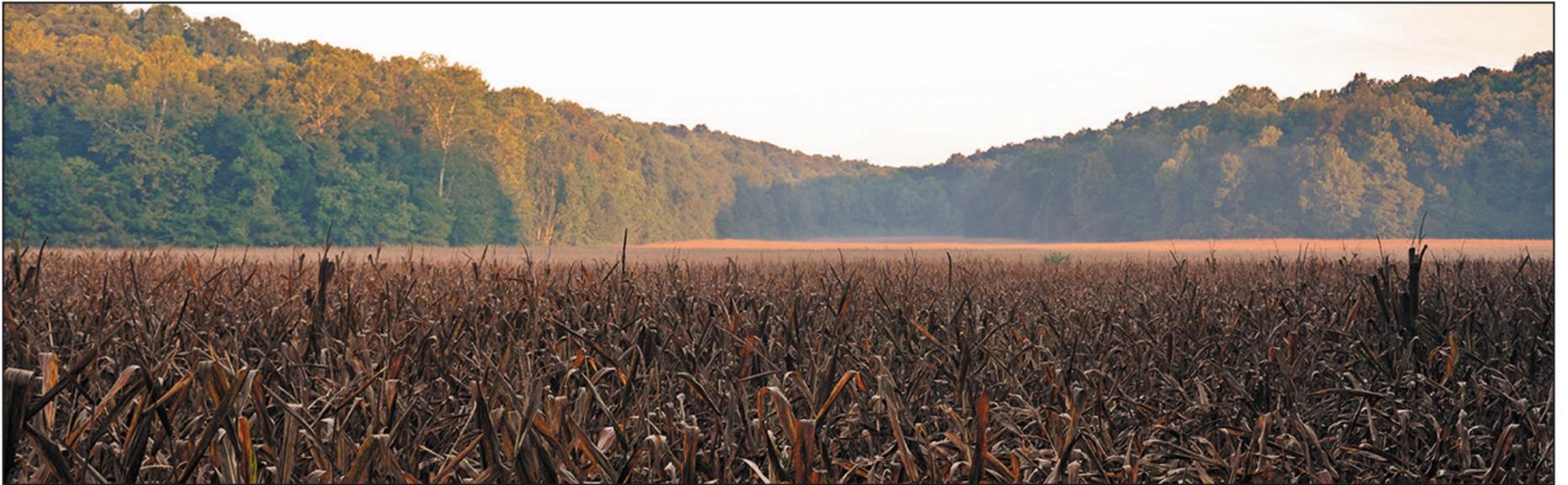


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Fall is near

The first day of fall is officially September 22 however signs of its presence can be seen around the county. Temperatures are still hovering in the 80s during the day but will start to drop a little next week.

Shoals Council discusses flood water issues, beautification board plans

The Shoals Town Council met Monday August 24. Those in attendance were Council Members Cecil Ragsdale and Clint Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, Town General Laborer Caitlin Sanders, Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman, Park Board Secretary Audrey Gibson, and Town Attorney Dave Lett. Others in attendance were Tex Howell, Tyler Price, Audrey Sorrells, Remington Lake, Sharon Lake, Zane Lake, Chad Gibson, Todd Harding, Sylvia Albaugh and Mary Holt with the Shoals Public Library, and Bill Brown with Griffey Creek Studio LLC of Bloomington. Council Member Cary Albright was absent.

Sylvia Albaugh, with the Shoals Public Library, and Bill Brown, with Griffey Creek Studio, LLC, of Bloomington, came before the council to discuss the library applying for a federal grant. Brown stated the library had been doing a feasibility study for several months now. Brown stated the building was built in 1915 and recently the library had purchased property adjacent in hopes of expansion, upgrading the systems of the building, and to make the facility accessible. Brown stated many efforts had already been done to make a local match to apply for a federal grant. Brown said one of the current topics of discussion are the sidewalk located on the side of the building and the proper entry need-

Public hearing Monday to discuss tax increase

The Martin County Council will hold a public hearing Monday, September 14 at 6 p.m. at Shoals High School to hear comments on the proposed .75 percent income tax increase. The county's income tax rate is currently 1.75 percent and the proposed increase would take it to 2.50 percent. The public hearing on Monday will be the only opportunity to speak out for or against the increase and the council will possibly vote on it that evening. There is no virtual/Zoom option, it's an in-person meeting only.

ed for the new parking area. He said that in talks with INDOT, the best and safest route would be entry off of Low Street but that it would need to be approved by the town. Brown added that his purpose of attending the meeting was to start the conversation of collaboration between the town and INDOT for the sidewalk and entry. Council Member Hoffman asked about using Community Crossings grant money to help redo sidewalks but that he thought it was required to repave the road in front of the sidewalk. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge said she would find out from HWC the requirements. Council Member Ragsdale suggested the library committee talk to SIDC as well. Council Member Hoffman stated that as far as Low Street serving as an entrance to the new parking area, the town had no issues with that, and Council Member Ragsdale agreed. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge noted that Low Street was on the town's project list for Community Crossings future money already with the changes coming from the ballpark. Council Member Ragsdale stated the town was behind the library in their efforts.

Resident Tex Howell came before the council and stated his purpose for attending the meeting was a concern for getting his yard fixed from a water meter replacement. Howell stated that due to the meter area not being covered up properly, the recent heavy rains caused some water to come into his basement. Howell also asked about replacement of some items that had been damaged due to the water. Town Attorney Lett asked Howell if he had spoken with his insurance company and he stated he had and didn't get anywhere. Howell stated he understands they received a lot of rain but he had never had any issues until this work had been done. Councilman Ragsdale advised Town General Laborer Caitlin Sanders to repair Howell's yard within the next two days.

Residents Audrey Sorrells and Tyler Price came before the council and stated

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Commissioners implement burn ban, discuss road and bridge projects

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners voted to implement a burn ban for the county, at their meeting Tuesday night, September 8. Civil Defense Deputy Andy Ringwald said he had a request from Loogootee to declare the ban however he and Civil Defense Director Monty Wolf wanted to know if the commissioners wanted to make it county-wide. Ringwald said that if only Loogootee did the ban, then only their residents had to comply. Wolf said that it's been pretty dry and they have responded to a few brush fires that spread rapidly. He added that there is no rain in the forecast in the near future. "It could get bad," said Wolf. The commissioners decided to implement the burn ban effective at midnight Tuesday night. It will have to be renewed in seven days, if needed.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett asked the commissioners what to do about tri-axle trucks and semis driving down Asbell Road, using it as a detour to get around road work in the area. Padgett said he has signs put up but they are being ignored. "The road won't take it," said Padgett and added that it also causes a hazard for drivers.

Commissioner Paul George asked which direction the truck drivers were coming from. Padgett replied that he didn't know. Commissioner George replied that drivers coming from the French Lick area would have an issue finding a way out if they were stopped from using Asbell Road. Padgett agreed that they would have a long way to go to get around. "We need to do something,"

Free food box program

Loogootee United Methodist Church will host a Farmers to Families Food Box Program on Thursday, September 10 from 3:30-6:30 p.m. or until quantities run out. Participants are to enter on Wood Street and cars are NOT to line up early as this will interfere with school traffic.

Approximately 1,000 families will be served. The church is located at 208 West Main Street in Loogootee. Food is free regardless of income or need.

said Paul.

After more discussion, the commissioners decided to make an emergency declaration banning heavy truck traffic from Asbell Road. Padgett said he would talk to Sheriff Travis Roush in the morning to discuss enforcement and decide a limit on trucks' weight.

Padgett had told the commissioners in a past meeting that Mitchell had requested to buy oil from the county. The commissioners had agreed. Padgett told the commissioners Tuesday night that he realized he cannot buy oil after November so he will not have enough to share with Mitchell, so the deal is no longer feasible.

Padgett said he is working with CLR and REMC to get work started on the Hindostan Falls bridge. They are planning to start work on Thursday and hope to be done in three weeks. Padgett said he already talked to the school and posted on their facebook page that the road would be closed to traffic. Padgett also noted that he is meeting with the farmer with property next to Brooks Bridge. They hope to start working on the south side of the bank erosion first to allow for the crops to have time to finish drying and minimize the farmer's loss.

The commissioners took the applications submitted to the highway department for review. Padgett said he had seven people attempt to apply using the facebook form and wanted to know if those applicants counted. Both commissioners agreed that anyone seeking a job with the highway department would need to get an application in person, not through facebook.

Commissioner George asked Padgett (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 3)

COVID-19 testing available

COVID-19 testing will be available at the Martin County Community Building at 2668 US Hwy 50, Loogootee on the following dates: Wednesday, September 9 through-Friday, September 11, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; Tuesday, September 15 through Friday, September 18, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; and Saturday, September 12, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

This is a free and confidential drive-thru clinic. Anyone over the age of two years can be tested.

SHOALS

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ed that they had spoken to the council in May concerning storm draining issues in their yard due to the new pavement that had been done. Sorrells stated that the town did deliver dirt as promised and built a small curb to try and help. She said the curbing was small and with the recent heavy rains the curb was almost gone already and that the water was going all the way around the drain and washing out their driveway and currently had their gravel completely gone. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated Tim Hunt, the town's engineer with HWC, was usually in Shoals every few weeks and she could ask him

to take a look at it if the council preferred. The council agreed that would be the best solution and advised Sorrells that a plan to fix the water route would be discussed afterwards.

The meeting was put on hold at 6:30 p.m. to hold the budget hearing. The meeting resumed at 6:32p.m.

Resident Todd Harding came before the council and stated that the old water booster station was located on his property near the road on Lynwood Street and he felt that it is a danger to children playing in the neighborhood. Harding stated the structure has started to fall and cave in. President Ragsdale stated he would

send the town workers to take a look at it and put it on the project list. Harding also stated he noticed he has had water around his meter pit for a couple of weeks now and he thought maybe there was a leak the town should check on. Harding also said there were several low limbs on both sides of the road on Lynwood Street and requested they be trimmed.

Zane Lake presented his Eagle Scout project which was a K-9 wash station for the Town Marshal K-9 officer. Lake presented all plans concerning the project to the council along with a check of money that was left over. Ragsdale stated the station was very nice and outdone all expectations. Marshal Eckert said he was very appreciative, and it was already being used and that he had extended an offer to the Martin County K-9 officers to utilize it as well.

Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman stated the plans to finish up the post office flower bed were in the works along with moving the excess material left over. Hoffman requested to purchase up to \$400 in the black landscaping rock to finish up the bed. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to approve the request with Council Member Ragsdale making the second.

Hoffman told the board they submitted a grant application to the Martin County Community Foundation for several items to include new signage for the historic district, benches, more bridge boxes, flower pots and much more. Hoffman also stated the board had been working with citizen Annette Taylor on a plan for Christmas decorating for the town. Hoffman said at their last board meeting, the flagpole at the ballpark was brought up. Hoffman stated the area around the pole was open for landscaping but was currently empty and she had been asked to fill it in to help prevent injuries. Chad Gibson said since it was a landscaping area at one time, he suggested the park board handle it and it could be an opportunity to beautify the area. Audrey Gibson, park board secretary, stated they would look at it and discuss a plan.

Park Board Secretary Audrey Gibson came before the council and stated the contractors that would be doing the new draining and turf work at the ballpark would be ready to start in a couple of weeks and she needed approval to spend the money. Gibson stated the entire outfield would need to be sprayed and Chad Gibson said he would handle that for the town with permission. Gibson said all utilities would need to be located prior. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated her office would handle communicating getting that done. Gibson stated some of the scope of the work to be done was that the dugout to dugout area would get a seven-foot wide warning track area. Gibson said the red stone usually used for this would not be used as it comes out of Alabama and he has priced a nice white stone to use instead. Sod would be placed all around as a buffer. Gibson said this would help preserve the ballfield. Gibson said a red clay substance would be used on the actual ballfield and will be a major aesthetic upgrade to the facility. She stated this is only the minor scope in total of the project entirety to be completed. She added that the sod would have to be watered regularly after installed to make sure of good establishment. Council Member Ragsdale said the town would help in any way. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve use of the Smithville Charitable Foundation grant money to do the project with any leftover expenditures being taken from the 2019 Martin County Community grant that had been received. Councilman Hoffman commended and thanked Mr. and Mrs. Gibson for all of their hard work on the ballpark project.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated that on August 8, President Trump signed an executive order memo authorizing a temporary payroll tax deferral for American workers to start on September 1, 2020. Rutledge stated she needed a decision from the town to participate or not and that if participation takes place it would be \$2,000 to install the proper upgrade to the current payroll software. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to not participate with Councilman Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor. Next Rutledge presented a transfer for T. Lake to R. Holman, return for D. Collins, and apply and returns for L. Akles, I. Baylis, B. Holt, and F. Swayze. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to accept the meter transfer, applies and returns as presented with Councilman Ragsdale making the second.

Rutledge stated that Matt, with Core Facilities, had visited and completed the site visit for the agreement for the maintenance program for the wells, lagoons and lift stations. Rutledge said that Matt said the templates should be ready soon to get the program up and running. Rutledge had gathered and sent all documents requested by Steve Brock, with Therber and Brock, for the approval utility rate study.

Rutledge said she had applied for the Martin County Community Foundation grant on behalf of the town for wayfinding signage to be placed in different locations all over the town and had also applied on behalf of the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department for the placement of a large tornado siren for the far west side of the town where Fire Chief Jim Hamby has been wanting to install one.

Before closing Council Member Ragsdale asked Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge about the employees' PERF benefits. Ragsdale asked what the contributions were, and Rutledge stated the town was covering 100 percent of the plan and that is how it has been historically. Ragsdale asked Rutledge what the breakdown would be exactly otherwise. Rutledge said she would find out and report back. Ragsdale also stated he wanted to address property clean ups. He felt like the town was making progress but that several letters were sent and sent again with no response. Ragsdale said he wanted to discuss options of what could be done when the letter is sent more than once with no action from the property owner. Attorney Lett said he would review the current ordinance and then discuss options of changing the ordinance.

Town Attorney Dave Lett suggested the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, September 14 be changed as there could be a possible conflict with another community event. The board decided to change the regular meeting to the next night. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 15 at 6 p.m.

CLASSIFIED ADS

HELP WANTED

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PART-TIME FIELD OFFICER POSITION

The Martin County Community Corrections is accepting applications for a Part-time Field Officer.

Applicants must have a valid driver's license.
A pre-employment drug screen will be required.

Applications can be picked up and submitted to:

Martin County Community Corrections
Attn: Kathy Collins, Director
211 SE 1st Street
Loogootee, IN 47553

Deadline for submitting applications is September 11, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.

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LOGOOTEER CHIEF OF POLICE POSITION

The City of Loogootee is at this time taking applications for the Loogootee Chief of Police position. Applicant will need to be a graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Have five (5) years of service as a police officer with a full time, paid police department
- 2) Be a citizen of the United States
- 3) Be a high school graduate or equivalent
- 4) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age
- 5) Be free of mental illness
- 6) Have successfully completed the minimum basic training requirements established by the law enforcement training board under IC-5-2-1 or have continuous service with the same department to which the applicant was appointed as a law enforcement officer before July 6, 1972
- 7) In addition to the requirements above, an applicant for the appointment as police chief or deputy chief must have at least five (5) years of continuous service with the police department of that city immediately before the appointment. This requirement may be waived by the city executive.

Applicant will assume duties as of January 1, 2021.

Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Dept. or Mayor's office.

Applications / resumes will be taken Sept. 1 to Oct. 1, 2020.

Economic Resiliency Coordinator

Job Title: Economic Resiliency Coordinator

Status: Full-time; 35 hours per week

The Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC), a regional council of governments, seeks a talented and dynamic Economic Resiliency Coordinator to facilitate regional economic recovery and resiliency planning efforts in Daviess, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, and Martin counties. The ER Coordinator will help lead a regional planning effort to respond to the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The selected candidate will report directly to the Executive Director and be primarily responsible for administering the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Recovery Assistance grant for the SIDC region. Duties will transition after the grant completion in July 2022 to economic and community development responsibilities of SIDC which has a number of services for local governments including project development, grant writing, housing assistance, blighted properties redevelopment, administrative services, transportation, planning and other services as required.

All questions should be directed to:
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OBITUARIES

BUTCH BAILEY

Marvin J. "Butch" Bailey passed away September 8, 2020, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Shoals, he was 74.



He was married to Norma (Finley) Bailey on June 20, 1964. He began trying to win her over in elementary school. She never stood a chance against that big smile and sharp wit. They shared 56 years of marriage.

Born in Wayne City, Illinois, on April 26, 1946, Butch was the son of Woodrow and Opal (Ferguson) Bailey. He was a self-made businessman, owning and operating several businesses including

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if he has had issues getting employees to sign for the new handbook that was just distributed. Padgett said that many want to know if they are signing to say they received it or signing to say they agree with the handbook. Padgett said he told the employees that it doesn't matter if they agree with it or not because the commissioners developed it and they are in charge of the county.

Padgett told the commissioners that he has a resident who wants the highway department to install a culvert in his driveway, something the highway department can do. The resident requested, however, that they possible install a second one that affects the resident's septic system. Padgett said he didn't think that was something the highway department wanted to be involved in but wanted to make sure the commissioners agreed. Both commissioners agreed to not touch septic systems.

The commissioners approved a resolution to create a board to oversee the recently implemented innkeepers' tax. The board will oversee the funds and how they are spent. The resolution calls for the commissioners to appoint two mem-

Butch's Classics and Bailey Brothers Trucking in Shoals. Butch passed his keen entrepreneurial skills to his children and watched them thrive in their own business endeavors. In 2011, he was proud to hand the reins of his most successful business, Bailey Brothers Used Cars, to his sons, Marvin and Carroll. Daughter, Pam, soon after, took on the task of managing the office. From day one, the Bailey name has been synonymous with family and success.

Butch attended Loogootee United Methodist Church and was a long-time supporter of The Barnabas Trail Ministry. As an avid classic car enthusiast, he was a card carrying member of the International Mercury Owners Association for many years. As his passion grew, so did his notoriety for the elite collection of Mercurys he owned, and, in the sum-

bers, the county council to appoint one, the Loogootee Mayor to appoint one and the Shoals Town Council to appoint one.

The commissioners went ahead and chose Jameson Hibbs as one of their appointments and asks any other resident who is interested in serving on the board to submit qualifications to the auditor's office. The board is unpaid.

The commissioners also approved appointing Chris Baugh to the West Boggs Park Board.

Auditor Bobbie Abel presented the commissioners with information on the federal tax deferral order President Donald Trump recently signed in with executive order. The order allows for workers to not pay federal tax for the next two months but must pay it back next year.

Commissioner Paul George said the deferral "might actually hurt a few people" if they agreed to it since it has to be paid back.

County Attorney Dave Lett said he hasn't had time to read over the paperwork and was not prepared to provide advice to the commissioners at that time. He will read it and report back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Kevin Boyd was not present for the meeting.

mer of 2015, he was invited to participate in the exclusive Ford Motor Company Annual Employee Car Show in Detroit, Michigan. Butch loved to collect everything automobilia and was eager to share his showcases with others. He had a huge, charitable heart and loved his classic country music.

He is survived by wife, Norma (Finley) Bailey, daughter, Pamela (Jason) Loughmiller of Loogootee; sons, Marvin W (Linda) Bailey of Dover Hill and Carroll (Alisha) Bailey of Loogootee. Butch was the proud grandfather of Dr. Alexandra (Jared) Wathen, Austin (Julie) Bailey, Frank Dobson, Paige Dobson, Connor Bailey, Sara Bailey and Hannah "Nan" Bailey, great-grandson, McColley Dobson, and his ever faithful companion, Sasha. Also surviving, brothers, Gary (Judy) Bailey of Wayne City, Illinois, and William Lynn (Sue) Bailey of Louisville, Illinois.

Butch is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

There will be a visitation at Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Broadway, Loogootee, Indiana, from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, September 11. The funeral service will take place at Arrington "Bailey" Church in Wayne City, Illinois, Saturday, September 12 at 12 p.m. EST (11 CST) with visitation from 11 a.m. EST (10 CST) to service start time.

Memorial donations, in lieu of flowers may, be made to the Martin County Humane Society or to the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes and Richardson Funeral Services have been entrusted with the arrangements.

BILL PIELEMEIER

William "Bill" Pielemeier passed away September 5, 2020 in Loogootee. He was 87.

He was born February 16, 1933; the son of Herman and Emilie (Albaugh) Pielemeier and was the youngest of six children.

Bill graduated high school in Loogootee and served honorably in the United

States Air Force for four years. While in the service and stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base in Hamilton, California, Bill met his soon to be wife, Jeanette Hansen, and they were married February 19, 1955. He returned to Loogootee with his family in 1969, and was employed at NSWC Crane, in the Small Arms Branch until he retired in 1994. He enjoyed retirement and kept busy working outside, helping on family projects and traveling. Bill was a lifelong member of the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Emilie and siblings, Carl Pielemeier, Bob Pielemeier, Helen Pielemeier and Hazel Pielemeier.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanette; sons, Terry (Janet) and Alan (Cindy); brother, Roy Pielemeier; grandchildren, Casey Pielemeier (Sarah), Shelly Tackett (Jeremy), and Sherri Kessler (Nick) and several great grandchildren.

A private burial will be held at Goodwill Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to: Jeanette Pielemeier, 313 Poplar Street Loogootee IN 47553.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

12:48 a.m. - Received a report of breaking and entering in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Seymour responded.

3:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient.

4:34 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Shoals. Major Keller responded. The Shoals Town Hall was notified of the alarm.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

12:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane First Responders responded. No one was transported.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run with no injuries near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm near Loogootee. Dispatch was advised by Area One Protection to disregard.

5:20 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a request for assistance near Shoals from Daviess County Community Corrections. Deputy Wells and ISP responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Wells was advised.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run with no injuries near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

4:56 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to I.U. Health Bloomington.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:44 a.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a one-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, and Deputy Seymour responded. No one was transported.

10:05 a.m. - Received a call reporting a theft in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

11:16 a.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping north of Loogootee. Deputy

Lents was advised.

12:50 p.m. - Received a request for an officer near Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in locating someone north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a report of a one-vehicle accident north of Shoals. Deputies Lents, Gibson, and Flanagan, as well as Major Keller, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:14 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

12:06 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

12:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Gibson responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:20 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:03 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection west of Shoals. Major Keller was advised.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Shoals. Major Keller was advised.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a road blockage southeast of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one transported.

6:15 p.m. - Received a request for animal control to pick up a stray dog in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

1:08 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputies Barnett and Gibson as well as Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

5:12 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglary alarm in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

7:16 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglary alarm near Shoals. Chief Greene responded.

10:10 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

11:48 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Major Keller and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of a local business going on strike. Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

4:13p.m. - Received a call reporting a hi-and-run near Odon. Daviess County was advised.

4:47 p.m. - Received a request for animal control near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Hindostan. Deputy Gibson responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Reserved Deputy Harmon responded.

10:32 p.m. - Received a report of someone hitch hiking west of Shoals. Reserved Deputy Harmon responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist east of Shoals. Deputy

Gibson responded.

11:28 p.m. - Received a report of a possible domestic dispute involving a vehicle trespassing on private property. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Barnett, Reserve Deputy Harmon, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

1:32 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser north of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

7:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:37 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Office received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance as well as Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one male to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check. Deputy Lents responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Deputy Lents and Captain Hennette responded.

2:34 p.m. - Received a request for an officer near Shoals. Deputy Lents and Captain Hennette responded.

2:49 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Captain Hennette and Deputy Lents responded.

5:35 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was advised.

6:56 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol north of Shoals. All deputies were advised.

7:56 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

11:51 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Loogootee. Deputy Barnett, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth

ARRESTS

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

12:28 p.m. - Phillip Bailey, 38, of Rantoul Illinois, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with dealing marijuana, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$10,000/10% bond and must sign a waiver of extradition.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:24 p.m. - Shelby Harder, 26, of Jasper, was arrested by Deputy Gibson on a Martin County warrant for operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the blood. She is being held on no bond.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

1:57 p.m. - Michael Kane, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested on a warrant for theft. He is being held on no bond.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:02 a.m. - Audra Seals, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Hennette and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance. She is being held on a \$15,000/10% bond.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

12:44 a.m. - Jasmine Harner, 25, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Barnett on a Martin County warrant for two accounts of cruelty to an animal. She is being held without bond.

1:53 a.m. - Gregory Stroud, 55, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated/operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held on bond for \$10,000/10%.

and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

12:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded. No injuries were reported.

3:46 a.m. - Received a report of a break and entering in Crane. Deputy Barnett responded.

8:55 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of a golf cart accident near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Lents, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. Martin County Ambulance transported two patients to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle at the Daviess County Line. Daviess County Dispatch was advised.

3:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

7:33 p.m. - Received a request for an animal control officer. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Deputy Barnett and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

Real estate transfers

Faron Hudson and Deborah Stamm, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dustin David Kettler and Tara Deanne Kettler**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 87 in the original Town of Crane. Also, the east one-half of Lot Number 88 in the original Town of Crane.

Thomas R. Lake, of Martin County, Indiana to **Randy Holman and Glesenda Holman**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.47 acres, more or less.

Kyle L. Miller and Kathrina Oban n/k/a Kathrina Miller, of Converse County, Wyoming to **Rita A. Miller**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Ronald C. Cantrell, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua D. Brittain and Courtney L. Brittain**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 107 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 106 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, except a strip of even width and 43 feet width off of the south side thereof.

Coroner selected to serve on review team

Tina Franklin, Martin County Coroner, has been selected to serve as a member of the Region 17 Child Fatality Review Team. The review team consists of Martin, Daviess, Dubois, Perry, Spencer and Orange counties. The panel consists of professionals dedicated to establishing a better understanding of the causes of child deaths in our communities. Discovering the patterns that cause or contribute to preventable child deaths is an ongoing process because patterns change over time within a community.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

August 12

Franklin Duane Hallett, Jr., convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 548 days with 0 suspended and credit for 50 actual days previously served plus 50 Class A credit days and 105 actual days served on Martin County Pretrial Home Detention Program and 26 Class P credit days. 317 days to be served as direct commitment through Martin County Community Corrections.

August 20

James Michael Hert, convicted of dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 3,650 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1,825 days suspended and credit for 397 actual days previously served plus 99 Class B credit days and 185 actual days previously served on Martin County Community Corrections Pretrial Release Program and 47 Class P credit days. Defendant received 60 months of probation. Also convicted of escape, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and no credit time applied.

August 26

Robert Jon Hooper, convicted of false statement on criminal history information form, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

August 31

Miranda L. Mitchell, convicted of false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days.

Delbert L. Salmon, Jr., convicted of burglary, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,440 days with Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 817 actual days previously served plus 272 Class B credit days. Also convicted of theft with habitual criminal enhancement, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 180 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended. Also convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury to a public safety official, with habitual criminal enhancement, a Level 5 Felony; and two counts of resisting law enforcement with habitual criminal enhancement, Level 6 Felonies. Sentenced on the battery count to serve 540 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended. Sentenced on each count of resisting law enforcement to serve 180 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

William J. Stewart II, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

September 1

Amanda Kay Dandridge, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Lev-

el 6 Felony and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 238 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 119 actual days previously served plus 119 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

August 12

Franklin Duane Hallett, Jr., refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class A Infraction, dismissed.

August 20

James Michael Hert, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony, dismissed; dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

August 26

Miranda L. Mitchell, false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; following too closely, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

August 31

Delbert L. Salmon, Jr., theft, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; habitual offender sentence enhancement, dismissed; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

William J. Stewart, II, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 1

Amanda Kay Dandridge, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

August 26

Teachers Credit Union vs. Donna S. Childress, civil collection.

August 27

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Rita L. Moffitt, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

September 1

Tammy L. Goldsberry vs. Julie L. Sharp, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

September 3

Sydney L. Kail of Loogootee and Zachary Wittmann of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, AUGUST 31

3:31 a.m. - First responders responded to a medical call on Park Street.

4:34 a.m. - A call was received advising of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231S.

8:59 a.m. - Chief Rayhill spoke with a subject regarding a property dispute.

11:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with traffic control on US 231N.

7:39 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth spoke to a complainant in reference to issues with a landlord.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

6:55 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a caller with an animal issue on Church Street.

8:42 a.m. - First responders and Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Ambulance on a medical call on Queen Street.

9:45 a.m. - Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant in reference to a neighbor's dogs being on his property.

12:10 p.m. - Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:35 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a stranded dump truck at US 50 and US 231.

2:36 p.m. - Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

11:21 p.m. - Officer Means spoke with a subject in reference to an unwanted person at his residence.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:07 a.m. - Chief Rayhill spoke with a subject in reference to a civil matter.

2:34 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical call on Howard Street.

4:29 p.m. - Received a report of a truck with an unstable load nearing Loogootee

on US 50.

7:29 p.m. - Received a report of a subject driving in the area of Redwing Trailer Court with no license plate on the vehicle.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

1:08 a.m. - Officer Means assisted in attempting to locate a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 231N.

8:42 a.m. - Captain Hennette spoke with a complainant who had questions about being evicted from a property.

11:26 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd did a welfare check as the school resource officer.

6:20 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a utility line down on North Line Street. It was determined to be a phone line and the company was contacted.

11:28 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a suspicious vehicle on US 50E.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:44 a.m. - First responders responded to a medical call at Lyons Trailer Court.

1:40 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a complaint of harassment by a male stopping at numerous residences on US 231N.

9:45 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to East Washington Street in reference to a call about a suspicious person looking into mailboxes in the area.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

3:14 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a vehicle in a ditch on West Broadway Street.

12:53 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical call at Boggs Park Golf Course.

10:05 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a noise complaint on Park Street.

MCCF GIFT VII Matching Fund Grant

The Martin County Community Foundation received a grant of \$486,320 as part of Lilly Endowment Inc.'s seventh phase of its Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) initiative. With GIFT VII, the MCCF can match donations to build funds that support charitable organizations and activities in Martin County.

The majority of this grant must be used to match donations to unrestricted funds. These funds help to meet the ever-changing community needs, including future needs that often cannot be anticipated at the time a gift is made. The flexibility of these unrestricted funds enables the MCCF Board and staff to respond to the community's most pressing needs, today and tomorrow. The MCCF yearly impact grant cycle and the emergency relief fund grants in response to the Coronavirus crisis are two of the ways this is done, allowing nonprofit organizations to present their current needs to the MCCF and apply for grants. Lilly Endowment will pro-

vide \$2 for every \$1 contributed to any of the MCCF's unrestricted funds, whether existing or new endowment funds.

Up to one-third of the grant may be used to match donations to any other MCCF endowment fund types, such as designated, field of interest, scholarship and donor advised. Lilly Endowment will provide 50 cents for every \$1 donated to these types of funds.

The community foundation said they don't have an opportunity very often to help donors possibly triple their gift's impact to the community. Many donors have already taken advantage of this grant to help their favorite charity, scholarship, or the community at large with the unrestricted funds. This matching opportunity is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Contact Curt Johnson at the Martin County Community Foundation office (812-295-1022 or email mccf@cfpartner.org) for more information.

Martin County General Election candidates, information

The Martin County 2020 General Election will be held November 3, 2020. Voter registration ends October 5, 2020. You can call the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651 or go to [www.Indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) to check status of your registration. In office absentee voting is scheduled to start October 6, 2020. You must have a photo ID to match your registration address in order to vote in person. The last day to send out an absentee ballot by mail is Thursday October 22.

You can request an application to vote by mail at any time by calling the clerk's office or you can get application online at www.indianavoters.com. These dates are tentative. The governor can make changes at any time.

To help with overcrowding, the Martin County Election Board has moved the precincts of Lost River, South Center and Southeast Halbert from St. Mary's Church to the Shoals American Legion. All other precincts remain the same.

Appearing on the General Election ballot are the following:

- Martin County Auditor
Bobbie Abel (D)
- Martin County Coroner
Cathy Evans (R)
- Tina M. Franklin (D)
- Martin County Recorder
Rhonda Sanders (R)
- Martin County Surveyor
Nathan D. Hoffman (R)
- Martin County Treasurer

- Lori Carrico (R)
- Martin County Commissioner District 1
Cody Roush (R)
- Martin County Commissioner District 3
Aaron "Moose" Summers (R)
- Michael "Mike" D. Dant (D)
- Martin County Council-at-Large (Choose 3)
Warren D. Albright (R)
- Keith Gibson (R)
- Adam Greene (R)
- Richard Summers (D)
- Jim Woody (D)
- Loogootee School Board at Large
Nancy Summers
- T.J. McAtee
- Shoals School Board District 2
Jenell Hoffman
- Shoals School Board District 3
Jerry Braun
- Shoals School Board District 5
Drexel Turpin
- Any questions or concerns, you can contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



*ADVICE FROM A TREE

Stand tall and proud.
Go out on a limb.
Remember your roots.
Drink plenty of water.
Be content with your natural beauty.
Enjoy the view.

40 YEARS OF MARRIAGE.

A married couple in their early 60s are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table.

She said, "For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish."

The wife answered, "Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband."

The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands.

The husband thought for a moment: "Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me."

The wife, and the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish. So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof!!!... The husband became 92 years old.

The moral of this story: Men who are ungrateful poops should remember fairies are female.

THOUGHTS

Lions Tennis stand at 10-0

The Loogootee Varsity Boys' Tennis Team competed in the Silver Creek Invitational last Saturday, September 5 and brought home the win.

In match one, the Lions defeated Silver Creek 5-0. "After an early morning and long road trip, I was a little concerned we would come out flat. Instead, we came out strong and played well throughout the match on all five courts. Jordan played really well to pick up the win at #1 singles against a quality player," said Coach Mike Tippery.

In match two, the boys took on Seymour and won 5-0. And in the final match, the Lions defeated Floyd Central, 3-2. "I can't say enough about the effort of the team today. We knew going in we would have to play good tennis to win all three matches and we did just that."

This puts the Lions 10-0 on the season. The wins at #2 singles puts Jalen Wildman in a tie with Alan Toy (2001) for most wins in school history at 78.

Match 1 results

Loogootee 5, Silver Creek 0

#1 Singles Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Grant Miller 6-2, 7-6 (1)

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Lucas Densford 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Josiah French 6-0, 6-1

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Jon Hurley/Colton Young 6-1, 6-2

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Isaac Waggoner (L) defeated Jarrett Garr/Chase Richardson 6-3, 6-1

Match 2 results

Loogootee 5, Seymour 0

#1 Singles Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Andrew Levine 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated

*I just got 30 minutes of cardio trying to pick up an ice cube from the kitchen floor.

*Did you know ants never get sick? It's because they have little anty bodies!

*I just blocked someone for posting "chocolate cookies suck!" I don't need that kind of negativity in my life.

*Travitude: a grumpy mood from lack of traveling.

*Laughing at your mistakes can lengthen your life. Laughing at your wife's mistakes can shorten it.

*Funny coincidence: the day I bought a drone, a big steak disappeared from my neighbor's grill.

*Sounds like thunder, but the way 2020 is going, it could be Godzilla.

*I wonder sometimes why iPhone chargers aren't called Apple juice.

*Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there.

*Dating after 40 is like trying to find the least damaged thing at a thrift store that doesn't smell.

SERIOUSISMS

*Sometimes giving someone a second chance is like giving them an extra bullet for their gun because they missed you that first time.

*Attitude is the difference between an ordeal and an adventure.

*When the past calls, let it go to voice mail. It has nothing new to say.

Make someone smile today!

Reuben Kruse 6-2, 6-0

#3 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Eli Meyer 6-2, 7-5

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Hunter Heckman/Brandon Hubbard 6-2, 7-6 (1)

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Brady Horton/Trevor Albering 6-1, 6-0

Match 3 results

Loogootee 3, (Ranked 25) Floyd Central 2

#1 Singles Gabe Cora (FC) defeated Jordan Wildman (L) 4-6, 6-2, 1-0 (1)

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Isaac Anderton 7-6(4), 6-4

#3 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Cole Anderton 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (5)

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Nolan Witsman/Colin Jacobi 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (7)

#2 Doubles Landon Hodges/Brandon Poe (FC) defeated Rory Tippery/Isaac Waggoner (L) 6-2, 6-0

Last Wednesday, September 2, the varsity boys swept Vincennes Rivet 5-0. The junior varsity also win, with one match, 1-0.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Charlie Niehaus 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Samuel Hinkle 6-1, 6-2

#3 Singles Isaac Waggoner (L) defeated Peyton Catt 6-2, 6-1

#1 Doubles Peyton Bledsoe/Luke Nonte (L) defeated Luke Weiss/John Gaftner 6-1, 6-2

#2 Doubles Bryant Eckerle/Austin Brittain (L) defeated Thomas Herman/Mason Trent 6-0, 6-1

Junior varsity result

#1 Singles Mitchell Earley (VR) defeated Matthew Poole 8-0

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, September 10 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Mustering Elm Park meeting

The September meeting for the Trinity Springs Mustering Elm Park will be Monday, September 21 at 7 p.m. at the Park instead of September 14.

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at noon, at the Shoals Public Library.

Cruise in car show

Route 50 Cruisers will host a Bailey Brothers Cruise In on Saturday, September 12 at 4 p.m. in the Bailey Brothers car lot in Shoals. No food will be provided however 50s, 60s and 70s music will be played. For more information, contact Mary at 295-6207 or visit Route 50 Cruisers on Facebook.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

Lady Lions Volleyball results

Last Thursday, September 3, the junior varsity Lady Lions took on Barr-Reeve and Vincennes Lincoln. The girls won the Barr-Reeve match in two sets, 25-10 and 25-20. Ashlynn Gilbert led the game in points with 18 followed by Jocelyn Bruner with five and Chrislynn Holland, Sydnee Wittmer, and Alana Hedrick, all with three points each.

Sydnee Wittmer led in kills with 10 and in digs with 11 and also contributed four assists. Abigail Nonte led in assists with 11 and had seven digs. Alana Hedrick contributed four kills and six digs.

The JV defeated Vincennes Lincoln in two sets, 25-19 and 25-24. Nonte led in points with nine and had eight assists, nine digs and four kills. Hedrick contributed six points, five kills and led the game with 15 digs. Wittmer led the game with nine kills and had six digs, four points and eight assists. Gilbert finished with four points and four assists.

Last Tuesday night, the varsity Lady Lions were defeated by Trinity Lutheran in three sets, 12-25, 21-25, and 11-25.

Kylie VanHoy led in kills with 12. Makenzie VanHoy had a team-high 13 assists and finished with 14 digs and four points. Jocelyn Strange led in digs with 20 and contributed four points. Grace Lingenfelter also had four points.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also took the loss against Trinity Lutheran in two sets, 14-25 and 24-25.

Kyleigh Courter finished with six points, seven kills and 11 digs. Sydnee Wittmer led in kills with nine and had eight digs. Brooklyn Summers finished with 18 assists, Mallorie Sutton contributed six points and Madison McAtee had nine digs.

Local recovery meetings

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

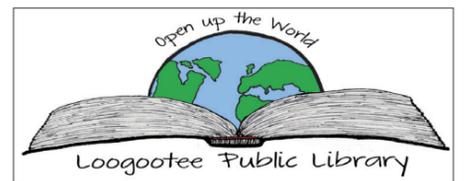
Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.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 Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

September is National Library Sign up Month. If you do not have a library card stop in and sign up for one. Sign up for a card and be entered to win a \$25 gas card and children's gift basket with a book, lanyard, Read More Books facemask and \$10 Dairy Queen gift card. Sponsored by Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL).

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) changed the book sale to an ongoing book sale for now. There is a large cart inside the library with nice hardbacks, paperbacks, Children's books, DVDs and audiobooks. Bring your money and choose your books then put in container provided.

Saturday, September 12, from 10-11 a.m., Jen Zehr will have an Outdoor Day (weather permitting) with a story, chalk drawing, Jumbo Jenga, Yahtzee, and Checkers.

New Books:

Mystery: "Shadows in Death" by J. D. Robb.

Fiction: "Monogamy" by Sue Miller.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Stone Wall" by Beverly Lewis, "Two Reasons to Run" by Colleen Coble, "Forgotten Secrets" by Karen Kirst, "Fugitive Chase" by Jenna Night, "Covert Cover-Up" by Elizabeth Goddard, and "Scene of the Crime" by Sharon Dunn.

DVD: "Orphan Horse", "Invisible Man", "The King of State Island", "Deep Blue Sea 3", "Hallmark's Love Under the Rainbow", "Apple of My Eye", "Sailing into Love", "Sonic the Hedgehog", "I Still Believe" and "Beecham House".

The library phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us.



By this time of the year, some gardens may begin to look a little tired. Many blooms are fading and foliage on some plants has become damaged or dry. There is one genus with several species that seems to never quit when it comes to brightening gardens. Impatiens, whether wild or cultivated varieties, can bring new life to tired garden beds.

Common impatiens come in a wide range of colors, from deep red to white, with orange, apricot and various shades of pink. Blooms may be single or double. They thrive in shady places where many other flowers fail to bloom. They do need regular moisture but will handle some dry times and bounce back quickly when moisture returns. Impatiens are readily available in spring as bedding plants, but I like to sprinkle seeds around in shady areas. It takes a bit longer, but by this time in the summer, the plants have come into their prime. They bring color and light into shady places and replace many of the spring ephemerals. My grandmother called impatiens “everyday bloomers” and that old common name is a great description of the nature of this plant. With adequate moisture, they will continue to bloom freely until killed by frost. You may take a few cuttings before frost and easily root them to grow as house plants and have your own bedding plants in the spring.

Balsams are another impatiens species but are now quite as common. The color palette with balsams extends to deep violet. Balsams make great filler plants in mixed containers, where they will provide blooms to act as a foil to any foliage plant.

Great strides have been made in impatiens breeding, with the advent of New Guinea impatiens and Sunpatiens allowing impatiens to move out of the shade. They have become the most popular hanging basket plant and find their way into countless window boxes. They supply a whole season of color without needing a lot of care. They do not need much fertilizer and do not need to be deadheaded.

Purdue Center for Commercial Ag to host free fall crop outlook webinar

BY TORRIE SHERIDAN
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Purdue University’s Center for Commercial Agriculture will host a free 2020 Fall Crop Outlook webinar at 3:30 p.m. EDT, Friday, September 11.

The webinar will take place immediately following the release of the United States Department of Agriculture’s September Crop Production and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) reports. These reports will feature the USDA’s first objective yield estimates for the 2020 corn and soybean crops.

“During the webinar, we’ll take a closer look at information on the September USDA reports and provide updated profitability estimates for corn and soybeans,” said James Mintert, professor and director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture. “We’ll also discuss marketing strategies for both crops.”

Michael Langemeier, professor and associate director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture, will join Mintert for the webinar. Registration is free on the Center for Commercial Agriculture’s website at <https://ag.purdue.edu/>. Participants will receive a confirmation email upon regis-

tration with a link to view the webinar live at its scheduled time. Those unable to join live can register to receive a follow-up email after the webinar to download the slides and view the recording.

Learn more and register at <http://purdue.ag/webinar091120>.

However, the impatiens that I love the most are the two native varieties—orange-blooming speckled touch-me-nots and yellow-blooming pallid touch-me-nots. These self-seeding annuals begin blooming by mid-summer and continue until frost. Their stature serves to hide a lot of garden problems when they top out at about five feet tall this time of the year. The orange-blooming species is also known as jewelweed, a somewhat unfortunate name. Jewels they are, but they are only weeds in that the abundance of seed they produce serves to help them colonize areas in partial shade. However, they are easily pulled out where they are not wanted. The bright blooms are pollinator magnets. I do not put out sugar-water feeders for the hummingbirds, but I rarely walk past a bed containing jewelweed without seeing a hummingbird sipping from the blossoms. The pollinated blooms produce pods that burst open at the slightest touch, hence the common name of touch-me-not. If the abundant bright blooms did not produce enough seed, these plants also have cleistogamous blooms that are not conspicuous and never actually open. They are self-fertile and will produce seed without outside pollination. Studies have shown that the plants produced from the seed of the cleistogamous blooms tend to be shorter than those which come from the orange blooms. This abundance of seed results in large colonies of plants, making jewelweed one of the few native plants that can actually out-compete the invasive garlic mustard.

Native Americans recognized the value of jewelweed. The watery sap of the stems has long been used as a treatment for rashes and insect bites. Some people find that just rubbing the plant on spots caused by poison ivy brings relief from the itching. The sap also has anti-fungal properties and natives used it as a treatment for athlete’s foot.

There may be some who look at my garden and see a patch of weeds in late summer. As long as it is jewelweed, I am okay with that.

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Look for zombies at Patoka Lake

Zombies will be roaming Patoka Lake beginning Labor Day weekend, and it’s up to you to find them.

A dozen zombies will be hidden around the property through October 31, and visitors who find 10 of them will get a souvenir cup supporting Patoka’s birds of prey as well as a few stickers.

All it takes to participate is a zombie-hunting license, which can be purchased for \$5 from the reservoir office, main or modern campground gate, camp store or the Nature Center, and a cell phone.

Once you purchase your license, start hunting. When you find one, take a selfie. When you find enough, return to one of the locations you bought the tickets from and show park staff your photos to get your prizes.

Farmer sentiment rebounds as commodity prices rally and agriculture trade prospects improve

BY KAMI GOODWIN
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There was a big improvement in farmer sentiment in August, according to the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. The index rose to a reading of 144, up 26 points from July. The Ag Economy Barometer is based on survey responses from 400 U.S. agricultural producers and was conducted between August 17-21, 2020.

Both of the barometers sub-indices also recorded substantial increases. The Index of Current Conditions improved to a reading of 124, up 13 points from July, while the Index of Future Expectations improved to a reading of 154, up 33 points.

Increases in the barometer and its two sub-indices marked the most positive readings since February 2020 when record highs were established and before the pandemic began. The improvement in sentiment was also underpinned by expectations for excellent crop yields, as reported in the USDA’s August Crop Production report, and rallies in key agriculture commodity prices that took place this month.

“This month marked a considerable increase in farmer sentiment,” said James Mintert, the barometer’s principal investigator and director of Purdue University’s Center for Commercial Agriculture. “With a positive crop production outlook, rebounding commodity prices, and news of additional export sales to China, producers were much more optimistic about the future for the U.S. agricultural economy.”

Farmers were more optimistic about U.S. agriculture’s trade prospects compared to the past several months. In August, 67 percent of producers said they expect exports to rise over the next five years, compared to just 57 percent who felt the same way during the spring and summer months of 2020. Mintert attributed this change in perspective in part to rising export sales to China that began over the summer and now appear likely to continue into fall.

Report sick or dead wildlife on new DNR website

Indiana DNR has launched a new website for public reporting of sick or dead wildlife.

The new online tool is designed to collect information about Indiana wildlife that appears sick or has died without an apparent cause. Reports are added to an active database that helps DNR track wildlife health over time and detect disease outbreaks.

The form can be found at on.IN.gov/sickwildlife.

Individuals are encouraged to report fish or wildlife displaying odd behavior or signs of disease. The information gathered from this website allows biologists to monitor diseases that may be affecting fish or wildlife in the state, including epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD), avian cholera, and white-nose syndrome, among others. A biologist may contact the reporter if a sample for disease testing is needed.

The DNR is especially interested in: Incidents involving the death of five or more animals.

Recurring deaths of animals in the same location over a period of time.

Deer with signs that may indicate chronic wasting disease (CWD) such as emaciation, staggering or standing with

poor posture, salivating excessively, or carrying their head and ears lower than normal. More information about CWD can be found at IN.gov/cwd.

Farmers’ perspectives toward land values also improved in August. Those expecting land values to increase over the next 12 months rose to 20 percent in August, up from 16 percent in July and 7 percent back in April. The percentage of producers expecting values to increase in the next five years rose to 59 percent, up from 48 percent in July and just 40 percent who expected higher values back in May.

Each summer, survey respondents are asked their opinion regarding changes in farmers’ equity position over the upcoming year. The percentage of respondents in the August 2020 survey who expect equity to decline in the upcoming 12 months was 38 percent. This marked the second lowest percentage since the survey question was first asked in 2016 and was well below a year earlier when 48 percent of respondents said they expected farmers’ equity to decline.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/agbarometer>. This month’s report includes insight into farmers’ intentions towards investing in farm machinery in the coming year and their thoughts on attending virtual events like field days and conferences this fall and winter. 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>, and for even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month’s barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that impacts farmers. Available now at <https://purdue.ag/agcast>.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECBARO, AGEC-CURC and AGECFTEX.

Deer with signs that may indicate EHD such as death in or near water, loss of appetite and wariness, swelling around the head and neck, increased respiration rate, excessive salivation, rosy or bluish color of mouth and tongue. Learn more about EHD at IN.gov/8541.htm.

Incidents involving threatened or endangered species, regardless of the cause of death or the number of animals involved.

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National unemployment drops to 8.4 percent for August

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 1.4 million in August, and the unemployment rate fell to 8.4 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. These improvements in the labor market reflect the continued resumption of economic activity that had been curtailed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it. In August, an increase in government employment largely reflected temporary hiring for the 2020 Census. Notable job gains also occurred in retail trade, in professional and business services, in leisure and hospitality, and in education and health services.

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 declined by 1.8 percentage points to 8.4 percent, and the number of unemployed persons fell by 2.8 million to 13.6 million. Both measures have declined for 4 consecutive months but are higher than in February, by 4.9 percentage points and 7.8 million, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates declined in August for adult men (8.0 percent), adult women (8.4 percent), teenagers (16.1 percent), Whites (7.3 percent), Blacks (13.0 percent), and Hispanics (10.5 percent). The jobless rate for Asians (10.7 percent) changed

little over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of persons on temporary layoff decreased by 3.1 million in August to 6.2 million, down considerably from the series high of 18.1 million in April. In August, the number of permanent job losers increased by 534,000 to 3.4 million; this measure has risen by 2.1 million since February. The number of unemployed reentrants to the labor force declined by 263,000 to 2.1 million. (Reentrants are persons who previously worked but were not in the labor force prior to beginning their job search.)

The number of unemployed persons who were jobless less than 5 weeks decreased by 921,000 to 2.3 million in August, and the number of persons jobless 5 to 14 weeks fell by 2.0 million to 3.1 million. The long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) numbered 1.6 million, little changed over the month.

The labor force participation rate increased by 0.3 percentage point to 61.7 percent in August but is 1.7 percentage points below its February level. Total employment, as measured by the household survey, rose by 3.8 million in August to 147.3 million. The employment-population ratio rose by 1.4 percentage points to 56.5 percent but is 4.6 percentage points lower than in February.

In August, the number of persons who usually work full time rose by 2.8 million to 122.4 million, and the number who usually work part time increased by 991,000 to 25.0 million. Part-time workers accounted for about one-fourth of the over-the-month employment gain.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) declined by 871,000 to 7.6 million in August, reflecting a decrease in the number of people who worked part time due to slack work or business conditions (-1.1 million). The number of involuntary part-time workers is 3.3 million higher than in February. 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. This group includes persons who usually work full time and persons who usually work part time.

In August, the number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job declined by 747,000 to 7.0 million; this measure is 2.0 million higher than in February. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who currently want a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 2.1 million, changed little in August. These individuals had not actively looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey but wanted a job, were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, decreased by 130,000 in August to 535,000.

Household Survey Supplemental Data

In August, 24.3 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, down from 26.4 percent in July. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the last 4 weeks specifically because of the coronavirus pandemic.

In August, 24.2 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 last 4 weeks due to the pandemic. This measure is down from 31.3 million in July. Among those who reported in August that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 11.6 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked.

About 5.2 million persons not in the labor force in August were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic. This is down from 6.5 million in July. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must either be actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey beginning in May to help gauge the effects of the coronavirus 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.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



KITTENS! The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is overrun with kittens! Adoption fee is \$45. The shelter is open by appointment only and an adoption application is required to schedule an appointment. For more info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.



Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director



-- RELIEF FOR MARTIN COUNTY --

The MCCF has partnered with the United Way of South Central Indiana (UWSCI) to help with COVID-19 relief efforts through our Emergency Relief Fund (ERF). The ERF is to help our non-profit partners serving Martin County, who have an understanding of the ramifications of the healthcare crisis and the impact upon people in our community, to meet their increasing and unplanned needs. We have a "Rapid Response" application and process on our webpage to facilitate, review and approve applications as quickly as we can.

-- FOR THE SCHOOLS --

Through the ERF, the MCCF has already granted \$25,000 to our county school systems to help provide for a safe learning environment as the schools were preparing for the start of the school year during COVID-19. And once the schools were in session, it also again became clear that the capability for students to connect to the internet is more important than ever. Unfortunately, due to financial constraints or simply the location of someone's home, not everyone has connection to the internet. When schools moved to home learning last Spring in response to the state mandated quarantine due to the Coronavirus, it quickly became apparent that not all students could readily participate in e-learning as a result of connectivity issues.

-- INTERNET HOT SPOTS --

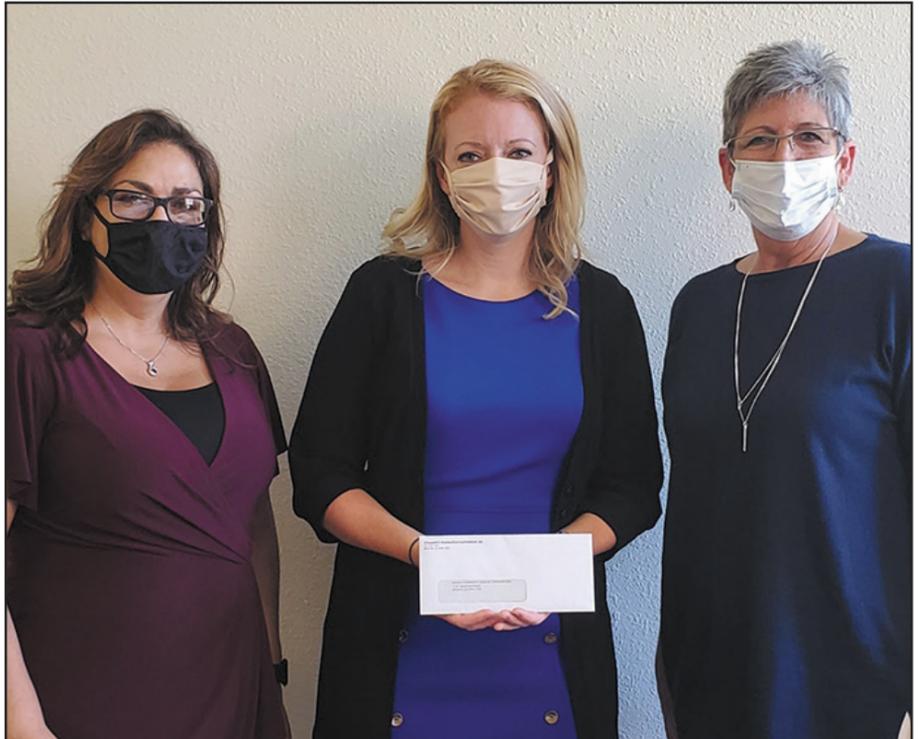
A solution is to provide internet hot spots to address the connectivity needs of these students, improving their ability to complete homework assignments and participate in e-learning should the need arise to return to home learning. With this technology, the schools can ensure that all students have easier access to the resources needed for learning in today's environment.

The MCCF was able to award ERF grants totaling \$30,000 to the Shoals and Loogootee school corporations for these internet hot spots, which was split proportionately between the two schools. Hope Flores (CFP CEO) and Kim Burgess (UWSCI Executive Director) were pleased to present these grants to the school superintendents, Dr. Candace Roush (Shoals) and Chip Mehaffey (Loogootee).

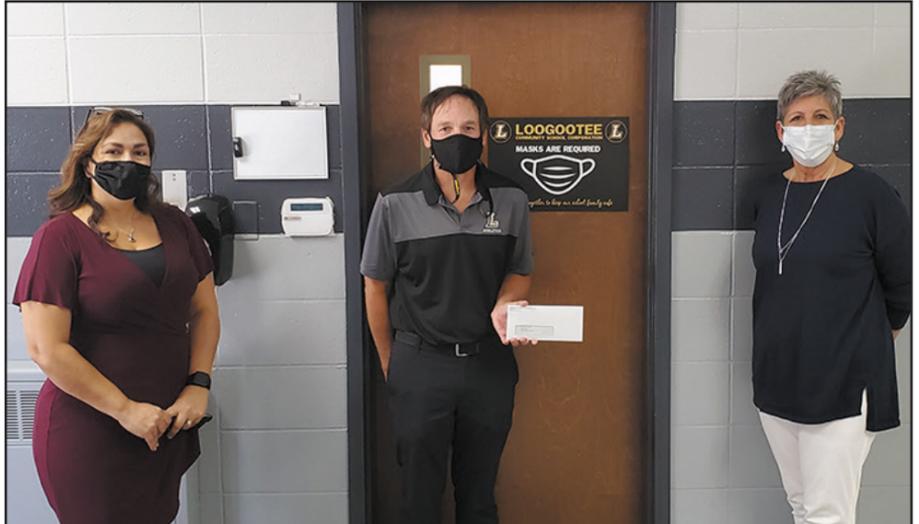
-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you give back to your community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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Pictured from left to right are Hope Flores (CEO, Community Foundation Partnership), Dr. Candace Roush (Superintendent, Shoals Community School Corporation), and Kim Burgess (Executive Director, UWSCI).



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