$54,185.01.

August 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Mariner Finance, LLC and against the defendant Brent Dalrymple in the amount of \$8,077.18.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED August 24

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Heather Evans, civil collection, dis-

missed.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Christopher Robison, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS August 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jarrod D. Graves in the amount of \$7,999.92.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoo-

Martin County real estate transfers

Daniel J. Murphy and Lee Ann Murphy, of Hendricks County, Indiana to **William C. Shank and Terry C. Shank**, of Marion County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 20.20 acres, more or less.

Brandee L. Spurgeon, of Martin County, Indiana to **Loren Brent Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 12 and 13 in Riverfront Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

J. Cody Roush, of Martin County, Indiana to **HDMG, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 14 in the Town of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

Shawn Emberton and Sherrie Merriitt-Emberton, of Martin County, Indiana to **Katelynn Dant and Tyler Leroy**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 2.5 acres, more or less.

Greene’s Properties, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Billy Walker and Lorissa Walker**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 75 in Campbell & Breen’s Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Monty Gregory, of Martin County, Indiana to **Honi Michelle Overton**, Lot Number 9 in Oliver and Taylor’s Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

12:10 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call on Highway 50 East.

3:34 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call at McDonald’s.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

12:54 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Mulberry Street.

1:36 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Queen Street.

8:56 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a 911 hangup at CVS.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

1:00 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a theft.

4:06 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call on Cedar Street.

8:41 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Southeast First Street.

1:34 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Highway 50 East.

2:53 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Queen Street.

3:05 p.m. - Officer Davis performed a VIN check.

7:40 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call at Taco Bell.

11:50 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call at On The Fly

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

12:05 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call.

2:15 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call on North Line Street.

4:02 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call near Stoll’s.

3:15 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call near the Corner Café.

5:43 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call near Marathon.

sier Accounts Service and against the defendant Dylan M. Jones in the amount of \$679.85.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Nathan R. Jones in the amount of \$7,315.12.

MARRIAGE LICENSES August 25

Collin T. Hampton of Shoals and Joanna Rachele Smith of Clarksburg.

More commonly known as 804 N Line Street, Loogootee IN 47553.

Ronald Tavares, of Martin County, Indiana to **Matthew D. Vincent**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 42 and 43 in the original Town of Crane, Martin County, Indiana.

Janet Marie Stroud, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffery Dorsey**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 34, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Also, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Michael F. Wade and Elaine S. Wade, of Martin County, Indiana to **Chad M. Wade, Leslie A. VanHoy, Summer E. Wade and Bruce A. Wade**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 44/100 of an acre, more or less.

Joseph R. Allen and Sharon K. Allen, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lori L. Bledsoe, Jamie L. Wildman, Jodie K. Fuhrman, Ryan J. Allen, and Sarah M. Bratton**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 and three feet of even width off of the east side of Lot Number 22 in Risacher’s First Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 22 in Risacher’s First Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

9:32 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Sims responded to a call on JFK Avenue.

11:24 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a 911 hangup call at CVS.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:26 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a 911 hangup at CVS.

9:37 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Bloomfield Road.

4:01 p.m. - Chief Long and Officer Wagoner advised of extra patrol on Southwest Second Street.

5:15 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call near Big John’s Towing.

7:57 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on West Broadway Street.

9:19 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Walker Street.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

3:15 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Rosebud Street.

2:53 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at Taco Bell.

9:52 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call near Highway 50.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

4:30 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a 911 hangup call at CVS.

5:28 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at the Martin County State Forest Campgrounds.

10:00 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Mulberry Street.

11:25 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Southwest First and Second streets.

9:08 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Ackerman Drive.

9:43 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at Biggin’s Place.

Audrey Robinson named Tri Kappa Memorial Fund Chair

Audrey Robinson, of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa, has been appointed by the Council to serve as the Memorial Fund Chair for the 2023-2025 term. In this position, Audrey will be acknowledging the contributions made to the state Tri Kappa Memorial Fund. The donations given in memory of a deceased person or in honor of a loved one on a special occasion provide emergency funds to students at Indiana colleges.

This is the second biennium that Audrey has served at the state level of Tri Kappa. She recently completed a two-year term as Province III Officer for the area which covers 13 chapters located in Bedford, Bicknell, Bloomfield, Bloomington, Brown County, Ellettsville, Linton, Loogootee-Shoals, Mitchell, Orleans, Spencer, Sullivan and Worthington. At the conclusion of her term as Province Officer, members of the local chapter presented her with a gift and enjoyed a decorated cake in her honor.

Audrey has been a member of the Loogootee-Shoals Chapter since 1996 and is the only member to have held every office including serving as president the 2008 – 2011 term and again in 2017-19. She is

Lady Lions defeat Orleans

The Loogootee Girls' Varsity Volleyball Team defeated Orleans last Thursday in three sets, 25-12, 25-12, and 25-15. Their record stands at 6-3 on the season and 1-0 in the Blue Chip Conference.

Addy Lengacher led the team in serving points with 19, with six aces, and also in assists with 16. Lengacher added seven digs. Sydnee Wittmer finished with six serving points and four aces, 12 assists, and three blocks. Madison Ramsey had eight serving points with two aces, five kills, and six blocks. Cacia Wilcoxon led in kills with seven with Ava Fuhrman and Alana Hedrick adding four each. Breanna Courter finished with eight digs, Ashlynn Gilbert had three blocks and Macy Knepp had four digs.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also beat Orleans in two sets, 25-20 and 25-9. The JV record stands at 3-3 on the season and 1-0 in conference play.

Ava Fuhrman led the team in serving points with nine and in kills with five. Aubrey Gilbert added nine assists and three kills. Kaylee Hawkins finished with seven serving points and six assists. Alaina Diamond had three kills and three blocks. Jocelynn Sims added six digs.



currently the chapter's recording secretary, an office she held twice previously, 1998-2003 and 2011-13. She held a chapter office every year from 1998 until 2021 when she assumed the position of Province III Officer at the state level. Even with holding a chapter office or serving at the state level, Audrey has also chaired or served on various committees. Since 2015, she has chaired the chapter's academic dinner each spring to honor the top 10 graduates of Loogootee High School.

The members of the local chapter are proud to say, "Audrey is a member of our chapter." While serving as a chapter officer over the years as well as on the state level as province officer, she has gained invaluable knowledge about the workings of the sorority, and she will continue to learn more through her new position as Memorial Fund Chair. Audrey is kept busy enough with family activities and her full-time job at Crane, but she still makes time for her commitment to Tri Kappa. She feels it is an organization that does good things through its support of charity, culture and education, not only locally but throughout the state of Indiana.

Delta Tau members are pleased that the Robinson legacy continues.... Audrey's daughter Rachel has known from an early age the importance of Tri Kappa to her mother. She was elected to her first office this two-year term, corresponding secretary. Rachel will have in-depth training as she serves alongside her mother this biennium and will learn first-hand the rewards of serving as a chapter officer.

Tri Kappa is an Indiana philanthropic organization which donates over \$1.5 million every year and has nearly 7,000 members in active and associate chapters all across the state.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meetings

The Loogootee School Board will hold a public hearing on the 2024 budget, capital projects plan and bus replacement plan on Thursday, September 7 at 4 p.m. in the high school media center. They will also meet Monday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m., in the meeting room off the superintendent's office, to hear public testimony on the teacher contract negotiations, pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-1(a). Both meetings are 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 7 from 6-8 p.m. with carry outs starting at 7 p.m. This month they will have tacos/nachos, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

Brown/Lingenfelter Reunion

The Brown/Lingenfelter Reunion will be held Sunday, September 10 at the Washington City Park. Food will be served at 12:30 p.m. and chicken will be provided. You need to bring a covered dish, table service and drinks.

Suicide prevention presentation

The Martin County Community Foundation and the Nonprofit Roundtable will host a presentation "Supporting Youth Before and After a Suicide" on Thursday, September 14, at the St. John Center in Loogootee, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit <https://indianayouthinstitute.my.salesforce-sites.com/event/home/martin91423> for more details and to register. Lunch will be provided. The event is free.

Chicken dinner fundraiser

A "Mathias Famous Chicken" Dinner will be held Saturday, September 23, from 4-7 p.m. at the Loogootee VFW to benefit Martin County Cancer Patient Services. Cost is \$15. Dine in or carry out available.

Free concert

Redeeming Grace CWM, at 300 Williams Street in Loogootee, will host a free concert on Saturday, September 30, from 2-6 p.m. Four bands will be performing, and food will be provided. There is no cost. Please provide your own lawn chairs.

LHS Class of 1978

The LHS Class of 1978 will be holding their 45th Class Reunion on October 7. Organizers have been unable to locate some classmates. If anyone has contact information for Mike Bauer, Ricky Combs, Frank Decker or Lisa Guy, please call or text Karen Jones 765-661-0216.

Tourism Council meeting

The Martin County Tourism Council

meets monthly at the Community Learning Center Building on the fairgrounds. The next meeting is Wednesday, September 14 at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Hindustan Days

Hindustan Days will be Saturday, October 7. If you would like to be a vendor at Hindustan Days, stop by the Martin County Museum to pick up a registration form. The museum hours are Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

SOAR Tutoring

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LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Solid waste board

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

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Half-Pots Early Birds



I have had several people ask about a tree growing near the gazebo in the back yard here at Sandhill Gardens. The tree has been covered with white flowers for several weeks and has attracted a lot of attention, both from passers-by and from butterflies. The tree is a crepe myrtle, or perhaps a crape myrtle or even a crape-myrtle. All three spellings are used, and no one seems to say any one is the correct one. They were named because someone thought the flowers looked like the French pastries, so I will use that spelling, minus the accent marks.

There are about 100 species of crepe myrtles. They are native to China and Japan, but were first brought to Charleston, South Carolina in the 1780's. However, although they produce a lot of seeds, they have not become invasive. In the south, a crepe myrtle may grow to 100 feet or more. In Indiana, the size is more likely to be determined by the variety, some of which have been bred for use as shrubs, while others will grow to be trees. The breeding has also increased the cold hardiness of some varieties, especially the so-called Indian varieties. The cultivars within this group are named after native American tribes.

In the south, many people cut the trees back to the ground in spring to keep them shrub-size. The growth from the stumps tends to be more spindly, and often bends with the weight of the bloom clusters. This practice is not encouraged by most of the horticulture experts and has been labeled as "crepe murder". In Indiana, prior to the introduction of the hardier varieties, crepe myrtles would generally die back to the ground in winter and re-grow from the stumps each summer. The existence of my large specimen shows that is not the case anymore. In addition to the huge white-blooming tree, there are several other smaller and younger trees here at Sandhill Gardens. A couple of them are in areas where they really do not get enough sun to bloom well, but the trees have survived, and I expect they will have more flowers when they grow above the canopy of surrounding trees.

Ghostly Gathering haunts Paynetown SRA

Monroe Lake's popular Halloween event, Ghostly Gathering, returns to Paynetown State Recreation Area October 27-29.

All activities are open to both campers and day visitors. Full details for every activity can be found at bit.ly/ghostlygathering2023.

A presentation on the Animals of Halloween will kick off the event on Friday, October 27 at 3 p.m. Other Friday events include Slime Time from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and Halloween Bingo at 7 p.m.

Daytime activities on Saturday, October 28 include Ghostly Games from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Creepy, Crawly Crafts from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and Mystery Boxes from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Trick-or-treating will also take place on Saturday evening in the A-loop camping area from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. You can also view the entries in the Campsite Decorating Contest during this time.

Activities continue on Sunday, October 29 with Pumpkin Bird Feeders from 10 a.m. to noon and a Ghosts of Allens Creek Hike at 1 p.m. Please note that space is limited to 15 people for the hike and registration is required by October 27.

Throughout the weekend, visitors can also challenge themselves to complete the Ghostly Gathering Nature Photo Hunt. You could win a 2024 Indiana State Parks

Crepe myrtles provide interest in the landscape throughout the year. In the fall, most of the foliage will be deep red. Even in winter, the vase shape of the multi-stem trees with smooth bark ranging from gray to tan and cinnamon provide for pleasing interest. I have one specimen that has deep red blooms and dark foliage.

The trees do not seem to be bothered by insect predation. The major disease problems are both fungal diseases—powdery mildew and leaf spot. Neither actually kills the tree but can be unsightly and may result in a slow decline if the tree is infected for several years. The best defense is to make sure that the leaves are removed from the site when they fall. Shrub-type plants and small trees may be sprayed with a fungicide, but that is usually not practical for large trees.

It is a good time now to plant a crepe myrtle, and they are available at most nurseries and garden centers. Choose a plant that is blooming to ensure you get the color you want. Colors range from white to red, pink and purple. As I have noted, crepe myrtles do not bloom well in the shade, so choose a spot in full sun. They also will need some room to accommodate the multiple trunks that will develop, so do not crowd the trees. If you are planting shrub types for a hedge, space the plants about eight feet apart. Otherwise, the trees need to be about fifteen feet from other trees and shrubs. The falling flowers and seed pods can be a little messy, so you may want to avoid planting them where the canopy will cover driveways, sidewalks or patios. They do best in a soil that is slightly acidic but will tolerate a range of soils. Water the trees regularly for the first year, but once they acclimate to the site, they will not usually need irrigation, except in drought times. You may fertilize once in the spring, but that is not absolutely necessary in most areas. Mulch around the trees with an organic mulch. They really do not require much care and they provide beauty for a long time. Find a crepe myrtle that fits your garden, and you will enjoy it for many years.

Annual Entrance Pass by photographing "creepy" nature stuff in the park.

While electric campsites are fully booked for this popular event, there are still non-electric campsites available at camp.IN.gov.

The Daily Entrance Fee at Paynetown SRA is \$7 per vehicle with Indiana license plate and \$9 per vehicle with out-of-state plates. Indiana State Park Annual Entrance Permits are also accepted.

Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at 812-837-9967 or by emailing Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

Magician Jerry to perform at Monroe Lake

Magician Jerry will perform a wide variety of magic to entertain campers and day visitors at Monroe Lake's Paynetown State Recreation Area (SRA) on two dates this fall.

Magician Jerry will perform sets lasting 10 to 15 minutes, on repeat from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, and from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 14. He will be located under a pop-up canopy at the playground next to the campground gatehouse. Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at 812-837-9967 or email Jill Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov.



I'm writing this during the last part of August and during an absolute dog day of summer. Dog days of summer signifies very hot, sultry days. I'm really not sure that it has anything to do with dogs except they do tend to be less active and seek the coolest place they can find on such a day – I probably should have done more of the same.

On such dog days, shade does become a lot more valuable. If the shady area is big enough, it is almost always at least ten degrees cooler with shade than without.

Humidity is what really makes it miserable. Now, don't get me wrong, hot is hot, but humid hot, well, it's just downright miserable and sometimes barely fit for man or beast!

Sometime in the late 70's, the term "heat index" was first utilized. It was supposed to indicate the "real feel" for temperatures of 80°F or higher, and relative humidity of 40% or more. I don't know about you, but hot didn't seem that hot until they created this new term!

The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation has done some work on hazardous heat and humidity for livestock. That data has been updated at least once. The latest chart can be found at Heat Stress In Cattle: When It's Hot It's Hot and When It's Not, It's Still Hot! – Noble Research Institute.

In the Midwest, the average humidity in the morning around 5 a.m. is about 80% and about 55-60% in the afternoon at about 4 p.m. Certainly, there is some fluctuation but to keep it simple, as the temperature goes up, the worse it feels even at the same humidity it was when it was cooler. After a rain, there is more moisture in the air, so it usually feels even muggier than average.

There has been a lot of discussion by people about whether shade is needed or not for grazing livestock. When livestock are not provided adequate shade, heat distress occurs and one of the first things noticed is intake of feed/forage is reduced, slowing or stopping rate of gain with the possibility of weight loss.

The preferred temperature range for cattle (polled cattle), in which they do not need to expend energy to keep their body temperature stable, is about 41°F to 77°F. When the temperature is above 77°F, especially with high humidity, cattle can have heat stress, particularly if nighttime temperatures stay over 70°F. This is especially true if nighttime temperatures are not at least ten degrees cooler than daytime temperatures.

Quite often, early September is still as hot as August, but hopefully not this year. The best thing you can do for grazing livestock is to have paddocks with some shade available, especially in the afternoon and early evening. If that prime space is limited, you may need to move them to paddocks with no shade late evening and then move them to shade late morning to stretch out grazing in areas with shade. Certainly, there is almost always some shade available on the east and north sides of wooded areas. Take advantage of those sites and if shade is very limited, then consider possibly planting some rows or blocks of trees for future shade or invest in some type of portable shade contraption.

Most of Indiana is out of this year's drought at the moment. Though hay yields have not been good this year for most producers, the last big break in weather found the countryside with lots

of freshly mown hay fields and sufficient time to get some dry hay baled up.

It is always a good feeling to reach your comfort zone of stored forage for winter use. Until that time occurs, there seems to be a little added stress and uncertainty. How much is desired beyond that level is somewhat dependent on the individual, but certainly a little bit of extra is never a bad thing because we don't know what the upcoming winter will be like or how long the livestock may need supplemental forage. I highly recommend doing some figuring to make sure that you have enough and then adjusting as needed or as required to keep you in your comfort zone or close to it.

I am an advocate of extending the grazing season and keeping the livestock grazing as long as sufficient cover is maintained and not overgrazed. When soil moisture is fair to good, the opportunity to grow more forage, especially during the last growth curve bump in the early fall, is very good.

Any fields or paddocks that can be deferred starting in early September and allowed to grow can provide a lot of forage for late fall or winter grazing.

Tall fescue stockpiles better than about any other forage. In fact, winter stockpiling of tall fescue is probably one of its more worthwhile uses! Most tall fescue remains standing well even under the weight of snow cover and also maintains its nutritional value better than other forages. Now, understand, I'm talking fall regrowth now, not left over summer growth for the best value, but even summer growth mixed with some fall regrowth is not too bad once it has been frosted a few times.

How do you really get the most out of your stockpiled pasture?

Graze/mow/hay the field if needed to even out the stand.

Apply 30-60 pounds of nitrogen in August to early September; I prefer Urea.

Defer grazing (stockpile) at least one acre of fescue per 1000-pound live weight.

Let it grow and rotate through the rest of the paddocks or other areas as long as possible.

Start strip-grazing stockpiled forage, allocating half to three days' worth of forage at a time. We'll talk more about strip grazing in future articles.

If you have not done so already, now is a good time to get feeding areas ready for winter use while the weather and soil conditions are good for cleaning up and applying that material in areas where it is needed. The grazing areas farthest from water and feeding areas and thin soiled slopes are almost always a good choice for application and can use the extra nutrients and organic matter.

Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities
Stockmanship Training - September 29th (Beef focus), September 30th (Sheep/goat focus) – SIPAC. Information available at www.indianaforage.org/

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National unemployment at 3.8 percent for August

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 187,000 in August, and the unemployment rate rose to 3.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment continued to trend up in health care, leisure and hospitality, social assistance, and construction. Employment in transportation and warehousing declined.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate rose by 0.3 percentage point to 3.8 percent in August, and the number of unemployed persons increased by 514,000 to 6.4 million. Both measures are a little different from a year earlier, when the unemployment rate was 3.7 percent, and the number of unemployed persons was 6.0 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.7 percent), Whites (3.4 percent), and Asians (3.1 percent) rose in August. The jobless rates for adult women (3.2 percent), teenagers (12.2 percent), Blacks (5.3 percent), and Hispanics (4.9 percent) showed little change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs increased by 294,000 to 2.9 million in August, offsetting a decrease of 280,000 in July. In August, the number of new entrants edged up to 597,000. (New entrants are unemployed persons with no previous work experience.)

Both the number of persons unemployed less than 5 weeks, at 2.2 million, and the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 1.3 million, edged up in August. The long-term unemployed accounted for 20.3 percent of all unemployed persons.

In August, the labor force participation rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 62.8 percent, after being flat since March. The

employment-population ratio was unchanged over the month at 60.4 percent.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 4.2 million, changed little in August. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In August, the number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was 5.4 million, little changed from the prior month. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who wanted a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force was little changed at 1.5 million in August. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, also changed little over the month at 386,000.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 187,000 in August, less than the average monthly gain of 271,000 over the prior 12 months. In August, employment continued to trend up in health care, leisure and hospitality, social assistance, and construction. Employment in transportation and warehousing declined.

In August, health care added 71,000 jobs, following a gain of similar magnitude in the prior month.

Over the month, job growth continued in ambulatory health care services (+40,000), nursing and residential care facilities (+17,000), and hospitals (+15,000).

Employment in leisure and hospitality continued to trend up in August (+40,000). The industry had gained an average of 61,000 jobs per month over the prior 12 months. Employment in the industry re-

mains below its pre-pandemic February 2020 level by 290,000, or 1.7 percent.

Employment in social assistance increased by 26,000 in August, in line with the prior 12-month average gain (+22,000). Over the month, job growth continued in individual and family services (+21,000).

Construction employment continued to trend up in August (+22,000), in line with the average monthly gain over the prior 12 months (+17,000). Within the industry, employment continued to trend up over the month in specialty trade contractors (+11,000) and in heavy and civil engineering construction (+7,000).

Transportation and warehousing lost 34,000 jobs in August. Employment in truck transportation fell sharply (-37,000), largely reflecting a business closure. Couriers and messengers lost 9,000 jobs, while air transportation added 3,000 jobs. Employment in transportation and warehousing had shown little net change over the prior 12 months.

Employment in professional and business services changed little in August (+19,000) and has shown essentially no net change since May. Professional, scientific, and technical services employment continued to trend up over the month (+21,000). In contrast, employment in temporary help services continued to trend down (-19,000) and has declined by 242,000 since its peak in March 2022.

Information employment changed little in August (-15,000). Within the industry, employment in motion picture and sound recording industries decreased by 17,000, reflecting strike activity. Job losses contin-

ued in telecommunications (-4,000).

Employment showed little change over the month in other major industries, including mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; financial activities; other services; and government.

In August, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 8 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$33.82. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 4.3 percent. In August, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 6 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$29.00.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 34.4 hours in August. In manufacturing, the average workweek was 40.1 hours for the fifth month in a row, and overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.0 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 33.8 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for June was revised down by 80,000, from +185,000 to +105,000, and the change for July was revised down by 30,000, from +187,000 to +157,000. With these revisions, employment in June and July combined is 110,000 lower than previously reported.

(Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.)

Farmer sentiment dips amid weaker view of current conditions

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Producer sentiment was notably lower in August, as the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer index dipped 8 points to a reading of 115. This month's decline was fueled by producers' weaker perception of current conditions both on their farms and in U.S. agriculture. The Index of Current Conditions fell 13 points to a reading of 108. The Index of Future Expectations also declined 5 points in August to a reading of 119. This month's Ag Economy Barometer survey was conducted from August 14-18.

"Rising interest rates and concerns about high input prices continue to put downward pressure on producer sentiment," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "This month over half (60 percent) of the producers we surveyed said they expect interest rates to rise in the upcoming year."

When asked about their top concerns for their farming operations in the next 12 months, producers continue to point to higher input prices (34 percent of respondents) and rising interest rates (24 percent of respondents). Even though crop prices weakened significantly this summer, only one in five producers (20 percent of respondents) chose declining commodity prices as one of their top concerns.

The Farm Capital Investment Index was lower this month, falling 8 points to a reading of 37. Increasing prices for farm machinery and new construction along with rising interest rates continue to be the two most commonly cited reasons for their negative view. Meanwhile, producers' rating of farm financial conditions changed little in August, as the Farm Financial Conditions Index declined just one point to a reading of 86.

Despite increasing concerns about rising interest rates, producers remain cautiously optimistic about farmland values.

The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index rose one point to 126, while the long-term index was unchanged at a reading of 151. About 4 out of 10 (39 percent) respondents said they expect farmland values to rise over the next year, while 13 percent said they look for values to decline in the next year. When asked about their longer-term view of farmland values, more than 6 out of 10 (63 percent) respondents said they expect values to rise over the next five years, while 12 percent said they expect values to fall.

To better understand the usage of carbon contracts in row-crop agriculture, corn and soybean growers were asked about the types of conversations they have had with those companies. In the August survey, 6 percent of corn and soybean growers said they have engaged in discussions with companies about receiving payments to capture carbon on their farms, while just 2 percent said they had signed a carbon contract. Nearly half (47 percent) of the farms who discussed contract terms with a company said they were offered a payment rate of \$10 to \$20 per metric ton of carbon captured. Among the farms who engaged in discussions but chose not to sign a carbon contract, half said it was because the payment level was too low.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/agbarometer>. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results, available at <https://purdue.ag/barometer-video>. For more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast available at <https://purdue.ag/agcast>, which includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer and a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.

Consumer alert: Digital video baby monitors pose a fire risk along with many more flawed products

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in August. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased these recalled items.

"Starting a family can be a joyous and scary time for parents," Attorney General Rokita said. "You shouldn't have to worry if your new baby is safe and if the items they're using are defective or could cause you or your family harm. If you purchased one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in August:

Philips Avent Digital Video Baby Monitors from Philips Personal Health

Baby and Toddler Boy Basic Stretch Straight Leg Jeans from The Children's Place

Room & Board Natural Organic Latex and Latex and Spring Crib Mattresses from Restwell Mattress

Zipadee Kids Convertible House Bed Frames and Montessori Floor Beds from Zipadee Kids

Simplay3 Toddler Towers from The Simplay3 Company

Honda Model EU7000is Portable Generators from American Honda

Amana Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners/Heat Pumps (PTACs) equipped with "DigiAir" modules from Daikin Comfort Technologies

Avena Mini Table Lamps from Crate & Barrel

Maggie's Farm 14 oz Bed Bug & Flea

Killer from Maggie's Farm

Threshold Glass Jar Candles from Target

Electric and stovetop pressure cookers from Sensio

Polaris Off-Road Vehicles, Bobcat and Gravelly Utility Vehicles, Fuel Pump Kits and Fuel Tank Assemblies from Polaris

Model Year 2021 RZR XP Turbo and RZR Turbo S Recreational Off-Road Vehicles from Polaris

Carboys from Saxco International

Fireworks from 13131 Imports

Dehumidifiers from Gree

Midwest Lubricants Sodium Hydroxide from Midwest Lubricants

Ubio Labs power banks from Costco

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then, follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

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Purdue establishes permanent presence next to NSWC Crane for future of national defense and semiconductors

Officials of Purdue University, the Purdue Applied Research Institute (PARI), and the Purdue Research Foundation announced a permanent presence in elevating the partnership with Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane Division (NSWC Crane) in a ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 5. This investment will catalyze and accelerate the existing collaborative research agreements that focus on national security and defense and on semiconductors.

Titled Purdue@Crane, this focus on hyper-sonics, energetic materials and trusted microelectronics at WestGate@Crane Technology Park builds on the strong Crane-Purdue partnerships in these fields and takes them to the next level, Purdue officials said. This new initiative bolsters the partnership with a permanent Boilermaker presence at the Odon, Indiana, center adjacent to NSWC Crane.

An initial focus of this initiative -- secure and reliable microelectronics -- will be led by a research director, an experienced and respected leader in defense microelectronics who will expand workforce and technology development in advanced packaging, reliable and trusted microelectronics and electronic system design.

Collaborative work with companies located in the WestGate@Crane Technology Park, beginning with NHanced Semiconductors Inc. and Everspin Technologies Inc., are anticipated. The estimated annual budget will begin at \$2 million this fiscal year and is expected to grow to \$40 million of collaborative research in national security by 2030, Purdue officials said.

The Purdue director and a team of researchers and staff will be located permanently outside of NSWC Crane, starting at West Gate Academy. The staff will grow in number as Purdue@Crane moves forward. Plans include 3,000 square feet of space in West Gate Academy to start with, and a cleanroom space in West Gate Foundry 1, a forthcoming microelectronics manufacturing facility and a key component of Purdue's semiconductors workforce, innovation and partnership strategies in the execution of the CHIPS and Science Act. The SCALE microelectronics workforce development program, which is administered by NSWC Crane, just received \$19 million from the Defense Department.

Officials of NSWC Crane and Purdue joined together to make the announcement at the southern Indiana defense outpost.

"Today marks a momentous milestone and turns a new chapter in the relationship of Purdue and Crane," said Purdue University President Mung Chiang. "This new strategic partnership with the most important defense presence in our state brings their excellence to deliver solutions for national security. With the nation's largest top-ranked engineering program, Purdue is dedicated to supporting the nation's defense and security through education and research and to advancing excellence in semiconductors."

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb congratulated both parties on this new endeavor, noting "Indiana's commitment to developing the next-level, hard-tech ecosystem is ahead of schedule because of partners like Purdue University and NSWC Crane, West Gate."

"Having this formalized strategic collaboration in place will not only assist in strengthening America's national security, but also provide the academic talent pipelines necessary for next-generation innovation," Holcomb said. "I applaud President Mung Chiang and the base leadership for formalizing this important and impactful partnership."

NHanced President Robert Patti echoed the governor's statement. "We at NHanced are thrilled with the Purdue announcement," he said. "Their permanent presence will accelerate our collaborations and bring new technology to market much faster."

NSWC Crane's skilled professionals put technical solutions directly into the hands of the armed services, ensuring safer missions by leveraging the talent, knowledge and experience of its highly technical workforce.

It is this work at Crane that makes Purdue@Crane a "very natural fit" with PARI's mission of "applying the vast research infrastructure of one of the world's greatest universities to solving critical problems in national defense and global security," said Mark Lewis, PARI president and CEO and a former deputy undersecretary of defense for research and engineering.

"There is a lot of discussion in defense circles about bridging the so-called 'valley of death' between the laboratory and the warfighter," Lewis said, "but that is exactly what we will be doing with this new initiative. I look forward to a future of impactful collaborations at Crane."

"NSWC Crane's partnership with Purdue University is stronger than ever, and the strategic investment in Purdue@Crane is a true testament that our priorities are aligned to provide critical defense solutions to solve some of the nation's toughest technical challenges," said Angela Lewis, NSWC Crane's technical director. "It is an honor to collaborate with an esteemed academic institution like Purdue, and I am excited to see this investment mature, particularly in the fields of hypersonics and microelectronics development."

Purdue's engagement at WestGate started in 2015 to support research and development of innovations through commercialization and collaboration, said Chad Pittman, chief executive of economic development at Purdue Research Foundation. "This announcement reflects the next phase of Purdue's commitment to the region, to NSWC Crane, to the state and to the growth of semiconductor and microelectronics workforce that is mission critical to our nation," he said. "This announcement is an intentional next step for Purdue's collaboration with key partners in the national defense community."

Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, IU partner on Shoals community planning

Indiana University and Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth are teaming up to raise awareness of the natural beauty, small-town charm, national employers, and community assets that make Shoals a wonderful place to live and visit.

Building upon recent community roundtable discussions, which generated ideas for community development projects, Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is working with IU Kelley School of Business faculty member Keith Dayton, IU Hutton Honors College students and IU Center for Rural Engagement to conduct a deeper analysis of the economic opportunities and feasibility of new business development in Shoals.

The Hutton Honors College class provides an examination of skills necessary to hone student talents and achieve value in giving back by becoming strategically engaged with real clients. The program prioritizes partnerships with rural and underserved communities.

"We work with our neighbors who need a broad skill range to meet everyday challenges that businesses and organizations may encounter," said Dayton. "The class offers relational consulting skills and organizational frameworks that assist in understanding and guiding businesses and organizations in community. In doing this, we enrich the community's assets and enhance the academic and professional skills of Indiana University's greatest asset -- its students."

Jessica Potts, executive director of Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, and Nicole Vasconi, quality of place liaison of IU Center for Rural Engagement, met with Dayton and his class on August 29 to give a presentation on Martin County and asset-based community development. Dayton's class will host several networking meetings and will present a final report near the end of

semester in December.

The full team, community, and students, will focus on Martin County's natural resources, including its parks and trails, as well as housing opportunities that would be attractive to visitors and prospective residents. Conducting a deep dive to map assets, community needs and opportunities and the broader context of Martin County, student teams will identify areas for economic and community development as the first step in the semester long engagement. Building on the identified areas, five student teams will offer recommendations that align with the selected areas. To ensure sustaining, positive impact, students will be engaged throughout the semester through virtual and in-community dialogue.

Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth:

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is structured as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, funded by both public and private organizations that reflect the diverse assets of Martin County. In addition, we have a Board of Directors who govern and oversee the organization, which includes local elected officials, utilities, business, and community leaders.

Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement:

The IU Center for Rural Engagement improves the lives of Hoosiers through collaborative initiatives that discover and deploy scalable and flexible solutions to familiar challenges facing rural communities. Working in full-spectrum community innovation through research, community-engaged teaching and student service, the center builds vision, harnesses assets, and cultivates sustainable leadership structures within the communities with which it engages to ensure long-term success.



Montgomery High School Class of 1963 60th Reunion
-Photo provided

The Montgomery High School Class of 1963 held their 60th Reunion at the Gasthof Restaurant on Friday August 25. Shown above, in the front row, from left to right, are Inez Slaubaugh, Mary Jean "Murphy" Bassler, Sue Ann "Davis" Woodfork, Jean "Woodruff" Bell, Ada "Miller" Kemp, Phyllis "Haag" Bullock, Faye "McCracken" Hall, and Pauline "Graber" Stoltzfus. In the back row are Don Ochs, Gary Bullock, Phillip Miles, Mary Catherine "Knepp" Stutzman, Lois "Harrawood" Rickman, Isabelle Perkins, Tony Hunter, Louis Kavanaugh Jr. and Tony Fuhs. Not available for pictures were Wally Wagler, Vic Lengacher, Esra Wagler, Fannie "Wagler" Eicher, and Joan "Hopkins" Kavanaugh. The reunion began as Tony Fuhs welcomed the group to the 60th Class Reunion and each member gave a brief account of the lives since the high school days. 30 individuals graduated in the Class of 63 but several others were present at the reunion who attended with the Class of 63 but did not graduate with the class or graduated from another school. There was a moment of silence for those members who have passed away from the Class of 63 as well as teachers who taught them.

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