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Council decides raises in three-hour workshop

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The Martin County Council held a three-hour budget workshop on Monday night, September 21. The purpose of the workshop was to go back over the 2021 budget to see if any more cuts could be made, and also to discuss a possible raise for employees, for next year. The council was tasked with cutting \$1 million from the 2021 budget initially, however were only able to find \$150,000 to take away. Last week, they voted to increase the local income tax rate from 1.75 percent to 2.5 percent to cover the shortfall. This will bring in an estimated \$1.2 million into the county's EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) fund. The City of Loogootee and Town of Shoals will also receive some of the increased revenue.

After going through the budget, line by line, again on Monday night, the council didn't find any additional cuts to make. Questions arose throughout the process regarding the number of staff members per courthouse office, how the reassessment budget is funded, and whether the prosecutor still needs another full-time deputy.

As each office's budget came up, Council Member Sherri Bowling asked how many employees were in that office and whether they were full or part-time. The reassessment budget is funded at close to \$500,000 a year, through property taxes. The council decided not to discuss the prosecutor's deputy until she was present in the meeting to answer questions.

Quite a bit of time was spent discussing a \$7,500 addition to the commissioners' budget to increase the salaries of Auditor



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The county council held a three-hour budget discussion on Monday night. From left to right around the table are Council Members Warren Albright, Keith Gibson, Sherri Bowling, Randy Winger, Richard Summers, Buck Stiles and Barb McFeaters.

Bobbie Abel and her two full-time staff members. Council members questioned why they would approve an extra \$2 per hour raise for the auditor and staff but not the rest of the county employees. Auditor Abel, visibly frustrated, said her office continues to get more responsibilities pushed on to them. Most recently, one of her employees has taken on somewhat of a "human resources" role and handles a recently-implemented risk management program to bring down the cost of work-

man's compensation premiums. Abel said the safety program has saved the county tens of thousands of dollars. Abel also cited the recent employee handbook that her office helped produce and distribute. Abel said the duties in the auditor's office far exceed what is in the job description and she feels she and her employees should be compensated for it. Abel added that she wasn't saying that every office in the courthouse isn't important, she is saying (See 'WORKSHOP' on page 2)

Commissioners approve grant MOU, discuss signs at Crane

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Rex Knight, with SIDC, talked to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, September 22 about a brownfield assessment grant recently received for \$504,000. A brownfield is a property the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Knight said the grant covers SIDC's five-county region for a three-year period, October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023. He presented a memorandum of understanding that needed to be signed by the president of the commissioners from all five counties. Knight said the memorandum lists the responsibilities included with the grant, which fall on SIDC. They are responsible for getting a consultant who will be doing assessments of the properties. Knight said they still have some sites from the last time assessments were done that still need to be

looked at however they are not yet sure what sites they plan to visit. They know they will do a minimum of five sites in the five-county region and last time they did 16.

It was noted that the Community Crossings grant application process is open however Commissioner Paul George said that there is only \$21,000 left that wasn't awarded in the max for this year, which is \$1 million. It costs around \$15,000 to pay HWC to apply so he didn't see that it was worth it. Auditor Bobbie Abel said that Highway Clerk Terri Alcorn said the county didn't qualify to apply anyway. Commissioner George said he is happy with the amount the county received this year anyway.

A resident from Crane requested information on where the highway department purchases road signs. He said that they need to replace and add some to the Town of Crane. He also requested that the highway department help install the signs. Commissioner George said that if (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

County has second lowest jobless rate in state for August

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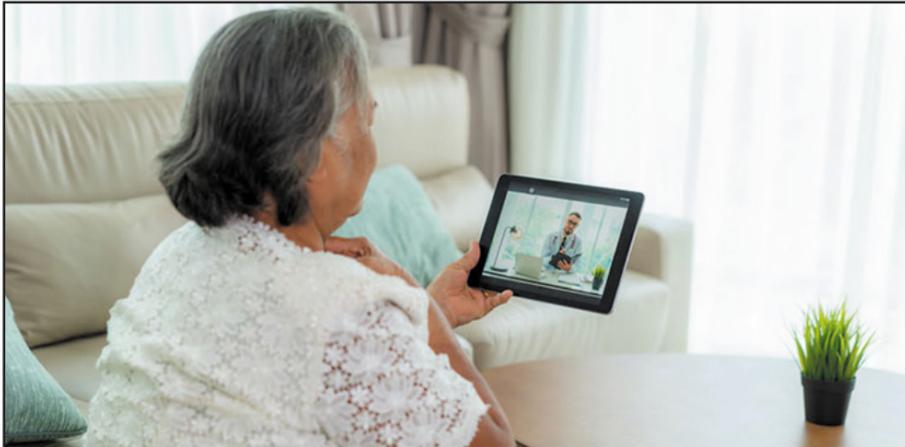
Martin County's unemployment rate moved from 5 percent in July to 3.9 percent in August. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for August, tied with Adams and LaGrange counties.

In August, the county had 5,426 residents in the workforce and 209 of them were unemployed. In July, there were 5,437 residents able to work and 274 residents without jobs. In August of last year, Martin County's jobless rate was 2.8 percent with 5,434 residents in the

workforce and 150 of them unemployed. Dubois County's unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 percent in August, down from 6.2 percent in July. The county had the seventh lowest jobless rate in the state for July, tied with Franklin and Hamilton counties.

In August, the county had 22,964 residents in the workforce and 1,037 were unemployed. In July, there were 23,018 residents able to work and 1,416 of them without work. In August of 2019, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.5 percent with 23,218 residents in the workforce and 574 of them unemployed.

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Telehealth services combined with faith-based community nursing programs will provide Martin County residents with ongoing support.

Federal grant supports expanded mental health through telepsychiatry for Martin County

IU researchers from the School of Public Health-Bloomington, in partnership with the Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, will be developing a psychiatric and mental health expanded network for residents in Martin County, thanks to a \$1.2 million telepsychiatry grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The Faith Net program will work with Memorial Hospital's Loogootee Family Medicine, the Memorial Hospital's Martin County Health Center and the Faith Community Nurses to increase access to psychiatric care and direct patient encounters, as appropriate, with a psychiatric advanced nurse practitioner or licensed social worker.

"Martin County suffers from a critical shortage of both mental health and physical health services providers, with few options for emergency," said Jon Agle, associate professor at the School of Public Health-Bloomington and co-leader of the project. "By meeting patients where they are, we hope to improve residents' access to care, optimize routing of patients to mental healthcare services and reduce psychiatric and mental health disease."

The project will couple telehealth services with faith-based community nursing programs to provide residents a means for ongoing support from education and mental health treatment, as well as preventing future mental health crises and substance

use relapses. It will involve collaboration between the Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, the Martin County faith community, the public health department, and community partners to create a joint, multi-sectoral shared network for responding to various mental health concerns, emergency consultation services via a smartphone app and telehealth use to rural providers and faith-based nurses who do not have access to immediate emergency care specialists.

The grant will allow for an advanced nurse practitioner and a licensed social worker to support local rural-based primary care clinics who can provide emergency consultation and the promotion of timely and non-stigmatizing telehealth mental health services to workplaces, churches, schools and community spaces in the county.

"Increasing access to mental health services, particularly telehealth, is a major area of interest for rural counties," said Priscilla Barnes, associate professor of applied health science in the School of Public Health-Bloomington. "The formation and sustainability of community partnerships are essential in building the local capacity of public health and mental health systems to adequately respond to population-based needs. This project helps reinforce the need for partnership and collaboration among public health agencies, healthcare (See 'GRANT' on page 2)

GRANT

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organizations, and community-based organizations to help improve health in populations experiencing high rates of health disparities.”

Mental health issues, specifically depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide and substance abuse were identified as major concerns in Martin County, said Amy Todd, a faith community nurse and representative of the Martin County Mental Health Task Force. But county residents may not seek professional psychological health services, she said, due to mistrust and stigma associated with traditional place-based services.

Additionally, transportation challenges, lack of knowledge about health services and lack of the number of counselors available to assist with mental health needs, were also identified as primary concerns for the county, she said.

This collaboration with IU, Todd said, will help provide essential services to people in need.

“I am so excited and filled with joy to know that our residents will have the opportunities available to them to experience quality, safe, effective and patient-centered mental health care and substance abuse programs in their own county,” Todd said. “Our residents, of all ages, have suffered with gaps in mental health care therapies and strategies related to many disparities associated with living in this rural area. This grant will allow our partners to address gaps that are specific to our county as they work with individuals who have been resilient through many of life’s struggles unique to Martin County and the different cultures that lie within its borders. I am just so grateful for the future; the partnerships, the healthcare, and the wellness to come for our members of society.”

COMMISSIONERS

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Crane will do the locates and purchase the signs, the highway department will help with installation. The resident also said the town wants “Welcome to Crane” signs and asked the commissioners if they knew where those could be purchased. The commissioners did not.

The commissioners decided to continue the burn ban in the county until there is a substantial rainfall.

Prosecutor Aureola Wright reported that one of her employees will be a part of teaching a webinar for “best practices during the pandemic”. She said it is nice that Martin County has been recognized for doing it right and will be teaching other counties. Wright also told the commissioners that her office recently received \$45,587.27 from the state for reimbursement for child support expenses. This money will go back into the general fund. She also reported that she worked with court services to apply for a grant that was approved to provide printers and scanners for all the police cars in the county to do electronic tickets. She said the new scanners will scan the driver’s license and automatically upload ticket information to the state’s Odyssey website. Wright said that the Loogootee Police have already

received their equipment.

The commissioners approved, as an emergency, the sheriff’s department upgrading the 911 radio system that was struck by lightning several weeks ago. Insurance will pay for the repairs however the commissioners approved the sheriff’s request to go ahead and upgrade the system at the same time.

Auditor Abel told the commissioners that President Donald Trump signed an executive order to defer social security taxes for the rest of the year, for workers. She said the commissioners had to decide if they wanted to do this. Federal employees are required to do the deferral, but local government employees have a choice. Abel said that the taxes have to be repaid in the first quarter of next year and her office will have to keep track of what is deferred and make sure it is paid back. She said they will also have to come up with a plan on what to do if an employee were to quit prior to paying the money back. Commissioner George said the county employees have been able to continuously get a paycheck through the pandemic and he thought doing the deferral would cause an undue burden to employees. The other commissioners agreed. They voted against deferring the taxes.

WORKSHOP

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that her office is busy from open to close at the courthouse, with very little time for socializing. The auditor’s office has three full-time employees, including the auditor, and two part-time employees.

The conversation moved on to the sheriff’s department staff and how they have worked through the COVID-19 pandemic, without ever closing their doors. Sheriff Travis Roush had requested three percent raises for his staff for next year. Council Member Barb McFeaters said that even if the council didn’t approve the raises at the level the sheriff wanted, the council could still consider giving the sheriff’s department employees a one-time bonus for the work they have put in due to COVID. Sheriff Roush replied that this would be good for morale in his department, that the council acknowledges the work his employees put in. He said it would be more of an acknowledgement than words could be.

Council Members Buck Stiles and Sherri Bowling then suggested eliminating the two part-time positions in the auditor’s office and hiring one full-time staff member. Auditor Abel said that her two part-time people work the front counter and answer phones throughout the week and losing them would be an issue. Abel was asked if an additional part-time employee would help with the human resource tasks her office has been in charge of. Abel replied that it wouldn’t because it would be difficult to find someone skilled enough to know labor laws when they are only paid \$8.75 per hour. Abel again said that there is not issue with her staff getting the work done, they can do it in 40 hours a week, most weeks, she feels they are not compensated enough for the extra work.

Council Member Rich Summers said that none of the county employees, in his opinion, are overpaid. The council briefly discussed hiring a full-time human resources manager to take over the auditor’s office tasks related to that area. “I don’t know how we’ve gotten by without human resources all these years,” said Council Member Buck Stiles. Recorder Rhonda Sanders, from the audience, replied that the auditor’s office has always done it.

The council also discussed the county employees’ insurance and the fact that they only pay 10 percent of the premiums and the county covers the other 90 percent. “It’s unheard of anymore,” said Council Member Bowling, adding that most companies do an 80/20 split. “I’m not doing that to these people,” said Council Member Randy Winger in reference to changing the employee portion.

In the end, the council verbally agreed to go with a two percent raise for elected officials and a 25-cent increase for other county employees. They chose not to adjust the insurance premiums at this time. Council Member Buck Stiles said he would like to go ahead and increase the county council’s pay as well. He said they have not had a raise in a very long time. (Editor’s note The last raise the council received was two percent in 2016). Council Member Randy Winger said that he actually pays \$500 a year to the county to cover his portion of the insurance premiums, on top of his salary.

Council members make \$4,267 per year plus receive either county insurance or a \$4,000 opt out payment. Council members are responsible for paying 10 percent of the premiums for the health insurance with the county picking up the other 90 percent, which can cost and estimated \$7,000 for a single person and \$20,000 for a family, a year. Council members who take the insurance, based on 2019 Gateway figures, are Randy Winger, Warren Albright, Barb McFeaters, and Richard Summers. Buck Stiles, Sherri Bowling and Keith Gibson chose the opt out and receive an extra \$4,000 a year. It was noted that since no raises were put in the original budget proposal for the county council for next year, one cannot be added now.

The council also made no decision on the \$7,500 request in the commissioners’ budget for extra pay for auditor’s office employees. They decided that they would look into what would be required to pay the sheriff’s department employees a one-time stipend to cover the rest of the raise that the sheriff wanted. Council Member Summers noted that the sheriff is housing out-of-county inmates and bringing in extra revenue for the county which would cover the additional salary requests.

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MICHAEL STONE SR.

Michael Hayes Stone Sr. passed away at his home on September 15, 2020. A resident of Loogootee, he was 71.

He was born on January 7, 1949 in Shoals; the son of Russell and Helen Rachel (Terrell) Stone Sr. He married Alice Fay Parsons and he preceded her in death in 2016.

He was a retired truck driver and was employed by Brazoria County in Texas.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Hayes Stone Jr. and Lisa Hert of Nashville, Tennessee and Travis Stone and Patricia Mata of Texas; one daughter, Michelle Estrada and Randy Robertson of Texas; grandchildren, Matthew Hert, Zachary Hert, Natasha Hert, Crystal Estrada (Micky Lott), Alissa Estrada, Josiah Estrada, Noah Grant, Jordan Stone, Martha (Juan) Castillo and Tiara Stone; four great-grandchildren, Aziyah Hert, Jordyn Hert, Arian Lott and Kai Lott; and two brothers, David (Wanda) Stone and Tony (Sharon) Stone, both of Shoals.

Michael is preceded in death by his parents, wife, one son, Terry Wayne Stone; five brothers, Robert, Russell Jr, Edmond, Donald and Charles; and five sisters, Audra Waggoner, Betty Salmon, Barb Stone, Mary Freeman and Doris Spears.

Funeral services were held Saturday, September 19 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

MARJORIE DUNN

Marjorie R. Dunn went to Heaven with her husband by her side, on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. A resident of Elnora, she was 80.



MARJORIE DUNN

She was born on October 5, 1939 in Mount Morris, Michigan; the daughter of John A. and Sarah Adeline (Hummerickhouse)

Trueblood. Marjorie married her loving husband, Robert E. Dunn, Sr., in April 1960.

Marjorie was a member of the Odon United Methodist Church. She worked on the family farm when she was younger and then worked at the Pentagon. Marjorie loved to crochet, number painting and her flowers. She also enjoyed gardening and being outside.

Family left to cherish the memory of Marjorie include her husband, Robert Dunn; granddaughter, Brooke Ann Dunn; one daughter, Donna (Chuck) Kirkley and one brother, John R. (Cecelia) Trueblood.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Christopher Dunn and Robert Dunn, Jr.; sisters, Joanne Franklin and infant, Patty Lou Trueblood.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, September 25 at Odon United Methodist Church with Pastor Debbie Payne officiating. Marjorie will be laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

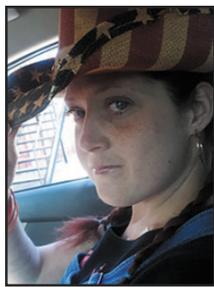
Family and friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 24 and from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 10 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Odon United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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

KAYLA SANDERS

Kayla Marie Sanders passed away from



KAYLA SANDERS

this world into heaven at 8:36 p.m. Friday, September 18, 2020. A resident of Loogootee, she was 26. Kayla fought a long battle with kidney failure.

She was born July 12, 1994 in Washington; the daughter of Gregory J. Salmon and Lillie Marie (Hansen) Greenhalgh.

She loved spending time with her family and going on drives with her fiancé, Randy Zellars. She loved coloring and drawing pictures with her nieces and nephews and doing hair and makeup with her nieces.

She married Kirk Sanders on November 5, 2011 he preceded her in death on December 17, 2016. Kayla then met and fell in love with Randy Lee Zellars and they were in engaged to be married.

Kayla is survived by her parents, Gregory J. Salmon and Lillie Marie (Hansen) Greenhalgh of Loogootee; fiancé, Randy Zellars of Greenwood; four brothers, David (Brandy) Salmon, Danny (Ashley) Salmon, and Hunter (Kennedi) Salmon, all of Loogootee and Roger Salmon of Elnora; nieces and nephews, Warren, Andrew, Abby, and Jamie Salmon, Essie, Drake, and Courtney Craig, Aspen, Seth, Sydnee, and ShyAnn Salmon, Johnathan Fraley, Duane and Lukas Salmon, Alecia Jones, Heaven York, Bre, James, Paysen and Hazel Jones and Liam York; and great aunt and uncle, Peggy and Bob Hoover.

She was preceded in death by her late husband, Kirk Sanders; grandparents, Herschel and Betty Salmon and Fred and Cordia Hansen; aunts, Nedra K. Ketchem and Lisa Winnger; aunt and uncle, Lana Sue and Bob Wilkerson; and cousin, Josh Ketchem.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, September 25 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 25 from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Blake Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

KAREN WAGLER

Karen A. Wagler passed away Saturday, September 19, 2020 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born March 2, 1948 in Washington; the daughter of Charles Frank and Lillian Alrita (Carrico) Davis.

Karen was a CNA at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center for many years and took pride in taking care of the residents. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John D. Wagler Sr.; son, John D. Wagler Jr.; parents, Charles and Lillian Davis; siblings, Scotty Davis, Dwight Davis, Larry Davis, Edward Davis and Mariam Porter.

Karen is survived by her son, William Michael Ross of Lake Panasoffkee, Florida; grandsons, Joseph Ross, Logan Wagler and Benjamin Wagler; siblings, Ronald Davis of Birdseye, Mary Jean Davis and Greg (Debbie) Davis, both of Loogootee; Richard Davis of Washington, Barbara Spurgeon of Loogootee, and Jackie Davis of Bloomington.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 26 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 25 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Fu-

neral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Blake Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

JEFFREY HODSON

Jeffrey David Hodson passed away Sunday September 13, 2020 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 54.

He was born September 6, 1966 in San Diego County, California; the son of Jack and Diane (Meltzer) Hobson.

Jeff was a loving son and a good friend. He is preceded in death by his mother, Diane, and one son.

Jeff is survived by his daughters; Leslie and Mary Hodson, his father, Jack Hodson, his friends, Rick, Greg, Glenn, Amber, Arnold, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

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

HERALD STUFFLE

Herald J. Stuffle passed away with wife by his side, at his home on Saturday, September 19, 2020. A resident of Jasper, he was 85.

He was born May 11, 1935 in Daviess County; the son of Herald and Lula (Dowden) Stuffle. Herald married Teresa (Elshoff) on February 14, 1999.

He was a member of Shiloh United Methodist Church. He was a member of ISTA and White River Valley Antique Tractor Association. Herald worked as an educator with 38 years of service at Southwest Sullivan Schools. After he retired in

RATE

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Daviess County's unemployment rate dipped to 3.5 percent for August, down from 4.3 percent the month before. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for August.

In August, the county had 16,589 residents in the workforce with 582 of them unemployed. In July, there were 16,303 residents able to work and 693 of them without jobs. In August of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 16,876 residents in the workforce and 448 of them unemployed.

Greene County's jobless rate dropped from 6.8 percent in July to 5.7 percent in August. The county sat right in the middle of the 92 Indiana counties for jobless rate.

In August, the county had 13,441 residents in the workforce and 766 of them were unemployed. In July, there were 13,013 residents able to work and 882 of them without jobs. In August of 2019, Greene County's jobless rate was 4 percent with 13,526 residents able to work and 541 of them unemployed.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rates for August were Daviess County at 3.5 percent, Martin, LaGrange and Adams counties at 3.9 percent; Posey and Boone counties at 4.1 percent, Hamilton, Franklin and Dubois counties at 4.5 percent; and White, Warren, Union, Tipton and Steuben counties at 4.6 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for August were Lake County at 9.4 percent, LaPorte County at 8.5 percent, Fayette County at 8.4 percent, Marion and St. Joseph counties at 8.2 percent, Orange County at 8.1 percent, Delaware, Porter and Vigo counties at 7.2 percent; and Howard County at 7.1 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate drops to 6.4 percent for August, and the national



HERALD STUFFLE

1994, he worked at Southern Indiana Education Center. He enjoyed time on his antique tractor and enjoyed carpentry.

Family left to cherish the memory of Herald include his wife, Teresa; three sons, Larry

(Patti) Stuffle of Avon, David S. (Theresa) Stuffle of Loogootee, and Richard Stuffle of Plainfield; two step-sons, Nicholas Merrimon of Huntingburg and Benjamin Wagner of Jasper; stepdaughter, Amy Betz of St. Anthony; eight grandchildren, six step-grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one step great-granddaughter; and sister, Betty Mae Beasley of Raglesville.

Herald was preceded in death by his parents and stepson, Heath Merrimon,

Funeral services to honor the life of Herald will be at 2 p.m. Friday, September 25 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Ken Fuller officiating. Herald will be laid to rest in Raglesville Cemetery in Raglesville.

Family and friends may call from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 24 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Raglesville United Methodist Church in memory of Herald. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Following CDC guidelines, face masks will be required and continue with social distancing please.

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

rate is 8.4 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 41,752 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 46,693 unemployed residents and an increase of 88,445 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.36 million, and the state's 63.5 percent labor force participation rate is above the national rate of 61.7 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

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2:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire responded.

6:59 a.m. - Received a 911 hang up call. Major Keller and Deputy Seymour responded.

7:49 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock. Major Keller responded.

8:18 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:28 a.m. - Received a disturbance at West Boggs Park. Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Major Keller, and Deputy Wells.

10:02 a.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Major Keller responded.

11:14 a.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Deputy Hughett.

12:13 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:03 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute. Major Keller, Deputy Flanagan, ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. Advised Deputy Flanagan.

5:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Dorsey, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down. Advised the state highway department.

11:53 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. Deputy Seymour and ISP Corp. Sanders responded.

11:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS responded.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

1:52 p.m. - Received a request to speak to a deputy. Sergeant Reed took the call.

1:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

9:22 a.m. - Received a request for animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire, Major Keller, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and the Martin County Coroner's Office responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Shoals Fire and Martin County EMS responded.

2:29 p.m. - Received a request for animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire, Major Keller, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a request for animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS responded.

4:16 p.m. - Received a report of an accident. Deputy Gibson responded.

5:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS and Lost River Fire responded.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance. Deputy Gibson responded.

5:52 p.m. - Received a request for animal control. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

6:41 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:01 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance. ISP responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a request for an officer. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:33 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute. Deputy Gibson and Deputy Seymour responded.

10:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

1:09 p.m. - Received a request for an officer. Major Keller responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a 911 hang up. Sheriff Roush responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance. Deputy Gibson responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a request for an officer. Deputy Gibson responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

7:44 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser. Deputy Lents and Deputy Gibson responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a request for an officer. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

10:46 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down. Deputy Gibson, Martin County Civil Defense, and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

11:26 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute. Deputy Gibson, Deputy Seymour, and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:32 a.m. - Received a report of two dogs running loose in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:54 a.m. - Received a request from child protective services requested a deputy's assistance in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:59 a.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

10:59 a.m. - Received a request for assistance from Daviess County to serve a warrant south of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Major Keller responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request to locate an individual from Orange County. Dispatch made contact with the individual.

12:12 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle southeast of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of a Medicaid scam call. The caller was advised to never give out personal information to callers requesting money, social security numbers, or bank account information.

12:30 p.m. - Received a request from Cotton Valley Arkansas Police Department to locate and do a welfare check on a subject. Dispatch was able to locate the individual and notified the Paoli Police Department to request a welfare check.

6:16 p.m. - Received a report from a Crane Town Board member that someone had pulled a trailer across the ballfield in Crane and tore it up. Deputy Lents was advised.

7:48 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

9:47 p.m. - Received a report of a break in north of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a request to speak with Deputy Barnett. Deputy Barnett responded.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

5:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in to a vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

8:37 a.m. - Received a report of a stray dog running loose in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of someone giving money to a telephone scam. Major Keller responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer. Deputy Lents responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer regarding a juvenile. Deputy Lents responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity outside the Jay-C store. Deputy Lents was advised.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of two stray dogs running loose southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

2:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire Department First Responders, Civil Defense, and Air Evac responded. Air Evac transported one patient to Evansville.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of large barking dogs in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:41 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Office responded.

10:15 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle damage in Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

10:46 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint north of Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:30 a.m. - Received a report of a smoldering pile of brush in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department Dispatch.

11:20 a.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:33 p.m. - Received a report of a

house fire in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department Dispatch.

2:41 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department Dispatch. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer regarding child custody. Deputy Lents responded.

7:38 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire near Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department Dispatch. Deputy Barnett responded.

11:39 p.m. - Received a report of a small fire south of Loogootee. Deputy Barnett, Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and Haysville Fire Department responded.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Police Department Dispatch. Martin County Ambulance and Martin County Coroner's Office responded.

10:20 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

1:48 p.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Flanagan responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:42 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:18 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:54 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:39 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert and Shoals Fire Department responded.



Shoals Business Association
P.O. Box 566
Shoals, In. 47381



TRICK OR TREAT
MAIN STREET

The Shoals Business Association Presents:

Trick or Treat on Main & More

Attention ALL Shoals Businesses!

The Shoals Business Association would like to encourage any business in Shoals willing to participate in the Town of Shoals Trick or Treat scheduled for Saturday, October 31st from 6pm-9pm.

Let's decorate and pass out candy and treats for the kids!

Please let the Shoals Business Association know if you are going to be participating and we will include your business for free in our advertisement listing that will be published.

Call SBA Secretary Sierra Rutledge at (812) 709-0636 to get your business on the list.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

August 14

Rosliene N. Evans, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 87 actual days previously served plus 87 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the second count to serve 4 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections as a direct commitment to Martin County Community Corrections with transfer to Warwick County Community Corrections.

September 9

Alan C. Fellers, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 56 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

Brandon S. Stone, convicted of criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

August 14

Rosliene N. Evans, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; trafficking with an inmate, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

September 9

David L. Sturgeon, driving while suspended with habitual criminal enhancement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brandon S. Stone, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 10

Jose M. Lopez Rodriguez, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class

C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 11

Lauren M. Barrett, two counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

September 10

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. James Hunt, civil collection.

September 14

Krystal M. Baker vs. Nicholas Baker, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

September 9

Isha Wright-Ryan vs. Marvin Lengacher, complaint.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

1:26 p.m. - Alicia Hitner, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with invasion of privacy. She is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

1:39 p.m. - Jesse Lewis, 42, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Lents on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:29 a.m. - Dakota Halcomb, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:15 p.m. - Thomas Ehrman, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with driving while suspended prior. He has no bond until initial hearing.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

11:20 a.m. - Charlotte Browder, 51, of Shoals, was arrested on a court order for operating a vehicle while intoxicated and driving while suspended. She is being held without bond.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:18 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to an accident on West Broadway Street.

10:37 a.m. - Chief Rayhill completed an emergency detention. Indiana State Police and Martin County Sheriff's Department assisted.

7:00 p.m. - Sgt McBeth investigated a report of a fire during the burn ban.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

8:46 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a report of an erratic driver.

1:01 p.m. - Chief Rayhill, Major Keith Keller, Martin County EMS, and Martin County Coroner responded to a report of a possible death in Red Wing Trailer Court.

2:51 p.m. - Chief Rayhill, Martin County EMS, Daviess County EMS, Major Keith Keller, first responders, and the Martin County Coroner responded to a report of an unresponsive male in Ruler parking lot.

3:20 p.m. - Sgt McBeth spoke with a complainant in reference to harassing phone calls.

4:05 p.m. - Loogootee First Responders responded to a medical call at the Marathon parking lot.

5:20 p.m. - Sgt McBeth responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231S.

7:40 p.m. - Sgt McBeth assisted the sheriff's department with a report of an altercation occurring on Poplar Grove Road.

11:00 p.m. - First responders responded to a life alert call on SW 3rd Street.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

11:58 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with two children locked in a vehicle.

4:21 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical call on Butcher Lane.

8:43 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the sheriff's department in removing a subject from a residence.

9:17 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a residence on Church Street regarding a vandalism complaint.

10:46 p.m. - Officer Means assisted with a tree over the roadway on US 50.

11:28 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a domestic disturbance on Ackerman Drive.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:08 p.m. - Officer Means answered a

report of items in the roadway on West Washington Street.

8:34 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to assist in putting out a contained fire on A Street.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:48 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a dog complaint on SW 2nd Street and turned the information over to the county animal control officer.

8:58 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted a stranded motorist on US 50.

10:35 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of stolen property from a yard on North JFK Avenue.

11:13 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of a vehicle parked in front of a fire hydrant on JFK Avenue.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

10:39 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a brush fire at the Industrial Park.

12:32 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a structure fire on Walker Street.

12:34 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of theft of property from a yard.

2:17 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a property damage accident in Chuckles parking lot.

2:22 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical call on Walker Street.

4:14 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical call on Church Street.

6:25 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted a stranded motorist on US 50.

10:10 p.m. - Sgt McBeth checked on a suspicious vehicle in the IGA parking lot.

11:28 p.m. - Sgt McBeth spoke with a subject in reference to possible drug activity.

11:50 p.m. - Sgt McBeth assisted the sheriff's department with a fire.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:51 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Martin County EMS on a medical call on William Daily Drive.

10:03 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Martin County EMS and the Martin County Coroner on a report of an unresponsive person on North Oak Street.

9:21 p.m. - First responders responded to a medical call on John Street.

Martin County real estate transfers

Vicki Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana to Joel Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 19 of Pruett Subdivision.

Joshua Lee Franklin and Waynessa J. Franklin, of Martin County, Indiana to Joshua Lee Franklin, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the northeast quarter of Section 36, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 17.26 acres, more or less, except a section containing 3.66 acres, more or less.

Northern Properties & Development, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to Frank L. Fields and Pamela S. Fields, of Hendricks County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 11, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County,

Indiana, containing 0.30 acres, more or less.

Edward L. Seals, of Martin County, Indiana to All Star Game Birds, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West in Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.935 acres, 1.53 acres and 5.60 acres with an exception of 1.028 acres, more or less.

Michael W. Jewell, of Martin County, Indiana to John Luke Jewell, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, lying in Mitcheltree Township, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.63 acres, more or less.

TOY'S AUTO PARTS, INC.

Loogootee (812) 295-2312	Shoals (812) 247-3321	Jasper (812) 634-2222	Washington (812) 254-2540
Sullivan (812) 268-5252	Martinsville (765) 342-6623	Linton (812) 847-4494	
Jasonville (812) 665-3969	Bicknell (812) 735-3545	Bloomfield (812) 384-4453	

CLASSIFIED ADS

YARD SALES

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE 229 Doyle Avenue, Loogootee. Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26. Open at 8:00 am until 12:00 pm. No early sales. Women's and children's clothing, furniture, misc men's items, and home decor.

HELP WANTED

JAIL OFFICER POSITIONS

The Martin County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications to fill open Part-Time Jail Officer positions.

APPLICATIONS:

To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be at least 18 years of age
3. Have a high school diploma or GED
4. Must not have any Felony, Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence convictions
5. Must be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
6. Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, nights, weekends and (some) holidays

COMPENSATION:

Up to \$12.50 per hour

Advancement opportunities are available



RE-ELECT

TINA FRANKLIN

MARTIN COUNTY CORONER



- ★ State Licensed MDI (Medicolegal Death Investigator) as required by Indiana statute
- ★ Experienced - having served the past four years as County Coroner
- ★ Appointed to the Indiana State Coroners' Training Board by Gov. Halcomb
- ★ Year-round resident of Martin County
- ★ Declined the county paid health insurance to save taxpayer money
- ★ Appointed to the Region 17 Child Fatality Review Team

-Paid for by Tina Franklin



More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Three dinosaurs come across a magical lamp. The first dinosaur rubs it and a genie appears. "I have three wishes. One for each of you," the genie says.

The first dinosaur doesn't hesitate before his request, "All right, I'll have a big, juicy piece of meat." Immediately, a big, juicy piece of meat appears in front of him.

Instantly envious, the second dinosaur speaks up, "Well, I want a shower of meat!" As soon as he utters his wish, a shower of meat rains down upon him.

The third dinosaur, not to be outdone, has to think for a second about what could possibly be better than a shower of meat. "Aha, I've got it!" he proclaims. "I'll have a meatier shower!"

A frog decides to visit a fortune teller to find out if he'll ever find his princess. The fortune teller reads his palm and after a few brief moments of contemplation, begins her reading. "I have good news and I have bad news. Which would you like to hear first?"

The frog, anxious for the possibility of true love, chooses the good news first.

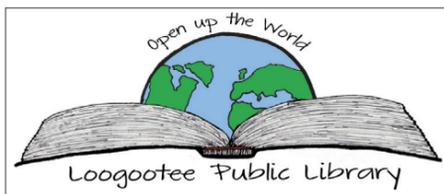
"You are going to meet the most beautiful girl," the fortune teller says. "She's going to be very interested in you and will know everything there is to know about you. You'll open up to her and give her your heart."

Pleased, the frog then cautiously asks for the so-called bad news.

To this, the fortune teller replies, "You'll meet her in a Biology class."

RIDDLES

1. Why did the painting go to jail
2. What can you give and keep at the same time?



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Martin County WorkOne will begin FREE computer classes from 2-4 p.m. beginning October 6 at the library. For now, the classes will be held on Tuesdays, but subject to change. If an individual would like to set up an email address, learn how to maneuver a tablet or any basic question, the instructor will do his best to help.

Children's Librarian Jennifer Zehr will be leaving the library and there will be an open house on Monday, September 28 from 10-5 so the public can stop by and wish her well on her future endeavors. Jen has been a huge asset to this community and the children all adore her. She will be missed.

FOLL have been adding new books to the book cart and the prices are very reasonable. Needing some reading material for this winter? Stop by and take a look at the wonderful selection.

New Books:

Mystery: "Next to Last Stand" by Craig Johnson.

Fiction: "The Book of Two Ways" by Jodi Picoult.

The library phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

3. What did the banana say to the doctor?

4. What did the judge say when a skunk walked into the courtroom?

5. Why didn't the melons get married?

6. Why did the apple run away?

7. Why did Cinderella get kicked off the soccer team?

Jim, Scott and Alex are tired after traveling all day and check into a hotel. When they get to reception, they find out they'll have to walk 75 flights of stairs to get to their room because the elevator is out of order.

Jim suggests that they do something interesting to pass time while they walk the 75 flights. Jim will tell jokes, Scott will sing songs, and Alex will tell sad stories.

So, Jim tells jokes for 25 flights, Scott sings songs for 25 flights and Alex tells sad stories for 24 flights.

When they reach the 75th floor, Alex tells his saddest story of all, "Guys, I left our room key at reception."

ANSWERS

1. It was framed.
2. A cold.
3. "I'm not peeling well."
4. "Odor in the court."
5. Because they cantaloupe.
6. Because the banana split.
7. Because she ran away from the ball.

Make someone smile today!

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Drive-thru flu shot clinic

The Dubois County Health Department will be offering another drive-thru flu clinic for individuals 19 years of age and older on Thursday, September 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. You must have your ID and insurance cards with you at the clinic. Participants are asked to please approach the health department from the north side. The best method will be US 231 to Division Road and then south on Saint Charles Street. Please drive into the rear parking lot of the health department at 1187 S. St. Charles Street and present your ID and insurance card. Daily walk-in flu shots are now available for all ages. Flu shot hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You may call 812-481-7056 with any questions.

Public test of election equipment

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2020 General Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room at the Martin County Courthouse, located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581, on Tuesday September 28 at 1 p.m. This test is to ensure all equipment is tallying votes correctly and working properly. This public test is open to the public in accordance to (IC 3-11-13-22).

Free dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community. They would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, October 1 from 6-8 p.m. in the church parking lot. If raining, please check the church sign for details.

Cemetery clean-up

Goodwill Cemetery will be holding their first annual Fall Cleanup Day at the cemetery on Saturday, October 10 at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., or as needed. The cemetery group has a facebook page and request that you post there if you plan to attend. They have several jobs lined up for the day. Goodwill Cemetery is located on North Line Street in Loogootee.

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.

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.

Upcoming paving work to start in Shoals

Starting October 12, crews from Hughes Paving Company will begin work in Shoals on 2nd Street (from US Highway 150 to the High Street intersection) and High Street (from the intersection of 2nd Street to US Highway 50) for the Community Crossing grant project.

The scope of work will include milling of the existing pavement, wedge and leveling, new asphalt and road markings. The work is expected to continue through October 31.

During this time, the traveling public should expect frequent traffic changes and lane shifts in the project corridor and on some side streets. Please plan ahead and expect traffic delays. There will be times when crew members will direct the traffic and detours may be in place. Paving activities are subject to change due to weather. Questions can be directed to the Shoals Town Hall at (812) 247-2110.

Friends and Neighbors, You're Invited!

Community Tent Revival

October 3, 2020

A night of Dinner, Music, and Worship

Music by The Clay Harting Band

Message by Tim Clements

Join us for a night of dinner, music and revival at

Shoals Church of the Cross, 9976 Mill Road, Shoals IN – Bring your lawn chair

For information email Pastor@mychurchofthecross.com

Food served @ 5:30pm; Music and Message @ 7:00 pm





Autumn is here, and the signs of autumn are clear. Temperatures have cooled considerably, with lows dropping into the 40's for a few nights. There will be more warm weather ahead, but we have definitely come to the time when the seasons change.

In a normal year, I would be telling you to begin your fall planting now, but the extreme dryness is a concern. At Sandhill Gardens, I have planted some new shrubs in the area close to a water source, but I will likely wait to plant other trees, shrubs and perennials until we have a little rain moving in. Fall-planted trees, shrubs and perennials need to get in the ground early enough to allow the roots to develop and grow into the new environment before the ground freezes. However, we are not likely to see a hard freeze for a while, so I feel safe in waiting to plant.

Root desiccation is one of the major causes of death for fall-planted plants. After planting, it is essential to ensure the roots have sufficient moisture. The need for moisture continues through the winter. Whenever the ground is not frozen, the roots of plants continue to take up moisture, so newly-planted specimens should be checked and watered as necessary. Heaving, caused by alternating freezing and thawing cycles, can force the roots out of the ground, where the danger of desiccation is even greater. Keep an eye on new plants through the coming winter.

Bulbs for autumn planting will be shipped soon. The bulbs should be planted as quickly as possible. Bulbs are also now available in garden centers. If buying from these sources, be sure to check the bulbs to make sure they are not dried out. Bulbs should be solid. The bigger the bulb, the better. Larger bulbs are more mature and will produce bigger flowers and, in some species, more blooms.

My personal favorite fall bulbs are daffodils. I like tulips, but I realize that tulips are not as reliable as daffodils. Deer

rarely nibble on daffodils, but tulips are like candy to them. Once you plant daffodils, you will likely have them for life. In our climate, tulips do not perennialize as easily, so tulip lovers often have to re-plant annually. Sandhill Gardens has over 25 different varieties of daffodils, with colors from white to red, flowers from tiny to giant and forms from single cups to doubles.

I also love the lore that goes with daffodils. One of my favorite cultivars with a story is the King Alfred daffodil. According to the Victorian story, fairies live in the ground in the winter and when spring returns, they climb up through the hollow stems of the King Alfred daffodils and slide down the huge coronas. Therefore, if you want to ensure the fairies come to your garden, you must have King Alfred daffodils. Even if you do not believe the lore, the King Alfreds are spectacular. The flower rays often exceed three inches and the coronas are huge. They will certainly be noticed in your spring garden. The Springs Valley Optimist Club will be selling premium King Alfred bulbs for one dollar a bulb. You can support their Clothe-a-Child program while clothing your garden beds with one of the most beautiful members of the narcissus genus.

Fall-planted bulbs go far beyond tulips and daffodils. I urge you to try mixing in some of the smaller and less-known bulbs. Last year, I planted 200 anemones and I think it was one of the best additions to Sandhill Gardens in years. They bloom early and lasted for much longer than most spring blossoms. They do not take up much room, and can be inter-planted with hostas, daylilies and many other perennials that come later in the year. Spring anemones, also known as Grecian windflowers, come in many colors and can make a statement either by mixing the colors or planting several bulbs of the same color in an area. Buy and plant as many as you can.

LARE grants to benefit 22 lake and stream projects; including West Boggs

DNR grants totaling \$1,090,800 will be used to improve Indiana's water bodies, including \$36,000 for a lake diagnostic study for West Boggs Reservoir. The grants were awarded by DNR director Dan Bortner through the Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program in the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. The grants will fund projects on three lakes and 19 rivers and streams in 18 counties. Projects will be completed within a two-year timeframe.

The majority of the projects selected address sediment and nutrient inputs into lakes and streams to improve Indiana water quality. Reduction of non-point pollution into Indiana waters helps to ensure continued viability for fish and wildlife as well as recreation opportunities.

Many projects also include habitat improvement components that benefit fish and wildlife populations. The most striking habitat improvements include streambank stabilization projects in multiple counties and low-head dam removals on Silver Creek (Clark County) and Sugar Creek (Montgomery County). Streambank stabilization projects often

include the use of woody debris and native plantings that improve water quality, reduce erosion, and provide fish and wildlife habitat. Dam removals reclaim stream habitat, benefit fish and freshwater mussel populations, and make streams safer for recreational users.

"The LARE program continues to invest boater-generated revenue into conservation efforts to protect and enhance Indiana's lakes and streams" said Amanda Wuestefeld, director of DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife. "We also can't forget the local sponsors who will also invest in these projects to make our waters healthier, which will benefit fish and wildlife species."

Local sponsors apply for LARE assistance and commit to sharing a portion of the total project cost. LARE grants are funded through the LARE fee paid by boat owners annually when they register their boats with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

The list of projects by water body, county, project type and grant award can be found at wildlife.IN.gov/3304.htm. Learn more about LARE at lare.dnr.IN.gov.



Purdue University's Agricultural Safety and Health Program released the annual Indiana Farm Fatality Summary with Historical Overview coinciding with National Farm Safety and Health Week. (Purdue University photo)

Indiana farm fatality summary reminds Hoosier farmers of dangers

BY ABBY LEEDS
Purdue University News Service

Purdue University's Agricultural Safety and Health Program released the annual Indiana Farm Fatality Summary with Historical Overview, coinciding with National Farm Safety and Health Week, which has been observed the third week of September since 1944. The program reported 21 work-related on-farm deaths in the state in 2019, the fewest number of documented cases since 2013.

Tractors and skid steer loaders were involved in at least eight of the 21 documented fatal farm incidents. Three of the victims were children under the age of 5, while 11 were 60 or older.

"The continued incidence of tractor rollovers indicates that a greater focus on the value of Rollover Protection Structures (ROPS) - especially on tractors used for mowing - could prove beneficial," the report states.

The report also highlights the continued need for injury prevention educational programs for those 18 and younger.

The number of farm fatalities for the past 50 years continues to trend lower, probably reflecting safer machinery and

work practices while also corresponding with a decline in the number of farmers. No Indiana agency documents farm-related non-fatal injuries, but prior research has indicated that approximately one in every nine Indiana farms has a farm-work-related injury incident that requires medical attention each year.

Bill Field, Purdue agriculture and biological engineering professor and extension safety specialist, has summarized over 1,100 farm fatalities during his career.

"Every one of these lives mattered to someone. Each one was an added cost to the food we enjoy every day."

As Hoosier farmers prepare for harvest, program members remind farmers to keep safety a top priority and manage the expectations of machinery and people.

Purdue's Agricultural Safety and Health Program has monitored farm-related fatalities in Indiana for nearly 60 years using sources including news reports, web searches, personal interviews and voluntary reporting from extension educators and individuals.

The full report is available at: www.in-prepared.org.

Indiana DNR thanks sportsmen and women for their contributions to conservation

In honor of National Hunting & Fishing Day on September 26, DNR's Division of Fish & Wildlife wishes to thank sportsmen and women for their contributions to conservation through license sales and excise tax dollars.

DNR Fish & Wildlife is primarily funded through the sale of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. Additional funds are acquired through grants with the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program (WSFR). Grant funds are generated through an excise tax on the sale of firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, tackle, sport fishing equipment, and motorboats.

Without these dollars, Fish & Wildlife would not be able to provide recreational opportunities on over 160,000 acres of public land, water access through 436 public access sites, and improved habitat for fish and wildlife statewide. The agency raises over 20 million fish with these funds, stocked in over 400 water bodies.

To coincide with National Hunting & Fishing Day, the last Free Fishing Day of the year falls on September 26. Indiana residents will not need a license to fish public waters on Free Fishing Days.

More information is at dnr.IN.gov/fish-free. Anglers are encouraged to bring someone new along to experience the pastime they love.

September 26-27 is also Youth Deer Season, an opportunity for hunters to pass on their passion to the next generation. An adult must accompany a youth hunter on the date of the hunt. Youth hunters must possess a valid deer hunting license while in the field, and may take deer with a legal firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow. Hunter orange is required. Learn more: wildlife.IN.gov/9323.htm.

Individuals can also participate in the five gallon challenge while out enjoying nature. More information is at <https://bit.ly/3gVv3IF>.

Outdoor enthusiasts are encouraged to grab a bucket or bag to fill up with trash, which will help keep the outdoors healthy, safe, and beautiful for fish, wildlife, and people.

Thank you to the hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, boaters, and trappers who continue to support Fish & Wildlife's mission to balance the benefits of Indiana's fish, wildlife, and their habitats for present and future generations.



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The Lady Lions Junior Varsity Volleyball Team won a Round Robin Tourney this past weekend. In the front row, from left to right, are Alana Hedrick, Sydnee Wittmer, Brooklyn Summers, Kyleigh Courter, and Lindsey Nolan. In the middle row are Chrislynn Holland, Abigail Nonte, and Allie Henninger. In the back row are Mackenzie Craney, Mallorie Sutton, Ashlynn Gilbert, Jocelyn Bruner, and Madison McAtee.

No losses for varsity; Lady Lions JV win Round Robin

The Loogootee Varsity Girls' Volleyball Team defeated Southridge on Monday night in three sets, 25-5, 26-24, and 25-11. The varsity record stands at 16-2 on the season and 4-0 in the Blue Chip Conference.

Asia Crim led in serving points with 22 and also in digs with 14. Kylie VanHoy had a team-high 12 kills and also contributed five blocks and 13 assists. Makenzie VanHoy led in assists with 25 and also had seven kills. Sara Street finished with 12 points, Jaelyn Walker had 11 kills, and Grace Lingenfelter and Jocelyn Strange each had nine digs.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Southridge in two sets, 25-18 and 25-17. The junior varsity record stands at 10-2.

Madison McAtee led the team in points with nine followed by Alana Hedrick and Sydnee Wittmer with five each. Hedrick also contributed six kills and Wittmer led in digs with seven and had five kills. Ashlynn Gilbert finished with six kills and Kyleigh Courter had six digs. Brooklyn Summers finished with 20 assists.

A freshman match-up with Southridge was split, 24-25 and 25-16. Ashlynn Gilbert led the team in points with 13 and in kills with five. Sydnee Wittmer led in assists with nine and Alana Hedrick led in digs with five. Abigail Nonte finished with four kills and two assists. Chrislynn Holland contributed 10 points and Allie Henninger finished with four digs.

The junior varsity Lady Lions won a Round Robin tournament against Barr-Reeve and Bedford North Lawrence over the weekend. The girls defeated Barr-Reeve in three sets, 25-21, 18-25,

and 15-9 and Bedford in two sets, 25-7 and 25-23.

Sydnee Wittmer led the day in points with 16 and also had eight kills and 12 digs. Kyleigh Courter led in digs with 41 and also had 11 points. Brooklyn Summers had 37 assists on the day and contributed eight points and 18 digs. Madison McAtee finished with nine kills and eight points. Mallorie Sutton also had eight points and eight kills. Alana Hedrick finished with nine kills and Lindsey Nolan contributed 15 digs.

The varsity Lady Lions defeated Shoals last week in three sets, 25-10, 25-12, and 25-16. Asia Crim led in points with 11 followed by Makenzie VanHoy with nine and Kylie VanHoy with eight. Kylie led in kills with nine and also had 11 assists and 15 digs. Makenzie had a team-high 22 assists and five kills. Jocelyn Strange contributed 11 digs.

The girls also defeated North Knox last week in three sets, 25-10, 25-18, and 25-7. Jocelyn Strange led in points with 14 followed by Kylie VanHoy and Grace Lingenfelter with nine each. Kylie led in kills with eight and had nine assists and eight digs. Makenzie VanHoy led in assists with 14 and also had seven digs. Sara Street contributed seven kills.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated North Knox in two sets, 25-11 and 25-14. Madison McAtee led in points with 10 followed by Sydnee Wittmer and Kyleigh Courter with six each. Ashlynn Gilbert led the team in kills with four followed by Alana Hedrick, Wittmer and Mallorie Sutton with three each. Brooklyn Summers finished with 13 assists. Courter had a team-high 15 digs, Wittmer had eight and Abigail Nonte had five.

LHS Tennis still undefeated, wins Blue Chip Conference title

Loogootee Varsity Tennis still undefeated, Blue Chip champs

The Loogootee Lions Varsity Boys' Tennis Team didn't have a single loss in three matches on Saturday, September 19 at the Loogootee Invitational. The boys defeated Linton in the first round 5-0, Bloomfield in the final round, 5-0. The boys record stands at 20-0 and this is the Lions' first Blue Chip Conference title since 2012.

First round results

Loogootee 5, Linton 0

#1 Singles Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Holden Nagy 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Devin Littlejohn 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Grant McGill 6-2, 6-3

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Konner Cox /Nathan Frady 6-1, 6-2

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Landon Wardenburg Wyatt Bredeweg 6-1, 6-1

Second round results

Bloomfield 5, South Knox 0

#1 Singles Baylin Graf (B) defeated Nathan Robbins 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Ryan Schulte (B) defeated Caleb Cunningham 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles Ethan Dean (B) Noah Hayden 6-3, 6-0

#1 Doubles Wilson Keene/Reese Schulte (B) defeated Tom Schmidt/Jared Fuller 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles Travis Priest/Austin Hall (B) defeated Toby Holland Nathan Ruppel 6-1, 6-0

Championship results

Loogootee 5, Bloomfield 0

#1 Singles Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Baylin Graf 6-2, 6-0

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Ryan Schulte 7-5, 6-3

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

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Reese Schulte/Wilson Keene 6-3, 6-1

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Travis Priest/Austin Hall 6-1, 6-1

Consolation results

South Knox 4, Linton 1

#1 Singles Nathan Robbins (SK) defeated Holden Nagy 7-5, 6-3

#2 Singles Caleb Cunningham (SK) defeated Devin Littlejohn 6-1, 6-1

#3 Singles Noah Hayden (SK) defeated Grant McGill 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (4)

#1 Doubles Konner Cox/Nathan Frady(L) defeated Trevor Laugh/Jared Fuller 6-2, 6-2

#2 Doubles Tom Schmidt/Nathan Ruppert (SK) defeated Landon Wardenburg/Wyatt Bredeweg 6-2, 6-3

Last Thursday, the varsity Lions defeated Barr-Reeve, 4-1 and the junior varsity also took the win, 8-0. "Bryant Eckerle was his usual solid self, getting us on the board with the first point of the match at #3 singles. Peyton and Luke played a great match at #1 doubles. At #1 and #2 singles, we struggled at times

but battled hard to seal the victory. The last two years we entered the match with the mentality that we have to beat Barr-Reeve and we didn't play tennis. Today, we played tennis. We will have to have the same mentality and play even better in the Sectional in a couple of weeks," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

Varsity results

#1 Singles Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Kayden Graber 6-2, 7-5

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Brycen Graber 4-6, 6-1, 6-0

#3 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Logan Graber 6-2, 6-2

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Hagen Knepp/Tommy Kidwell 6-3, 6-3

#2 Doubles Ethan Stoll/Donnie Miller (BR) defeated Rory Tippery/Drew Walker 2-6, 6-4, 6-4

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Isaac Waggner (L) defeated Reed Thompson 8-0

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Jayden Graber 8-2

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Dalton Knepp 8-0

#1 Doubles Reece Tippery/Austin Brittain (L) defeated Robert Hostetler/Kylan Lengacher 8-3

#2 Doubles Luke Lengacher/Reis Whitney (L) defeated Josh O'Brian/Christian Smith 8-3

#3 Doubles Reece Tippery/Isaac Waggner (L) defeated Harrison Fuhs/Kayden Knepp 6-0

#4 Doubles Leighton Jeffers/Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Alex Guinn/Isaac Briggeman 6-0

#5 Doubles Reis Whitney/Luke Lengacher (L) defeated Austin Knepp/Griffin Bell 6-0

The boys travelled to Vincennes Lincoln last Tuesday and the varsity brought home the win, 5-0 and the junior varsity, 3-0.

Coach Tippery said after the matches, "I was pleased with the play of our singles players. The wind was a little tricky today, but our players made the early adjustments to finish their matches strong. Our doubles teams struggled a little closing out their matches but got the final two points to seal the 5-0 victory."

Varsity results

#1 Singles Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Ethan Jones 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles Jalen Wildman (L) defeated David Wilson 6-0, 6-1

#3 Singles Bryant Eckerle (L) defeated Calvin Carman 6-2, 6-1

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Kyle Stenger/Landon Altstadt 7-5, 4-6, 6-1

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Simon Corrona/Gus McCrary 6-0, 6-4

Junior varsity results

#1 Singles Isaac Waggner (L) defeated Parker Dugan 6-2

#2 Singles Brandon Bledsoe (L) defeated Parker Dugan 6-0

#1 Doubles Reece Tippery/Austin Brittain (L) defeated Cayden McCrary/Jayden Ray 6-2, 6-3



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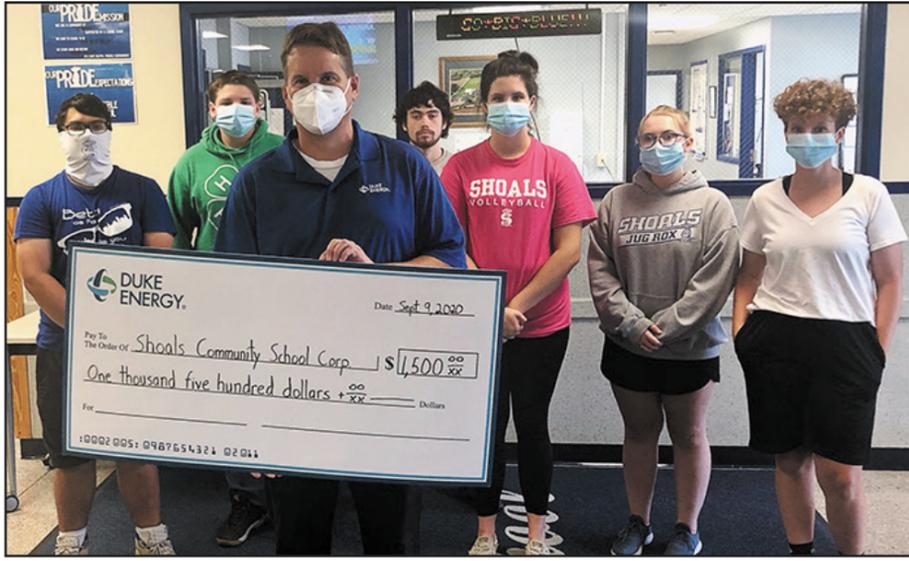
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Duke donates to Shoals

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The Shoals Community School Corporation would like to thank Duke Energy for the grant to help their band department. The grant will help purchase band equipment that can be used to offer online learning and online concerts due to Covid-19. Shown above, from left to right, are Kurt Phegley, representing Duke Energy; Ty Downey, Justin Peterson, Matthew Day, Ava Smith, Mallory Waggoner, and Hadi Scott.

Moore graduates from Bob Jones University



ALICIA MOORE

Tracy and Brenda Moore, of Burns City, are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Alicia Moore, of Bedford, from Bob Jones University with a master's degree in music education. Alicia is a 2010 homeschool graduate and 2015 graduate of Penn View Bible Institute, Penns Creek, Pennsylvania with an advanced diploma in music education. She has taught music in private schools for four years and is currently employed at Lighthouse Christian Academy in Bloomington and Woodridge Music Academy in Martinsville as well as teaching private voice, flute and piano lessons.

Shoals Town Council discusses grants, beautification board

The Shoals Town Council met Tuesday September 15. Those in attendance were Council Members Cecil Ragsdale and Clint Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby, Town Attorney Dave Lett and Matt Sward with SIDC. Attending by telephone was Council Member Cary D. Albright.

President Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. directly following the budget adoption hearing.

Matt Sward, with SIDC, gave an update on the master utility plan being conducted by HWC Engineering that is being funded through an OCRA grant. Sward stated the plan was 99 percent complete. Sward went over eligibility requirements for the water, wastewater and stormwater utilities for projects that can be applied for after the study is complete. The council members thanked Sward for the update and stated they want to keep moving forward with getting the projects that needed done funded through the round one application. Sward asked about the rate study and Rutledge stated she had submitted everything to the firm, and they were working on it and it was progress. Ragsdale stated that the town had met with HWC and they are looking into information if water and wastewater infrastructure projects can be combined.

Next was an update on the beautification board. Rutledge stated she was going to provide updates on their behalf. She said the board wanted to request to spend up to \$500 from their donation fund for fall and Christmas decorations. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve with Councilman Hoffman making the second.

Rutledge stated the beautification board wants to know if the town is willing to set aside any money to put towards Christmas decorations. Councilman Albright stated the town is behind the beautification board and all of their efforts and would like a recommended figure from the beautification board and make a decision at the October meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented the fund balances to the council members.

Rutledge stated the board needed to make a decision on 2020 Trick-or-Treat. After discussion, it was decided to move forward with it for 2020 and set the time for 6 p.m.-9 p.m. since it was a Saturday night.

Rutledge said she had been in discussions with Ms. Perry at the school about the FACS class doing community service projects. Rutledge listed items she had to be done but if the board had anything specific to let her know.

Rutledge then requested that Chief Hamby spray off the sidewalk on the bridge with the fire truck. She said she has requested a quote from a local contractor to power wash the Main Street

sidewalks in the spring.

Rutledge presented a "Declaration of Fiscal Body" on behalf of the public library and President Ragsdale signed.

Rutledge presented meter transfer/apply and returns for T. Harding and C. Hert. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to accept the meter changes with Councilman Albright making the second. Councilman Albright asked Rutledge how the accounts were on being current with the pandemic. Rutledge stated her office sent letters during the executive order from Governor Holcomb on not allowing shut-offs so accounts stayed pretty caught up that her office had delivered seven shut off notices yesterday for payment. Rutledge noted that Governor Holcomb lifted the executive order on August 14 to resume shut-offs.

Councilman Albright asked about some property clean-ups. Albright also expressed a concern about abandoned vehicles in town. Attorney Lett is going to investigate proper procedures and will report back on unsafe properties and abandoned vehicles.

Chief Hamby stated they had two brush trucks down and entering fire season. Both trucks have pump issues. After discussion, Hamby was approved to spend up to \$2,600 to fix the Dodge truck with a motion from Councilman Albright and a second from Councilman Hoffman.

Attorney Lett presented the Martin County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution that needed to be accepted by the town. The resolution states that the Town of Shoals participates in the plan. Councilman Albright made a motion to pass the resolution with Councilman Hoffman making the second.

Council Member Ragsdale asked Municipal Utilities Manager Crecelius about the two recent utility inspections. Crecelius stated he had received the water utility results and was working on them. Crecelius also discussed some infrastructure updates that had been discussed with HWC Engineering.

Ragsdale asked about some work with the land at the wastewater lagoons and it was decided to move forward with receiving some quotes for possible timbering on the property.

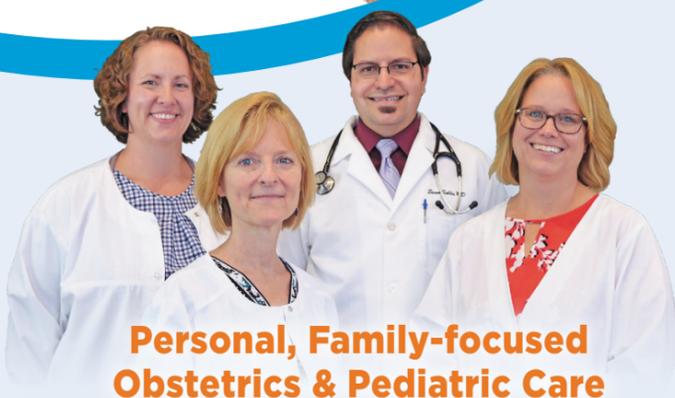
Rutledge stated the Community Crossings grant paving project pre-construction meeting took place earlier in the day and the work was set to begin on 2nd Street and High Street on October 12 and conclude October 31. Rutledge said HWC also said they would assist with a grant next year to get all of the railroad crossings marked on the road with paint.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Albright made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. with Councilman Hoffman making the second.

The next meeting will be held Monday, October 19 at 6 p.m.



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Shoals Business Association discusses Halloween, Christmas

The Shoals Business Association met on Wednesday, September 16 at the Shoals Overlook. Those in attendance were President Joyce Foerster, Vice-President Kari Goodman, Secretary Sierra Rutledge, and Kevin Crecelius with the Town of Shoals. President Foerster called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. President Foerster gave the treasurer's report. Secretary Rutledge presented the minutes from the August meeting with Goodman making a motion to accept the minutes and Foerster making the second. Foerster provided information for the INTAX system switching to INTIME as a reminder to all business owners. Foerster also reminded of the small business grant on backtrackindiana.in.gov that is available for application until September 30, 2020.

Rutledge stated that the town council set Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 31 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Foerster stated she would like to encourage Shoals Businesses to participate. Rutledge stated she would put together a flyer and distribute. Next, Foerster stated she would like to donate to the Town of Shoals Beautification Board nativity drive but wanted to wait until the next meeting with the current membership drive happening.

Next Foerster stated she would like to do something for the annual Shoals Christmas Parade. After discussion it was decided to host a business decorating contest with places for most traditional, and one for most creative. Details will be released at the next meeting.

Rutledge stated the Town of Shoals Beautification Board Christmas decorating day was scheduled for November 14. Rutledge stated all the 2020-2021 membership letters had been sent along with around 80 additional invites after some research on businesses having a Shoals address.

With no further business, Secretary Rutledge made a motion to adjourn with Goodman making the second and meeting closed at 10:24 a.m.

The next Shoals Business Association meeting will be Wednesday, October 21 at 10 a.m. at the Shoals Overlook. Jug Rock Cafe will be used for inclement weather.

The Shoals Business Association is currently undergoing their annual membership drive which has two levels. Any business or individual that loves the community of Shoals is welcome to join. Contact Secretary Sierra Rutledge at 812-709-0636 if you would like to join.

Retired teachers hold meeting

BY LINDA STROSNIDER
Retired Teachers Assoc. Secretary

The Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers Association met at Lakeview Restaurant in Loogootee on September 11. President Alice Jones led the membership in the Pledge to the Flag. The minutes, submitted by Secretary Linda Strosnider, as well as the treasurer's report, submitted by Dave Lennen, were read and approved.

Lawana Hand reported that members may turn in their volunteer hours as they accumulate them. She encouraged them to find other ways to serve their communities due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Area Director Dave Lennen reported that they have been utilizing Zoom meetings to conduct business. He reminded everyone that the fall district meeting has been cancelled.

Projects for the year were discussed. Approval was given to Pennies from Heaven, which will be donated to the state foundation at the end of the year. Also approved was an encouragement project for local teachers and The First Year Teacher Award.

A program was given by Kim Herbetz

and Lisa Coquillard, program directors of RSVP. They spoke of the program and what it has to offer. They encouraged members to sign up as volunteers.

Door prizes were brought by Linda Strosnider, Ken Macy, and Janice Riley. Winners were Kim Herbetz, Alice Jones, Lisa Coquillard, Pat Brochin, Ken Macy, and Janice Riley.

Members attending were Alana Thompson, Ramona Lennen, David Lennen, Ken Macy, Rosie Wininger, Vicky Bauernfiend, Barb Hager, Janice Riley, Linda Strosnider, Alice Jones, Pat Brochin, Lawana Hand, Kim Herbetz and Lisa Coquillard.

Shoals railroad crossing to be closed

The railroad crossing located on High Street in Shoals will be closed for repairs, beginning September 28 thru October 5, by CSX Transportation. The crossing will be closed completely with no through access available. Please find an alternate route over these dates.

Questions or concerns can be directed to the Shoals Town Hall at (812) 247-2110.

Chamber holds monthly meeting

BY CAROLYN PARSONS-DOWNEY
Chamber of Commerce Secretary

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met, September 16 at Shoals Public Library with lunch from Jug Rock Cafe. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Hollie's Eat & Treats-Theresa Abney, City of Loogootee-Mayor Noel Harty, Department of Workforce Development-Brian Romans, Caleb Clower, Tawna Swingen and Jerry Sonheim; Loogootee Public Library-Darla Wagler, Daviess Community Hospital-Angie Steiner, WRZR-Mikki Bradley, Daviess Martin Medical Clinic-Danielle Summers, Jessica Downey and Leslie Guy, Crane Credit Union-Sherry Wade, Bowling Manufacturing-Keith Peacock, Sylvia Albaugh-Shoals Public Library and Daviess-Martin REMC-Mike Arvin.

The treasurer's report was given by Sherry Wade. Money will be coming in for the golf scramble which is split with the Martin County Alliance. Theresa Abney made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Angie Steiner seconded with all in favor. The motion passed.

The secretary's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey and emailed out prior to meeting, with no changes, Theresa Abney made a motion to accept the minutes and seconded with Angie Steiner all in favor. The motion passed.

Sylvia Albaugh, with the Shoals Public Library, gave a history presentation of

the library, along with a slide show of past events the library has to offer. They are back to pre-COVID hours. Programs are going on with social distancing. They are expanding the library in the future for update and to allow for more room. The library is now a Medicare enrollment center and you can call them for more information.

The Martin Chamber and Alliance held their annual golf scramble on Saturday September 19.

West Boggs Park announced there will be Indiana Free Fishing Day on September 26.

Angie Steiner, with Daviess Community Hospital, reported that the Foundation just finished up their online auction, which was successful. They hope next year this will go along with their annual Derby Day. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development - Jerry Sonheim, with the Indiana Department of Workforce Development reported that he works with veterans and also helps with homelessness, transition back into society, and those in a shelter. They also help with job training, resumes, getting supplies, preparing for job interviews, or clothing for interviews. They have several resources to share with veterans who may need assistance.

Theresa Abney made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jessica Downey. All were in favor.

The next meeting will be October 21. The location will be announced later this month.

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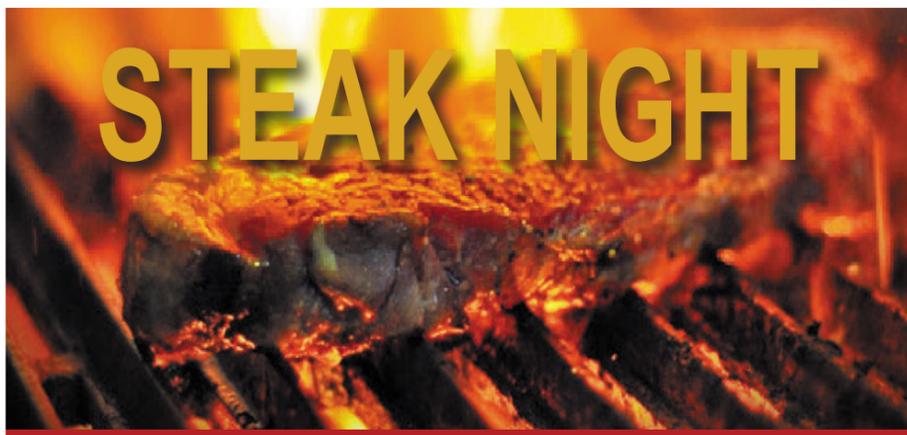
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