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## Council votes 5-2 not to reduce surveyor's salary

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The Martin County Council met Monday night, October 2. Council President Jordan Dant opened the meeting asking if anyone had comments or questions on the 2024 budget, prior to adoption. Council Member Adam Greene said he would like to make a motion to reduce the elected surveyor's salary to \$9,367 for 2025, the same salary as the commissioners. Dant asked Greene if this would be considered a full-time position or part-time. Greene replied that it would remain full-time, just with less pay. The surveyor currently makes \$41,053 a year.

Council Member Andrew Beaver asked if the reason they are doing it now is so anyone running for surveyor next year will know the salary will be decreasing. Greene agreed this is the reason.

Dant said he struggles understanding doing it now instead of waiting until next year. He said they have no idea what 2025 revenues will look like. "Things could change or be different," he said.

Recorder Rhonda Sanders, from the audience, asked if she should be concerned that her salary would also be cut if they are picking and choosing elected officials. Council Member Greene replied they

would do it on a case-by-case basis.

Assessor Carolyn McGuire asked if they all should be concerned then that their salaries could be cut next year.

"I don't think anyone is suggesting that," said Council Member Dant. "Did I say that? I don't remember ever saying that. Did I say that?"

McGuire replied that no, but if they are cutting one elected official they could cut more. Council Member Greene said if an office is not fiscally responsible, it's the council's job to cut where they can.

McGuire asked Greene if he knew what all the surveyor's office does for Martin County. Greene said he did. He said it can be operated, however, on less than 80 hours per week.

Auditor Michelle Norris asked the council to consider the quality of work the surveyor's office will be able to do in fewer hours. She said she is afraid the work will suffer.

Greene said they don't know what the surveyor's office does because he has asked for that information and hasn't received it. He said the commissioners have asked too.

Recorder Sanders asked what they were supposed to do when they need help from the surveyor's office. Greene asked

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## Commissioners forgive taxes on Eastfork Lounge building

The Martin County Commissioners held a special meeting Tuesday, September 26.

County Attorney Dave Lett presented Resolution 2023-37 for review and approval. The resolution is to assist the Town of Shoals in transferring property currently owned by Eastfork Lounge to the Town of Shoals to allow them to apply for a grant to restore the property. Resolution 2023-37 would waive the taxes and penalties due in November by Eastfork Lounge, Inc. in the amount of \$18,778.70 to allow the property to be transferred to the Town of Shoals as previously discussed. The commissioners approved the resolution.

Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn stated he was able to save funds from his last request of the commissioners which was for stocking a third ambulance for ALS (Advanced Life Support). He would like to utilize excess funds from the money already approved to make alternate purchases. Director Osborn

would like to purchase an air-ride system for an ambulance and cover repair costs being performed by Uebelhor's. The air-ride system is \$4,200. The invoice from Uebelhor's has not yet been received but should be around \$3,200. The commissioners approved both requests.

Osborn also noted that deflectors are ready to be installed at the EMA/ambulance building that will assist with deflecting the outside lights as requested by a neighbor.

Attorney Lett reported he has been in contact with Matt Stechly, with Core Facilities, and he will be getting in touch with the commissioners in October regarding the assessor and recorder's offices project. Commissioner Paul George stated he would discuss the quote for the project with Mr. Stechly. Attorney Lett said he would also discuss the possibility of utilizing the drive-thru area of the courthouse with Mr. Stechly.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

## Martin County Community Foundation awards \$60,500 in third quarter grant cycle

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$60,500 in Impact and Boost Grants to seven local organizations in the most recent quarterly round of grants in the Open Application Grant Cycle. The grants span the fields of education, food insecurity, safety, and recreation.

A one to one, \$10,000 Challenge Grant was issued to the Friends of Waggoners Chapel for the restoration of Waggoners Chapel. A Challenge Grant provides

matching funds, helping organizations gain public awareness of their project goals and raise funds for their mission. MCCF will grant one dollar for every dollar raised by the Friends of Waggoners Chapel for the renovation project up to \$10,000.

Megan Hawkins, the 2023 MCCF Grants Committee Chairperson, commented on this grant cycle, "It was great to see the large amount of grant applica-

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-Photo provided

Shown above are some of the Martin County eighth grade students at J&R Tool in Loogootee who participated in Manufacturing Day last Friday.

## Martin County Manufacturing Day held last week with eighth graders

On Friday, September 29, Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Inc. partnered with administration from Loogootee and Shoals Community Schools and hosted a Manufacturing Day event. Manufacturing Day is a national event that highlights the reality of modern-day manufacturing careers by encouraging companies and educational institutions to engage in one another during a planned event.

Manufacturing businesses within the community were encouraged to participate in showcasing their business and the job opportunities that exist within their organization.

"Manufacturing Day is something Martin County Alliance recently started in Martin County. It's so important to show the students the opportunities that are available to them right here at home," said Jessica Potts, Executive Director of Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. Manufacturing Day is geared towards 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Both Martin County schools participated with 60 students from Loogootee and 60 students from Shoals. "The backbone of America is comprised of innovation and production; hardworking people creating and refining and producing the materials that make this country run. Collaboration between our manufacturing interests and educational entities is key to enhancing awareness of the origin and criticality of the goods we rely on every day. Sparking interest in our youth on the marvel that is modern manufacturing is an invaluable endeavor to keep the wheels turning. Events such as this Manufacturing Day are incredible opportunities to foster such interest," said Kyle Street, Vice-President of Operations at Red Fox Cabinetry and Design.

Key partners that stepped up to help make this event possible and allowed 8<sup>th</sup> graders to tour their facilities were Country Pines Printing, Gold Bond Building Products, LLC (formerly known as National Gypsum); J&R Tool, and Red Fox Cabinetry & Design.

Students wore matching shirts that pro-

moted the Manufacturing Day event. The shirts were made by ME Screenprint and Embroidery. Students were divided into groups that combined both Loogootee and Shoals students. Each student toured all four businesses. Lunch was purchased from Faytastic Pizza, Papa Johns, and dessert was purchased from Amish Country Hearth. Students enjoyed lunch at both the Loogootee and Shoals parks. The day was made possible through a grant written by Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth and awarded from Martin County Community Foundation. Without funds from the Martin County Community Foundation, this event would not have been possible.

Dana Campbell, Middle School Principal at Loogootee shared, "Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have the privilege of living and attending school in an area rich with manufacturing. This opportunity to visit a variety of manufacturing facilities, ask questions, meet with the employees, and see firsthand how our educational pathways and classes provide the skills needed to further their career in local businesses. Manufacturing Day is a gateway to our next generation workforce in Martin County."

"The Shoals Gypsum plant was proud to participate in Martin County Manufacturing Day. This year, for the first time, we are excited to host 120 local students at the plant and show them firsthand the meaningful, well-paying career opportunities available to them right here in Martin County with Gold Bond Building Products, LLC. We hope we engaged and educated students and members of the community about what we do at the plant, and hopefully inspire the next generation of young people to consider a future career in manufacturing," said Gold Bond Plant Supervisor, Larry Bratton.

Students from each school completed surveys to share their experiences, to tell what they enjoyed about the tours, and how we can improve future events. The hope is the experience gained today will spark an interest in a specific career pathway or ignite some entrepreneurial spirit in our next generation of leaders.



# COUNCIL

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if they have had an issue in the past with getting the surveyor's office to respond. Sanders said they have not. Greene said none of that should change then.

Council Member Monty Gregory said the surveyor's office helps with mapping. He said his goal is to create a mapping department and the deputy surveyor currently does that. He said it's in the very beginning stages of development, however that's what he would like to do.

Dant asked Greene again to state his motion. Greene said his motion says the elected surveyor would be paid at the same rate as the commissioners. Dant said he had a motion from Greene and a second from Council Member Jim Hamby.

Council Member Albright asked if they planned to discuss any other offices and salary reductions. He asked if they had a crystal ball to predict the expected revenue for next year.

"If you bring them up, we will talk about them," said Council Member Greene.

Albright replied they have never done this before, changing a salary this far out.

Greene asked how Albright would feel if he got elected as surveyor and then found out the salary was changing. He said this is why he wants it to be done now. Greene said the deputy surveyor seems to be needed more so instead of

cutting that position, they decided to cut the surveyor.

Mary Smith, who was in the audience, asked what would be done if no one decided to run for surveyor. She asked if they would have to hire someone and how much that would cost. Greene replied that they have a full-time deputy.

Albright said if he were the deputy, he would be fed up and leave. "If we keep hating on this one office, he's going to go someplace else," said Albright.

Greene said this should have been taken care of three years ago instead of being kicked down the road this long.

Greene said he's not denying the surveyor's office isn't doing a good job, he just thinks they can do the job for less money.

Dant said he struggles to predict what revenue they will have for next year. "There's a lot that can change between now and next October," he said.

Greene again said it would be too late in October to make that change.

With that, the council voted with Council Members Greene and Hamby voting to reduce the surveyor's salary and Council Members Dant, Gregory Albright, Andrew Beaver and Keith Gibson voting against. So, the motion failed 5-2.

The council voted 6-1 in favor of adopting the 2024 budget, with Council Member Greene voting against. Council Member Dant said he's unsure why Greene would vote against the 2024 budget when he didn't propose any changes to it. Greene said he would have wanted to cut the deputy surveyor salary since they didn't approve to change the surveyor's salary.

## GRANTS

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tions received. There are so many great projects and initiatives happening in our county. The MCCF Board appreciates the volunteers and leaders in our communities who are making our county a better place."

- Grant Recipients:
- Crane Town Hall, *Crane Community Park*
  - Loogootee VFD Ladies Auxiliary, *New Radios*
  - New Beginnings Community Church, *Saturday Children's Lunches 2023*
  - Redeeming Grace Center for Women's Ministries, *Women of Martin County, Client Assistance*
  - Shoals Community School Corp., *Ju-gRox Robotix Competition Play 2023*
  - Shoals Community School Corp., *Play Ball!*

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## Survey still looking for respondents

Local resident and Indiana University School of Medicine third-year medical student, Chase Salmon, has an update on his research project. Thus far, over 240 responses have been collected. This is actually a record for the Rural Medical Education Program at IUSM.

In a final push for responses, Chase will be conducting in-person surveys at Hindostan Days on October 7 and then end the survey collection period. In the meantime, paper surveys are available at the Loogootee Public Library and the Shoals Public Library. If interested in helping our local student, you can also fill out the survey at this link: [https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0pPXlmd7X91dO2W](https://iu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0pPXlmd7X91dO2W)

All residents of Martin County who are 18 or older are eligible to participate in the study. All collected information is anonymous/confidential. Thank you for helping us learn more about Martin County and improve healthcare in our community.



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# OBITUARIES

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## JOSEPH SPONN

Joseph Patrick Sponn passed away in the early morning hours of September 24, 2023. He was 83.



He was born in Washington on March 17, 1940; son of Joseph Carl and Bernadine (Grannan) Sponn. On August 13, 1960, he married Karen (Neukam) Sponn and she survives.

A 1958 graduate of Washington Catholic High School, Joe worked as a farm-hand for Ralph Keith until he was hired by Superior Steel Ball to be their third shift supervisor; he was the fifth employee they hired. In 1968, he was chosen to help start a new venture and become the superintendent of Lydal Magnetics, a position he held until his injury in 1972. He also ran K&K Trophies in Washington for a number of years.

A man of many interests, Joe started

the first Archery Club in Washington in 1962. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Daviess County Right to Life, the Moose Lodge, and the Daviess County Historical Society. Joe was a devout member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church.

Those who mourn Joe's passing include his wife of 63 years, Karen Sponn; his children, Anna Lea (Scott) Smith of Montgomery, Alicia (David) Cash of Mooresville, and Joe Sponn of Washington. Joe was blessed with six grandchildren: Patrick (Mary) Smith, Sarah (Christopher) Shafer, Whitney (Mack) Lamonte, Shelby Cash, Michelle (Paul) Mosley, and Chad Cash; 12 great-grandchildren, Abigail; Connor; Gabriel; Avery; McKenzi; Caylyn; Madison; Koal; Jude; Fin; Jadyn; and Liam, and one great-great-grandson, Emery James. Joe leaves siblings, Elizabeth (husband Ed is deceased) Clements of Haubstadt, John (Joan) Sponn of Washington, Rick (Karen) Sponn of Washington, Mark Sponn of Loogootee, and special friend and cousin, Bill (wife Judy is deceased) Hirtzel of Pee-wee Valley, Kentucky.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Carl and Bernadine Sponn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Washington Catholic Education Endowment, INC. at PO Box 916, Washington, Indiana 47501, or to the St. John Cemetery at 315 NE 3rd Street, Washington, Indiana 47501.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, September 28 at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church. Father Juan Ramirez was the celebrant. Burial followed in the St. John Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com).

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

## KENNETH CLARK

Kenneth H. Clark passed from this life, on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at his home. A resident of Washington, he was 83.

He was born January 21, 1940, in Loogootee; son of Lloyd M. and Ethel



KENNETH CLARK

L. (Chattin) Clark. Kenny married Patricia A. (Barney) Clark on March 29, 1980.

Kenny was a US Navy Veteran. He retired from the United States Postal Service where he was a Postmaster.

Family left to cherish the memory of Kenny include two nephews, Travis Harper and Ethan Wrightman.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patricia Clark; brother, Donnie Clark; sisters, Mary Huffman and Virginia Butcher; and nephew, Chris Butcher.

Honoring Kenny's wishes, there will be no public viewing or services at this time.

Arrangements were entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories of Kenny may be shared at [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

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# Martin County Sheriff's Department log

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:40 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in regard to a carry permit. Major Reed responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a call in regard to an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:17 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Sergeant Gibson responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:21 a.m. - Received a call in regard to an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:33 a.m. - Received a call in regard to an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

1135 a.m. - Received a call reporting that someone was portraying Sheriff Greene calling via telephone. Sheriff Greene and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious male south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

1:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Sergeant Wells, Captain Gibson, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No transport was needed.

2:03 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in regard to an illegal internet issue. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:26 p.m. - Received a call about a threat being made in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Lawrence County. Transferred 911 call to Lawrence County Dispatch.

11:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Crane. Major Reed responded.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:52 a.m. - Received a 911 call in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

3:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health in Paoli.

7:52 a.m. - Received a call in regard to an animal in need of help in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

9:39 a.m. - Received a call reporting people going through the stop light on the Shoals bridge. Captain Gibson and Sergeant Wells responded.

11:37 a.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:14 p.m. - Received a call requesting vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

12:26 p.m. - Received a call reporting an animal that has been hit north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:53 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, and Sergeant Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call in regard to a snake issue in Shoals. Sergeant Wells, Captain Gibson, and South Region Dispatch responded.

7:27 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

10:04 p.m. - Received a call reporting a stranded motorist in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4:59 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting of a possible break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:21 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch responded.

11:23 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

11:46 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in regard to an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer in regard to a domestic argument in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Deputy Erwin responded.

4:09 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

5:54 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver west of Shoals. Deputy Erwin and Captain Gibson responded.

7:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Deputy Erwin responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9:22 a.m. - Received a call reporting a missing juvenile north of Shoals. Deputy Fischer responded.

9:23 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check north of Loogootee. Deputy Fischer responded.

12:43 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Keyholder advised to disregard.

4:05 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Sheriff Greene responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

5:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 2, and Corporal Hawkins responded. No transport was needed.

6:33 p.m. - Received a call reporting a hit-and-run in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County REMC responded.

9:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver coming into Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

12:36 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

3:47 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Erwin, Loogootee Officer Sims, and Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:21 a.m. - Received multiple calls from an address in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:16 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long, Loogootee Fire Department, and Daviess County EMS responded. No one was transported.

4:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a call in regard to a commercial burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Key holder advised to disregard.

6:03 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call from an Orange County address. Transferred call to Orange County 911.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:27 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:33 a.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol south of Loogootee.

9:57 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:24 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:27 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Chief Long responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long, Loogootee Fire Department, and Martin County Medic 2 responded. No one was transported.

7:15 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:09 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

12:46 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:56 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:41 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:38 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:23 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

9:15 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded but did not transport.

9:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department re-

sponded. No one was transported.

10:30 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

12:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a verbal dispute south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis, Captain Gibson, Corporal Hawkins, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Lawrence County address. Transferred call to Lawrence County 911.

7:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner and a Daviess County small animal handler responded.

11:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner and Martin County Medic 1 responded. No one was transported.

## Real estate transfers

**JAP Enterprises, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gary G. Sharp and Nancy Sharp**, of Pickaway County, Ohio, a portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.30 acre.

**Timothy Cole Lawrence and Gabriel Renee Lawrence**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Abigail Ann Ackerman and Lucas Sean Samuel Harmon**, of Daviess County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Second Principal Meridian, Town of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.28 acres, more or less.

**Joshua A. Landry and Cassidy R. Landry**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tyler J. Marshman and Jamie L. Marshman**, of Hendricks County, Indiana. Tract I: The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre, more or less. Tract III: A part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.152 acre, more or less.

**Valerie G. O'Brien**, f/k/a Valerie G. Nonte, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Thomas R. O'Brien and Valerie G. O'Brien**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 2.4644 acres, more or less.

**JAP Enterprises, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jared L. Wathen and Alexandra N. Loughmiller**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.78 acre.

**Thomas R. O'Brien and Valerie G. O'Brien**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Benjamin Robert Blackwell and McKenzie Marie Schultheis**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing 2.4644 acres, more or less.



# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed September 5

Jordan G. Davis, two counts of intimidation, Level 6 Felonies; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

**September 11**

Homer Smith, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### September 19

Ryan E. Lee, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Anthony Clements, invasion of privacy, a Level 6 Felony.

### September 26

Jayden A. Arnold, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Trevor Lee Moffatt, public nudity, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June G. Wade, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Angela G. Rodriguez, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Rene Regalado Mora, Jr., dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; two counts of possession of a schedule I, II, III or IV controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ryan J. Fuhrman, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING September 19

Jill A. Bradley, convicted of neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 ore more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced on the first count to serve 240 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 120 days jail time credit. Sentenced on the second count to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 60 days jail time. Defendant received no probation.

### September 20

Jordyn Tyler Walton, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 359 days suspended with 3 days jail time credit. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 19

Jill A. Bradley, criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

**September 20**

Jordyn Tyler Walton, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed September 20

Bret D. Chestnut vs. Rhonda S. Chestnut, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### September 21

Crane Credit Union vs. Isaiah Baylis, civil collection.

### September 26

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Nicholas McCracken, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS September 20

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance a/s/o Dustin R. Letterman and against the defendant James A. Blunk for civil plenary in the amount of \$12,755.19.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Adryanne Noble in the amount of \$2,782.34.

### September 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff German American Bank and against the defendants Andrew C. Haggard and Michelle J. Haggard for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$273,700.77.

### September 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Absolute Resolutions and against the defendant Shelia Blanchard in the amount of \$5,997.42.

### September 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Kirk Bratton in the amount of \$6,093.71.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendant Miriam Cooper in the amount of \$3,240.34.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED September 25

Credit Acceptance Corp. vs. Jordan Owen, civil collection, dismissed.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Joshua K. Lewis of Crane and Pamela Jo Walton of Crane.

Benjamin Robert Blackwell of Loogootee and Mckenzie Marie Schultheis of Loogootee.

Jessica K. Montgomery of Shoals and Aiden E. D. Stewart of Shoals.

Steven Patrick Mattingly of Loogootee and Bridgett Nicole Pemberton of Loogootee.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:44 a.m. - Officer Davis assisted at Martin County Community Corrections.

12:44 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call at Stoll Brothers.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

2:46 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Washington Street.

2:54 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call at O'Reilly's Auto Parts.

3:10 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call at Subway.

4:48 p.m. - Officer Davis and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Cedar Street.

10:04 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at McDonald's.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4:59 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Mill Street.

12:26 p.m. - Officer Davis assisted Martin County Community Corrections.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

11:03 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Southwest Third Street.

3:40 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to an erratic driver heading south on Highway 231.

4:04 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call at Loogootee Family Medicine.

6:33 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call at Los Bravos.

7:20 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a 911 hangup at CVS.

9:36 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of an erratic driver on US Highway 50.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

1:49 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on West Broadway Street.

3:19 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Southwest First Street.

3:51 p.m. - Chief Long and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on North Oak Street.

6:03 p.m. - Officer Wagoner performed a welfare check at the Loogootee Park.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

12:27 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a 911 hangup call at CVS.

9:59 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a 911 hang up call at CVS.

10:37 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at Discount Tobacco.

12:47 p.m. - Chief Long assisted with a benefit on Highway 231 South and Highway 50 East.

2:12 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on West Williams Street.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

12:26 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a 911 hangup call at CVS.

10:31 a.m. - Officer Davis and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Cedar Street.

12:03 p.m. - Officer Davis assisted with a call on Brooks Bridge Road.

7:51 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on North Street.

11:37 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call near McDonald's.

# ARRESTS

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4:01 p.m. - Richard Ervin Jr., 64, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Erwin on a Martin County warrant. He is currently being held without bond.

11:06 p.m. - Kaden Grogan, 28, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is currently being held with \$15,000 10% bond.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:47 a.m. - Aaron Padgett, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Fischer on a Martin County warrant. He is currently being held without bond.

# Hindustan Days



## Circling Back to Community

in Beautiful Martin County, Indiana

## Saturday, October 7, 2023 / 10AM-4PM

Join us at the historic peaceful Hindostan Falls for the third annual Hindostan Days!

### Cornhole Tournament

Registration opens at 900AM. Tournament starts at 10AM. Bring your own partner. \$20 registration, double elimination. 80% payout to winning team. 20% going toward West Boggs Lake Enhancement.Fund

### Egg Tossing Competition

Registration opens at 1230PM. First egg flies at 1PM. Prizes for kids and adults.

### Throughout the Day

Local artisans, live music, delicious food, activities, talks, and more! Delve into the history of our gorgeous county and enjoy the calming waters of Hindostan Falls

*Please note that this is an outdoor venue with grassy walkways, no running water, and extremely weak cell service. Plan to bring cash to purchase food and vendor items.*

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### THOUGHTS

\*Borrow money from pessimists – They don't expect it back.  
 \*Half the people you know are below average.  
 \*A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.  
 \*If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.  
 \*OK, so what's the speed of dark?  
 \*If everything seems to be going well, you have obviously overlooked something.  
 \*When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.  
 \*I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.  
 \*What happens if you get scared half to death twice?  
 \*The hardness of the butter is proportional to the softness of the bread.  
 \*The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.  
 \*If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

### RIDDLES (You asked for 'em)

1. What did the dog say when he sat on sandpaper?  
 2. What do you do if your dog chews a dictionary?  
 3. What did one flea say to the other?  
 4. What do chemists' dogs do with their bones?  
 5. What do you get when you cross a dog and a calculator?

### I'VE LEARNED:

\*I've learned that you cannot make someone love you. All you can do is be someone who can be loved. The rest is up to them.  
 \*I've learned that no matter how much I care, some people just don't care back, that it takes years to build up trust, and only seconds to destroy it.  
 \*I've learned that you can get by on

charm for about fifteen-twenty minutes. After that, you'd better know something.

\*I've learned that you shouldn't compare yourself to the best others can do.  
 \*I've learned that you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life.  
 \*I've learned that it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.  
 \*I've learned that you should always leave loved ones with loving words as it may be the last time you will see them.

ANSWERS: 1. That was ruff 2. You take the words out of his mouth 3. Should we walk or take a dog? 4. They barium 5. A friend you can count on.

An Englishman, a Frenchman, a Spaniard, and a German are all watching a dolphin do some excellent tricks.

The dolphin notices that the four gentlemen have a very poor view, so he jumps higher out of the water and calls out, "Can you all see me now?"

And they respond: "Yes." "Oui." "Si." "Ja."

### SERIOUSISMS

\*I'm a very observant person. So, if you think I didn't notice, I did...I just decided to keep quiet and avoid drama.  
 \*Sometimes it's loss that truly makes us understand how much we loved. -Dane Thomas.  
 \*Life is a series of thousands of tiny miracles. We just have to notice them.  
 \*A little girl, four years old, says she knows what drawing is: "You just think something and then run a line around your think."  
 \*How you make others feel says a lot about who you are. Leave them with a smile, a hug, and a kind thought.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Blood drives in Shoals and Loogootee

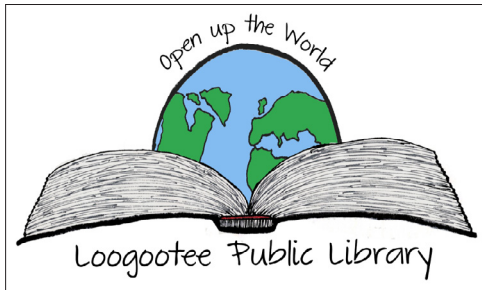
Donors are needed for the October blood drives. The Shoals drive will be held Wednesday, October 4 at the Christian Resource Center. The Loogootee drive will be Thursday, October 5 at the Methodist Church Family Life Center. Hours for both drives are from 2 to 7 p.m. You may make appointments by calling the Red Cross at 800-733-2767, going online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), using the phone app, or calling Lynn Hawkins at 247-3767 or 709-2579 (please leave a message). There is a national shortage of blood as many drives have been cancelled due to weather-related situations. Please take time to join the Red Cross mission of "saving lives through blood donations".

### Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, October 5 from 6-8 p.m. with carry outs starting at 7 p.m. This month they will have various casseroles, hot and cold sides, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

### LHS Class of 1978

The LHS Class of 1978 will be hold-



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

On Fridays at 4 p.m., Alyssa offers a First Chapter Friday read along for grades 6-8.

The library will be closed Monday, October 9, for Columbus Day.

Libby/Evergreen Tablet Training will be offered on Thursday, October 12 from 1-5 p.m. If you have questions about the Libby app or want to know how to download eBooks, this is the class for you.

Beginning Computer Class, sponsored by VU, is offered on Saturday, October 14 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

BINGO for 55 and older is offered Monday, October 16, at 10:15 a.m. Sundries and restaurant gift cards are prizes.

Susan Ramsey Fitness and Nutrition will be at the library on Thursday evening, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss eating healthy and exercising. Please pre-register online or call the library 812-295-3713.

On Saturday, October 21 at 10 a.m., Meet the Author! Katie Cawood will be here to discuss her new book "Lessons Learned". The book is available to be checked out.

Friends of Loogootee Library and CALL have partnered on an upcoming fundraiser. They would like your help. Please donate gently used Christmas trees or wreaths for their fundraiser or better yet please decorate a wreath or tree for the upcoming Christmas Tree Jubilee held at the library starting on November 11-18. Stop in and look at the trees and silent bids are accepted until noon on November 18.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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

### Right to Life drives

The Daviess Right to Life will have their Aluminum Can Drive on Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Tractor Supply in Washington. No newspaper will be accepted. Martin County Right to Life will have their Newspaper/Aluminum Can Drive on Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Martin County Recycling Center.

### Rezoning board meeting

The City of Loogootee Variance Rezoning Board will meet Monday, October 16 at Loogootee City Hall, 401 N JFK Avenue, at 5 pm. The meeting will be regarding rezoning B1 to B2 at 302 W. Williams Street.

### Hindostan Days

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

### Tourism Council meeting

The Martin County Tourism Council meets monthly at the Community Learning Center Building on the fairgrounds. The next meeting is Thursday, October 12 at 5 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### 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!

### LUMC Food Pantry

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

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

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

**WHO?: Town of Shoals Residents**

**WHAT?: Any old or unwanted items that have been sitting around taking up space in your home, garage or yard**

**Community Fall Clean Up**

*October 13th- 15th*

**All items are to be placed inside of the dumpster. Do not place items on the ground around the dumpster. Once the dumpster is full please do not leave your unwanted items.**

**Please do not dispose of the following items in the dumpster: tires, construction waste, paint, batteries, and other chemical, hazardous or harmful material.**

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October and pumpkins just seem to go together. It is hard to think of one without the other. It has been that way for many years. Pumpkins and their cucurbit relatives are native to northern Mexico and the southern United States, and have been cultivated since about 7,000 B.C. Since they mature in the fall, they have always been around in October. Native Americans raised pumpkins along with corn and beans as part of the traditional three sisters. They introduced the European invaders to the fruit, and soon pumpkins were growing in Europe.

Pumpkin pie is a traditional dessert for Thanksgiving in both the United States and in Canada. Pumpkin pulp is also used in cookies, cakes, breads, soups and other dishes. The flesh of the pumpkin is high in Vitamins A and C. The fruit of the pumpkin is actually a large berry, known as a pepo. Some pumpkins get very large, with fruits topping a ton. However, those large pumpkins are from species developed for competitions, and do not have the flavor found in smaller varieties. Nearly all parts of the pumpkin plant are edible, including the blooms and the leaves. Even the seeds may be toasted for a snack that is high in protein and fiber.

While our ancestors grew pumpkins for food, most of the pumpkins harvested today will be used for decorative purposes. Southern Indiana is blessed with many U-pick pumpkin patches, and many of them have other activities for families. Getting a pumpkin has become a tradition for many families.

If you get your pumpkin early, you need to take care for it to last. If the pumpkin is ripe and is properly cured, it will last for several months in a cellar or other cool, dry spot. Outside, it should last until we get freezing weather. Many people wash their pumpkins with a solution of one part bleach to ten parts water. This kills mold spores that could cause the fruit to rot. However, I urge you do not do that. Even if you do not want to

cook the pumpkin after using it to decorate, many animals find the pumpkin to be good late-fall food. Leave your pumpkin in an area where deer, raccoons, opossums, squirrels and groundhogs can find them, and they will gobble them down. The bleach would be harmful to the animals, but you may substitute vinegar for the bleach and get the same results. Peppermint oil is also a natural fungicide and may be used to treat pumpkins. Do not place the pumpkin on the soil. Put it on a stone or some other stand to help keep it from rotting.

Of course, a major use for pumpkins is making Jack-o' lanterns for Halloween. Cutting into the fruit hastens rotting. It is best to leave your pumpkin whole until the middle of the month and to wipe the interior with the vinegar solution to help keep it together. If you have peppermint growing in your garden, you may put a few sprigs inside the pumpkin.

Whether cutting a pumpkin for Halloween or to eat, do not throw out the seeds. Scoop the inside of the pumpkin and pick the seeds out. Put them in a colander and wash them to remove the goo that will cling to them. Spread the seeds out to dry thoroughly. Combine 2 cups of seeds with three tablespoons of oil or melted butter and a teaspoon of salt. You may also add other seasonings, such as cinnamon and sugar, garlic, Worcestershire sauce or pumpkin pie spice. Pre-heat the oven to 225 degrees. Place the seeds on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Bake them for about 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. If you want to make them a little crisper, raise the oven temperature to 335 degrees for an additional five minutes. You toasted seeds should keep for a couple of weeks, if you do not eat them all at once.

Enjoy the beauty of October. Temperatures will surely cool, and the foliage will turn colors. Eat or drink something pumpkin spice flavored and remember that our ancestors enjoyed pumpkins long ago.

## Indiana deer hunters urged to remember safety tips

With the deer reduction zone season underway and the statewide archery deer season that started October 1, Indiana Conservation Officers remind hunters to stay safe.

More than 300,000 people are expected to participate in some form of deer hunting in Indiana during the various deer hunting seasons that run through January 31, 2024, and the overwhelming majority typically do so safely.

When injuries occur, the most common are from accidents involving hunting from tree stands and elevated platforms. To avoid such injuries, hunters should follow the safety tips listed below when hunting from an elevated position.

Before the hunt:

- Read and understand the tree stand manufacturer's instructions.

- Check tree stands and equipment for wear; fatigue; and cracks or loose nuts and bolts, paying particularly close attention to parts made of material other than metal.

- Pack and plan to use equipment specifically designed for hunting.

- Practice tree stand use and setup at ground level.

- Learn how to properly wear your full-

body safety harness.

During the hunt:

- Wear your full-body safety harness.

- Use a tree stand safety rope.

- Make certain to attach your harness to the tree before leaving the ground, and that it remains attached to the tree until you return to the ground.

- Maintain three points of contact during ascent and descent.

- Use boots with nonslip soles.

- Use a haul line to raise and lower firearms, bows and other hunting gear.

- Make sure firearms are unloaded, action is open, and safety is on before attaching them to the haul line.

When doing any kind of hunting, remember to do the following to stay safe:

- Carry a cellphone and flashlight.

- Make a plan before you hunt.

- Tell someone your plan, including where you will be hunting and when you plan to return.

- Stick to your plan.

- Identify game before pointing a firearm.

- Know your target and what is beyond it.

For more information, see [hunting.IN.gov](http://hunting.IN.gov).

## USDA to begin issuing \$1.75 billion to agricultural producers through critical emergency relief programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) last week announced that it will begin issuing more than \$1.75 billion in emergency relief payments to eligible farmers and livestock producers. These much-needed payments are helping farming and ranching operations recover following natural disasters in 2020, 2021 and 2022.

"USDA provides substantial economic support for America's farmers and ranchers through its critical farm program payments. These payments are reflective of the incredible and cumulative financial hits brought on by devastating natural disasters that agricultural producers nationwide have endured while fulfilling their commitment to produce our food, fiber and fuel," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "This additional assistance helps offset the tremendous losses that these producers faced and is a valuable investment, not only for farmers and ranchers but in the economic successes of our communities — rural and urban — and in our nation's food security for generations to come."

Emergency Livestock Relief Program

This week, FSA will issue more than \$581 million in 2021 and 2022 drought and wildfire emergency relief to eligible ranchers.

FSA is closing out the Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) for losses suffered in 2021. ELRP Phase Two payments are estimated at \$115.7 million. Ranchers who lost grazing acres due to drought and wildfire and received assistance through ELRP Phase One will soon

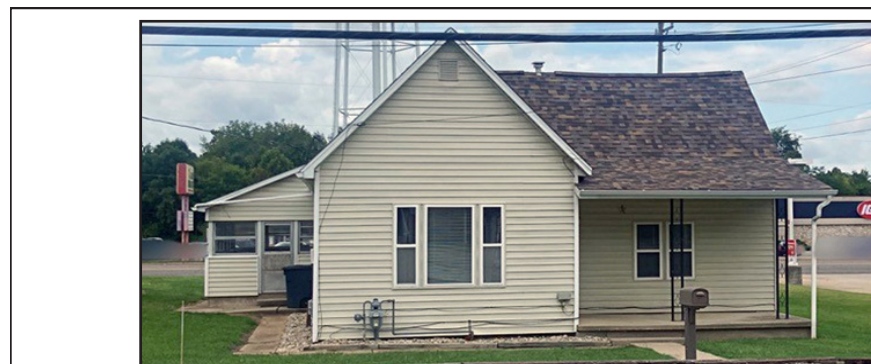
receive an additional payment through ELRP Phase Two. This second payment will be equal to 20% of the 2021 gross ELRP Phase One payment. ELRP Phase Two payments to producers will be automatic with no application required. In April 2022, FSA staff processed more than 100,000 payments through ELRP Phase One and paid eligible ranchers more than \$600 million for 2021 grazing losses.

In 2022, ranchers continued to experience significant loss of grazing acres due to drought and wildfire. To help mitigate these losses, eligible ranchers will receive ELRP disaster assistance payments for increases in supplemental feed costs. To expedite payments, determine producer eligibility and calculate the ELRP 2022 payment, FSA is using livestock inventories and drought-affected forage acreage or restricted animal units and grazing days due to wildfire already reported to FSA by ranchers when they submitted their Livestock Forage Disaster Program applications. ELRP payments for 2022 losses are estimated at \$465.4 million and will be automatic with no application required.

Emergency Relief Program Phase Two

FSA is closing out Phase Two of the Emergency Relief Program (ERP) this week through the delivery of more than \$1.17 billion in crop disaster assistance payments to producers of eligible crops who suffered losses, measured through decreases in revenue, due to qualifying natural disaster events that occurred in calendar years 2020 and 2021. ERP Phase Two was intended primarily for producers of crops that were not covered by federal crop insurance or FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP). Previously, through ERP Phase one, FSA staff processed more than 300,000 applications and paid an estimated 217,000 eligible producers more than \$7.4 billion.

These programs represent a few of FSA's extensive commodity, conservation, credit, disaster recovery and safety-net programs. By the close of the fiscal year on September 30, for all farm and farm loan programs — including vital access to capital for distressed borrowers — USDA, through the delivery of FSA programs, will have invested more than \$19 billion in America's agricultural producers with more economic support on the way in fiscal year 2024.



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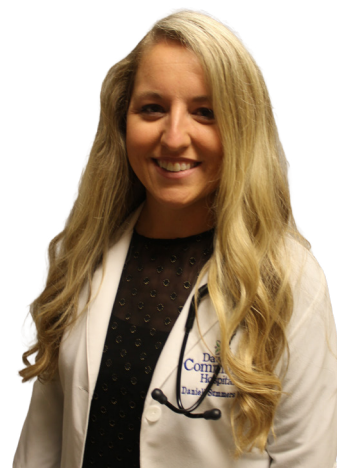
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# H&H Hometown Hardware announces store opening on Main Street in Shoals

H&H Hometown Hardware announces its plans to open a hardware store on Main Street in Shoals. The store will have a soft opening in early November 2023 with a grand opening celebration on Small Business Saturday, November 25, 2023.

The new store, located in the HDMG (Heartland Development Marketing Group) building at 314 Main Street, will provide general hardware, lawn and garden, and home improvement products, as well as a variety of helpful services like custom paint mixing, key cutting, glass cutting, screen repair, and tool rental.

H&H Hometown Hardware will be the local resource and destination for both do-it-yourselfers and professional contractors within the community.

Store owner Grant Sherfick is a 2001 graduate of Shoals High School with deep roots in Martin County and the Shoals community. "I've chosen the name H&H in honor of my two grandfathers, Harold Fuhrman and Howard Sherfick, both born and raised in Shoals and who lived their entire lives in Martin County. Harold was a farmer and small business owner, and Howard was a construction worker,

craftsman, and veteran. Both men were dedicated to their families, churches, and community," said Sherfick.

Sherfick has spent the last 15 years in the defense industry, mostly supporting NSWC Crane as a contractor, manufacturer, and service provider, doing everything from acquisition and product development to sustainment and logistics. "Shoals is my hometown, and I'm proud of that. The community has so much to offer, and I want to be a part of its continued restoration and economic growth," he said.

Working closely with his co-op team at Do it Best Corp., a 100+ year-old Indiana based international distributor of hardware, lumber, and building material products, Sherfick's new store will be a valuable addition to the community and fulfill its home improvement needs.

For more information on H&H Hometown Hardware, follow them on Facebook @H&H Hometown Hardware.

## Absentee voting in the Loogootee General Election

Absentee ballot by mail applications for the 2023 City of Loogootee General Election can be submitted anytime through 4 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 2023. Any applications received after this time will not be accepted.

Absentee voting in-person for the General Election will be Monday, October 23-November 6, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, October 28 and November 4, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., and the last day to vote in-person at the Martin County Clerk's Office will be Monday, November 6, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Martin County Clerk's Office is located at 129 Main Street, Shoals, IN 47581.



**Councilman's Corner**  
By Shoals Town Council President  
Cary D. Albright



We have a lot going on at Shoals right now. Be careful as you come into town. The traffic pattern has changed. The east-bound lane at the White River East Fork Bridge has been closed. The state has finished their project on the White River East Fork bridge. Now we can start our delayed wastewater project. We are installing a new pipe (technically it's called a forced main) under the bridge to move wastewater from West Shoals to our lagoons located on the outskirts of Shoals. This will replace the temporary line that currently hangs on the south side of the bridge adjacent to the walkway. Our main contractor ISI (Orleans, Indiana) is subcontracting a company APTUS (South Carolina) to do the work on the bridge. This is a very specialized type of work.

We received our custom manufactured insulated piping from New York over the past week, and now we're ready to hit the ground running with the project.

We also just completed over 13 football fields long (4,000 linear feet) of wastewater pipe repair and new lining. There were numerous leaks and numerous places where water was coming into our system. When water comes into our system (rainwater, natural spring water, ground chemicals, fertilizer, etc.) that means we're processing water we did not sell to start with. Processing wastewater is a very expensive process so that we can release it safely back into Beaver Creek, which flows into White River East Fork.

I am especially excited about this activity. We now have a Main Street Group. A grassroots organization that is solely run by citizens of Shoals who are business owners and private property owners, and this does not include any elected officials on its board. They organized on their own to revitalize our Main Street. I'm excited to see the ENERGY this group has put forward to advance, blighted (run down) properties on Main Street and bring new businesses to Main Street.

The Indiana University Center for rural engagement has chosen to study Shoals. This is a college program centered around the study of rural communities. How they work, and inject new ideas about how they can grow and survive in today's economy - all aspects, including tourism, infrastructure, and government. This international collegiate group practically represents every state in the United States from New York to California and even India. They have visited numerous locations around Shoals, including the Jug Rock, pinnacle, our historical county courthouse museum, Water Street, Mill and

Main Street, and also toured our business community. We are excited to have new fresh eyes look at our proud community. We can learn from each other.

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**ONE MORE BARN SALE BEFORE WINTER!** Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 8551 Fairview Lane, four miles southeast of Shoals off US 150. Christmas, antiques, China, and fun misc. No kids stuff, no boy toys, no clothes. Stop by on your way to/from Hindostan Day! It's fall y'all. Get out and enjoy it before it's gone.

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# Choose Southern Indiana unveils new website, new talent attraction programs

Choose Southern Indiana announced a new logo and website last week to accompany the official launch of its four workforce and talent attraction programs. In addition to its established Remote Worker Program and Employer Incentive Program, Choose now offers a relocation incentive to two new groups of qualified individuals - those with a commercial driver's license (CDL) and those employed by the defense sector.

In response to the recent program expansion, the new website features enhanced capabilities and has been reorganized with the user experience in mind. Prospective movers can navigate by program of interest, view qualification requirements, and click a link to apply. Participating counties are also featured to provide applicants with information about their future home in southern Indiana.

Local economic development organizations (LEDOs) throughout the Radius Indiana region will utilize the new incentive programs to further assist businesses in their area with attracting new talent.

## Lady Lions defeat Wood Memorial on Senior Night

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team defeated Wood Memorial Monday night in five sets, 17-25, 25-19, 25-19, 19-25, and 15-13. The girls' record stands at 18-7 on the season. Seniors were recognized for senior night at the game. They included Abbigail Nonte, Ashlynn Gilbert, Alana Hedrick, Madison Ramsey, and Sydnee Wittmer.

Sydnee Wittmer led the team in serving points with 15 and had two aces. She also led in assists with 24 and had seven kills and 14 digs. Madison Ramsey led in kills with 15 and had two aces and five blocks. Breanna Courter finished with 12 serving points and 19 digs. Ashlynn Gilbert had nine serving points and two blocks. Addy Lengacher had 16 assists, Cacia Wilcoxon had eight kills and two blocks, Alana Hedrick had 12 digs and Alaina Diamond had two blocks.

The junior varsity Lady Lions were defeated by Wood Memorial on Monday night.

The varsity girls went 2-1 at the War- rick Invitational this past weekend. They defeated Boonville in two sets, 25-11 and 25-20 and Evansville Bosse in two sets, 25-15 and 25-10. They fell to Castle in

All eight Radius region counties (Craw- ford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington) are now participating in Choose.

"We are very pleased that we have the regional collaboration enabling us to ex- pand our programs to reach a wider audi- ence and bring more workers to southern Indiana," said Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius Indiana. "Our new web- site allows interested workers to search by program and learn about each incen- tive and the communities they can move to."

Choose Southern Indiana completed its second year of recruitment this past Au- gust and has welcomed 44 movers from 15 states and four countries to date. This success paired with data gathered from MakeMyMove, an online platform that offers opportunities to market to remote workers seeking to move to new locations, influenced the recent decision to extend the programming to recruit CDL drivers. Choose Southern Indiana is the first pro- gram under MakeMyMove to offer this

two sets, 7-25 and 15-25. Sydnee Wittmer led the day in serving points with 25 (with five aces) and also in digs with 11 and had 22 assists. Breanna Courter contributed 23 serving points fol- lowed by Madison Ramsey and Ashlynn Gilbert with seven each. Ramsey also had four aces, 13 kills and seven blocks. Gil- bert added four aces, eight kills and four blocks. Cacia Wilcoxon led the day in kills with 15 and Addy Lengacher led in assists with 25 and had 10 digs. Jocelynn Sims contributed nine digs.

The varsity Lady Lions defeated Springs Valley last week in five sets, 23-25, 25-21, 25-22, 24-26, and 15-10. Sydnee Wittmer led in serving points with 15 and in assists with 20. Wittmer also had eight kills and 14 digs. Breanna Courter led the team with 17 digs and had seven points and four aces. Cacia Wilcoxon finished with 12 serving points and two aces and three blocks. Madison Ramsey led in kills with 13 and also had two aces and five blocks. Addy Lengacher finished with eight kills and 18 assists. Macy Knepp had 16 digs and Ashlynn Gilbert had four blocks.

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uniquely targeted incentive program. "Attracting talent to our region is es- sential to growing our workforce and supporting our existing businesses and our new website is going to help us high- light our region as a great place to live and work which will help us get more work- ers into our communities," said Kristal Painter, population attraction program coordinator for Choose Southern Indiana. "We will continue to evaluate these pro- grams and look for additional opportuni- ties to expand our offerings to reach more potential residents."

Talent attraction focuses on recruit- ment from the talent pipeline outside of a given community, while workforce de- velopment aims to further an individual's ability to grow their skills and develop the tools they need for business success in their community. The Radius programs specify that they are targeting the attrac- tion of talent from outside the state of Indiana to avoid depleting talent in other Indiana communities. To learn more and apply to Choose Southern Indiana's programs, visit [www.choosesouthernindiana.com](http://www.choosesouthernindiana.com).



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**Doors open 5:30 pm**  
**Dinner at 6:00 pm**  
**at the Community Building on the 4-H Fairgrounds**

**Tickets will not be sold at the door!**  
*Tickets (\$20) must be purchased by Tuesday, October 24th and are available from MCCF Board Members:*

Kristi Ausbrooks, Richard Burch, Audrey Gibson, Megan Hawkins, Jenell Hoffman, Janie Johnson, Tracy Rayhill, Paula Ringwald, Angie Risacher, Garry Smith, Kelli Wilson, and Curt Johnson. You may also call the MCCF Office at 812-295-1022 for tickets.

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# Christmas Tree Jubilee

A FUNDRAISER to benefit the Loogootee Public Library and Community Action Leading Loogootee.

## Decorate and Donate

Decorated trees, wreaths and lanterns will be accepted from community members and businesses.

## See the Trees

The donated trees, wreaths and lanterns will be on display at the library the week of November 11th.

## Silent Auction Bidding

Bidding ends at NOON ON NOVEMBER 18th. Winners may pick up their items until 5:00 PM.



The Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) and Community Action Leading Loogootee (CALL) are partnering on this fundraiser.

