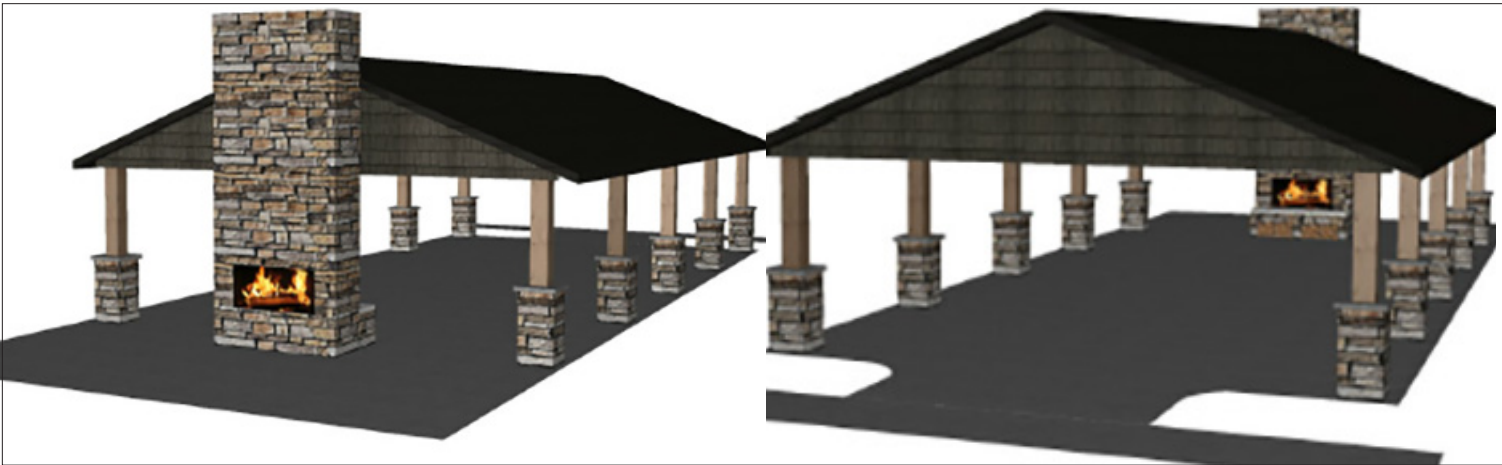


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Shown above is a rendering of the planned 30x60 shelter house at Hindostan Falls. The Martin County Alliance needs to raise an additional \$12,375 by December 5 to receive a \$40,000 grant from CreatINg Places.

Alliance trying to raise \$40,000 to build Hindostan shelter house

Martin County residents will soon have a new space to gather if this crowdfunding campaign reaches its goal of raising \$40,000 by December 5, 2023. If successful, the project led by Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, Inc. will receive a matching grant as part of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority's (IHCDA) CreatINg Places program. As of Wednesday morning, the campaign had raised \$27,375 with \$12,625 left to be raised.

"The addition of amenities to Hindostan will encourage recreation, promote healthy lifestyles and improve the overall quality of life in Martin County," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This project will bring immediate positive change to the area and will have a lasting impact on all residents."

Funds from this campaign will be used to build a new 30x60 shelter house with a capacity of 72 people and create an inviting and open access gathering space, with a large two-sided fire pit and outdoor seating.

"On behalf of Martin County Alliance, we are so excited about this project,"

said Jessica Potts, Executive Director for Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth. "Hindostan Falls is such a beautiful area that holds so much of our county's history. We've seen firsthand how the county and surrounding communities have enjoyed Hindostan Days the past two years. Now, we are excited to add a gathering space for everyone to enjoy the area year-round."

"It's an all or nothing grant, so we have to raise the full \$40,000 by December 5 to get matched," said Potts.

The shelter house project is a quality of place initiative led by the Alliance. Hindostan Days, a one-day festival that celebrates the community that was the original county seat, has been such a huge success the last three years. The Alliance feels that having a shelter house in place for people to gather, and picnic, will increase the traffic even more in the area. Hindostan Falls was settled in 1818 and eventually had 1,200 residents. A sickness wiped out the town in 1828 and it was never occupied again.

The 200-acre property is now owned and managed by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The shelter house is

a quality of place initiative being undertaken by the Alliance. The shelter house will offer a place for people to gather for various events.

Since the CreatINg Places program began in 2016, projects have raised more than \$9.3 million in public funds and an additional \$7.7 million in matching IHCDA funds. The program is available to projects located in Indiana communities. Non-profit entities (with 501c3 or 501c4 status) and local units of government are eligible to apply. Eligible projects must have a minimum total development cost of \$10,000, where the recipient will receive \$5,000 in IHCDA matching funds should it successfully raise \$5,000 through Patronicity. IHCDA will provide matching grant funds up to \$50,000 per project.

Contributions can be made online, Projects | Hindostan Falls | Patronicity or by mailing a check to the Alliance, 2664 US 50, Loogootee, IN 47553. Please write Hindostan shelter house in the memo line.

Shoals Town Council discusses pickleball, resident complaints

The Shoals Town Council met October 2. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D Albright, Roger Abel Jr., and Micky Crew; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Gerald Horton, Tanner Diamond, Donald and Cindy Mullins, and John Chattin.

Council President Cary Albright opened the floor to Gerald Horton who was in attendance. Horton said he is part of a group that is utilizing the pickleball courts at the ballpark and there is a large crack going across both courts. Horton said he and those he plays with would like to seek permission to volunteer and repair the cracks themselves. The board approved Horton to repair the cracks and thanked him. Albright stated the town would cover the cost of the materials and reimburse Horton. Horton stated the cost of the materials would be minimal, but he would provide a receipt. He said the bigger issue is the fencing around the courts that needs to be addressed. He said if replaced maybe a shorter fence could be looked at. After discussion Council Member Albright said the board would get with the park board to look at the fencing and a replacement plan. Horton said around 12 players are meeting week- (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)

Commissioners approve 4-H week, get department updates

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, October 3.

Extension Educator Dena Held stated this week is national 4-H week and they are honored to be the positive youth development cooperative extension service in Martin County. Director Held stated she had forwarded the proclamation for the commissioners' review. Director Held introduced 4-H member, Eva Ringwald, who informed the commissioners about her experience the last six years in 4-H. Ms. Ringwald thanked the commissioners for supporting 4-H. Commissioner George read the 2023 National 4-H Week proclamation. The commissioners then approved the proclamation.

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals stated the roads for last year and this year's Community Crossings grant have been completed, other than paperwork. There will be some completion meetings within the next two weeks. Superintendent Seals stated there has been one tractor down for most of last week and part of this week, which has now been repaired. One Gradall has been repaired and the other Gradall is still down. There is also a dump truck down for repairs. The department is working on some chip-and-seal and have been mowing Hindostan in preparation for Hindostan Days on Saturday. Taxpayer Mary Smith complimented the highway department on the work being done at Hindostan and said it looks really good.

EMA Director Monty Wolf stated he (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2) Shoals awarded grant for 2024 solar eclipse

Thirty rural organizations across Indiana, including Shoals, will receive funding to host arts and cultural events and programs connected to the 2024 solar eclipse, an event that will blanket parts of Indiana in total darkness on April 8.

With funding support from the Simons Foundation as part of its In the Path of Totality initiative, the Indiana University Center for Rural Engagement is leading IU's rural solar eclipse initiative, providing staff support, resources and outreach for community activities that unite residents around the historic astronomical event. More than 80 organizations in communities with a population under 50,000 applied for \$2,000 micro-grants, facilitated by Regional Opportunity Initiatives, to support the implementation of eclipse activities.

The Town of Shoals will use their funds for the "Total Eclipse in the Heart...of Shoals" 2024 Total Eclipse event. The Shoals Business Association has partnered with the Friends of the Shoals Public Library for an eclipse watching event at the Shoals Ballpark.

Local artists and craftsmen, local businesses, live music, viewing telescopes and more are on the planning agenda. More information will become available as the event draws closer.

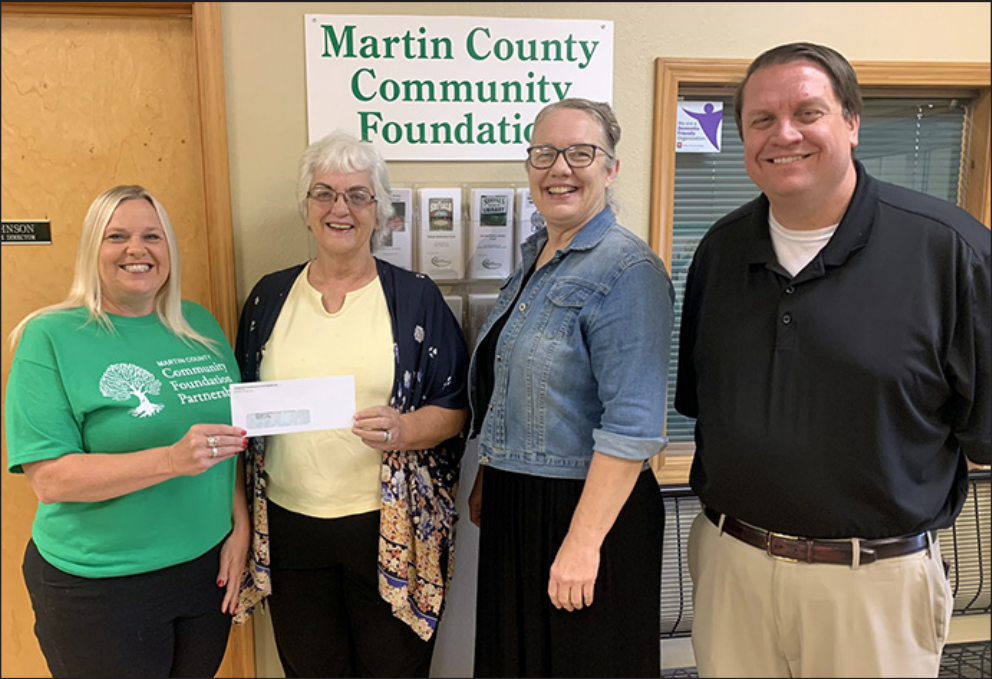
"Rural communities are implementing creative plans to connect residents and visitors as we all gather to witness this historic event," said Kerry Thomson, executive director of the Center for Rural Engagement. "We look forward to collaborating (See 'GRANT' on page 2)



Hindostan Days

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The 3rd Annual Hindostan Days event was held this past Saturday, October 7 at Hindostan Falls. Thousands turned out for the event that featured more than 70 vendors and food booths, live music, a cornhole tournament, egg toss and displays and information on the history of Hindostan.



Make My Day grant

-Photo provided

Martin County Cancer Patient Services (MCCPS) recently received a \$500 Make My Day grant from the Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF). As stated in their mission statement, the MCCPS is committed to assisting people impacted by cancer so that no one faces cancer alone. Contact them at 812-276-5857 if you need some help. Shown above, from left to right, are MCCF Board member Angie Risacher, MCCPS President Rheadawn Street, MCCPS Secretary Shannon Wagoner, and MCCPS Board member Noel Harty. The MCCF likes to make someone's day!

GRANT

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with communities to bring these plans to fruition and strengthen local strategies that expand arts capacity.”

The path of totality of the April 8 solar eclipse will cover a segment of North America, including a large part of Indiana, in complete darkness for nearly 4 minutes as the moon shadows the sun. The next time Indiana falls in the path of totality of a solar eclipse will be 2099.

More than 1 million visitors are expected

to flock to Indiana in the days leading up to April 8. Communities small and large could more than triple their population numbers during the event. To help local leaders and residents prepare, the Center for Rural Engagement published the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse Planning Toolkit. It features planning resources and safety information about viewing the eclipse, managing crowds and leveraging the eclipse to bolster community interest and capacity for arts and cultural events into the future.

COUNCIL

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ly to play and the group keeps growing and the courts are well utilized.

Tanner Diamond came before the council with a complaint that cars were speeding on his road, Ravine Street, heavily. Diamond asked if a sign could be put up. Donald Mullins, from the audience, said they are having the same issue on Lower Circle Drive. After a short discussion, the board stated they would have a conversation to get more coverage in the area.

Donald Mullins came before the council concerning an invoice he had received from the town for an antenna replacement on his water meter. Mullins stated he reported the damage to the town but didn't do the damage so he doesn't feel he should have to pay the fee. Mullins said had he done the damage he would be happy to pay the fee. It was noted that the antenna replacement fee is set by ordinance. After discussion, Councilman Abel made a motion to waive the fee at Mullin's residence with Councilwoman Crew making the second.

John Chattin came before the council asking for an update on his storm water drainage issue at his property located on Low Street. Councilman Abel discussed updates from the previous meeting. After discussion, the board advised Chattin they are all in agreement the issue needs to be fixed and will continue to work towards a solution.

Councilman Albright provided updates from the wastewater improvements project. He said the current work is moving quickly with the subcontractor APTUS and they may work on Saturdays to move even faster.

Albright stated an update on CCMG 2023-1 will be able to be provided after tomorrow as there is a pre-construction meeting with the contractor Temple & Temple Excavating at 11 a.m.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge stated that Attorney Lett had advised the deed for the Nu-Tap has been completed and was supposed to be recorded on Monday. Rutledge said she had also been notified by Indiana Landmarks that the grant that was approved to be applied for previously had been submitted.

Shoals Robotics Team to host Pop Up Art Gallery event

The Shoals RoxStars robot team will be hosting a free Pop-Up Art Gallery event on Tuesday, October 17. They are asking local artists to bring a couple of their own self-made paintings, sculptures, carvings, books, and any art-related projects to the Shoals Public Library at 5:30 p.m. for display/sell. The gallery event will be in the basement of the library from 6-7:30 p.m. and open to the public.

The team is doing this as part of their 2023 FIRST FLL robot competition. The project is to get more art opportunities into small towns. Most communities have several people with art/creative talent but have no place to show this talent off to others. Having a Pop-Up art gallery opens the doors for people to enjoy seeing these talents.

They will also be having a Canvas and Cupcake paint night for 12 students who have reserved a spot for that event.

Anyone with questions can contact RoxStars coach Lorna Troutman at 812-797-1567.

Rutledge presented a breakdown of final payment for approval to the contracted mowing of Springhill Cemetery since the town had voted to end the contract in a previously held special session. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve the final payment with Councilman Abel making the second.

Rutledge reminded that open enrollment for 2024 benefits would be held on October 24 at Town Hall. Rutledge presented an amended salary & wage ordinance. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve with Councilman Abel making the second.

Rutledge presented a meter deposit apply for J. Sanders. Councilwoman Crew made a motion to approve with Councilman Abel making the second.

With no further business Councilman Abel made a motion to adjourn with Councilwoman Crew making the second meeting closed at 6:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting is Monday, November 13 at 5:59 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

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attended the Lost River Fire Department open house on Sunday to celebrate their 25th year. The EMA area coordinator and her supervisor were also in attendance and gave away several things including no-touch thermometers. Deputy Director Andy Ringwald stated he attended a day-long discussion regarding the eclipse on April 8. It was stated that Indiana is expected to have the second largest immigration of people viewing the eclipse, second to Texas. There is concern about traffic after the eclipse is over and there is also concern regarding radio communications. Deputy Director Ringwald stated historically there is a 60 percent chance of clouds in April. He said the Department of Transportation's biggest fear is that it will be cloudy at one end of the state and clear at the other end which will turn into motorists trying to get to where there are no clouds.

Commissioner George stated the burn ban needs to be put back into effect. Once the county does get rain, George asked EMA to reach out to the fire chiefs to see what their areas are like before the ban is lifted. Director Wolf stated the burns the county has had so far have been combine related but there was one today which was possibly a cigarette tossed out the side of a vehicle. A motion was made by Commissioner Summers to declare a burn ban for Martin County effective immediately, seconded by President George. All were in favor.

Commissioner George stated the soil and water board is recommending Teresa Harder be appointed as part-time director. The commissioners approved the recommendation effective October 9.

Auditor Michelle Norris stated the 60-page cybersecurity assessment has been completed by Matrix and has been returned to the cybersecurity assessment team. The team has about a month to review the assessment and there will be a two-hour Zoom meeting to review the results. Auditor Norris stated the budget adoption was completed last night with the council and has been submitted to the state.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m. The next commissioners' meeting will be held Tuesday, October 17 at 5:30 pm.



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JUDITH SHEETZ

Judith Ellen Sheetz, formerly of Trinity Springs, passed away peacefully on October 9, 2023, at Brookside Village in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 80. She is now reunited with her devoted husband, Doug.

Judy was born July 9, 1943, in Shoals; daughter of Ermin Hugh and Vera Evelyn (Lundy) Holt and was the oldest of five children.

She worked for the National Gypsum Company for 33 years, retiring in 2008. Judy was the first women hired to work on the gypsum wall-board production line in 1975.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ermin and Vera Holt; husband, Doug Sheetz; and brother, Steven Holt.

Judy is survived by one son, Lowell Gene Holt (Debra) of Jasper; sisters, Janet Watson (Jerry) of Sumner, Illinois and Alice Jones of Loogootee; brother, Bud Holt (Darla) of Mitchell; two grandchildren, Ansley Worland (Anthony) of Owensboro, Kentucky and Alexandra Holt-Lee-son (Garrett) of Southgate, Kentucky; two great-grandchildren, Braylen Jenkins and Baleigh Worland; and several nieces and nephews.

Judy enjoyed spending time outside in nature and enjoyed her Martin County country home. She was an avid mushroom hunter and spent many weeks throughout the years hunting prized morels. She loved to crochet Afghans and enjoyed putting together puzzles.

Graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 12, at Hickory Ridge Cemetery, in Shoals. Arrangements are under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, Shoals.

Memorial contributions may be made to

a favorite charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

RICHARD BAUGH

Richard T. Baugh passed away Friday, October 6, 2023, at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 76.

He was born March 8, 1947, in Cale; son of William Roscoe and Katherine (Blanche) Baugh.

Richard graduated from Shoals High School and worked as a laborer at U.S. Gypsum, the State Highway with the Martin County Highway Department, and the Martin County Council on Aging, where he retired from in 2022.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge #2442, Shoals.

Richard enjoyed fishing, boating, and playing music on McBride's Bluff. He was a historical buff and knew a lot about Martin County.

Surviving are his children, Shannon (Kurt Streicher) Neukam and Terri (P.J.) Swartzentruber; longtime friend, Jason Roach; grandchildren, Garrett Neukam, Josh (Melinda) Swartzentruber, Matthew (Gracen) Swartzentruber, Seth (Taylor) Swartzentruber, Allison (Drew) Nelson, Wyllie and Wyatt Neukam, Mackenzie Swartzentruber, Nick Swartzentruber, and Hannah Swartzentruber; great-grandchildren, Hadley, Oakland, Kamden, and Baby Nelson on the way; his precious dog, Baby Girl; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded death by his parents, and siblings, Larry Baugh and Peggy Carter.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, October 10 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care, Shoals. Burial fol-

lowed in the Trinity Springs Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Council of Aging.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

RALPH TANKSLEY

Ralph Patrick Tanksley went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at his home. A resident of Mitchell, he was 87.



He was born March 17, 1936; son of Roy Noble and Ruby (Taylor) Tanksley. He married Charlotte Kay Hopper on August 19, 1956, and she survives.

Ralph was a 1954 graduate of Mitchell High School and was awarded the Oral Dalton Award. He was an active member of the Mitchell First Baptist Church. Ralph retired from Lehigh Cement Company and after retirement worked at Chastain Funeral Home & Cremation Center. Ralph and Kay operated R & K Gifts and County Pathways for many years. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening, fishing, golfing, and was an avid Cincinnati Reds fan. Ralph was a great cook and an even better family man. He was a friend to all.

Survivors include his wife, Kay Tanksley of Mitchell; daughter, Kathleen Louise (Dwight) Gilstrap of Paris, Tennessee; son, Kevin Lee (Melissa) Tanksley of Loogootee; and grandchildren, Shelby (Bailey) McNary, Emily Gilstrap, Abby Grace Gilstrap, Zachary (Joy) Tanksley, and Bailey Tanksley.

His parents; daughter in infancy, Krystal

Lynn Tanksley; and siblings, John Tanksley, Ruth Sipes, Rowenna Elrod, Roland Tanksley, Russell Tanksley, Rex Tanksley, Ronald Tanksley, Roy Tanksley, and Roger Tanksley, preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held Saturday, October 7, at the Mitchell First Baptist Church with Reverend Reggie Clark and Pastor Dave Mikulsky officiating. Burial followed at Mitchell Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to Mitchell First Baptist Church.

KATHLEEN BLANTON

Kathleen Marie Blanton passed away Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at her home. A resident of Orleans, she was 73.

She was born July 3, 1950, in Bedford; daughter of Eugene and Anah Mae (Turner) Briscoe. Kathleen married Charles "Chuck" Bailey Blanton on February 7, 1969, and he preceded her in death September 14, 2020.

Surviving are her children, Maryanah "Tooter" (Jim) Mosier of Orleans and Kate Blanton of Lanesville; grandchildren, Cole (Victoria) Gray of French Lick, Bailey (J.D.) Hopkins of Shoals, Wyatt Campbell of Liberty, and Wil Tolbert of Mitchell; four great-grandchildren; and siblings, Dennis Briscoe of Borden, Howdy Briscoe of Mitchell, Becky Briscoe of Orleans, and Tim (Jamie) Briscoe of Mitchell.

Her parents and husband preceded her in death.

Cremation has been chosen.



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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

12:11 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Major Reed responded. No one was transported.

2:53 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:22 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:18 a.m. - Received a call reporting vandalism north of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver and Deputy Erwin responded.

9:26 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a conservation officer. Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

2:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a field and farm equipment fire south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:41 p.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims was notified.

6:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible theft in Crane. Captain Gibson responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person east of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:28 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a farm equipment fire north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an individual lost in the woods south of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Deputy Doane responded.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:59 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:18 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

1:28 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting a brush fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

1:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of same fire south of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

4:37 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

6:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Captain Gibson responded.

7:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

7:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

8:04 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Shoals. Captain Gibson

son and Deputy Doane responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

9:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

11:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1 and Crane 1st responders responded. Crane transported one patient to the hospital.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

6:39 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

8:47 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

11:37 a.m. - Received a call from Lawrence County Dispatch requesting an ambulance in Mitchell. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

11:57 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a field fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Chief Deputy Keller, and Captain Gibson responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a trespasser south of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded. South Region Dispatch was notified.

1:32 p.m. - Received an animal complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver traveling west on US 50 into Shoals. Captain Gibson and Deputy Erwin responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a call reporting drug paraphernalia was found east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident without injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

10:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

2:52 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Lost River Fire Department, Dubois County EMS, and Big John's responded. Dubois County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:55 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:27 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

12:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:44 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of a fire alarm in Shoals. Advised to disregard.

4:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. All Martin County on duty units were advised.

7:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting reckless driving southwest of Shoals. Loogootee Officer Davis, Loogootee Officer Wagoner and Sergeant Wells responded.

8:01 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

8:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

1:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane Village. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Erwin responded. No transport was needed.

6:43 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

8:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

8:22 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

10:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Davis responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:23 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting to be transferred to Lawrence County 911. Call was transferred.

11:54 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Coroner Smith responded.

1:52 p.m. - Received a call reporting a missing juvenile in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Sergeant Wells responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

3:56 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County Dispatch requesting assistance for a structure fire in their county. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:51 p.m. - Received a call reporting a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Sergeant Wells responded.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of abandoned vehicles in Crane. Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:19 p.m. - Received a call from Orange County Dispatch requesting an ambulance for a lift assist in their county. Martin County Medic 1 responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Crane. Deputy Erwin, Loogootee Officer Sims, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1 and Crane Medics responded. Crane EMS transported one patient to IU Health.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

12:10 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Erwin responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible disabled vehicle south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:38 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Officer Davis, Corporal Hawkins, and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded. No transport was needed.

9:35 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock south of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible abandoned vehicle north of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins and Big John's towing responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a call advising of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:14 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Deputy Doane re-

sponded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver heading toward Orange County. Notified Orange County Dispatch.

5:55 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of a possible scam in Shoals. Deputy Doane responded.

10:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Chief Deputy Keller, Deputy Doane, Reserve Deputy Ochs, and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:09 p.m. - Received a call requesting Haysville Fire Department for traffic control south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire responded.

11:35 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

12:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:58 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:52 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey and Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a call-in reference to the burn ban. Caller was advised the burn ban had not been lifted.

10:50 a.m. - Received a call reporting finding a piece of equipment east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting the smell of smoke in a home south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a field fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department responded.

2:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a power line down north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis and Corporal Hawkins responded. Frontier was also notified.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for a car-deer report. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims responded and advised resident of burn ban.

7:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Sims and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north. Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING September 28

Christopher J. Huntspon, convicted of attempted possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony. Sentenced to serve 4,380 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 1,825 days suspended and credit for 184 actual days previously served plus 62 Class B credit days. Defendant shall serve 730 days on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Electronically Monitored Program so long as he remains eligible. Defendant received 60 months of probation.

Kaya Baker, convicted of operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 2 months of probation.

Dustin Reynolds, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 90 days with 90 days suspended. Defendant received 3 months of probation.

Jeffrey Deckard, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 50 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. Defendant received 50 days of probation.

September 29

Matthew A. Day, convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 910 days with 584 days suspended and 163 days of jail time credit. Defendant received 20 months of probation. Also convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 0 days suspended and 182 days of jail time credit.

Jeremiah D. Zollman, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 548 days with 546 days suspended and 1 day of jail time credit. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

Joseph G. Kidwell, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 357 days suspended and 4 days of jail time credit. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Ryan E. Lee, convicted of operating a motor vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days with 0 days suspended and 193 days of jail time credit.

Michael Sherfick, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and 2 days of jail time credit. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Brian Sinnott, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 60 days suspended. Defendant received 60 days of probation.

Charles L. Bryant, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. 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 12 months of probation.

October 2

Storm L. Bradley, convicted of knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 38 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 19 actual days previously served plus 19 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES

DISMISSED September 28

Christopher J. Huntspon, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

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

Jeffrey Deckard, refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

September 29

Matthew A. Day, institutional criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; three counts of invasion of privacy, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

Jeremiah D. Zollman, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joseph G. Kidwell, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

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

October 2

Brian Sinnott, criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

September 27

Capital One vs. Claudette Gilley, civil collection.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Andrew Hopkins, civil collection.

September 28

Capital One vs. Amanda Miller, civil collection.

October 2

PCA Acquisitions, LLC vs. Bonnie Reedy, civil collection.

October 3

Sharon Harmon vs. Darren Harmon, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

October 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Specialized Loan Servicing, LLC and against the defendants Mary J. Edwards, William G. Edwards and unknown occupants, for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$77,316.82.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Adryanne Noble in the amount of \$4,436.71.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Prestige Financial Services, Inc. and against the defendant Debra Hartsock in the amount of \$7,814.65.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Jerry Sanders in the amount of \$2,612.29.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Lisa Cundiff in the amount of \$772.20.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Hills Credit Union and against the defendants Larry S. Quinn and the State of Indiana for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$54,136.96.

October 3

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Joseph Bengé in the amount of \$1,680.86.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

October 2

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Connie Shipman, civil collection, dismissed.

October 3

Crane Credit Union vs. Isaiah Baylis, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

September 27

Staci R. Whitehead-Morrow vs. The Town of Crane, complaint.

September 29

Brandon Grimes on behalf of the estate of Ruth Tow vs. Tiffany Holt, eviction.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

September 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Linda Lentz and against the defendant Steven Boyd for eviction in the amount of \$686.38.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Lin-

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:51 a.m. - Chief Long performed a vehicle unlock on JFK Avenue.

2:08 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Long responded to a field fire near Walton Greenhouse.

7:35 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call at Sunset Trailer Court.

10:00 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Field Street.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:59 a.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call at Marathon.

11:49 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call near Dollar General.

1:31 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a brush fire on US Highway 50.

2:51 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Park Street.

3:41 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at Larkin Apartments.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on West Broadway Street.

3:03 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on North Line Street.

3:10 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a

Real estate transfers

Evan C. Swayer, of Orange County, Indiana to **Timothy J. Cates, John Travis Cates and Lance C. Horine**, of Wayne County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.28 acres, more or less.

James B. Hawkins and Linda M. Hawkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joseph A. Sanders and Jason B. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 5 in Mill Lot Addition to the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis, Indiana.

Jennifer L. Northover, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michelle J. Duncan and Mark J. Jones**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.18 acres, more or less.

Conaclaw Investments, Inc., of Martin County, Indiana to **Johnny Eugene Snider and Amber Lynn Snider**, of Martin County, Indiana, commonly known as 305 NE 3rd Street, Loogootee IN 47553, containing 0.20 acre, more or less.

Jacob J. Strange and Matthew L. Strange, of Martin County, Indiana to **Justin Seal and Ashley Seal and Jana Seal**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

Darrell Wagler and Rebecca K. Wagler to James Mundy, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7 acres, more or less.

da Lentz and against the defendant Carolyn Powers for eviction in the amount of \$686.38.

September 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Shoals Senior Housing Inc. and against the defendant Alice Terry for eviction in the amount of \$125.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

October 2

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Joshua A. Brulla, complaint, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Chloe Johnson of Loogootee and Cody Knieriem of Loogootee.

Reece Gogel of Loogootee and Paige Andrews of Loogootee.

call near CVS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

1:06 a.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Half Moon Road.

4:30 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on US 231 North.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:07 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Cooper Street.

2:18 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Southwest Third Street.

4:00 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on CR 200 South.

7:51 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call on Cooper Street.

11:30 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a medical call on Ballpark Road.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

8:38 a.m. - Officer Davis and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Vincennes Street.

9:02 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Vine Street.

1:00 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on station.

6:29 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Killion Mill Road.

11:35 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call at the Marathon.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:52 a.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on Truelove Church Road.

11:13 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Davis responded to a call on Truelove Drive.

2:39 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call on US 231 North.

5:50 p.m. - Officer Davis and Officer Sims responded to a call at Bellgrade Avenue.

6:14 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call on Grant Street.

7:03 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call on Grant Street.

7:24 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Sims responded to a call on North Line Street.

7:47 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a call on US 231 South.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

6:59 p.m. - Nicholas Conrad, 45, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Doane on an Orange County warrant. He is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:42 p.m. - Joanna Hurst, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with dealing in methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held on \$30,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

1:20 a.m. - Phillip Stoll, 46, of Odon, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a legend drug. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS

*If a plant is sad, do other plants photosympathise with it.

*I eat mostly whole foods: whole pizzas, whole cans of biscuits, whole cakes, whole bags of Doritos, and whole tubs of ice cream.

*The older generations have been a lot of things but at least we weren't offended by pancake syrup.

*No, I can't do Snapchat or Tiktok, but I can write in cursive, do math without a calculator, and tell time on a clock with hands.

*I've never wrestled an angry alligator, but I have taken off a wet sports bra in the middle of summer. So, same thing.

*Do not let them take your temperature when going in the store. It's a scam. They're erasing your memory! I went in for bread and milk and came out with 6 bottles of wine.

***Have you heard of Murphy's Law? Ok, but have you heard of Cole's Law? It's thinly sliced cabbage.**

***I didn't get old on purpose, it just happened. If you're lucky, it could happen to you.**

***Bologna is just hot dog pancakes.**

STRESS DIET

Breakfast
½ Grapefruit
1 slice whole wheat toast
8 oz. Milk
Lunch
4 oz. Lean broiled chicken breast
1 cup steamed zucchini
1 Oreo cookie
Herb tea
Mid-Afternoon Snack
Rest of package of Oreos
1 quart Rocky Road ice cream
1 jar hot fudge
Dinner
2 loaves garlic bread
Large pepperoni and mushroom pizza
Large pitcher of Pepsi
2 Milky Way candy bars
Entire freezer cheesecake eaten directly from the freezer

TEXTING FOR SENIORS

BFF – best friend fell
BTW – bring the wheelchair
TTYL – talk to you louder
BYOT – bring your own teeth
LMDO – laughing my dentures out
FWIW – forgot where I was
IMHAO – is my hearing aid on?
OMMR – on my massage recliner
ROFLACOU – rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up

I post a lot of stupid, silly crap on here for one reason...so that you might forget about your problems and laugh, or at least smile for a moment or two. That is what makes me happy!

Make someone smile today!

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



DECEMBER is a female tabby and white cat, 2+ years old. She is very sweet, talkative, loving and fine with other cats. She is spayed, up to date on shots and litter box trained. Adoption fee is \$45. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit www.humanesociety-ofmartincounty.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Veteran benefits event

A Veteran Benefits and Resource Fair will be held at the WestGate Academy, located at 13598 E. West Gate Drive, Odon IN 47562, on Wednesday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PACT Act briefings will be held from 11 a.m. to noon. Representatives will be on site to answer questions about VA eligibility and enrollment, the PACT Act, federal and state VA benefits, filing claims and MYHealtheVet. Toxic exposure screening will also be available. Learn more about the PACT Act at va.gov/PACT or by calling 1-800-MY-VA-411.

Waggoner's Chapel Open House

Friends of Waggoner's Chapel will hold an open house for Waggoner's Chapel, located at 5743 Windom Road-Lost River Township-Shoals, IN 47581, on Sunday, October 15 from 1-3 p.m. Cake and ice cream will be served and music provided by Bill Bauer and friends. Bring your lawn chair.

Rezoning board meeting

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

Tourism Council meeting

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

Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society hosts a wellness clinic on the third Friday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, nail trims, etc. No appointment needed.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

LUMC Food Pantry

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Generations to host health fair in Jasper

Generations, Area 13 Agency on Aging & Disability, will be hosting a Healthy Aging Health Fair, Age YOUR Way, on Wednesday, November 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center, 100 Third Ave., Jasper, IN 47546. This day will be filled with knowledgeable speakers that will present topics that focus on overall healthy aging. Also featured – several free health screenings, exercise demonstrations and a free lunch!

In addition, several vendors will be on hand to provide valuable information. Seating is limited.

If you are a vendor who is interested in participating, please contact Angie Houck at 812-888-4267. Registration is required. To register, please contact Cathy Jones at 812-888-5159 or by email at Catherine.Jones@vinu.edu. If no answer, please leave a message with your name and phone number indicating that you would like to register for the health fair.


Niall Harty, MD

Urologist

Urologist Niall Harty, M.D. was recently appointed to the medical staff at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. He will join Memorial Urology Associates, located at 600 West 13th Street, Suite 105 in the St. Thomas Medical Center, in Jasper, Indiana.

Dr. Harty received his medical degree at University of Louisville – School of Medicine in Louisville, Kentucky. He completed his internship in general surgery and residency in urology at Lahey Clinic in Burlington, Massachusetts. Dr. Harty also completed a fellowship in robotic surgery and urologic oncology at City of Hope Medical Center in Duarte, California. Most recently, he worked in general urology/urologic oncology and robotic surgery at Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center in Hazard, Kentucky, and Hardin Memorial Hospital in Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

Dr. Harty is accepting new patients. To schedule an appointment, please call Memorial Urology Associates at 812-996-5850.



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Some scattered light frost was reported in southern Indiana Sunday morning, and cooler weather is coming. The recent drought period hastened fall die-back and we will soon be seeing a very different landscape. Spurred by an increased ecological awareness, one may see many pleas that homeowners not cut back the dying flora. Indeed, many insects have by now found winter homes in dead stems and on leaves. Birds will use the plant material for shelter from the coming winter cold and the seeds of many plants are a source of food for birds and other wildlife. Some encourage gardeners to wait until temperatures are consistently in the fifties next spring to remove this year's growth. That sounds like a good excuse to take a vacation from the garden.

However, it is not that simple. While I will leave much of the plant growth standing at Sandhill Gardens, there are some areas where I still feel it is best to remove the dead plant material.

Disease spores and pests also overwinter in plant debris. If you have had any diseases, completely remove all plant material, including raking and bagging the leaves. Dispose of this material away from the garden, or, if you are in an area where burning is possible, burn it. Peonies and roses are often plagued by leaf spot and other fungal diseases, so I would recommend always cutting herbaceous peonies to the ground and raking the leaves around all rose bushes.

Location and the way one uses an area are also valid reasons for cleaning plant debris. The dry plant material will burn quickly, so I recommend cutting and hauling away any plant remains within six feet of a house or other building. I would also recommend cutting back plant matter that borders walkways. As

the debris ages, it will wilt down and could become slick and hazardous on walkways.

Homeowners Association rules or subdivision restrictions and covenants may require you to cut back debris. You should have known this before buying the property, so I think following the rules is the proper thing to do. However, some may wish to work to change the rules for the future.

Finally, I recognize that personal preference is a valid reason for cutting plant debris. I like to clear the area in the front of my house, as I will decorate for the holidays in this area. In Southern Indiana, there are enough wild places for food and cover for wildlife, and if you are not a fan of sharing your space with birds, insects and animals, then go ahead and cut back the plants. You may still see some wildlife moving through, but your property is not likely to be home to many animals.

Even if you cut down most or all of the plant debris in your garden, you may still take action to support the insects that overwinter in the debris. If you have a property that borders a wooded area, consider placing the cut material in a loose pile next to the woods. If you have a property that borders a wooded area, consider placing the cut material in a loose pile next to the woods. You could then burn it or chop it for compost next spring after temperatures are in the fifties.

At Sandhill Gardens, I have an area where I place tree limbs and all sorts of debris (except diseased plants), and that area has become a wildlife haven. It lets me have some neat areas during the winter and still provide habitat for the insects, birds and mammals that I enjoy watching in my garden.

Hoosiers are key to stopping poaching

Indiana Conservation Officers encourage Hoosiers to help the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) put an end to poaching by reporting potential violations to Turn In a Poacher, Inc. (TIP).

TIP is a nonprofit conservation organization that partners with DNR 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 all Hoosiers. 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. 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, or you can remain anonymous if you choose. In 2022 TIP received nearly 600 tips and paid thousands of dollars in rewards for tips that have led to the arrest of a suspect.

"Concerned citizens are key in assisting Indiana TIP in the fight against poaching and bringing to justice those who violate fish and wildlife laws," said Col. Steve Hunter, director of DNR Law Enforcement.

Weakening crop prices, high production costs weigh on farmer sentiment

BY KAMI GOODWIN
Purdue University News Service

Agricultural producers' sentiment declined for the second month in a row as the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer index fell 9 points to a reading of 106 in September. Producers expressed concern about their current situation as well as future prospects for their farms. The Current Conditions and Future Expectations indices both declined 10 points to a reading of 98 and 109, respectively. Notably, all three indices stand below their readings from one year ago. This month's Ag Economy Barometer survey was conducted from September 11-15.

"Weakening prices for major crops and ongoing concerns about high production costs and interest rates weighed on producers' minds this month," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Producers continue to point to high input costs as a top concern for their farming operations in the year ahead. One-third of respondents in this month's survey cite it as their number one concern, followed by rising interest rates, chosen by 25% of respondents, and lower crop and/or livestock prices, chosen by 22% of farmers. The percentage of producers choosing lower crop and/or livestock prices has increased since the beginning of the year when just 16% of producers cited it as a top concern.

There was a small uptick in the Farm Capital Investment Index, up 2 points to a reading of 39 in September; however, three-fourths of producers still said now is a bad time for large investments. The primary reasons among those who feel that way is rising interest rates and the high cost of machinery and new construction. Notably, 40 percent of producers who feel it's a bad time to invest cited rising interest rates as a key reason, up from 35 percent last month, and up from 14 percent when this question was first posed in July 2022. This month there was a slight rise in the percentage of producers who said now is a good time to make investments, citing strong cash flows on their farm operations as a primary reason.

The Farm Financial Performance Index was unchanged in September compared to August, leaving the index at a reading of 86. In a nod to how variable conditions have been around the country during this growing season, there were small increases in the percentages of producers who 1) expect better condi-

tions and 2) expect worse financial conditions compared to last year.

Producers remain relatively optimistic about farmland values, which Mintert called surprising given the percentage of respondents who expressed concerns about high input costs, rising interest rates, and the risk of lower crop and livestock prices. The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectations Index was unchanged at a reading of 126, while the long-term index rose 2 points to 153. Respondents who expect farmland values to rise over the next five years continue to point to non-farm investor demand for farmland along with inflation as the top two reasons for farmland values to continue rising.

The September survey included several questions posed to corn and soybean growers to learn more about their perspective on cover crops. Just over half (52 percent) of corn/soybean growers said they currently plant cover crops on a portion of their acreage and, from this group, nearly half (47 percent) said they used cover crops on no more than 25 percent of their acreage. Among those corn and soybean growers who reported having used cover crops, 41 percent said they had used cover crops for five years or less, while 14 percent said they've been using cover crops for more than 20 years. Respondents who use cover crops cited improvements to soil health and erosion control as primary reasons. Farmers who tried planting cover crops but ultimately chose to discontinue their use cited low profitability, lowered crop yields, insufficient soil benefits and a lack of resources to plant cover crops.

Indiana woodland owners to meet in Huntingburg

The annual Indiana woodland owner conference will convene at Huntingburg Event Center on November 4. Hosted by the Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association, over 150 landowners are expected.

"If you have an interest in forestry – or just love the woods – you should attend," said Lee Huss, IFWOA President. "We're offering a program that's relevant, informative and fun." Anyone is welcome and can learn more at www.ifwoa.org or call (765) 496-5013.

Friday's optional field tours will feature a morning tour of the Werner Sawmill in Jasper. The afternoon session is at a local landowner's property, with tours to a tree planting and seeing their oak regeneration and timber stand improvement.

Saturday's program at the Huntingburg Event Center offers 9 sessions on woodland management issues and a highlight is a keynote on "Achieving your Goals While Creating a Healthy Forest: The National Forest Model by Hoosier National Forest ecologist Jeremiah Heise. Other topics include "Creating pollinator and wildlife habitat" "Managing invasives with goats" and "Trails construction and maintenance."

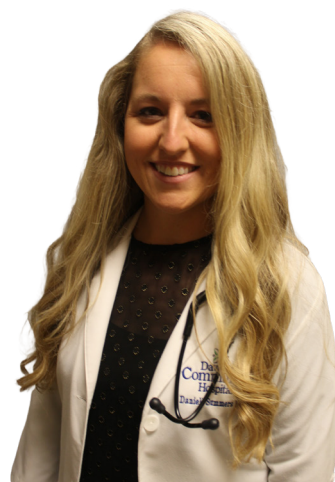
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National unemployment rate stays at 3.8 percent for September

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 336,000 in September, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.8 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality; government; health care; professional, scientific, and technical services; and social assistance.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

The major labor market indicators from the survey of households showed little or no change over the month. The unemployment rate held at 3.8 percent in September, and the number of unemployed persons was essentially unchanged at 6.4 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.8 percent), adult women (3.1 percent), teenagers (11.6 percent), Whites (3.4 percent), Blacks (5.7 percent), Asians (2.8 percent), and Hispanics (4.6 percent) showed little or no change in September.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.2 million in September. The long-term unemployed accounted for 19.1 percent of all unemployed persons.

Both the labor force participation rate, at 62.8 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.4 percent, were unchanged over the month.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 4.1 million, changed little in September. These individuals who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In September, the number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was 5.5 million, little different from the prior month. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who wanted a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force changed little at 1.5 million in September. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, also changed little over the month at 367,000.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 336,000 in September, above the average monthly gain of 267,000 over the prior 12 months. In September, job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality; government; health care; profession-

al, scientific, and technical services; and social assistance.

Leisure and hospitality added 96,000 jobs in September, above the average monthly gain of 61,000 over the prior 12 months. Employment in food services and drinking places rose by 61,000 over the month and has returned to its pre-pandemic February 2020 level. Accommodation employment continued to trend up over the month (+16,000) but remains below its February 2020 level by 217,000, or 10.3 percent.

In September, government employment increased by 73,000, above the average monthly gain of 47,000 over the prior 12 months. Over the month, job gains occurred in state government education (+29,000) and in local government, excluding education (+27,000). Employment in government is slightly below (-9,000) its February 2020 level.

Health care added 41,000 jobs in September, compared with the average monthly gain of 53,000 over the prior 12 months. Over the month, employment continued to trend up in ambulatory health care services (+24,000), hospitals (+8,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+8,000).

Employment in professional, scientific, and technical services increased by 29,000 in September, in line with the average monthly gain of 27,000 over the prior 12 months.

Social assistance added 25,000 jobs in September, about the same as the average monthly gain of 23,000 over the prior 12 months. Over the month, job growth occurred in individual and family services (+19,000).

In September, employment in transportation and warehousing changed little (+9,000). Truck transportation added 9,000 jobs, following a decline of 25,000 in August that largely reflected a business closure. Air transportation added 5,000 jobs in September. Employment in transportation and warehousing has shown little net change over the year.

Employment in information changed little in September (-5,000). Within the industry, employment in motion picture and sound recording industries continued to trend down (-7,000) and has declined by 45,000 since May, reflecting the impact of labor disputes.

Employment showed little change over the month in other major industries, including mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; construction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; financial activities; and other services.

In September, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 7 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$33.88. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 4.2 percent. In September, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 6 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$29.06.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.4 hours in September. In manufacturing, the average workweek was little changed at 40.1 hours, and overtime was unchanged at 3.1 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls remained at 33.8 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for July was revised up by 79,000, from +157,000 to +236,000, and the change for August was revised up by 40,000, from +187,000 to +227,000. With these revisions, employment in July and August combined is 119,000 higher than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.)



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Lori Carrico


For Clerk Treasurer

I am running for Loogootee Clerk Treasurer in the upcoming election. After serving at the county level as your Treasurer for 7 years, I would love to have the opportunity to serve my local constituents going forward.


I have over a decade of experience in county government, spanning two counties. I have served in the Martin County Assessor's and Recorder's offices as a deputy for each and seven years as your elected Martin County Treasurer.

I am excited for this new opportunity and the potential to use my experience and knowledge to help lead Loogootee into the future. I believe my years as your county treasurer have helped me grow into an excellent candidate for Clerk Treasurer. I'm ready for the challenges that come with learning a new office. Loogootee might not be where I was born and raised but it's where my heart is.

Even before I moved to Loogootee in 2000, I spent much of my youth here. I would come to Loogootee almost every weekend to spend time with my Granny. Some of my best memories come from helping her at her restaurant Broadway Chicken, right here in Loogootee. After living here over 20 years, raising my family, and getting to know the community, I must say there is no place like this small town and its big heart. Thank you to everyone for the support you have shown me over the years. I hope you continue to do the same by voting for me as Clerk Treasurer this year.



I would appreciate your vote on November 7th



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Loogootee Volleyball ends regular season with two wins

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball Team defeated Bedford North Lawrence last week in four sets, 25-22, 21-25, 25-20, and 25-22. The girls stand at 20-7 on the season as they go into sectional action this week. Section 63 kicks off in Loogootee on Thursday with Vincennes Rivet going up against Shoals at 7 p.m. Loogootee will play Orleans on Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m.

Sydnee Wittmer led the team with 16 serving points against BNL and also in assists with 23. Madison Ramsey led in kills with 17 and had nine serving points with five aces and three blocks. Ashlynn Gilbert finished with nine serving points, six kills and six digs. Cacia Wilcoxon had four aces and 11 kills. Addy Lengacher contributed 16 assists. Breanna Courter led in digs with 11 while Macy Knepp had nine and Jocelynn Sims had six.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated BNL in two sets, 25-16 and 25-16.

Aubrey Gilbert led in serving points with 13, assists with six and had two digs. Cora Consley finished with 11 serving points with four aces and two assists. Kaylee Hawkins led in digs with five fol-

lowed by Ava Fuhrman with two. Rylee Gibson and Julianna Baker each had two digs.

The varsity girls defeated South Knox last week in four sets, 25-21, 25-14, 23-25, and 25-18.

Sydnee Wittmer led in serving points with 21 and had three aces, 27 assists and 11 digs. Cacia Wilcoxon finished with nine serving points, six aces, eight kills and five blocks. Ashlynn Gilbert had eight serving points, nine kills and four blocks. Madison Ramsey led in kills with 12 and had eight blocks and two aces. Addy Lengacher had eight kills and 16 assists. Breanna Courter and Macy Knepp each contributed nine digs.

The junior varsity ladies also defeated South Knox last week in three sets, 25-24, 24-25, and 15-4. Cora Consley led in serving points with 11 and in digs with 14. She also had four kills. Aubrey Gilbert finished with eight serving points and 16 assists. Kaylee Hawkins had six serving points and 12 assists. Alaina Diamond had a team-high 14 kills and three blocks. Jocelynn Sims contributed 13 digs while Ashley Green finished with four kills.

Consumer alert: Fire pit tables, portable generators pose burn and impact injury risk

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in September. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased these recalled items.

“The weather is turning cooler, but some of your products could be heating up without your knowledge,” Attorney General Rokita said. “You shouldn’t have to worry if keeping your family warm while you’re outdoors during the fall months could be a fire risk. This is the time to act. Don’t let a flawed product put your family in danger. Stop using recalled items immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer.”

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

- Insignia and Yardbird fire tables with lava rocks from Best Buy
- Generac Portable Generators from Generac
- Honda Lawnmowers and Pressure Washer Engines from American Honda Motor
- STIHL MSA 300 chain saws from STIHL
- Foldable Bistro Set Chairs from TJX
- Chuckle & Roar Ultimate Water Beads Activity Kits from Buffalo Games
- Disc brake calipers sold on Lectric e-bikes from Lectric E-bikes
- ADC brand 30 lb. capacity stacked commercial clothes dryers from Whirlpool
- ARGO Xplorer ATVs from ARGO
- Pirelli P ZERO Race TLR Bicycle Tires from Pirelli Tire
- Liquefied Petroleum Gas Compact Regulators from Engineered Controls International
- Emporia Smart Plugs from Emporia

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then, follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘You have truly made a difference in many lives’

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Many thanks to the volunteers and donors who came to the October blood drives. We were able to collect 34 units at the Shoals Beta Club drive and 56 units at the Loogootee Beta Club drive which means we came in over goal at 90 units. That is enough blood to help as many as 270 patients at hospitals locally and across the country.

You have truly made a difference in many lives. God’s blessings to all of you.

Lynn Hawkins
American Red Cross Volunteer

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Right to Life Banquet *-Photos provided*

Shown above are elected state officials at the Right to Life Banquet held October 5. From left to right are State Rep. Bruce Border Dist. 45, State Rep. Shane Lindauer Dist. 63, John Kavanaugh, who emceed the banquet; longtime president of Daviess County Right to Life Louis Kavanaugh Jr., Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, Kelly Lester, who was the main speaker for the evening; and Mike Fichter, who is the President of Indiana Right to Life Organization.



Shown on the left is the 2023 Pro-Life Award Winner presented at the Right to Life Banquet on Thursday evening, October 5 at the Simon J. Graber Building, south of Odon. Denny Smith (left), of Odon, was presented the Pro-Life Award by Daviess County RTL President Louis Kavanaugh Jr. (right). The award was presented to Denny Smith for his many years of service to the Right to Life organization and for his work with First Choice Solutions in Washington. In making the presentation Louis Kavanaugh Jr. acknowledged the work that Denny Smith accomplished while serving as a major fundraiser for the Pregnancy Care Center and raising a large amount of funds when the FCS bought the older building and converted it into a center now being used by the First Choice Solutions which helps young mothers with unexpected pregnancies. Smith was credited with his work not only with the Right to Life Board but also his work with the First Choice Solutions Organization.



The family of Shane and Stacy Lindauer were honored at the Right to Life Banquet on Thursday, October 5 as the Adoptive Family for 2023. Shown above is the Lindauer Family (L-R) Colton, Stacy, Tyler, Shane and presenting the award was Louis Kavanaugh Jr., President of the Daviess County Right to Life Organization. The Lindauer Family is from Jasper. Each year the Right to Life honors an adoptive family to go along with their slogan “Adoption Not Abortion”. This was the 47th year for the Right to Life Banquet with draws members from Daviess, Pike and Martin County areas. More than 400 attended the event.

Thank You

The Right to Life Organizations would like to say
“A Special Thank You”

To all those individuals who helped to make the
Right to Life Banquet another big success.

To those who purchased ads for the Banquet Book, those who sold
tickets for the Banquet, those who helped at the Banquet, and
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Also, if you picked up a donation card at the Banquet, it is not too late
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Harvest is underway across the country and Martin County is no exception. The combines are busy munching their way through the corn and soybean crops making dust a daily occurrence as well as keeping the gravel roads in a constant hazy condition. Make no mistake about it, harvesting America’s crops is a dirty business, but one can hardly overestimate the importance of it to our economy and way of life.

Barb and I traveled to Turkey Run State Park last weekend to celebrate our 40th anniversary. Somehow we ended up taking the most rugged trail they had on Sunday morning and ended up about three miles from the lodge with less than 45 minutes to get back by check-out time. I tried to reassure her that they wouldn’t care if we were a few minutes late but getting back felt like a forced march. We squeaked into the front desk with two minutes to spare. All-in-all we enjoyed the trip and plan to return next year for the Covered Bridge Festival in Rockville. It’s funny how just two days away still makes home look good.

The problem with me traveling in the spring and fall of the year is I can’t help but check out the farming activities along the way. The trip to Parke County was going well as we went up US 231, a familiar path to us since two of our kids went to Purdue University in West Lafayette and now that Mark and his wife Carina live north of Lafayette along with two of our grandchildren. We know where every gas station and restaurant are along the way. The problem this time was that as the sun dried off the early morning dew, the farmers were coming out in force with combines, grain carts and trucks and by the time we got north of Worthington, harvest was under way for the day. Beyond the machine judging activity is the crop judging. You know, does the crop look good, bad, ugly...or what? I should have just pulled over and let Barb drive... but I didn’t, so she does more of the road watching while I guess everything from combine models to crop conditions and yields.

You could see the soybean guys from a mile away as the dust created from harvesting beans when it is this dry is incredible. At times the combine almost disappears in the cloud of debris coming out of the back of these incredible machines. Corn harvesting makes some dust, but nothing like the soybeans as the whole plant goes through the machine separating the bean from the pods and stems, while if everything is working right, only the ear of corn will go through the combine with only the cob coming out the spreader in the back.

We made a circular route out of the weekend coming back down Hwy. 41 through Terre Haute and then east on US 50 back into Loogootee and then south to home base just off US 231 on Lumpkin Road. Harvest was well under way here too as the local farmers worked their way through another harvest of the precious grains that keep America the Breadbasket of the World.

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Christmas Tree Jubilee

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

Decorate and Donate

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

See the Trees

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

Silent Auction Bidding

Bidding ends at noon on November 18th. Winners may pick up their items until 5:00 PM.

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