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## Hindustan Days

-Photos by Courtney Hughett

The Second Annual Hindostan Days was held this past Saturday, October 1 at Hindostan Falls. Hundreds of residents attended to participate in activities such as the egg toss competition and corn hole tournaments. Around 50 vendors had booths set up and music was provided throughout the day. The Martin County Historical Society organizes Hindostan Days and the history of the former town is celebrated with displays set up for viewing.

## Commissioners hear about drainage, property issues

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 4.

Loogootee resident Jason Tinkle who lives in Green Acres, talked to the commissioners about permission to remove an obstruction from a water source which is causing flooding on his property due to rainwater runoff. He explained he was told, after taking it through the court system, that the county has to have a drainage board to solve these issues. Auditor Norris said she checked with the soil and water office and they said there isn't a drainage board. Tinkle said he has also emailed the county surveyor because he is the one who has to investigate the issue. He told the commissioners he would pay a fee for using county services, if they wanted him to.

County Attorney Lett said he just received the paperwork pertaining to the issue, so he hasn't had time to review it. He said there has never been a call for a drainage board to his knowledge, but it can be formed with the three commissioners, or the commissioners can appoint three or five residents to the board. He told the commissioners he needs to give them an outline of what options they have. He said, from what he has gathered, the City of Loogootee is refusing to get involved claiming they do not have jurisdiction, but he believes, based on what he has seen so far, that Loogootee's board of public works should be involved. Tinkle said the city is aware of the situation and were trying to find out what they were allowed to do but, in the end, said they were sorry, but they don't have an easement to do anything.

Commissioner George asked Tinkle how long the drainage issue has been a problem. Tinkle replied it has been two years and he has been in court over the issue for the last six months. Tinkle said, according to the Indiana Code, the commissioners have 30 days to establish the drainage board and a maximum of 90 days to schedule a hearing. Tinkle said he tried to work it out with the property owner, however the property owner didn't like the suggestions made and tried to solve the problem himself, which caused more of an issue. He said for a long time he has not had use of his backyard and  
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## Election reminders

The Martin County General Election will be held November 8, 2022. If you have moved, changed your name or just need to register to vote the deadline is Tuesday, October 11.

If you are interested in voting by mail, you can call and request an application at any time. The deadline for the clerk's office to receive an application to vote by mail is October 27, 2022.

Voting in person at the Martin County Clerk's Office begins Wednesday, October 12. In-person voting will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday until November 7, 2022, at noon. There will also be in-person voting on Saturday, October 29 and Saturday, November 5 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651 with any questions regarding voting or your registration.

## Residents petition against county budget

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Several residents turned out to the Martin County Council meeting Monday night, October 3, for the adoption of the 2023 budget. Again, this year, a remonstrance was filed by taxpayers, led by Mike Engleman, to object to next year's budget. Some of the issues with the 2023 budget were the same issues the group had last year, that were expressed at last year's budget hearings.

County Attorney Dave Lett read each of the complaints in the remonstrance, five total, and pre-prepared statements by the county council were then read. Council Member Adam Greene asked who prepared the responses because he hadn't seen them prior to the meeting. Greg Guerrettaz, with FSG, the county's financial advisor, said he was asked by Council Member Barb McFeaters to prepare the responses with help from Auditor Michelle Norris.

Attorney Lett noted the remonstrance was filed correctly, with signatures from 10 or more taxpayers and done so in the timeframe required.

Objections in the petition included the amount put in the 2023 budget for housing out-of-county inmates. A subject of contention, this year and last, the petitioners object to including the income brought in from the inmates in the budget as they don't believe it is sustainable. Furthermore, they disagree with the amount put in, \$250,000, when Sheriff Josh Greene had requested the amount to be capped at \$191,000 which constitutes housing 15 Vigo County inmates at a time. Greene stated Monday and in past meetings, he was not sure he could maintain more than 15 inmates and he doesn't want the budget contingent upon those figures.

The response presented by the financial advisor and the auditor stated the 2023 budget is sustainable without the inmate revenue. Jacki Dant, who was in the audience, questioned why Guerrettaz stated at

the last meeting that if the inmate money was completely lost, the county would be operating with a \$90,000 deficit. Guerrettaz replied there are many different forms of revenue brought into the county and what is proposed in the budget are only estimates. He said they have no way of knowing how much each revenue source would bring in and any deficits would not be known until the end of 2023. He explained that it is important for each department to maintain their budget monthly to make adjustments, if need be, to the revenue and expenditures.

Guerrettaz went on to explain that it is estimated the county will take in \$2,200,000 in property tax revenue for 2023 and \$1,760,480 in miscellaneous revenue. They included the \$250,000 for inmate revenue based on a three-year average of what the jail has been bringing in. It was noted that the revenue for the last three years for the jail has been as much as \$400,000 so the amount put into the budget was just a fraction of that. He said again that the budget is not contingent upon inmate revenue and added that without Vigo County inmates, the cost of meals, etc. would be cut.

A member of the audience asked if Guerrettaz and the council were saying they will "defund the police". Dant added that by saying they will cut meals, they are saying the inmates just won't eat.

Council Member Warren Albright replied that they are not saying anything about "defunding the police." He explained that if the county doesn't have twice as many inmates to take care of, by having Vigo County inmates, their cost of meals, etc. would go down, along with any other expenses for housing extra inmates.

Andrew Beaver, who was in the audience, asked how much of the inmate revenue goes back into the sheriff's department. He specifically asked Council Member Albright because he said he cannot get a straight answer from him.

Albright asked Beaver if he has looked

at the sheriff's department budget.

Beaver replied that he is just looking for a figure from Albright.

Albright said the sheriff's department budget is \$639,998 and the jail budget is \$599,000 each year so the money brought in from out-of-county inmates goes back into the general fund which is where the sheriff's department budgets live.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said one benefit the sheriff's department has is the commissary fund. She said having the extra inmates means they will spend more in commissary and that money is used at the sheriff's discretion.

Jacki Dant asked why the council will not revisit the \$250,000 put into next year's budget when the sheriff has said he is not comfortable with that amount.

Sheriff Josh Greene then came into the room and said he is worried that if they lose out-of-county inmates, the budget shortfall will come back on him. "I'm not going to be the bad guy next year," he said.

Council Member McFeaters told Greene he will not be the bad guy because none of them know what the future will bring.

"If the county gets surprises, they can make adjustments," said Guerrettaz, again expressing the importance of the budgets being looked at every month. He said they have to, right now, get through the formal process with the state and get estimates submitted. He said the state can reject the proposed figures and require the county make changes.

One of the other issues in the remonstrance petition was the fact that the county has paid FSG to serve as financial advisor for the past two years.

Auditor Michelle Norris told the audience that the amount, up to \$25,000 per year, has been far exceeded however FSG doesn't go over that amount. She said they have done thousands of dollars more work for the county at no additional charge and having FSG has been crucial  
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# BUDGET ADOPTION

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for her position handling the county's millions of dollars.

County Attorney Lett asked Guerrettaz how many counties in the state have financial advisors. Guerrettaz replied that he only knows a handful of the 92 counties who do not have one. He said the department of local government finance actually recommends counties get outside help and there are several cities and towns who also hire advisors.

Council Member McFeaters said FSG is the reason the county is now operating with a surplus.

Mike Engleman, from the audience, said he thinks the sheriff's department revenue from out-of-county inmates is responsible for the surplus more so than FSG.

Another issue in the petition was the county council increasing taxes but not cutting the budget.

Guerrettaz explained that half of Martin County is untaxable, with Crane being 30 percent of that, plus the Martin State Forest, Hoosier National Forest and areas of classified forest. He said many people who work at Crane also do not live in Martin County, so their local taxes go back to their own county.

# COMMISSIONERS

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he is unable to sell the property which he has wanted to do for a while.

Tinkle said he wasn't expecting any decision that night, he was just starting the process as he was told to do so that the law could be followed properly. The commissioners told Tinkle that Attorney Lett would be in touch with him.

Resident Rosemary Harder talked to the commissioners about an issue with a parcel of ground she purchased through the county tax sale back in 2011. She said she did everything required and got the deed to the property in 2012 and has paid taxes for 10 years but now is being told the property was never supposed to be in the tax sale. She said she is trying to get her money back and is waiting for the county attorney and auditor to give her guidance. Attorney Lett said he received the information, but his law partner does title searches, not him. He said he can't give her any answers right now but hopefully they can get information on the history of the property within the next two weeks.

Commissioner George asked Harder how the issue came about. Harder said the adjoining property owner sold their property and a survey was done. After that survey, she was told the property was never hers.

Commissioner George told Harder they will get her an answer as soon as they can.

Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn told the commissioners they have done 115 runs since they started the ambulance service in August - 30 in August and 72 in September. 63 percent of those runs were a transfer to the hospital, 14 were refusals,

Auditor Norris said they did cut from the 2023 budget to the tune of \$312,336. A member of the audience asked if the cuts were from the existing budget or from what departments proposed for 2023. Norris said those were proposed numbers. She also noted that salary increases were requested at as high as eight or nine percent, depending on the department, but were reduced to four percent. They did bring part-time positions from \$13.00 to \$15.00 which in the end only amounted to a \$3,876 reduction in the proposed budget for salaries. She said she misspoke at the last meeting about the salary reductions.

Guerrettaz added that the LIT tax for the ambulance service that has been discussed would be offset by a reduction to the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) which equates into no increase in taxes. He said the county would actually take in more money by making the change because they wouldn't have to share the funds with Loogootee, Shoals and Crane, as they do with EDIT funds, and it would all be kept in the county's budget.

The final issue in the petition was the position of deputy surveyor. The petitioners questioned why there is a deputy position in the county when other counties

six were disregarded and one was dead on arrival.

Osborn said they are still waiting to hear back from Memorial Hospital about being the county's sponsor hospital. He said it's been five weeks since the request was made however, they can't get past the hospital's legal department. He said he has been talking to Daviess Community Hospital about taking on the sponsor role, as a back up plan, and they are very interested.

Jason Tinkle, from the audience, asked Osborn if the previous ambulance service quit serving Martin County because it wasn't profitable for them. Osborn said they legally couldn't provide service anymore because they lost their sponsor hospital.

Tinkle asked if Martin County's service would be profitable. Osborn said he never expects to make a profit but hopes over the next few years they can close the gap and not be such a burden on the taxpayers.

Sheriff Josh Greene reported the jail HVAC units will be installed on the roof next week. Work is currently being done on the jail doors and intercoms and the new sidewalk in front of the property is in progress. Greene said they have 72 inmates currently in the jail with 38 of them from Vigo County.

Dena Held, Extension Educator, talked to the commissioners about National 4-H Week, the first week of October. She talked about the 4-H program and requested the commissioners sign a proclamation declaring 4-H week in Martin County. The commissioners approved and the proclamation was read by Commissioner George.

of like size do not have one and why the surveyor position is full-time.

Assessor Carolyn McGuire explained how important the surveyor's office is to her with reassessment. She said the mapping involved with properties is a skillset that her office does not have. Members of the auditor's office and recorder's office also explained their need to have help from the surveyor's office and their jobs cannot be completed without that expertise. It was noted that \$15,000 of the deputy surveyor's salary is paid by the reassessment fund, as requested by the assessor several years ago. The other \$15,000, along with benefits, is paid by the county. County Attorney Lett noted that Daviess County hires a company to do their cornerstone work, that is state mandated, and it costs them \$63,000. He said that is just cornerstone work and doesn't include other services the surveyor's office provides to the county.

Without anymore comments from the audience, the council then approved the budget adoption with Council Member Randy Winger voting against and Council Member Greene abstaining due to being a relative of the sheriff.

The council then discussed when they wanted to hold a public hearing for the new LIT ambulance tax which would bring in an additional \$440,000 to help pay for the ambulance service. They decided to hold the hearing on Thursday, October 27 at 6 p.m. at the Shoals School Cafeteria. This is the time for the public to offer their opinion on the tax.

In other business, prior to the budget discussions, the council approved an additional funding request from the highway department for \$47,000 to cover health insurance for the rest of the year. The money will come from the MVH (Motor Vehicle Highway) fund.

The county received the second payment of ARPA (American Rescue Plan

Act) funds of \$995,957 and the auditor requested approval to allocate those funds based on the commissioners' original plan for the money. The council questioned whether they should approve the allocations because there were no commissioners present to explain. The amounts were \$195,957 for administrative costs, \$100,000 for supplies, \$300,000 for miscellaneous expenses and \$400,000 for infrastructure projects. The council asked if a lot of the second payment for supplies would go toward the ambulance service. Norris said it probably would but for now they just need to get it in the appropriate funds. The council eventually voted to approve.

Auditor Norris told the council that she learned at a recent conference that they cannot use the 28-day cycle to limit overtime for the ambulance service, like the jail does, per the FLSA regulations. The idea was to keep overtime at eight hours for every 28 days but now they will have 16 hours of overtime for every two weeks. The ambulance staff are paid actual overtime, not compensation time as other departments. This will increase the total salary amount for the ambulance service, but Norris noted it is still under the high estimate they originally set of \$524,000. The cost is now estimated to be \$522,000 per year to provide salaries to ambulance staff.

Council Member Sherri Bowling asked Ambulance Director Jeramey Osborn how he determines the pay scale for each EMT or paramedic. Osborn replied that it is based on their years of experience.

Osborn told the council he is still looking for one full-time paramedic and they have done a few convalescent transports to bring in extra funds. He said they were originally not planning to start doing those until next year. He said billing has not begun for those transports yet, however.

## RE-ELECT AUREOLA VINCZ for Martin County Prosecutor



Martin County, I have convicted hundreds and hundreds of cases. I have sent people to prison and I have fought for restitution and justice for our county. Being a department head, I wanted to do even more while still cutting on my own budget. I started many other programs or formed many partnerships with other agencies in Martin County, for Martin County:

- I am a part of the Justice Coalition formed in 2019 with the Judge, Sheriff, Community Corrections, Probation, and we worked to get \$120,000 in grants to Martin County. We distributed it to programs and school programs already in the county, dedicated to helping Martin County residents.
- I started a Check Deception Program for Martin County business owners who were being taken advantage of by ill-intended customers. Martin County businesses deserve to have this public service, and I am the Prosecutor that cares enough to help them to try to stay in business and provide their services to our county.
- I started a Valid Driving Program, with an attorney that specializes in the area, for eligible people to get back on the road, legally. Martin County residents deserve to have quality help with these issues. I am the Prosecutor that believes it is worth the extra effort it takes to help them gain and keep valid driving privilege. Being able to drive, legally, can mean they will then keep employment, will serve their children and community, which in turn is a benefit to us all.
- I started a Tobacco Cessation Program with both Shoals and Loogootee schools. I started it with Martin County Community Corrections and Hoosier Uplands to help eligible juveniles stop smoking or vaping in the schools. I am the Prosecutor that will work as a team player with other agencies. Martin County residents and their children deserve this public service to help change their lives.

Part of being a strong leader is being able to work well with others. I have reached across many divides for the benefit of our county. Being in a leadership role, also, means there will always be criticism, there will always be big issues, people will always need to vent their frustrations, there will always be misunderstandings, and it's easy to have a target on your back when you put yourself out there as someone willing to take leadership on.

A steady and stable leader does not fan the drama and thrive off the conflict, but instead keeps diligently working while staying on mission.

My mission is to be a part of a Criminal Justice System that serves Martin County with quality work, with high standards, with ethics, and with actual integrity. I ask you Martin County to allow me to continue to serve you.

**Committed to Community, Dedicated to Progress**

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**Vote for the Candidate that will work for you!**

As early voting and Election Day are approaching, I ask you to cast your vote for me to be your State Representative. I will be your voice in Indianapolis, and I will take a stand for everyone in Martin and Daviess Counties to protect your homes, farms, businesses and your way of life. You deserve to have a Representative that will work for you, not a political party. I oppose the Mid-States Corridor and will work to put an end to it in the State Legislature. I will advocate for increased funding for our public schools that are the heart of our communities.

**This is my promise to you.**

Vote for

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KENDALL**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE





# OBITUARIES

## JAMES MARSHALL

James Whitman Marshall passed away at 4:07 a.m. September 28, 2022, at the Martin County Nursing Center in Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, he was 82.



He was born June 15, 1940, at the Daviess County Hospital in Washington; son of James

**JIM MARSHALL** R. and Laura Y. Marshall. He married Sara Jane Harding on February 10, 1963, at the Shoals Christian Church.

Jim graduated from Shoals High School, Lain Technical Institute, and attended Indiana University. He was employed by the City of Indianapolis for four years. He retired in 1999 from Midwestern Engineers, Inc. Loogootee after 35 years of employment. He served in the U.S. Army/Corp of Engineers 577 Engineer Battalion. He and his wife owned Marshall Motors and Marshall Rental Storage. Along with Larry Garrett, he developed and owned the Shoals Tailer Court. Jim was a partner with several Shoals Citizens in owning the Shoals Café and a Shell Gas Station. His keen interest in his community has led him to provide outstanding leadership in multiple organizations over his lifetime.

He was a member of the Shoals Christian Church, was a long time member of the Shoals American Legion Post 61, was a charter member and past president of the Shoals Business Association, past president of the Martin County Historical Society, past president of the Shoals Senior Housing, past board member of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, was a member of the Shoals Senior Citizens, was a member of the Shoals Catfish Festival Steering Committee, and was a member of the Martin County Bicentennial Committee. He and his wife, Jane, are members of the Martin County Community Foundation's Legacy Society and published two books of early historic articles about Martin County, Indiana.

He was awarded the Carolyn Pratt Character and Leadership Award, the Gordon R. Bough Distinguished Service Award, was a Torch Bearer in the Indiana Bicentennial Celebration, and along with his wife was Grand Marshal of the 2011 Catfish Festival Parade, was presented the 2016 Philanthropist of the Year Award by the Martin County Community Foundation, and he and his wife received the 2018 Martin County Historical Society Award for Years of Service.

Jim, along with others, was instrumental in saving the old Martin County Courthouse from the wrecking ball. His father worked there for several years, and his grandfather practiced law there.

Jim's life was a life well lived. He truly loved Martin County and the river that ran through it.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Laura Marshall; two sisters, Nancy Owens and Pat Ewing; one niece, Cheryl Owens; and one nephew, Russell Ewing.

Survivors include his wife, Sara Jane Marshall; one sister, Becky Atkinson; two sisters-in-law, Charleen Tarr and Elizabeth (John) Chattin; one cousin, four nephews and three nieces.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 1 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Pastor Gary Norris officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

The Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## ELEANOR SMITH

Eleanor R. Smith went to her heavenly home Sunday, October 2, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 93.



She was born August 24, 1929, in Daviess County; son of the late George Francis and Clara Laveda

**ELEANOR SMITH** (Crane) Padgett.

Eleanor was a farmer's wife and retired from RCA in Bloomington. She loved to cook and spend time with her family. Eleanor enjoyed working in her flower beds and playing Euchre every chance she had. She was an avid fan of the Barr-Reeve Vikings, Indiana University Hoosiers, and the Chicago Cubs. In her younger years she made many beautiful cakes for all occasions.

She was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She was a member of the St. John Altar Society and a former member of the St. Mary Catholic Church Altar Society. Eleanor led the funeral dinners for many years. She was a member of the Medjugorje Prayer Group. She received the Brute Society Award in 1998 for superior commitment in living a life of Christian stewardship. Eleanor took Communion to those in local nursing homes and shut ins. She also made 100's of rosaries throughout the years.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her husband, James Smith; siblings, Juanita Dant, Sidney Padgett, Josephine Strange, Esther Kamplain, Guy Padgett, Lester Padgett, infant James Padgett and Gerald Padgett; granddaughter-in-law, Missy Wagler.

She is survived by her children, Mark (Donna) Smith of Tipton, Clara (Mark) Kavanaugh of Greenwood, Bernie (Mary Ann) Smith of Loogootee, Denny (Lisa) Smith of Odon, Rita (Fred) Wagler of Loogootee, George Smith of Bloomington, and Kathy (Vance) Tolbert of Montgomery; grandchildren, Mallory (Josh) Cotterman, Adam Tolbert, Shane Tolbert, Lucas Tolbert, Kristina (Jared) Kaka-suleff, Anthony Smith, Leslie Kavanaugh, Jenna (Bill) Cline, Derrick Wagler, Mitchell (Trish) Wagler, Tyler Wagler, Heather Smith, Jared Smith and Shawna (Chris) Prange; 21 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Saturday, October 8 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery – Barr Township.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 7 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to First Choice Solutions, P.O. Box 589, Washington, IN 47501 or the Daviess County Right to Life, P.O. Box 41, Washington, IN 47501.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee in honored to serve the family of Eleanor Smith.

## DANIEL RENNEKER

Daniel J. Renneker, 88, passed away September 27, 2022, at his home in Emerald Place, Washington. A resident of Washington, he was 88.

He was born in Brooklyn, New York on February 26, 1934; son of Harry M. and Christine (Chambers) Renneker.

Daniel grew up in Martin County and graduated from Shoals High School. He went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Navy. Following his service years, he was employed at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, common-



**DANIEL RENNEKER**

ly known as Crane. After his retirement from Crane, he worked for several years for H & R Block. Dan was an active member of the Central Christian Church. He served on the church's Board of Directors and headed up the "Feed My Sheep" program. Dan was recognized many times for his tireless efforts to grow the "Feed My Sheep" program into the viable force it is today in the community.

Those who mourn Daniel's passing include his chosen daughter, Marsha (Charles) Arthur of Naples, Florida; nieces: Christie (Mike) Bault of Gosport; Julie Wiltz of Loogootee; Shannon Shuel in Florida; and nephews, John Arthur and Stephen Arthur, both in Florida. Daniel was blessed with five grandchildren with one great-grandchild on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Christine Renneker; his companion of over forty years, Eva Brown; two brothers, Robert Renneker, Hugh Renneker; and a sister, Patricia Fisher.

Visitation for Daniel Renneker will be 9:30-10:30 a.m., Thursday, October 6, at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary, 620 East Viola Avenue, Washington.

Funeral services for Daniel Renneker will immediately follow the visitation, beginning at 10:30 a.m., also at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary. Pastor Daniel Scherer will officiate.

Interment will be in the Sugarland Memory Gardens where Daniel Renneker will be accorded Military Rights by the Washington American Legion and VFW.

Condolences may be sent online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com). The staff of the Ed L. Lee Mortuary is honored to have been entrusted with Daniel Renneker's arrangements.

## COLTEN DAVIS



**COLTEN DAVIS**

Colten James Davis passed away Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at Deaconess Midtown Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Evansville, he was 29.

He was born on September 20, 1993, in Bedford; son of Larry Davis and Sharon Lannan.

Colten was well known for his active role in fitness and powerlifting throughout the entire tri-state area. People often came to him for his guidance, which he devoted himself to giving throughout his career. As well as other known organizations, he was a sponsored athlete at Active Nutrition. He was truly passionate about what he did, and he dearly loved his cats.

He is survived by his mother, Sharon Lannan; his siblings, Alexandria Shake (Kevin) and Jordan Davis; his half-sister, Jackie Davis; his girlfriend, Liz Ward as well as his nieces, Annasophia and Ava Shake. Colten is preceded in death by his father, Larry Davis.

A celebration of Colten's life will be held at 1 p.m. CST (2:00 P.M. EST) Sunday, October 9 at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel, 601 Walnut St. Evansville, Indiana.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. EST Saturday, October 29 at St. Martin's Hall in Whitfield with a celebration of life to follow. The family would like mentioned that all are welcome to attend.

Koehler Funeral Home, Perigo Chapel is entrusted with care.

## CHARLOTTE CUNDIFF

Charlotte A. Cundiff passed away on Friday morning, September 30, 2022, at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 63.

She was born January 24, 1959; daughter of the late Charles and Pauline (Sanders) Salmon. She attended Shoals High School and formerly worked at National Gypsum in Shoals.

Survivors include one son, Chad Cundiff and wife, Kimberly, of Shoals; two grandsons, Greyson and Miles Cundiff, of Shoals; three sisters, Alyne Kaye Allen and Husband Jim, Sandra Shelton and husband Steve, and Betty Cundiff, all of Shoals.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jason Cundiff. A private service will be held at Spring Hill Cemetery, at Shoals.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## TENNIS TINKLE

Tennis A. Tinkle passed away October 3, 2022. A resident of Loogootee, he was 82.

He was born February 1, 1940, in Martin County; son of David Daniel and Ruth Lucille (Lindley) Tinkle.



**TENNIS TINKLE**

Tennis worked as a self-employed contractor, was employed with the Loogootee Police Department, and retired from Davies County Farm Bureau Co-Op. He

was a member of the Trinity Gospel Tabernacle in Loogootee, Loogootee American Legion, and Shoals VFW. Tennis loved fishing, hunting, camping on the river, and spending time with his grandkids.

Surviving Tennis are his children, Starla (William) Runkle, Kevin (Liz) Tinkle, Karri (Lana Bradley) Tinkle, Rodney Tinkle, Kimberly (Roger) Higdon, Rebecca Shell; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters, Lana Bush and Brenda Tedrow; one brother, Harold Tinkle; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Tennis are his parents; one daughter, Kasey Murray; significant other, Nellie Shartzter; sisters, Janet Ragains, Clara Belle Wininger, Pam Blair, Sue Taylor, Linda Courtwright, and Yvonne Stone; and brothers, Jack, Bill, Carl, and Danny.

A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 6 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Pastor Marvin Lagle officiating. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Queen-Lee Chapel.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

**QUEEN-LEE CHAPEL**  
GEORGE FUNERAL CARE, LLC  
431 High Street  
Shoals, Indiana 47581  
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The Queen-Lee Chapel has served the Shoals and Martin County community for nearly a century. Carrying on the tradition of quality and compassionate service started by the Queen and Lee family is Derek and Abby George along with their two boys, Hudson and Kellen. They have been a part of the community since 2016 and have now solely purchased the funeral home. Derek will continue to manage the day-to-day operations serving you. We look forward to the privilege of our family serving yours for the years to come.



## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

8:50 a.m. - Received a call from INDOT advising of a semi at the road closure of US 150 needing assistance. Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:34 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

12:27 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check on a camper north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

2:01 p.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a request for officers in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Branham responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a hit-and-run south of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a call of a trespasser southeast of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Lents and Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Lost River Fire responded. No one was transported.

11:15 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4:08 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:13 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

8:22 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

10:10 a.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an unruly individual in Loogootee. LPD was notified.

2:25 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

2:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:39 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:52 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock. Captain Reed responded.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1:19 a.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection reporting a commercial

burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

10:35 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US Highway 231 North, heading north. Advised Martin County Law Enforcement and advised Greene County Dispatch.

11:29 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

6:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person east of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Corporal Wells responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:57 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer about a hit-and-run south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

7:06 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check southeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

9:16 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:18 a.m. - Received a call from Montgomery Medical requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Dubois County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:26 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

11:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a downed power line in Loogootee. Contacted Duke Energy.

11:41 a.m. - Received an animal complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

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

1:53 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute in Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

5:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Corporal Wells responded.

5:56 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a male subject exposing himself in Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

9:48 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:48 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity east of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

1:00 a.m. - Received a call from Guardian Medical reporting a medical alarm in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check on a camper in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals.

10:20 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:30 a.m. - Received a call reporting property damage east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US Highway 231 South, heading toward Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

12:13 p.m. - Received a report of trees down south of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

12:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Coroner responded.

2:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee with no injuries.

Notified Loogootee Police.

3:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Good Samaritan in Vincennes.

7:19 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer to assist a motorist in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

3:33 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:35 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:00 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett and Loogootee Police were notified.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of juveniles riding four-wheelers in Shoals without helmets. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

12:37 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check on a four-wheeler and dirt bike in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

3:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer northeast of Loogootee for a possible domestic dispute. Reserve Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

4:52 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

6:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

6:36 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:19 p.m. - Received a call reporting cattle in the roadway east of Loogootee. Owners were contacted.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US Highway 231 North. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US Highway 231 North. Deputy Branham responded.

10:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Officer Sims and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. No one was transported.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

2:20 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Deputy Branham responded. Martin County EMS transported to Haysville for Dubois County EMS to transport to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:51 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded. Daviess Community Hospital intercept at Loogootee Nursing Center.

12:58 p.m. - Received a call from Guardian Medical of a medical alarm in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:59 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree

down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a call requesting to be transferred to Monroe County. Gave Monroe County Sheriff's number.

6:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting tree down north of Loogootee. Advised caller units were enroute.

7:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

8:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

10:05 p.m. - Loogootee Police advised that the city would be flushing hydrants all week.

11:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

### Real estate transfers

**Pauline Hotz**, of Martin County, Indiana to **The Cletus and Dorothy Graber Living Trust**, of Butte County, California, one acre, more or less, in Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West.

**Greene's Properties, LLC**, of Indiana to **Carpenter Rentals, LLC**, of Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.24 acres.

**Louanna J. Lindenschmidt**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Kale Cross Rd. Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 23, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 33.96 acres, more or less.

**Cary D. Albright and Tamara L. Albright**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kenneth E. Keller**, of Monroe County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.40 acres, more or less.

**Jimmy D. Holt and Laura Holt**, of Spencer County, Indiana to **Shelby P. Moffitt**, of Martin County, Indiana Lot Number 6 in Horsey's Addition to the Town of Shoals, Indiana.

**Wanda J. Hopkins and Tammy Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rocky R. Riggle, Ralph J. Riggle, and Ada E. Riggle**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

**Kaylee R. Diamond**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Levi Martin**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Number 4 and 5 in Pruett Subdivision.

**Rocky R. Riggle, Ralph J. Riggle, and Ada E. Riggle**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wanda Hopkins, Tammy Holt and Eric L. Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre, more or less.

**Gary L. Stancombe, Jr.**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Andrea F. Brinkworth**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 47 and 14.34 feet on the east side Lot Number 46 in McCormick's Subdivision 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

**Patsy K. Wildman**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Charles R. Sorrells and Kristin Sorrells**, of Morgan County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Tract II: A part of the south half of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Con- (See 'TRANSFERS' cont. on page 11)



# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed September 1

Justin L. Axsom, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Alyssa R. Matheis, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance-controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### September 2

Charles T. Kline, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Misty L. Smith, assisting a criminal, a Class A Misdemeanor; furnishing alcohol to a minor, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Philip Michael Lee II, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; false identity statement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Anson W. Wagler, sexual battery, a Level 6 Felony.

Charles D. Hellums, residential entry, a Level 6 Felony; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### September 6

Skylar S. Bevis, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### September 7

Gregory A. Machmer, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### September 12

Cameron Anthony Gregory, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joseph G. Kidwell, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Andrew T. Masterson, strangulation, a Level 6 Felony; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### September 13

Nathaniel T. Robinson, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Level 6 Felony.

David E. Steckel Jr., failure to appear, a Level 6 Felony.

### September 14

Sadie Edmondson, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Patrick Glynn Ballard, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joseph Daniel Watson, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### September 15

John Robert Hellman, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more but less than .15, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### September 21

Billy G. Mitchell, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### September 27

Sixto Reyes Antonio, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS September 22

Charles A. Vahl, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 2 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day.

Leroy D. Taylor, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 218 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 109 actual days previously served plus 109 Class A credit days. Also convicted of burglary, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,095 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 76 actual days previously served plus 26 Class B credit days.

Brian Wayne Tedrow, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 353 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

William M. Osborne, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 46 days suspended and credit for 7 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant received 9 months of probation.

### September 26

Danielle N. Sanders, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 545 days with 545 days suspended. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

Billy Dean Wildman, convicted of failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 726 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 23 months of probation.

Conner J. Brock, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

### September 27

Roger A. Terry, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. The remaining 724 days shall be executed at Indiana Department of Corrections.

Ryan Lee Daugherty, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 363 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED September 21

Rebecca A. Rush, two counts of driving while suspended, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

### September 22

Charles A. Vahl, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Leroy D. Taylor, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Brian Wayne Tedrow, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

William M. Osborne, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class

A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### September 26

Nathaniel James Hart, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### September 27

Roger A. Terry, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, prior within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Billy Dean Wildman, failure of a sex/violent offender to possess identification, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed September 22

Audrey M. Hopkins vs. Andrew P. Hopkins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### September 23

Spring Oaks Capital SPV, LLC vs. Wallace Mcintyre, civil collection.

Capital One Bank vs. Jordan VanMeter, civil collection.

### September 26

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

2:43 p.m. - Chief Means checked on a suspicious male lingering around a local business.

4:28 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a property damage accident on Railroad Street.

4:39 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a possible wanted person at a local business.

5:59 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a vehicle driving with excessive speed on Poplar Street.

7:33 p.m. - Officer Seymour completed a welfare check on Bellgrade Drive.

10:17 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:13 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident at Broadway Street and JFK Avenue.

10:20 a.m. - Caller reported possible threatening messages.

11:45 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a suspicious person at the local library.

1:10 p.m. - Chief Means responded to an alarm at a local bank.

2:30 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at the American Legion.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1:19 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a burglar alarm at a local business.

11:40 a.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

5:44 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:13 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

5:00 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

11:48 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

2:05 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a property damage accident on US 231 South and Elm Street.

4:11 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident at US 231 North and East Broadway Street.

5:13 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding a theft.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

3:57 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a verbal argument that has possibly turned into a physical alter-

Property Sure vs. Vicki and David York, eviction.

Property Sure vs. Madison Roush and Spencer Byers, eviction.

Property Sure vs. Brooke Elliott, eviction.

Property Sure vs. Jessica Crane, eviction.

Property Sure vs. Barbara Payne, eviction.

Property Sure vs. Pamela Robbins, eviction.

### September 27

Mariner Finance, LLC vs. Richard Ayers, civil collection.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed September 27

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Kimberly A. Blackwell, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED September 21

Adam J. Crim and Asia B. Crim vs. Paul M. Foley, complaint, dismissed.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES September 27

David Ralph Little, Jr. of Shoals and Naomi Alexandra Kinlein of Shoals.

cation.

8:25 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 North.

10:34 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Riley Street.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

12:16 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walker Street.

6:23 p.m. - Caller advised of debris in the roadway at US 231 North and East Broadway Street.

11:11 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an unruly teen.

# ARRESTS

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10:13 a.m. - Amy (Moffitt) Quinn, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Pressley on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

11:58 a.m. - Ashley Miller, a 34-year-old female from Bedford, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

2:06 p.m. - Zachary Blaker, 39, of Shoals, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

10:15 a.m. - James Raber, 30, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

9:39 a.m. - Benton Price, 30, of Glasgow, Kentucky, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with dealing methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a syringe and possession of narcotic drug. He is being held without bond.

9:39 a.m. - Tyler Kenworthy, 28, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with possession of methamphetamine. He is being held without bond.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A guy sees a sign in front of a house: "Talking Dog for Sale."

He rings the bell, and the owner tells him the dog is in the backyard. The guy goes into the backyard and sees a black mutt just sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks.

"Sure do," the dog replies.

"So, what's your story?"

The dog looks up and says, "Well, I discovered my gift of talking pretty young and I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA about my gift, and in no time they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders, because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I was one of their most valuable spies eight years running."

"The jetting around really tired me out, and I knew I wasn't getting any younger and I wanted to settle down. So, I signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security work, mostly wandering near suspicious characters and listening in. I uncovered some incredible dealings there and was awarded a batch of medals."

"Had a wife, a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

The owner says, "Ten dollars."

The guy says, "This dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Cause he's a liar. He didn't do any of that stuff!"

#### RIDDLES

Q. What do you call a camel with no humps?

Q. Where does a bee sit?

#### THOUGHTS

\*A new study recently found that humans eat more bananas than monkeys. I can't remember the last time I ate a monkey.

\*Little known fact: Before the crowbar was invented, crows simply drank at home.

\*Why do eggs come in flimsy Styrofoam cartons and batteries come in a package only a chainsaw can open?

\*At my age, rolling out of bed in the

morning is the easy part. Getting off the floor is a whole other story.

\*I went down to the paint store to get thinner. It didn't work.

#### ANSWERS

A. Humphrey

A. On its behind

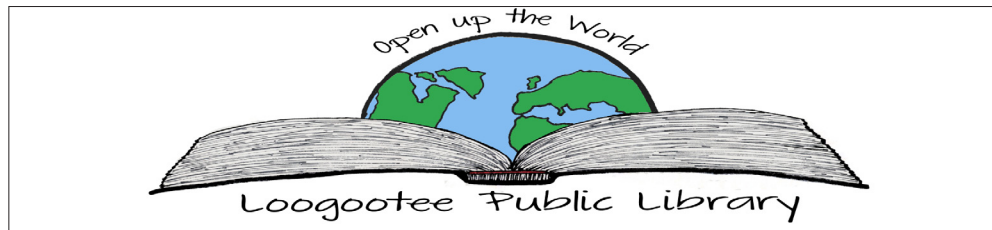
\*If you don't like me, I'm cool with that, just don't pretend that you do.

\*A dog: A little person with fur and paws who is there when you need them; they pick you up when you're down and they will protect you when no one else will. A dog is always your best friend.

\*When the elderly die, a library is lost, and volumes of wisdom and knowledge are gone.

\*Never underestimate the power you have to take your life in a new direction.

Make someone smile today!



#### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The National Library Card Sign-Up Month prize drawing winners are: \$50 gas Makayla Long, \$50 gift basket Graham Callahan, and DQ gift card Alivia Arthur.

October 8, Emilia Ballet at VUJC Arts Center, Jasper, IN at 7 p.m. The ballet is written by Dr. John Craton and Lily Lukomski produces and dances in the ballet. Tickets can be purchased at emiliaaballet on Facebook. All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL).

Alyssa Fithian will host a Fall into Fun program at the library starting at 11:30 a.m. on October 8. Chili Cook-Off, Pumpkin Painting, and Storytime for all ages. To register for the chili cook-off or to reserve a pumpkin, sign up on our Facebook page or call the library 812-29-3713. Desserts, cheese and crackers, cornbread, and drinks will be provided. The program is free. Honorary judge is WRZR's Dewayne Shake.

#### Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, October 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month they will be having soups, sides, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

#### Shoals School Board meeting

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

#### Election equipment public test

Notice is hereby given that the public testing of DS200 Image Scanners and Expressvote units that will be used in the 2022 Primary Election will be conducted in the commissioners' room of the Martin County Courthouse, located at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581, on Tuesday October 11 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).

#### Loogootee meeting date change

The Loogootee Board of Public Works & Safety and City Council meetings have been moved to Monday, October 17 at

5:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. The meeting is open to the public.

#### Dog/cat wellness clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter will hold their monthly wellness clinic Friday, October 21, from 5-6 p.m. Low cost services such as vaccinations, microchips and disease testing are offered. No appointment is required.

#### LUMC Food Pantry

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

#### Mental Health Task Force

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

#### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

#### St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

#### Local recovery meetings

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

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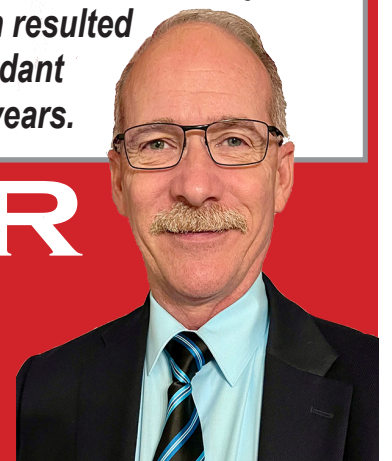
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# FARMING & OUTDOORS



October's bright blue weather arrived right on cue. With a good stretch of nice weather in the forecast, farmers should make some headway in harvesting and gardeners may get some work accomplished.

I am really hoping to get some perennials divided and re-planted in the next week. It is a good time to dig peonies and divide them. If you are not digging them, it is time to cut off this year's foliage. Peony foliage often has black spot or other fungal diseases. Such conditions are rarely fatal, but they are unsightly. That is the reason I do not put the peony foliage in the compost pile. I have an area at the edge of the woods where I dispose of such foliage, but you may want to burn it or bag it and dispose of it in the trash. Getting rid of the diseased foliage is the first step in preventing future infestations.

If you are dividing peonies, clean the soil off the roots. Use a sharp knife to cut the roots, making sure that each section has at least two "eyes" or growth spots. Choose a new home in an area without weeds or dig out the weeds as best you can. Plant the roots so that the eyes are just about two inches deep. If you wish to mulch peonies, you may want to adjust the planting depth to account for the mulch. Roots that are too deep will not produce flowers.

It is also a good time to plant other perennials, shrubs and trees. Hostas, daylilies and other perennials should be divided every three years or so. Simply plant the roots back at the same depth they were growing. You may have several new plants to put in new locations or share with friends. Nurseries and garden centers will soon be preparing for the winter, so you may get some real bargains. Be wary about buying damaged plants. One may easily introduce diseases into a landscape with new plants.

I sometimes find bargain plants but do not have the spot ready for planting, or I want to observe the plant for a year before putting it in the garden. Hostas and daylilies will likely survive the winter in the nursery pots, but many other perennials are not as hardy and need to get into the ground. I have an area set aside for such plants. It is not intended to be a permanent home, but I can watch a plant for a year or two before making up my mind where I want it to go. I use a different method with trees. I dig a hole and place the pot and all in it. The tree should be kept at the same depth, but the added insulation will allow it to survive the winter, and this makes it easier to get the tree dug up and ready to go into its permanent home next spring.

Early October is also the best time of the year to plant a new lawn or to overseed a lawn. Prepare the area so the seed will make good contact with the soil. If you are adding to an existing lawn, you may wish to use a power seeder to ensure the seed is getting into the soil. Water the newly planted lawn and keep the area moist until the seed germinates. A light covering of straw or other seeding mulch will help to keep the ground evenly moist. Wait until the grass is about four inches tall before giving it a cut. Do not cut much! The grass needs to develop good roots to survive.

It is also a good time to apply a low-nitrogen fertilizer to existing lawns. This will encourage good root growth without making the grass put on too much top growth.

There are many other jobs that I need to do during this wonderful weather, but the most important is to take a while each day to just soak in the beauty. It is perfect weather to sit in the moon garden and watch the sun set over the cliff. October's bright blue weather also offers some great sunsets.

## Open house at Martin State Forest

The public is invited to the respective open houses that DNR Division of Forestry will host on October 17, 18, and 19.

During the events, division personnel will display information on forest, recreation, and facility management. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment. Written comments can be submitted at [dnr.IN.gov/forestry/state-forest-management/public-comment/submit](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry/state-forest-management/public-comment/submit).

A guided hike starting at 5 p.m. will be offered during each open house listed below. Those participating in the hike should meet at the office.

These open house events provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive first-hand information about how the state forests are working to provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products, and recreational opportunities," State Forester John Seifert said. "They also allow us to receive valuable feedback from our neighbors and users about state forest management — I encourage everyone who has an interest to participate."

Open houses will be offered as follows: Jackson-Washington and Selmer State Forests: October 17, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Jackson-Washington State Forest office, which is 2.5 miles east of Brownstown, just east of the Jackson County Fairgrounds on State Road 250. Call 812-358-2160 for more information.

Owen-Putnam State Forest: October 17, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office, which is 5 miles west of Spencer and less than a mile north of State Road 46. Call 812-829-2462 for more information.

Martin State Forest: October 17, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office off U.S. 50, ap-

proximately 4 miles northeast of Shoals. Call 812-247-3491 for more information.

Clark State Forest: October 18, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office, which is a mile north of Henryville on U.S. 31. Call 812-294-4306 for more information.

Ferdinand-Pike State Forest: October 18, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Ferdinand State Forest office, off State Road 264, approximately 4 miles northeast of Ferdinand. Call 812-367-1524 for more information.

Salamonie River and Frances Slocum State Forests: October 18, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Salamonie River State Forest office off State Road 524, approximately 6 miles east of Wabash. Call 260-782-0430 for more information.

Harrison-Crawford State Forest: October 19, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office off State Road 462, just past the gatehouse for O'Bannon Woods State Park. Call 812-738-7694 for more information.

Greene-Sullivan State Forest: October 19, 4 to 7 p.m. at the property office on State Road 159, approximately 1.5 miles south of Dugger. Call 812-648-2810 for more information.

Property staff members are also often available during normal business hours, which are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. See [dnr.IN.gov/forestry/properties](http://dnr.IN.gov/forestry/properties) for contact information. The DNR Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational, and cultural resources on Indiana's public and private forest lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations.

To view more DNR news releases, please see [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov).

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# Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

When a lot of things that occupy your time or influence your pocketbook are impacted by the weather it is hard to not talk about it some! I felt it was a very odd growing season, at least in my neck of the woods. My reasons were certainly different than in other areas, even not that far away. The weather constantly reminds me that we need to always have a plan B and be prepared to act on it. It also reminds me that we need to build in as much resilience into the grazing system as possible.

I've been asked twice recently about what I consider "stockpiled" forage. Stockpiled forage is technically defined as standing forage that is allowed to accumulate for grazing at a later period, usually for fall and winter grazing after dormancy. Stockpiling usually is initiated anywhere from early August to the first of September. I like to see at least 60 days of forage accumulation prior to the first frost – that means it needs to be started by mid-August most years. This time frame allows enough time, with adequate rainfall, to grow a nice amount of forage for use after dormancy.

Waiting until after dormancy is important. Dormancy often requires several nights in a row at 25 degrees or lower. Once dormant, the forage can be grazed with less harm to the plant's energy reserves. When it is grazed, it can be taken down a bit closer than normal but leaving good residual. That good stop grazing height will slow runoff over winter, reduce any erosion and help springboard growth next season.

Quite often, people get in too much of a hurry to utilize that stockpiled forage. This usually happens with systems that are running out of forage to graze. Stocking rates have increased on several farms the last few years – that is the number of animal units (1000-pound live weight) on the total acres. Quite often to more animal units than the land base can adequately support. When that happens, more "fed" feed is needed to support the animals present. That is quite often purchased feed. The pencil better be pretty sharp to make that work out well with present day prices.

A fair amount of marginal land that used to be pasture or hay land has been converted to cropland. If animal numbers were not adjusted, the stocking rate increased putting more pressure on the remaining acres. That generally means a shorter grazing season, quite often reduced production due to shorter rest periods, and again, increased inputs. Enough of that tangent.

Early grazing of stockpiled forage, prior to dormancy, reduces the plant vigor the following spring and quite often opens it up to more competition from weeds, especially if there was a lot of soil disturbance or over grazing occurred. Fields that have had increased weed pressure are probably not the best to stockpile and should be allowed to recover prior to dormancy and left ungrazed until the next spring.

When possible, such fields could also be stockpiled early and then left to be utilized early the next spring when both the cows and owners are eager to start grazing. That stockpile not only could help to reduce weeds due to stronger root systems and cover but can provide an excellent site for calving or such without mud.

I've seen several pastures that were stockpiled as recommended, but grazed too early, let to regrow and then grazed again. I've intentionally done this in some of my experiments and paid for it dearly. Not only was there a weakened forage stand the next spring, but the site was also more easily disturbed during any grazing event and that greatly increased weed pressure. That weed pressure appears from the seed bank present in the soil along with any new additions from

equipment, movement with animals and certainly wildlife. Some weeds can lay dormant for decades just waiting patiently for the right opportunity and conditions to grow. Delayed spring grazing with a little extra fertility, especially nitrogen, helped to reduce weed pressure some by increasing competition by the desired forage, but not always.

What most producers really need is more grazable acres or fewer animal units. That is probably easier done by utilizing some cropland, especially marginal cropland, to grow annual forage in the rotation for haying or ideally grazing and making use of crop residue when conditions are favorable to do so without causing compaction or the need for cleanup tillage afterwards. If the livestock are off the pastures for several weeks, then it is a lot easier to rest pastures more and stockpile forage correctly and reduce the need to carry feed to them. Feed that the animal can harvest itself is almost always cheaper than anything that you have to carry to it.

I was asked recently again about the grazing of Johnsongrass during a farm visit. If the field is grazed very often, you usually won't see much present because it is often one of the first forages the cows take out. They will eat it and actually like it, but I certainly wouldn't plant it.

Summer annual warm-season grasses such as sudangrass or sorghum-sudangrass hybrids and the noted johnsongrass produce a toxic compound when frosted causing the production of the prussic acid (hydrocyanic acid). To be safe, livestock should be removed from these forages after frosted for at least two weeks to allow for the forages to "dry down" and the prussic acid to dissipate before grazing again.

These forages can be harvested for baleage five to seven days after being frosted and later fed as long as they are allowed their normal fermentation process time period of six to eight weeks – but best harvested prior to frost. Dry hay containing these is generally fine. Johnsongrass tends to be a bit more toxic than sorghums. Frosted areas could be only "pockets" in a field to start with. Any regrowth from the base of the plant after a frost can also be very high in prussic acid. If in doubt, wait and or test. It is better to be safe than sorry and occurrences can happen with little warning. Millets generally do not have this issue.

Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Graze crop residues or annuals that you have now to allow pastures to rest and continue to grow until dormant. Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/in/technical/landuse/pasture/](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/in/technical/landuse/pasture/)

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

Kentucky Grazing Conference – October 26, 2022 @ Leitchfield, KY or October 27 @ Winchester, KY. For more information and tickets visit: <https://forages.ca.uky.edu/event/kentucky-grazing-conference-0> or call 859-257-059. Jim Gerrish and Ray Archuleta are speakers.

Heart of America Grazing Conference – February 20-21, 2023 – Ferdinand, IN

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference – March 29, 2023 – Site and agenda pending.

Grazing Bites has changed. Please send comments or questions to [grazingbites@gmail.com](mailto:grazingbites@gmail.com).

## Indiana deer hunters urged to remember safety tips

With the deer reduction zone season underway and the statewide archery deer season starting this past Saturday, Indiana Conservation Officers remind hunters to stay safe.

The various deer hunting seasons run through January 31, 2023. It is estimated that more than 300,000 people will participate in some form of deer hunting in Indiana during that span.

The most common injuries during deer seasons are accidents involving tree stands and elevated platforms. 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/bolts, paying particularly close attention to parts made of material other than metal.
- Practice 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 non-slip 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.

Additional safety tips:

- Carry emergency equipment, such as 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).

### Indiana citizens are key to stopping poaching

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage citizens to partner with the Turn In a Poacher, Inc. (TIP) program and help put an end to poaching.

TIP is a nonprofit conservation organization that protects fish and wildlife resources by increasing public support and involvement in bringing violators to justice.

A poacher is a thief who illegally steals wildlife that belongs to each Indiana citizen. Indiana DNR manages wildlife for everyone, and every person can help TIP support DNR efforts by reporting potential violations at 1-800-TIP-IDNR (800-847-4367) or [tip.IN.gov](http://tip.IN.gov). Doing so will help conserve wildlife for future generations.

Call TIP if you see, hear, or learn about poaching or another violation regarding fish and wildlife. If your "TIP" leads to an arrest, you may receive as much as a \$500 reward, and you can remain anonymous. Since 2017 TIP has received 1,788 tips and paid thousands of dollars in rewards for tips that have led to the arrest of a suspect.

"Concerned citizens are the main reason why Indiana TIP has been successful in fighting against poaching and bringing justice to those who violate fish and wildlife laws," said Joe Cales, TIP citizens advisory board president. "Poaching affects us all."

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## Scouts Fishing Day

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The Shoals Cub Scout Pack #491 held their annual Fishing Fun Day at West Boggs Park on Tuesday, September 27. The pack fished with bamboo poles and several fish were caught by many scouts. Scout Leaders pictured in the back row, from left to right, are Sharon Lake, Den Leader; Brandi Gilbert, Cubmaster; and Dustin Williams, Den Leader.

## Farmer sentiment drifts lower, rising interest rates contribute to uneasiness

BY KAMI GOODWIN

Purdue University News Service

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer farmer sentiment index declined 5 points to a reading of 112 in September. The decline in farmer sentiment was primarily the result of producers' weakened perception of current conditions, as the Current Conditions Index declined 9 points to 109. The Index of Future Expectations also weakened slightly, declining 3 points from a month earlier to a reading of 113. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted Sept. 19-23.

"Concerns about input costs and, in some cases, availability are key factors behind the relative weakness in this month's farmer sentiment," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "However, a growing number of producers are also concerned about the impact of rising interest rates on their farm operations."

Higher input costs remain the number one concern among survey respondents. In September, 44 percent of respondents chose "higher input costs" as their number one concern, while 23 percent chose "rising interest rates," and 14 percent chose "availability of inputs." When asked to look ahead to 2023, the largest share (38 percent) of producers expect input prices to rise from 1 percent to 9 percent compared to 2022 prices. Meanwhile, nearly a fourth (24 percent) of producers expect input prices to rise from 10 percent to 19 percent, and 9 percent of survey respondents said they expect an input price rise of 20 percent or more.

The Farm Capital Investment Index declined to a record low of 31 in September, as producers continue to indicate now is not a "good time" to make large investments in their farming operations. To understand why they felt that way, a follow-up question was posed to farmers who reported now being a "bad time" to make large investments. For the third month in a row, producers overwhelmingly (46 percent) said it was due to increasing prices for farm machinery and new construction; however, 21 percent indicated that "rising interest rates" were a primary reason, up from 14 percent who cited interest rates in August.

Despite that negative perspective, fewer producers plan to reduce their farm machinery purchases. Since peaking in March 2022 at 62 percent, the share of producers who plan to reduce their machinery purchases compared to a year earlier has been declining, dipping to 47 percent in September. Their plans for farm building purchases tell a similar story. Since the March 2022 high of 68 percent, producers who planned to reduce their building and grain bin purchases has fallen to 56 percent in September.

Producers' perspective on farmland values continues to soften. This month, the Short-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index fell 5 points to 123, and the Long-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index fell 7 points to 139. Compared to a year ago, the short-term index is down 21 percent, while the long-term index has fallen 12 percent over the same time frame. In a follow-up question posed to respondents who expect farmland values to rise over the next 5 years, nonfarm investor demand (60 percent) remains their primary reason for the rise.

This month's survey included a series of questions to understand producers' cover crop usage. Nearly six out of 10 (57 percent) respondents said they currently plant cover crops on a portion of their farmland, while approximately one in four producers said they have never planted a cover crop. Most producers who report planting cover crops say they only plant them on a portion of their farmland, with half indicating they plant on 25 percent or less of their acreage. However, some farms report more intensive use of cover crops as nearly a fourth of respondents said they plant cover crops on over 50 percent of their farms' acreage. A large share (40 percent) of producers who reported planting cover crops this month said they have been planting cover crops for five years or less, while 28 percent of respondents said they have been planting cover crops for more than 10 years. The reasons for planting cover crops vary, with 37 percent citing "improve soil health" and 33 percent citing "improve erosion control" as the primary motivators. Just 5 percent of cover crop users indicated "carbon sequestration" as a motivation for planting cover crops.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

## Patoka Lake hosts Autumn Getaway Weekends

Patoka Lake will host two Autumn Getaway Weekends, October 7 and 8, and October 14 and 15, respectively. All programs take place in the modern campgrounds at state park tents.

On October 7 and 14, campers can buy pumpkins from the pumpkin wagon. Proceeds from this activity will benefit Patoka's birds of prey. Family games will be from 5 to 7 p.m., and a bicycle decorating contest with a parade will take place at 7:30 p.m.

On October 8 there will be a Dutch oven cook-off beginning at 12:30 p.m. Starting this year, the cook-off is by advance registration only, and spots need to be reserved by October 6 by calling the Nature Center at 812-685-2447. This event must have no fewer than 15 dishes registered in advance in order to take place, otherwise it will be postponed until 2023.

Judging will be at 3:30 p.m. During judging, for \$3, campers will have a chance to sample the Dutch oven dishes as well as eat cast-iron chili prepared by DNR staff and volunteers. Bring a bowl or plate and silverware.

Craft activities will take place at section A of the campground near the playground on October 8 from 10 a.m. to noon and October 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants can purchase a pumpkin and carving tools to create a special jack-o-lantern for a pumpkin carving

## Hunters can donate deer to help feed hungry Hoosiers

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage Indiana hunters to donate harvested deer to help feed hungry Hoosiers.

The Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund administered by the DNR Division of Law Enforcement provides grants to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry, the Dubois County Sportsmen Club, and Hunters and Farmers Feeding the Hungry to pay for processing fees when hunters donate legally harvested deer.

Participating in the program is simple:

- Enjoy a deer hunting experience.
- Harvest a deer.
- Drop off the field-dressed deer at a local participating processor.

Processing fees are paid for by the

## Town of Shoals to hold leaf pickup next month

The Town of Shoals will pick up leaves Tuesday, November 1 through Thursday, November 3.

Town of Shoals residents should rake any leaves they wish to be collected no more than three feet from the roadway or curb into a pile. Leaves are not to be placed directly onto the streets. Leaves should not be placed near a drainage ditch where water could be blocked and

contest. Attendees can also bring a pre-washed white cotton T-shirt for tie-dyeing or make a tin solar bead or glow bracelet, among other options.

On October 8 at 1 p.m. and October 15 at 2 p.m. there will be a costumed pet parade, followed by a contest with a special guest grand marshal. Pets must be on a leash.

Campers under 12 will be able to trick-or-treat around the campgrounds from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on October 8 and 15. The campgrounds will be shut down to vehicles during this time. Candy distributors are asked to place candy on tables rather than in bowls.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on October 15, Patoka will have a silent auction to benefit its birds of prey.

A change has been made to the campsite decorating contest for this year. All sites are automatically registered to compete.

All section A campsites will compete against other section A sites, section B against B, and section C sites against C. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., judges will award prizes.

For more information regarding these special events or other programs at Patoka, call the Patoka Lake Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

## Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund.

The processor will create healthy venison burger to distribute to food banks.

The participating organizations notify food banks throughout Indiana when venison is ready to be collected from certified Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund butchers.

The food banks distribute venison to soup kitchens and food pantries.

As a result of the 2021 deer hunting seasons, Hoosier hunters donated 879 harvested deer that resulted in 45,326 pounds of venison being donated.

For information on donating your harvested deer and participating processors, please visit sbf.IN.gov.

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# Indiana Department of Insurance approves decrease in Workers' Compensation rates for 2023

Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner Amy L. Beard recently approved a decrease of 10.3 percent on average for Workers' Compensation rates recommended by the Indiana Compensation Rating Bureau (ICRB), effective January 1, 2023. Individual employers may experience a rate change different from -10.3 percent depending on their rating class (classifications based on the type of business) and other rating factors. There are approximately 150 such industry types.

"The 10.3 percent decrease represents a savings to Indiana businesses of approximately \$80 million," said Commissioner Beard. "We are pleased to approve a rate decrease that helps support Indiana businesses and Indiana workers."

The 10.3 percent decrease can be attributed primarily to the long-term decline in workers' compensation countrywide claim frequency, and the recent favorable experience in average costs per claim in Indiana for both indemnity and medical benefits.

Workers' compensation insurance covers medical costs associated with workplace injuries and provides wage replacement benefits to injured workers for lost work time. The Indiana Compensation Rating Bureau (ICRB) and the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI) jointly make a rate filing with the Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) proposing loss costs and rates for the coming year of policies. In 2021, there were approximately 350 different insurance companies writing workers' compensation insurance in Indiana, representing approximately 120 different insurer groups.

Indiana Workers' Compensation rates consistently rank one of the lowest in the United States, according to the Oregon Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking report. The Information Technology and Research Section in the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services has examined state rates on a biennial basis since 1986.

## State Auditor confirms all automatic taxpayer refund checks are printed and mailed

More than 1.5 million automatic taxpayer refund (ATR) checks have been printed and mailed, confirmed State Auditor Tera Klutz, CPA last week.

"We successfully completed printing on September 21 and sent the last batch of automatic taxpayer refund checks to the postal service on September 22," stated Auditor Klutz. "Most Hoosiers who filed a 2020 tax return in 2021, should have received their automatic taxpayer refund via direct deposit or mailed check by now."

Klutz continued, "While most eligible recipients have received their refunds, we are aware that many need further assistance to claim it. Due to the checks being issued from the 2020 Indiana tax return some recipients have passed away or moved and we are working to get those checks reissued to the proper name and address."

- Do you need a refund check reissued?
- If an individual received a payment who has since passed away, the living spouse or executor needs to file a Distributee's Affidavit for Disposition of Estates SF# 49377 with the Auditor of State, and include a copy of the Death Certificate.
- If an individual received a check that

could not be deposited due to blurriness or printer error, the recipient needs to file an Affidavit for Lost or Not Received Warrent SF#42850 with the Auditor of State.

Completed and notarized forms can be mailed to the Indiana Auditor of State at 200 West Washington Street, Room 240, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Feel free to contact us directly at Comments@auditor.IN.gov with any questions regarding this process.

Do you need a refund check split? Hoosiers who received a joint check of \$650 made out to both spouses who filed their 2020 individual income taxes jointly, but who have since divorced and need the check separated and reissued should mail the original check along with a written request to divide the refund to: Indiana Department of Revenue Attn: Non-Responsible Spouse PO Box 7202, Indianapolis, IN 46207

Did you qualify for the automatic taxpayer refund, but you still have not received a direct deposit or mailed check? You are encouraged to contact the Indiana Department of Revenue directly after November 1 to allow time for returned mail to process.

## Loogootee High School Volleyball results

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team defeated South Knox last night, Tuesday, October 3, in three sets, 25-12, 25-18, and 25-12. The varsity record stands at 20-10 on the season and 6-1 in conference play. The girls will compete at home against Bedford North Lawrence this Thursday, October 6 for Senior Night.

Breanna Courter led the team in serving points with 13 followed by Sydnee Wittmer with 12 and Brooklyn Summers with eight. Wittmer added 10 kills, 13 assists and seven digs and Summers had 16 assists and 13 digs. Kyleigh Courter led in digs with 15, Mallorie Sutton had seven kills, Alana Hedrick had six kills, Madison Ramsey finished with four blocks and Cacia Wilcoxon had three.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated South Knox, 25-19 and 25-14. The JV record is 11-3.

Abbigail Nonte led the team with serving points with eight followed by Macy Knepp with six and Cora Consley with five. Nonte also had six digs and Knepp also contributed five kills and Consley added nine digs. Addy Lengacher finished with 15 assists. Ava Fuhrman had four kills and six digs and Cacia Wilcoxon contributed four kills.

Record: 11-3  
The varsity girls defeated Wood Memorial on Monday night, October 3 in three sets, 25-12, 25-17, and 25-17.

Sydnee Wittmer led in serving points with 25 followed by Mallorie Sutton with seven and Breanna Courter and Madison Ramsey with six each. Wittmer also had 17 assists, Sutton added seven kills and Courter led in digs with 14. Brooklyn Summers contributed nine assists and

nine digs and Kyleigh Courter added 13 digs. Ashlynn Gilbert finished with seven kills and Cacia Wilcoxon had six.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated Wood Memorial, 25-23 and 25-24.

Ava Fuhrman and Macy Knepp led in kills with six each followed by Cacia Wilcoxon and Ashley Green with four each. Fuhrman also contributed five serving points and Knepp added 12 digs and four serving points. Addy Lengacher finished with 20 assists and four serving points while Abbi Nonte had 13 digs.

The varsity Lady Lions competed in the Castle Invitational this past Saturday. The girls were defeated by Bloomington North and Castle but got the win against Evansville Bosse and Evansville Central. The girls' record now stands at 18-10 on the season.

Kyleigh Courter led the team with 21 serving points and 29 digs. Mallorie Sutton added 16 service points and Madison Ramsey had 14. Ramsey also contributed seven kills. Alana Hedrick led the day in kills with 19 while Cacia Wilcoxon had 11 and Sydnee Wittmer had seven. Wittmer also added 28 assists. Brooklyn Summers led in assists with 29.

The girls were defeated by Springs Valley last week in four sets, 10-25, 26-24, 16-25, and 15-25.

Sydnee Wittmer led in points with eight and also had 17 assists and eight digs. Madison Ramsey contributed four serving points and four blocks. Mallorie Sutton led in kills with nine and had three blocks. Cacia Wilcoxon and Ashlynn Gilbert each finished with eight kills. Brooklyn Summers finished with 18 assists and eight digs. Kyleigh Courter led in digs with 20 and Breanna Courter added 12.

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This position requires a minimum of 3 year's office experience. Proficiency in QuickBooks, Microsoft Office, Publisher, Excel and Word is a must.

Full job description and application can be obtained by emailing (see email below) or visiting the SWCD office during office hours.

Applications with cover letters and resumes will be accepted until October 11th, 2022

Please email application requests and application packets to [martinswcd@yahoo.com](mailto:martinswcd@yahoo.com) or mail to Martin County SWCD, PO Box 142, Loogootee, IN 47553



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## Attorney General encourages Hoosiers to assign a legacy contact to preserve online presence after death

Attorney General Todd Rokita advises Hoosiers to set up an Apple, Google, or Facebook "legacy contact" to ensure their social media accounts and cell phone content are secure and accessible to appointed loved ones after death.

"Death is never something we want to think about," Attorney General Rokita said. "However, it's best to be prepared and gain the reassurance knowing your online presence will be taken care of by someone you love and trust."

The legacy contact option on all three platforms allows the account holder to invite someone they trust to take over their social media accounts and cell phone data after death. This can be used to post the dates of the funeral, notify friends through the account holder's contacts app, and even access medical records through the account holder's health app.

The account holder should have an Apple device signed in with an Apple ID, two-factor authentication turned on for the Apple ID, and be over the age of 13. An access code is then generated. The Legacy Contact must have the access code and death certificate to access the account holder's data.

Google's version of a legacy contact is called "Inactive Account Manager." Contacts will receive a notification that the account has been inactive after a specified amount of time. Contacts will receive an email with information written by the account holder during setup. The account holder can choose exactly what data they want to share with the trusted contact and how long that data will be accessible.

Facebook has a similar option, which allows for the account holder to add or remove a legacy contact in the memorialization setting. After the account holder's page is memorialized, the legacy contact will be able to make decisions for the Facebook page.

When the account holder passes, they can choose to have their account permanently deleted or appoint a legacy contact

to manage their memorialized account.

Attorney General Rokita said most Hoosiers know how important it is to create a will to assign their possessions and property to loved ones. With modern technology, it's wise to consider the transfer of your intellectual property as well.

## TRANSFERS

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taining 2.05 acres, more or less, in both tracts, except a section containing 0.8 acre. Tract III: 2.47 acres in Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 3 West. Tract IV: The south half of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 80 acres, more or less. Tract V: The west part of the west half of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 26 acres, more or less. Tract VI: A part of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.370 acres, more or less.

**Howard Knepp, Brandon Knepp and Kevin Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Howard Knepp and Barbara Jean Knepp and Nicholas S. Knepp and Tanysha Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.684 acres, more or less.

**Howard Knepp, Brandon Knepp and Kevin Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Brandon Knepp and Christina Knepp and Bryant Knepp and Angela Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 8.780 acres, more or less.

**Carole A. Steele**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Justin M. Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 6, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, containing 10 acres, more or less.

## Consumer alert: Products recalled in September

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in September. Consumers should take full advantage of the solutions available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"Hoosiers need to know if purchased items are flawed or have the potential to hurt them or their children," Attorney General Rokita said. "This month, several recalled products are child-related, and it is important that parents pay careful attention to make sure their kids are safe. Consumer protection is one of my office's top priorities. If you have difficulty finding a solution for your recalled product, call my office for help."

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

RIDGE Jogging Strollers from UPPAbaby

Cityscape Travel Jogger Strollers from Baby Trend

Infant Bath Seats from Yuboloo

Children's Sandals from Kolan

Children's HearMuffs from Hearing Lab Technology/Lucid Audio

Miffy First Lights from Mr Maria

Spalding® Momentous EZ Portable Basketball Goals from Russell Brands

Ladders Sold with Bunk Bed and Hutch Sets from Canyon Furniture Company

Roots & Harvest Wide Mouth Pint Canning Jars from LEM Products Distribution

One Stick GEN 2 Climbing Sticks from Tethrd

Murphy Beds from Cyme Tech

Cordless Lawn Mowers from Snow Joe

Metal Hanging Chairs from TJX

R5 and Caledonia-5 Bicycles and Replacement Stems from Cervélo

Ceramic Mugs with Cork Bottoms from Accompany USA

Pool and Spa Drain Covers from Chyrir Myd

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

To view recalls, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website at [www.cpsc.gov/Recalls](http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls).

## Town of Shoals to flush water mains

The Shoals Water Department will be flushing water mains beginning Sunday, October 9 and ending on Tuesday, October 11. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and/or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If problems with your water quality should continue, please contact the Shoals Town Hall at 812-247-2110.

The crew will be flushing mains during the night and early morning hours. The reason for this is to help prevent interruptions during the day and high demand periods. The water department would like to warn drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to yourself and town employees.

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