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County council debates new tax

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council held a special meeting Tuesday, September 6, to discuss raising the LIT (Local Income Tax) for emergency management to help pay for the ambulance service. Council Members Adam Greene and Sherri Bowling were not present for the meeting.

County Attorney Dave Lett presented a resolution to increase the tax by .20 percent. He said he advertised for the maximum rate however the council can reduce the amount if they choose. He told the council if they approve the resolution, it will be sent to the department of local government finance (DLGF) for review.

Commissioners discuss loan program, ambulance service

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, September 6.

Alliance Director Jessica Potts talked to the commissioners about a USDA revolving loan that is being offered to Martin County businesses. The total amount available for the county is \$21,000. The loans are to provide small businesses with funds to start-up and expand in Martin County. The loan fund was created with a grant from USDA and matched by money put forth from the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. The Alliance will administer the fund, and only Martin County businesses will be eligible to receive loans. Eligible uses for the loan include operating capital, land or building acquisition, new construction, property rehabilitation or improvements, the purchase of equipment, supplies and material, and inventory for resale.

The DLGF has 30 days to respond to the resolution. Once they have done so, a public hearing will be scheduled for feedback from residents. He said if the council does not approve the resolution, the tax discussion will end. He said they are short on time due to the tax having to be finalized by October 31 for it to take effect next year. The new LIT, at the maximum rate, would bring in an additional \$440,000 in income tax revenue that could only be used for the ambulance service. The state just approved allowing counties to implement this tax in July.

Discussion ensued on whether the council would want to decrease the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) rate by the same amount they are adding to the

Potts said they plan to help two to three businesses with \$5,000 to \$7,500 each, but will consider applications for larger amounts.

For more information regarding the loan, contact Jessica Potts for an application. Jessica can be reached by calling 812-295-4800 or by e-mail Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org.

Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn requested the commissioners approve vouchers submitted by ambulance staff for hours they have worked, based on the salaries he recommended. The commissioners approved the vouchers contingent on the county council approving the salaries submitted. The commissioners also voted to approve Osborn's start date to July 11 so he can be paid back pay. Osborn also talked to the commissioners about the ambulance staff being paid overtime instead of accruing comp time, which can be used as time off. Based on the 160-day work period, each full-time employee will have two

LIT, so there is no change in what Martin County residents pay in taxes. It was noted that reducing the EDIT would also take away \$75,000 from the City of Loogootee, \$25,000 from the Town of Shoals and \$5,000 from the Town of Crane because the county has to share what they receive in EDIT.

Commissioner Cody Roush, who was in the audience, asked how the EDIT fund would survive with a \$325,000 cut in the county's portion, because that money is used to pay for things too.

Council Member Warren Albright said increasing the LIT would only be a band aid anyway because the cost to provide ambulance service for the county (See 'TAX' on page 2)

hours of overtime each week, not counting any additional shifts they take on. Osborn said if they begin doing transports from hospital to hospital, to bring in revenue for the county, they will have to pay overtime. He said employees will not take on the extra time to do transports if they are not receiving a financial gain. He said they work two 24-hour shifts per week so earning comp time, for additional time off, is not a perk.

Human Resources Director Kristie Skees said other EMS services around Martin County pay overtime. Osborn agreed saying it would be an issue recruiting employees. He said the county has the option not to do transports to generate revenue and then the overtime pay would be a non-issue.

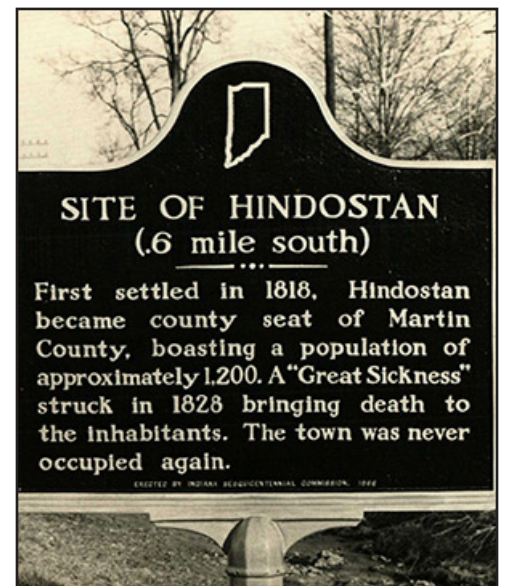
Council Member Warren Albright, who was in the audience, said the additional overtime pay would increase the cost of the ambulance service by \$35,000 to \$40,000 and that is on top of the \$1.2 million it's already estimated to cost. Commissioner Roush said \$1.2 million is on the high end of what they were estimating. Albright replied that it is actually on the low end once you factor in insurance and PERF (Public Employees Retirement Fund). He said getting below the \$1.2 million will actually make him happy. It was also noted that the county has no idea how much will be brought in from insurance and self-pay payments.

County Attorney Dave Lett said the commissioners can approve the overtime pay through the rest of the year and then revisit it. Commissioner Roush replied that he believes paying overtime is just the price of doing business. Osborn said it is so easy for EMS workers to get a job anywhere, which is part of the problem with not paying the overtime.

Commissioner Roush said he is in favor of paying overtime and he is also in favor of raising the LIT (Local Income Tax) to pay for the ambulance service. "I'm not going to lay there dead because I am worried about two hours of overtime a week," he said.

The commissioners approved paying overtime and asked Osborn to keep it under control because they are not sure how far the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds are going to go. Commissioner Aaron Summers approved too but said he hesitates because they do not pay overtime to any other county employee.

Albright, from the audience, said the (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



The myth and mystery about the lost Town of Hindostan

BY BOB GREENE
Late Martin County Historian

This is the first in a series of articles, submitted by Martin County Historical Society President Bill Greene, leading up to the Second Annual Hindostan Days to be held October 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hindostan Falls. See the ad on page 6 with the full schedule of events.

The historical marker reads, "A Great Sickness struck in 1828, bringing death to the inhabitants. The town was never occupied again."

Martin County residents have all grown up hearing the story of the "lost city" of Hindostan. But is this what really happened to our first county seat? Did all people of Hindostan really die of great sickness? What was the disease? Was it cholera? Milk Sickness? The cold plague? Could it have been diphtheria? The bubonic plague? Yellow fever? Smallpox? Typhoid? What could have caused this town to die out? We may never know what happened at Hindostan in 1828. We may also never know what Rufus Brown did with the gold he supposedly took from the county. Rufus Brown was the county treasurer in 1828. We have been told down through the generations that he took all the gold from the county, along with important documents, and buried them somewhere near Hindostan. Soon, he too became ill and died, never revealing his "hiding place." Is there really gold buried somewhere in the area surrounding Hindostan? Many people have searched but found nothing. At least that we know of.

Some history books report that there were no doctors at Hindostan in 1828. That this is the reason that so many people died. So many, that they were burned and buried in mass graves. 800-1,000 people are said to have died at Hindostan in 1828. The ones who stayed to bury the dead eventually ended up paying for it with their lives as well.

We've also been told that there are no records of Hindostan and early Martin County. That they were lost along with the town. The only records we have are what has been passed down through the generations.

Each of us want to know the true story of Hindostan. If in fact, everyone died of disease. Next week, we will tell you what we have found out.



-Photo provided

Shown above in the first row, from left to right, are Izayah Jackson, Landon Douglas, Dayson Bauernfiend, Lydia Cook, Brooklyn Greene, and Kindra Hovis. Standing in the second row, from left to right, are Kurt Phegley, Ashur Dishman, Rator Hoffman, Luke Troutman, Hanna Cook, Alexis Rush, Josh Mullis. In the third row, from left to right, are Hunter Spurgeon, Skylar Smith, Nick McCracken, and Justin Peterson.

Duke Energy gives grant to Jug Rox Robotics

Kurt Phegley, a representative from Duke Energy, visited the Shoals Community Schools Robotics Lab on August 29. He talked to the FTC robotics team about how robotics can prepare students for future jobs and kickstart engineering careers. The robotics team had the opportunity to talk to him about their team, the new season and demonstrate their robot from last season. It was an opportunity to learn about careers in the STEM field and how actions students are taking now will be impactful in the future.

Jug Rox Robotix was also presented

with a \$2,500 check from the Duke Energy Foundation through their Powerful Communities Local Impact grant. The Shoals Community School Corporation would like to thank the Duke Energy Foundation for their very generous grant to support Jug Rox Robotix as they try their best to make it to national competition this robotics season.

The grant will help with purchasing robot parts and other expenses involved with the robotics program. The 2022-2023 FIRST Tech Challenge robotics season kicks off September 10.

COMMISSIONERS

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employees he has talked to actually prefer comp time over being paid overtime. He said they can build up the comp time and then have more time off.

Osborn said they purchased \$16,000 worth of equipment from the former ambulance service and requested permission to get that paid. It was noted that the amount would be on the commissioners' claims for next meeting.

Osborn said they have done 41 runs since the ambulance service started on August 22 - 30 in August and 11 so far in September. Memorial Hospital in Jasper was the hospital transported to most.

County Attorney Dave Lett recommended Osborn include run totals for calls where a patient refuses service and also to calls where lift assistance is provided.

Osborn told the commissioners that the second ambulance has been certified by the state and they can begin using it. He said there is a third ambulance in New York that he recommends the commissioners approve purchasing. It is a 2014 with 36,693 miles. He said they were asking \$69,500 but will take \$65,000. He said if the commissioners approve buying it, he estimates picking it up around September 14-18.

The commissioners approved purchasing the third ambulance using ARPA funds.

Osborn told the commissioners that the ambulance service received a \$25,000 grant from the Martin County Community Foundation to go toward the purchase of a cardiac monitor. The check will be pre-

sented on September 21.

Auditor Michelle Norris then asked the commissioners what they want to do about purchasing diesel fuel for the ambulances. She said she got pricing to have a tank installed. Premier has a 550 gallon which would cost \$2,926 to fill based on the current diesel rate and Jones Oil has a 500 gallon that would cost \$2,465 to fill. Premier will also sell the county a tank for around \$5,000.

Commissioner Cody Roush said he is not sure a tank is the way to go due to the maintenance involved and the potential for theft of the fuel. "It's a lot of headache," he said.

Auditor Norris said the sheriff's department has been looking into getting a new account set up with WEX, which is a government fleet card that handles government tax exemptions. She said this would be something the ambulance fleet could do as well. The WEX cards allow fuel fill up at any service station and doesn't have an annual fee.

Sheriff Josh Greene said they used to use WEX but were having trouble getting the bill paid on time. Teresa Winger, with the auditor's office, discussed with Greene how they can expedite the payment process.

The commissioners approved both the ambulance service and sheriff's department to sign up for the WEX card.

Sheriff Greene reported they have 70 inmates currently in the jail with 35 of them from Vigo County. He said the radio tower project is almost complete and they are

looking into adding GPS to the ambulances so dispatch and the deputies will know where the ambulances are located in the county. He said they never know how long it will take for ambulances to return from a call or how far they are from a scene.

Attorney Lett reported the county will be receiving funds from the recent opioid

TAX

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is estimated at \$1.2 million. He said the \$440,000 wouldn't be enough to pay for it. Commissioner Roush noted they put \$450,000 in the budget for next year for ambulance service and they have ARPA (America Rescue Plan Act) funds to help for a while. He said they will have a better idea next year on how much revenue the ambulance brings in from insurance payments and self-pay.

Council Member Albright said he doesn't know how they will pay for the ambulance service without raising taxes.

Commissioner Roush said again that he didn't know why they were considering cutting EDIT funds. Albright replied that they are trying to keep from adding any more taxes onto the residents.

Adding the .20 percent in LIT would have a resident making \$45,000 pay an additional \$78 per year in income tax. A resident making \$100,000 would pay an additional \$200 per year. This is if there is no reduction in EDIT.

Albright said they can approve the resolution and then let the public decide if they want ambulance service or not, at the public hearing.

Council Member Barb McFeaters then made a motion to approve the resolution to add the new LIT rate with Council Member Keith Gibson making the second. Council Members Albright and Buck Stiles voted in favor with Council Member Randy Winger voting against. Winger said he would like to wait a year to see how much revenue is brought in for the ambulance service and also potentially use the county's surplus funds. He said he is in favor of the ambulance service though. "I'm not supporting a tax until we know for sure we will have to have it," he said.

Council Member McFeaters said she wants to make sure there is enough money to pay for the ambulance service because

she doesn't want residents to go without it. The council said they will decide on a reduction in EDIT after the state reviews their LIT increase request. Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn requested the council approve the staff salaries he recommended to the commissioners at their meeting two weeks ago. He also requested they approve paying overtime instead of offering comp time. Council Member McFeaters said she personally believes overtime needs to be paid because she doesn't know anyone in the healthcare field who receives comp time instead. Council Member Albright agreed saying they have to be able to compete for employees since they have committed to having the ambulance service. Albright asked Osborn if he would be willing to reduce his own salary request of \$100,000 a year to \$80,000 a year to help pay for the overtime. Osborn said he would be willing to take a 20 percent decrease in pay to do that. The other salaries requested were \$17-\$25 per hour for EMTs with up to 10 years of experience and \$20-\$35 per hour for paramedics with up to 10 years of experience. There will be four full-time EMTs on staff, four full-time paramedics and eight on call staff. Standby staff will earn \$4.17 per hour unless they are called to respond, and they will then be paid their regular rate until that run is complete. The council approved the salaries presented with Council Member Stiles voting against. The council also approved paying overtime to full-time ambulance employees. The vote was unanimously in favor. Council Member Winger requested that Osborn stay on top of it however and not let it get out of control. Osborn said he would not allow overtime if it didn't make financial sense, such as generating income for the county doing convalescent transports.



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OBITUARIES

MICHAEL SLUDER

Michael E. Sluder passed away Thursday, August 25, 2022, at Heart to Heart Hospice in Evansville. A resident of Evansville, he was 73.



He was born April 4, 1949, in Sullivan; son of Paul Eugene and Opal Arameda (Rilenge) Sluder.

MICHAEL SLUDER

Mike retired from Barr-Reeve Community School after 36 years of dedicated employment. He was also a devoted science teacher and varsity cross country coach. Mike enjoyed running, St. Louis Cardinals baseball, listening to the Beatles and spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his father, Paul Eugene Sluder.

Mike is survived by his children, Kylie (Kyle) Hembree of Montgomery and Beau (Jill) Sluder of Loogootee; mother of his children, Julie King; his grandchildren, Henry and Adeline Hembree and Raegan and Baby girl Sluder arriving this October 2022; his mother, Opal Sluder of Shelburn; and his brothers, Rick (Ruth) Sluder of Terre Haute and Perry (Patty) Sluder of Shelburn.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday, September 10 at Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation.

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

Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery is honored to serve the family of Michael E. Sluder.

JAMES EICHMILLER

James Dean "Ike" Eichmiller passed away Friday, August 19, 2022, at his home after a courageous battle with a brain tumor. A resident of Hayward, California, he was 52.



JAMES EICHMILLER

James attended Loogootee High School and graduated from Vincennes University. After college, he accepted a job and relocated to California where he eventually met Marie Jean Penacerrada. The couple was married on August 3, 2002, and have two children, Raisa and Kayla Eichmiller.

James was a wonderful, caring husband and father. Spending time with his family was always a priority. He loved maps, lasers and was passionate about learning, and constantly strived to be the best version of himself. James was also a man of faith. He joined the Curcillio in 2015 and became a member of All Saints Catholic Church in 2018. In his free time, James enjoyed gardening and watching IU Basketball, the San Francisco Giants and the Golden State Warriors. He loved food and breaking bread with loved ones. He had an infectious laugh that will be missed by everyone.

James is survived by his wife of 20 years, Marie Jean; his daughters, Raisa and Kayla; his father, Frederick and mother, Juliet; his siblings, Kurt and Sandra (Kelly) LaMar; nieces, Tracie (TJ) McAtee, Breigh LaMar of Loogootee, and Abby Eichmiller of Evansville; nephew, Wade (Jessenia) LaMar of Columbus; great nieces and great nephews;

step-sister Tara (Weldon) McPherson and step-brothers, Troy Pearson and Travis Pearson; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Alberto and Lillian, the Peñacerrada, Llemos, Ramos, Gatbonton, De Jesus and Bulos families in California.

James was preceded in death by his stepmom, Pauletta Eichmiller and his sister-law, Cecilia Ramos, who both loved him dearly.

Services and burial info can be found at <https://hayward.chapelofthechimes.com>.

CAROLYN NORRIS

Carolyn Jane Norris passed away Wednesday August 31, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville with her family by her side. A resident of Loogootee, she was 77.



CAROLYN NORRIS

She was born May 15, 1945, in Loogootee; daughter of William "Andy" and Dorothy E. (Carrico) Combess. Carolyn Jane married Gary G. Norris on October 10, 1964, and they were married for 55 years before he passed away on October 30, 2019. She was a proud graduate of the St. John Class of 1963. Carolyn Jane kept in touch with her friends and classmates was frequently seen on outings and social events around town. In her younger years, Carolyn Jane enjoyed working at Julie's Flowers. She retired from Crane Army Ammunition Activity in 2011 after 20 plus years of dedicated work. Carolyn was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Known as "Aunt Jane" to her nieces and nephews, she stayed very active in their lives and was known as their 1# cheerleader in the events they attended. She loved reading, watching hummingbirds, but most of all she loved spending time with her family and friends and will be deeply missed by all.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Gary G. Norris; her parents, William "Andy" and Dorothy E. (Carrico); her brothers, Bill Combess and Denny Combess; sister-in-law, Janet Combess; and brother-in-law, Paul J. Wittmer.

Carolyn is survived by her daughter, Dina Ferguson of Burns City; her brother, Scott (Darleen) Combess of Burns City; sisters, Mary (Mike) Muessig of Loogootee, Kathy Wittmer of Loogootee, and Amy (Brian) Emery of Montgomery, Ohio; sister-in-law, Millie Combess of Burns City, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association in memory of Carolyn Jane Norris.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

CAROLYN BALDWIN

Carolyn Ann (Carol) Baldwin passed away August 27, 2022, at her home. A resident of Crane, she was 76.

She was born in Arizona on December 31, 1945; daughter of Russell and Jocie (Robison) Bingley. She enjoyed that the world celebrated on her birthday.

Carol was a fiercely devoted mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She loved ALL animals, birds and babies. She will be missed every day.

Her heart was full of love and kindness for everyone, and she didn't know



CAROLYN BALDWIN

Carol retired from civil service in 2008. She had been instrumental in organizing the CAAA Annual Picnic and the POW/MIA Ceremony for many years. She was a long-time resident of McAlester, Oklahoma and Crane and a lifetime member of the Odon VFW Post #9627.

Family left to cherish the memory of Carol include two daughters, Michele Phillips of California and Darlene (Bell) Grote and her husband, David Grote, of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Sydnie Ellias and her fiancé, Anthony Montalvo and Keerstan Corwin and her fiancé, Devin Tolley; her great-grandson, Wyatt Montalvo; one brother, Howard Bingley of Oklahoma; two sisters, Shirley Montgomery and Elsie Miller, both of Oklahoma; and many other loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, grandson, Keegan Corwin and one sister, Dollie Bingley Knauth.

A Celebration of Life was held at the Odon VFW Post #9627 on Thursday, September 1.

Carol always found peace on the water - lake, ocean or pond - so her family will scatter her ashes over the water in Oklahoma at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to

a stranger. She was quick to laugh and loved a practical joke. Her smile would light up any room, as would her cooking. Her fried chicken and potato salad were practically world famous.

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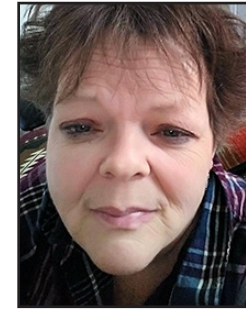
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Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences and memories may be sent to the family at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

TAMMY TAYLOR

Tammy Sue Taylor passed away Friday, September 2, 2022 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Jasper, she was 59.



TAMMY TAYLOR

She was born January 4, 1963, in Loogootee; daughter of the late Jerry Taylor and Carolyn Tinkle.

Tammy enjoyed doing arts and crafts. She loved her grandchildren and crocheted each grandchild a blanket. She liked to research her family genealogy and zodiac signs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson, Cole Schepers; and boyfriend, Darrell Richardson. Tammy is survived by her children, Natasha Schepers and Jeremy (Lindsey) Schepers, both of Jasper; grandchildren, Jamie Salmon, Ashia Lopez Hidalgo, McKenzie Schepers, Sophie Schepers, Silas Schepers and Sloane Schepers; and siblings, Scott Taylor of Loogootee, Mark Taylor of Jasper and Teresa (Gary) Clark of Loogootee.

Tammy wished to be cremated and no services will be held.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Tammy Sue Taylor.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

1:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

6:18 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

7:16 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of a low hanging tree branch in Shoals. INDOT was notified.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for vehicle identification number check north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

2:32 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance west of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to IU Health in Bedford.

3:16 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

3:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Daviess County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:25 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:49 p.m. - Received a 911 call that pinged in Greene County. Transferred call to Greene County 911.

6:04 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

7:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Branham responded.

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

2:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:45 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:00 a.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:48 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:52 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

10:53 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

11:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:33 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

1:21 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

2:15 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

8:50 p.m. - Received a report of a missing person from Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

7:44 a.m. - Received a report of a dead wild animal south of Loogootee. DNR South Region was notified.

8:43 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

12:50 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

1:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a motorcycle-car accident in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Means and Corporal Wells responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:14 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

2:16 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Corporal Wells responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a report of a calf out east of Loogootee. The owner was contacted.

4:52 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute in Crane. Corporal Wells responded.

6:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells, Loogootee Officer Seymour and the department of child services responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

6:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Dubois County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded.

6:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Transferred call to Crane 911.

8:35 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:16 a.m. - Received a request for vehicle identification number checks east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:51 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

11:02 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a truck on fire on Highway 50. Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

11:22 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:37 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded.

12:13 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance southeast of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:48 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

3:24 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a call from Koorsen Fire and Security reporting a burglar alarm southeast of Shoals. Keyholder was notified.

9:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. No one

was transported.

9:32 p.m. - Received a call from Guardian Medical reporting a medical alarm in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded. No one was transported.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

12:47 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible break in in Loogootee. Captain Reed, Corporal Wells and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of two young juveniles walking alone in Shoals. Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

3:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call pinging in Orange County. Transferred call to Orange County 911.

6:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Deputy Branham, Deputy Long, Reserve Deputy Harmon and Big John's Towing responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm going off north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

12:16 a.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

2:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:43 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:48 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

11:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:14 p.m. - Received a report of possible harassment in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:28 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident on Highway 50, west of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon, Martin County EMS, Loogootee Chief Means and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:21 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of a commercial fire alarm sounding east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

12:18 a.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver heading toward Martin County on State Road 450. Deputy Branham responded.

5:54 a.m. - Received a report of a possible burglary in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a possible stolen dog. Deputy Harmon responded and notified Animal Control Deputy Hughett.

10:08 a.m. - Received a 911 call needing Knox County 911. Call was transferred.

11:15 a.m. - Received a call from medic alarm requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County EMS and Loogootee Chief Means responded. No one was transported.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of someone throwing trash on the roadway east of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Reserve Deputy Harmon and Big John's Towing responded.

1:25 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

5:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible verbal domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

10:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

Real estate transfers

Jordan Guinn and Jessica Guinn, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonna D. Walker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.61 acres, more or less.

Tyler M. Trambaugh, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Peek and Ashley Peek**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 8 and the north one-half of Lot Number 7 in Belair Village in the City of Loogootee, Indiana. More commonly known as 111 Bel Air Drive Loogootee IN 47553.

BKB Real Estate, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lawrence Bigaj and Lauren Bigaj**, of Burlington County, New Jersey. Tract A: The east part of Lot Number 34 and the west part of Lot Number 33 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract B: A strip of even width 37 feet off of the east side of Lot Number 33 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Ralph G. Mauder and Afra Mauder, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ralph R. Mauder**, as trustee of the Mauder Family Irrevocable Trust, a two-acre tract in Martin County, Indiana.

Dwayne Earley and Sharon Earley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kermit Floyd and Brenda Floyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .40 acre, more or less.

Debbie Montgomery, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nathan Jones and Brittany J. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land situated in the north half of the southwest quarter of Section 29, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 6 acres, more or less, except a section containing 0.12 acre, more or less.

QUEEN-LEE CHAPEL
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COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

August 1

Austin R. Enlow, public indecency, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Sean C. Lents, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Cecorra R. Holt, escape, a Level 5 Felony.

Ona L. Wiles, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 8

Thomas D. Freeman, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor; no valid driver's license, a Class C Infraction.

Ona L. Wiles, conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jessica J. Allen, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jacob R. Fox, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kimberly A. Cook, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Larry G. Holt, Jr., burglary, a Level 4 Felony; residential entry, a Level 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

August 11

William J. Nugent, operating a vehicle with suspended registration, a Class C Misdemeanor.

August 12

Michael D. Westhafer, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 15

Timothy C. Browers, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kyle Matthew Cloyd, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dustin A. Cramer, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Carolyn S. Bacidore, escape, a Level 5 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 18

Danny M. Arthur, Jr., battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony.

Monte D. Graham, battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 Felony.

August 22

Randall Lee Cornelius, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 24

Ryan W. Moore, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Santos Morento Calo, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

August 26

Daniel L. Cornwell, 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; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

August 29

Andrew F. Brinkworth, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

August 30

Jason Wade, fraud, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James Davis Wallisa, intimidation, a Level 5 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

August 26

Jessica D. Howard, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 10 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days.

Sonya D. Davis, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 544 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant shall serve the executed time of 540 days on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Program, so long as defendant remains eligible.

August 29

Roger A. Salmon, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and battery, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 182 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 91 actual days previously served plus 91 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

August 26

Jessica D. Howard, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Sonja D. Davis, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 29

Roger A. Salmon, disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 30

Debra G. Bottorff, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

August 25

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Lori D. Daniel, civil collection.

August 26

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Ricky Heckard, civil collection.

August 30

Discover Bank vs. Michelle Grace, civil collection.

Jason R. Greene vs. Myrna J. Greene, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

August 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Jason C. Grow in the amount of \$1,500.69.

August 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Veronica Robinson in the amount of \$1,585.25.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

August 30

American Express National Bank vs. Christopher Bearden, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Kevin Boyd and against the defendant Tabby Conrad for eviction in the amount of \$625.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

August 24

Jordan R. Berry of Shoals and Ashton B. Allbright of Shoals.

August 25

Lucas W. Cain of Loogootee and Emily M. Robinson of Loogootee.

August 26

Franklin N. Duvall of Odon and Emily L. Bateman of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

8:09 a.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding harassment and possible violation of a protective order.

2:13 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding a scam.

3:18 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a vehicle unlock.

6:57 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a domestic dispute on Southwest Third Street.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

3:45 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Terrace Drive.

11:58 a.m. - Chief Means responded to assist a stranded motorist at the intersection of US 50 and US 231 North.

12:30 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding a possible assault.

1:01 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a vehicle unlock.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding threatening posts on social media.

1:44 p.m. - A local business manager reported possible illegal drug activity.

4:05 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a subject loitering and sleeping around a local business.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

11:29 a.m. - Caller reported hearing what sounded like explosions north of Loogootee.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident on US 231 South in front of Crane Credit Union.

2:17 p.m. - Chief Means completed a vehicle check.

4:29 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department in removing debris from the roadway on US 231 North.

6:32 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of possible child abuse.

8:35 p.m. - Officer Seymour completed a vehicle check.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:57 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a vehicle fire on US 50 East.

5:59 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

9:34 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walnut Street.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:50 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident at the intersection of US 50 and US 231 South.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

2:34 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East Broadway Street.

4:28 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department at a personal injury accident on US 50 East.

9:15 p.m. - Chief Means, Officer Sims and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a smoke detector alarm at the Martin County Community Building.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

11:15 a.m. - Chief Means and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walnut Street.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding a possible stolen vehicle.

5:44 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a possible suicidal subject in Redwing Trailer Court.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

1:21 p.m. - Alyssa Matheis, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Keller and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, neglect of a dependent, obstruction, and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

2:50 p.m. - Aaron Rogers, 46, of Columbus, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

3:15 p.m. - Taylor Kavanaugh, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. He is being held on no bond.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

8:10 p.m. - Crystal Blevins, 44, of Greenwood, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with battery, domestic battery and battery in presence of a minor.

8:10 p.m. - Becca Blevins, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with battery, domestic battery and battery in the presence of a minor.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:20 p.m. - David Hert, 57, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with community correction violation. He is being held on no bond.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

7:45 a.m. - Charles Hellums, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Keller and charged with attempted residential entry and intimidation. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of 30 Days for Public Comment Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Local Plan

South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc.

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

Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen.

The plan will be available for review on the web at www.southcentral8.org/ or www.workonesouthcentral.org/ no later than 5:00pm on August 26, 2022. The public comment period begins on August 26, 2022 and ends at 5 p.m. (EDT) on September 26, 2022. Written comments will be accepted by email at southcentralregion8@gmail.com. Comments may also be submitted by US Mail to:

South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc., Attn: Rob King, 333 S. Landmark Avenue, Bloomington, IN 47403

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COMMUNITY & EVENTS

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest.

*The Invisible Man married an Invisible Woman. The kids are not much to look at either.

*The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat cake.

*When I see rich, snooty looking women at the grocery store, I pretend I need something and say, "Excuse me, do you work here?"

*I'm proud to say my house doesn't have any unhealthy snacks in it, because I ate them all.

*Welcome back to school, teachers! And good luck remembering all your passwords from the last school year.

*She danced like no one was watching, but they were watching, and she looked like she's had 12 shots of Jack and walked into a spider web.

*I yelled "COW" at a woman on a bike and she gave me the finger. Then she plowed her bike straight into the cow. I tried.

TYPES OF VACATIONS I NEED:

- *A week just to sleep.
- *A week to deep clean the house.
- *A week I don't speak to anyone.
- *A week where I can cook and never have to clean up after.
- *A week where I don't need to make any decisions.

*A week where I don't have to do any laundry.

WEIRD THINGS THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY AS AN ADULT

- *Using a new bar of soap.
- *Having a full tank of gas.
- *Opening the dryer and it's empty.
- *Getting a shopping cart with all the wheels working.
- *The smell of a new book.
- *Taking naps.

SERIOUSISMS

*It's okay for you to believe what you believe. It is not okay however, for you to insist that everyone else believe the same as you.

*Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm. As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.

-Audrey Hepburn
*When an old man dies, a library burns to the ground." -African proverb

*The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle. As with all matters of the heart, you'll know when you found it.

*To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, September 8 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Dog/cat wellness clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter will hold their monthly wellness clinic Friday, September 16 from 5-6 p.m. Low cost services such as vaccinations, microchips and disease testing are offered. No appointment is required.

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.

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

Local recovery meetings

Consumer Alert: Products Recalled in August

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

"Even though fall is around the corner, there is plenty of warm weather left and that means lots of time spent outdoors. Whether it's for yard work or to keep kids busy outdoors, Hoosiers need to know if the products they are using are flawed," Attorney General Rokita said. "Protecting consumers is a priority of my office. If you have difficulty finding a solution for your recalled product, please contact my office immediately."

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

Cordless Hedge Trimmers from Makita U.S.A.

Children's Outdoor Kitchens from Big Game Hunters

Road Bikes and Bicycle Handlebar/Stems from Trek Bicycle Corporation

Ride-On Toys from Huffy Corporation

Steel Rolling Chassis for Utility Vehicles from Navitas Vehicle Systems

Footpads for Onewheel GT Electric

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

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

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Skateboards from Future Motion
Paddles Sold with Stand-up Paddleboards from Agit Global
Miter Saws from DeWALT
Home Elevators from Residential Elevators

MamaRoo and RockaRoo Infant Swings and Rockers from 4moms

ASUS ROG Maximus Z690 Hero Motherboards from ASUS Computer International

Children's Hooded Sweatshirts with Drawstrings from Hard Rock

Patriot Boost Snowmobiles from Polaris Industries

Kidoozie™ Activity Desk Toys from Epoch Everlasting Play

METALLISK Espresso Makers from IKEA

If you believe you purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice (linked above for all products). Follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls, visit www.cpsc.gov/Recalls.

Saturday, October 1st 10AM-4PM Hindostan Falls

10AM Opening of the Fest!

Cornhole Tournament
Registration at 930AM. Game at 10AM. \$10/person.
Random draw for partners.

Egg Tossing Competition
Registration at 1230. Toss at 1PM.

11AM-2PM Live Music: Zephyr Van Moor

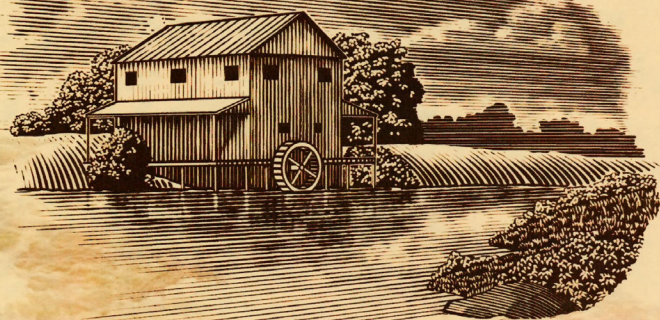
Throughout the Day
Kids Activities, Local Handmade Vendors, Acoustic open jam music, Loogootee & Shoals Fire Departments, Martin County Historical Society presentations.

Delicious Food
Martin County Historical Society Bean Dinner and more!

Please note that this is an outdoor event with grassy, gravel, and paved surfaces. There will be portajohns, but no running water or flush toilets. Please plan to pay in cash, as cell reception is extremely weak.

Martin County, Indiana

Hindostan Days



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I once had a visitor from a city who said the noise in my garden awakened him in the morning. This person was used to hearing car horns, trains and traffic, but not the sounds of birds, insects and animals. I, on the other hand, find the sounds of my garden soothing. A blind friend, who visits often, always lets me know how much he appreciates the fact that the garden can be experienced through the sense of hearing.

Sound is not just an accident in a garden. One may design a garden to make the most of the sense of hearing. One of the best ways is to make the garden friendly to wildlife. At Sandhill Gardens, I do not use chemical pesticides very often. Pesticides create havoc in the food chain. You may not be spraying to kill the birds or frogs, but when you poison the insects they eat, you poison the rest of the food chain. The other trick is to make the garden a sanctuary for wildlife. Birds need food, water and shelter, and if you provide these things, they will usually come. That does not necessarily mean a collection of bird feeders, birdbaths and birdhouses. In addition to insects, bird consumer fruit and seeds, so include some of their favorites in your landscape plans. Natural streams and ponds and man-made water features may serve as sources of water. Just be sure to make a way to keep water available during freezing temperatures. Shelter may be provided by leaving some dead trees standing and providing dense shrubs and ever-

greens that provide warm, dry places to which wildlife may retreat.

I love rocks and use them a lot in the garden. They also are important to wildlife. All I have to do is move a rock to reveal a whole world of life. All of these creatures are a part of the food chain and many of them contribute sounds for the garden. I love the croaking of frogs and toads and the chirping of crickets and other insects. Such are the sounds of a healthy garden.

The plants in a garden may also be a source of sound, usually with the help of some wind. Listen for the wind blowing through tall grasses. The seed pods of baptisia and other plants also rattle in the wind. As noted last week, the touch of the gardener's hand against certain plants will also create sounds.

Even the pathways in a garden add to the symphony. As one walks along a solid pathway, such as concrete or brick, footsteps will produce sounds. Of course, the sound produced depends on the type of shoes being worn by the visitor. Crushed stone, on the other hand, produces creaks underfoot. The sounds of footsteps on mulch, grass and other soft materials are subtle, but still add to the total experience.

Water is another source of sound. The rush of falling water is often used to drown out the sound of a busy street. The trickle of a small fountain will offer a soothing sound. Even rain brings sound to the garden as raindrops hit stone, metal, glass and plants. I have a rain chain on one downspout, and the trickle of water down the chain produces a very pleasant sound.

Windchimes and windharps also are popular garden accessories. While some natural purists do not like including such ornaments in the garden, I must admit that I love the windchimes in my garden. I am especially fond of the larger ones that produce deep sounds, reminiscent of church bells. I also love the clacking of bamboo chimes. I do not have a windharp, but I have longed for one for many years.

My garden is the place I prefer to entertain guests. No party is complete without music. I often have music playing as I work in the garden, but, even more, I love to play music in the garden. The gazebo is a great venue for a jam session with friends, with the sounds of the garden in the background. Add a cool breeze and a fire in the firepit, and you have my idea of a near-perfect evening.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



KITTENS! The shelter has more than 20 kittens available for adoption - all colors and personalities. An approved adoption application is required to set up an appointment. Adoption fee is \$45 and includes spay/neuter and vaccinations. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.



New website places gardening solutions at users' fingertips, regardless of thumb color

Purdue Extension's latest mobile website, <https://purdueplantdoctor.com/>, can help gardeners make sure they're never again caught with their plants down.

The Purdue Plant Doctor website is a mobile-friendly one-stop shop where gardeners can navigate the bewildering maze of insect, disease and abiotic problems that affect the hundreds of landscape trees, shrubs and flowers used in Midwestern landscapes.

"Every year, homeowners invest millions of dollars in their landscaping materials, and due to insect diseases and sometimes a lack of experience, problems come up. This is a free, easily accessible way to identify and fix those problems," said Janna Beckerman, a Purdue Extension plant disease specialist and content specialist for the website.

The website builds on a wealth of Purdue Extension knowledge, using high-quality images to quickly sort through the thousands of problems gardeners can encounter on landscape plants and flowers. Problems found on each kind of plant are ordered based on how common they are in Midwest gardens and yards. Once problems are diagnosed, the website guides users through methods to treat their plants.

Today, many websites available to assist growers in plant health management are sponsored or developed by companies that produce gardening chemicals



or products. Cliff Sadof, a Purdue Extension entomologist and content specialist for the website, said those apps tend to suggest particular products, whereas Purdue's websites are focused on research-based treatment methods.

"We start with the least toxic approaches before we suggest using insecticides or fungicides," Sadof said. "We want to teach people how to treat the underlying problems before turning to chemical solutions. We also have a section devoted to commonly found beneficials, so someone doesn't mistakenly harm pollinators and other beneficial insects."

Beckerman said the website was designed to appeal to the new growers that discovered their green thumb during the pandemic.

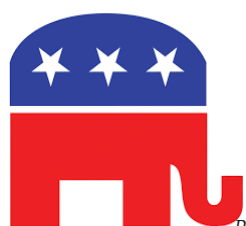
"We hope this website helps growers regardless of level improve their gardening experience," she said. "For this reason, photos of each plant are included to guide growers through the diagnostic process."

The Martin County Republican Central Committee invites the public to the annual

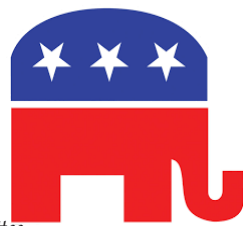
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WHAT Cub Scout info and sign-up

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

Some people try to make pasture management a lot more difficult than needed. I think sometimes it is more about how it is perceived in the eyes of the beholder. Some might think that a pasture that is grazed evenly to the ground, all the time, means that no forage was lost – no. Some might think that mowing it frequently and making it look like a prime horse pasture behind a fancy fence is ideal – maybe. It is really about the management of the forage to achieve the goals of production, forage quality and numerous added benefits that benefit erosion, soil biology, and usually also wildlife.

Anytime you can keep something simple it is usually best. I've been to several events this summer and had similar questions asked to me that can be summed up as, "What are the basic rules of good pasture management?"

I find myself repeating some things. That repetition is perhaps needed from time to time, but I don't want to be redundant either. I am reminded occasionally to just keep it simple. How exactly do we keep it simple? Follow a few simple rules.

Keep the soil covered with live plants – by doing so, erosion will be kept in check and the soil will be cooler, which is better for most forages and for reduced evaporation. You don't want to see any bare soil. Bare spots allow for increased evaporation, warmer than ideal soil conditions and space for opportunist weeds.

Maintain a good solar panel – which means, it takes grass to grow grass. We have to try and keep enough green plant leaves for photosynthesis, converting light energy into chemical energy. If the plants have been eaten down too much, energy for new growth is forced to come from stored energy in the roots if available, which is usually slower than photosynthesis. Like you have heard me talk about lots of times – don't graze or rather don't let the livestock graze closer than 4 inches for most cool season grasses and not closer than 6-8 inches for most warm season grasses. That is of course, the shortest forages left, not the tallest. If you are leaving at least 4 inches, there will be quite a bit of forage left that is actually taller.

Provide adequate rest before grazing it again. Everything needs rest, including forages. By maintaining good residual heights or stop grazing heights, regrowth is generally quicker especially with adequate moisture. The plant needs enough time to regrow and express itself again before the next grazing event. Multiple removals during a short time frame or continual removal weakens the plant and actually reduces production. It also reduces new root growth and lowers drought tolerance. So, grow it, graze it, then rest it - it is that simple.

We want the forage to be growing and producing abundantly, and as much as possible in a stage and quality that is best for the ruminant livestock grazing it. The livestock know what forage is noteworthy and will seek it out first. If it is the quality they need, they will eat it readily and without hesitation – definitely a desirable species in the eyes of the consumer. When we let these same forages mature too much, which does happen, then forage quality is reduced along with intake. A small amount of the sward reaching maturity isn't that bad. It can help to build deeper roots, increase soil organic matter from increased amounts and turnover of roots, and help bring up nutrients and water from deeper in the soil profile. This is especially valuable to soils that could use some additional organic matter.

Lastly, when possible, graze the paddock in a manner that will leave nutrients in place and replace as needed. Smaller allocations tend to have less nutrient transfer than the grazing of large pastures. This is especially true when there is a long walking distance to water, mineral and/or shade. Isolated areas, without one or more of the mentioned, will be grazed for a shorter period and the ruminating and resting periods afterwards rarely occurs there unless forced to. This process therefore slowly moves nutrients from one spot to another as manure is more likely to be deposited on the more frequently used areas. Enough with that for now, grow it, graze it, rest it. Maintain cover, don't over graze it, let it grow back before grazing it again.

You're starting to run low on time to get fall annuals planted. The earlier they are seeded the more growth and grazing potential they will provide. My favorite mix is spring oats, a brassica such as radish, rape, or turnips, and cereal rye. The oats grow fast with ample moisture, yield well and can make some very decent hay or grazing throughout the fall. The brassica is a nice addition and is readily consumed by most grazing livestock. The cereal rye will come on stronger later and will overwinter and provide good cover for the next growing season and perhaps even some early spring grazing if soil conditions are favorable. These annuals can help improve soil health, build organic matter, reduce some weeds, and be forage too. Other fall-seeded options would include crimson clover, winter peas, triticale, wheat, barley or multiple combinations. You can't graze it if you don't plant it.

It is also time to start assessing your winter feeding needs and supply. Consider how much livestock will be overwintering, how much they will be consuming and what they will be eating. Fall pasture, stockpiled forages, crop residues and annuals, and stored feed, such as hay, silage, or baleage should all be accounted for and prepared.

If you haven't started stockpiling any forage yet, now is the time to do so. Tall fescue stockpiles better than any other forage which is one of its best attributes. It holds quality longer than almost any other perennial forage. Grazing annuals or cover crops now will provide additional rest and growth for perennial pastures which can then be grazed later this winter.

I'm not sure that I like the forecast that I've seen so far for the upcoming winter, and I hope they are mistaken, but either way, we need to be prepared and ready. Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/in/technical/landuse/pasture/

Beef and Forage Field Day & Tour at SIPAC – September 7th at 2:00 p.m. ET and is free for IBCA and IFC members. There is a \$20 fee for non-members. Dinner is included. Learn more and register online at www.indianabeef.org or call (317) 293-2333.

Purdue Fencing School will be October 8th at the Southern Indiana Purdue Ag Center (SIPAC), Dubois, IN. Questions on the event can be made to Purdue Extension office at (812) 482-1782 or SIPAC at (812) 678-4427.

Grazing Bites has changed. Please send comments or questions to grazingbites@gmail.com.

Father Frank Pavone to be speaker at banquet

Daviess/Pike and Martin County Right to Life Groups announce that Father Frank Pavone will be the speaker at their Annual Right to Life Banquet on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Simon J. Graber Bldg. off the Odon/Cannelburg Road.



Father Frank Pavone is one of the most prominent pro-life leaders in the world. Originally from New York, he was ordained in 1988 by Cardinal John O'Connor, and has dedicated his entire life and ministry to ending abortion.

In 1993, he requested and received permission to serve as the National Director of Priests for Life, the largest pro-life

ministry in the Catholic Church. He is also the President of the National Pro-life Religious Council, and the National Pastoral Director of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign and of Rachel's Vineyard, the world's largest ministry of healing after abortion.

Father Pavone travels throughout the country, to an average of four states every week, preaching and teaching against abortion. He broadcasts daily on television, radio and online programs.

For ticket information, contact Alice Fuhrman at 486-9702 or Mary June Steiner at 486-3456. The price of a ticket is \$15 for an adult and \$10 for a student.

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National unemployment bumps to 3.7 percent for August

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 315,000 in August, and the unemployment rate rose to 3.7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Notable job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, and retail trade.

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

In August, the unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 3.7 percent, and the number of unemployed persons increased by 344,000 to 6.0 million. In July, these measures had returned to their levels in February 2020, prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.5 percent) and Hispanics (4.5 percent) rose in August. The jobless rates for adult women (3.3 percent), teenagers (10.4 percent), Whites (3.2 percent), Blacks (6.4 percent), and Asians (2.8 percent) showed little change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of permanent job losers increased by 188,000 to 1.4 million in August. The number of persons on temporary layoff was virtually unchanged at 782,000.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.1 million in August. The long-term unemployed accounted for 18.8 percent of all unemployed persons.

The labor force participation rate increased by 0.3 percentage point over the month to 62.4 percent but is 1.0 percentage point below its February 2020 level. The employment-population ratio was little changed at 60.1 percent in August and remains 1.1 percentage points below its February 2020 value.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons was little changed at 4.1 million 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.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job declined by 361,000 to 5.5 million in August. This measure remains above its February 2020 level of 5.0 million. 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, at 1.4 million, was little changed 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.

Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, numbered 366,000 in August, little changed from the prior month.

Household Survey Supplemental Data

In August, 6.5 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, down from 7.1 percent in the prior month. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey specifically because of the pandemic.

In August, 1.9 million persons reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic—that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey due to the pandemic. This measure is down from 2.2 million in the previous month. Among those who reported in August that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 21.5 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, little different from the previous month.

Among those not in the labor force in August, 523,000 persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, little changed from the prior month. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must be either actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey in May 2020 to help gauge the effects of the pandemic on the labor market. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Tables with estimates from the supplemental questions for all months are available online at www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 315,000 in August. Nonfarm employment has risen by 5.8 million over the past 12 months, as the labor market continued to recover from

the job losses of the pandemic-induced recession. This growth brings total nonfarm employment 240,000 higher than its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. In August, notable job gains occurred in professional and business services, health care, and retail trade.

Professional and business services added 68,000 jobs in August. Within the industry, employment gains occurred in computer systems design and related services (+14,000), management and technical consulting services (+13,000), architectural and engineering services (+10,000), and scientific research and development services (+6,000), while legal services lost jobs (-9,000). Over the past 12 months, professional and business services has added 1.1 million jobs.

In August, health care employment rose by 48,000, with job gains in offices of physicians (+15,000), hospitals (+15,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+12,000). Health care has added 412,000 jobs over the year. Despite this growth, employment in health care is below its February 2020 level by 37,000, or 0.2 percent.

Retail trade added 44,000 jobs in August and 422,000 jobs over the past 12 months. In August, employment increased in general merchandise stores (+15,000), food and beverage stores (+15,000), health and personal care stores (+10,000), and building material and garden supply stores (+7,000). Employment in furniture and home furnishings stores continued to trend down (-3,000).

Manufacturing employment continued to trend up in August (+22,000), with gains concentrated in durable goods industries (+19,000). Manufacturing has added 461,000 jobs over the year.

Employment in financial activities rose by 17,000 in August and by 200,000 over the year.

Employment in wholesale trade increased by 15,000 in August, returning to its February 2020 level. This industry has

Attorney General secures \$15 million settlement with Frontier Communications

Attorney General Todd Rokita announced a \$15 million settlement with Frontier Communications that will ensure that Hoosiers receive the services for which they have paid. The settlement especially benefits residents living in rural communities.

“Hoosiers shouldn’t be forced to pay for high-speed internet in exchange for slow service,” Attorney General Rokita said. “Particularly with many individuals working remotely from their homes, consistent and reliable telecommunications are vital to Indiana’s economy.”

In May 2021, Attorney General Rokita sued Frontier Communications alleging they violated the Indiana Deceptive Consumer Sales Act. The Federal Trade Commission and several other states also sued the company. Specifically, the lawsuit argued the company misrepresented internet speeds and reliability to consumers.

Although the court declined to hear Indiana’s claims, Attorney General Rokita pushed ahead with his work on behalf of Hoosiers — pressing Frontier to address his concerns about their services.

“Many Hoosiers living in rural areas have no other options but to access internet services through Frontier,” Attorney General Rokita said. “In the 21st century, residents of our rural communities should expect the same quality of service and same availability of technology as their peers in larger cities and towns.”

As a result of Attorney General Rokita’s persistence, Frontier Communications entered into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance agreeing to pay \$15 million over a period of four years to improve internet infrastructure in Indiana.

The agreement also requires Frontier

added 197,000 jobs over the year.

Mining employment rose by 6,000 in August, reflecting a gain in support activities for mining (+7,000). Over the year, mining has added 68,000 jobs.

Employment in leisure and hospitality changed little in August (+31,000), following average monthly gains of 90,000 in the first 7 months of the year. Employment in leisure and hospitality is below its February 2020 level by 1.2 million, or 7.2 percent.

In August, employment showed little change in other major industries, including construction, transportation and warehousing, information, other services, and government.

In August, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 10 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$32.36. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 5.2 percent. In August, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 10 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$27.68.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls decreased by 0.1 hour to 34.5 hours in August. In manufacturing, the average workweek for all employees was little changed at 40.3 hours, and overtime held at 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls declined by 0.1 hour to 33.9 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for June was revised down by 105,000, from +398,000 to +293,000, and the change for July was revised down by 2,000, from +528,000 to +526,000. With these revisions, employment in June and July combined is 107,000 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.)

to review service speeds and provide options to consumers to reduce service plans (and costs) if their current plans promise higher speeds than those provided.

Frontier also must change their advertising efforts to accurately represent to Indiana consumers both the availability and reliability of their internet service.

Frontier will be given a period to correct various discrepancies between the advertised internet speed and the actual internet speeds provided to Hoosiers. Following this period, Frontier must credit billing charges to consumers who do not receive at least 90 percent of the maximum advertised speed (unless the consumer has been informed of such and elects not to subscribe to the lower speed tier). Frontier also must credit billing charges to customers if it fails to provide consumers at least 100% of the speed they were promised.

In addition, Frontier must provide training programs for their consumer service representatives, field technicians and sales agents that accurately and comprehensively cover the requirements of the agreement, the effect on the consumer’s internet service, the rights of consumers to discontinue, etc. For four years following the agreement, Frontier must provide the Office of the Attorney General a semi-annual report detailing compliance with the agreement.

Hoosiers are encouraged to contact Attorney General Todd Rokita’s office about any business practices they believe are unfair, abusive or deceptive. Consumers may file complaints by visiting indianaconsumer.com or calling 1-800-382-5516.



Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

“I walk slowly, but I never walk backward.” -Abraham Lincoln

The past month has been exceptionally challenging for your councilman. Since taking office, I’ve made a point to do more with less and cross train various departments to help each other out. We have three council appointed employees and one clerk-treasurer appointed employee. Due to health problems beyond our control, we have two department heads hospitalized that are not able to return to work for an extended period of time. They both possess decades of working knowledge of towns operations. (Yes, I have developed contingency plans prior to this.)

We are currently acting on those contingency plans to keep providing service for the people of Shoals. Yet, we have to continue exceeding state regulations and standards, recording our water quality and wastewater program. We must con-

tinue to do daily testing on our water quality and file reports on a weekly and monthly manner with our fresh water and wastewater program to the State of Indiana.

NO employees have been released from the employment with the Town of Shoals.

You may see me, Cecil, Clint or Sierra in your town vehicles and utility equipment helping to fill in. This is what we are elected to do - provide uninterrupted services to the best of our ability for the residents of Shoals. We will have to prioritize normal daily operations. Some items will have to be put on the back burner for now so we can provide the best quality of service for our town. I am very proud of our community! Join me and if you see litter just pick it up. If each of us picked up one piece of litter a day, it makes a big difference in our town!

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