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Beautiful Martin County fall morning

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

The first day of fall was back on September 22 however temperatures are, as usual, fluctuating back and forth from cool to warm. The leaves are definitely changing and covering the ground. Mornings bring that coolness that reminds us that winter is just around the corner and afternoons bring the warmth that reminds us that summer wasn't too long ago.

Shoals School Board approves staff, fundraisers, facility use requests

The Shoals School Board met October 6. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jerry Braun, Annette Taylor, and Jenell Hoffman. Staff in attendance were Kindra Hovis, Josh Mullis, Shannon Wagoner, Audrey Gibson, Kacey Jones, Theresa Holt, Nikki Brett, Allison Taylor, and Christin Johnson. The patrons in attendance were Mike Newland, Calvin Evans, Warren Albright, Nicolas Spurgeon, Bella Newland, and Tracy and Rick Spurgeon.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

- Haylie Wright as elementary teaching assistant for the 22-23 school year
- Kari Goodman as high school special education teacher
- Mackensie Lundy as preschool teach-

ing aide for the 2022-2023 school year

- Allison Taylor as middle school cheer coach
- Amanda Johnson as elementary cheer coach
- Breonda Yarberr as volunteer elementary cheer coach
- Eric Rasico as varsity boys' track coach
- Dylan Erwin as volunteer boys' basketball coach
- Brittany Fuhrman as volunteer cheer coach
- Briley Morris to provide a camp for high school cheer
- Juan Asbury as 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball coach
- Christin Johnson as 5th and 6th grade boys' basketball volunteer

The high school principal recommended prom be held Saturday, April 1, 2022. The board approved.

The board approved the following fundraiser requests:

- Allison Taylor requested to sell ice cream during basketball games to raise money for middle school cheer.
- Raysha Wininger requested a donation fundraiser for the high school dance team.
- The high school cheer team requested to have a Facebook bake sale.
- Shoals Beta requested to sell nachos at the SPA Craft Show
- High school cheer and dance requested to sell old uniforms and equipment.

Superintendent Hovis recommended the approval of bus specifications and bus route descriptions for the upcoming contracted years 2023-2024 through 2026-2027. The board approved. The superintendent also requested approval to advertise routes that are up for bidding. The board approved.

Allison Taylor requested permission to dispose of old records. The board approved.

Superintendent Hovis requested Amanda Heckard be removed from all bank accounts and add Kendra Wright to all bank accounts affiliated with the school corporation. The board approved.

The board approved the following facility usage requests:

- Martin County 4-H to use the school parking lot on October 15 to meet for a jeep run.
- The Martin County Council to use the cafeteria on October 26, 2022, at 6 p.m. for a public hearing.
- Girls Scouts to use the cafeteria on the

dates of 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, and 4/12.

-High School Volleyball to use the cafeteria for sectional dinner October 7.

The board approved the updated handbook policy and the updated cafeteria policy. The board approved the 2023 budget adoption and resolution.

Elementary Principal Shannon Wagoner started her report by stating dyslexia screening for grades K-2 are being conducted. She also stated the Science Club was a huge success. A big thank you to Terra Boyd for inviting the elementary to participate in the club. The students are loving the solar powered experiment. The Anti-Bullying Convocation made a huge impact on student's understanding of how important friendship and kindness are at school. Sam, with Autism Rock and Rolls Corporation, and his mom gave an excellent presentation. They are very thankful for the donation that made this possible. Redemption Children's Minister Amanda Miller has started the Mindset Lunch Crew. She has group activities that are focused on the character traits of the month. The art collaboration with Miss Troutman and Miss Bratton's classes have been fun. They are currently working on an art project together. She wanted to give a big shout out to Lydia Cook for collecting donations and purchasing headphones for the elementary school. Wagoner also wanted to let everyone know that there is a new PBIS Facebook page. The 4th and 5th grade students have been working hard creating things for the craft show. All the items will be made in the R.O.C.K.

High School Principal Josh Mullis started his report by welcoming Nicolas Spurgeon and Bella Newland. They are both members of the cross-country team. They were recently recognized by the official for the Blue-Chip Conference Cross Country this past Saturday. He said they were both great leaders and had such positive attitudes. The school appreciates both of them and would like to recognize them as Jug Rox Heroes with a certificate, an IHSAA sportsmanship pin, and a gift certificate from Fay's Pizza. They recently celebrated the September Students of the Month with lunch from Bo-Mac's. They appreciate Bo-Mac's support in helping provide this meal for students: freshman-Duncan Couchman, sophomore- Emma Holt, junior- Ellie Roush, and senior- Sky-lar Smith. He recognized English Teacher

Dennis Dahlen for completing 18 graduate hours so that he can now teach speech for dual credit. Mr. Mullis would also like to thank Bill Willis, owner and operator of WFLQ out of French Lick, for coming up and speaking to 8th grade and 11th grade students about the US Constitution. Mr. Kent and his Principles of Construction class recently repainted the numbers on the parking lot. Once more paint arrives, they plan to repaint the lines as well. Miss Hawkins and Mr. Kent have been busy with adding two cows to the school farm. On September 20, Mr. Abel, Mrs. Cornett, 13 high school students, and Mr. Mullis went to North Daviess for the IHSAA Principal's Meeting. They all enjoyed a nice lunch on the way back as well. It was great to see students participate and represent the school so well. September 20 was also IT Day. They appreciate everything Chase and Sam do for them daily. September 21, the FFA went down to Pike County for the Skillathon and the team qualified for the state, which is fantastic considering this was their first competition. September 23, they held a convocation for middle and high school students that dealt with the topic of mental health. The presenters had a strong message that hopefully had a positive impact on our

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Nights

SHOALS

Monday, October 31

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

LOOGOOTE

Monday, October 31

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Candidate
Q&A
in next week's
Martin County
Journal
Know before
you vote

Election reminders

The Martin County General Election will be held November 8, 2022. Voter registration is now closed. You can no longer register to vote or update current registration. If you are interested in voting by mail, you can call the Martin County Clerk's Office 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 October 12, 2022. 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. to noon. Contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651 with any questions regarding voting or your registration.

Annual open enrollment for Medicare starts October 15

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (open enrollment) starts on October 15 to December 7, 2022. This is the one time of year when ALL people with Medicare can make changes to their Medicare Advantage health and prescription drug plans that will take effect on January 1, 2023.

During the Medicare open enrollment period, you can:

-Switch from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage (as long as you are enrolled in both Medicare Part A and Part B, and you live in the Medicare Advantage plan's service area)

-Switch from Medicare Advantage to Original Medicare (plus a Medicare Part D plan, and possibly a Medigap plan if you are eligible)

-Switch from one Medicare Advantage plan to another

-Switch from one Medicare Part D prescription drug plan to another

-Enroll in a Medicare Part D plan if you didn't enroll when you were first eligible for Medicare. If you haven't maintained other creditable coverage, a late-enrollment penalty may apply

Medicare beneficiaries with income less than \$2,116/month and limited assets might qualify for programs that help to pay for Part B monthly premiums, copays and deductibles. Some programs even help to pay for prescriptions. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help with these applications.

The SHIP is a free and impartial counseling program for people with Medi-

care. SHIP is facilitated by the Indiana Department of Insurance and Administration for Community Living. SHIP is part of a federal network of State Health Insurance Assistance Programs located in every state.

With more than 100 SHIP sites throughout the state of Indiana, a SHIP counselor is never far away from those who need assistance. SHIP offers numerous events and presentations throughout the state of Indiana to assist Medicare beneficiaries. During open enrollment, some of these events include assistance using the online Planfinder Tool that allows beneficiaries to compare prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans based on their specific needs. A listing of SHIP events can be found at www.Medicare.in.gov.

All of SHIP's services are offered at no charge to consumers. SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company or agency and does not sell insurance. SHIP is staffed by a crew of volunteer counselors who have completed intensive training to offer Medicare beneficiaries objective assistance in complete confidence.

If you or someone you know needs help with their Medicare questions, call the SHIP helpline at 1-800-452-4800 or the TTY line for the hearing impaired at 1-866-846-0139. You also can find SHIP online at www.Medicare.IN.gov.

The search for dedicated SHIP Volunteers is ongoing. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, you can learn more and even apply at www.Medicare.in.gov.

SHOALS


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students. September 26, the FFA went up to Bedford for soil judging. They continue to be impressed with what the students can do, and that staff is able to help bring those possibilities to the students. September 26 and 27, Mr. Mullis attended the Advanced School Safety Training in Indianapolis. A lot of great speakers and information to bring back and make sure they stay with the trends. September 27, Jostens was at the school to help the sophomores place their order for class rings and the seniors for their graduation items. September 30, they had two convocations; one was for the elementary students and the other for the middle and high school students over bullying. The presenter was a young man with autism. He, along with his mother, told his story about how he was always picked on and had to overcome his disability to be who he is now. End of the grading period is October 7. They will begin printing report cards on Wednesday, October 19. Soccer had their Sectional on Monday at South Knox where the team lost to NE Dubois. Good luck to the cross country and volleyball team in sectional. Cross country has their Sectional on Saturday at Jasper and volleyball has their Sectional next week at Springs Valley.

Superintendent Hovis started off by thanking board secretary, Jerry Braun, for attending the Indiana School Board Association fall conference this past Monday

and Tuesday with her in Indianapolis. They both attended a variety of sessions that they found to be very informative and can be used for the school district. Ms. Hovis invited the entire board to attend a regional school board meeting with her on November 9 in Jasper. She will be attending a New Superintendent Academy in Indianapolis on October 18 and 19. She gave an update on the FEMA grant, which was written by Dr. Roush last spring in hopes of adding two additional classrooms in the high school. Some more items must be submitted in order to proceed to the next phase of the grant process. Hindostan Days was a huge success for both the school and community. Community members were able to sign up for one of the three baskets that were being given away. Each building made a themed basket. The elementary school also gave away free books to kids of all ages. They also enjoyed viewing items that were on display from the robotics and engineering program. She thanked the students and staff members who worked and represented Shoals at each booth. Ms. Hovis reminded everyone that fall break is next week and wished everyone a safe and enjoyable break. She also wanted to wish the cross country and volleyball teams the best of luck as they head into sectionals.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be November 10.



Celebrating
23 years of service
Annual Dinner

The Martin County Community Foundation is pleased to announce that we will once again have our Annual Dinner event!

We will be celebrating and highlighting the 50 years that West Boggs Park has improved the quality of life in our county & surrounding areas.

Monday, November 7
Doors open 5:30 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
at the Community Building on the 4-H Fairgrounds

Tickets will not be sold at the door!

Tickets (\$20) must be purchased by Wednesday, October 19th & are available at:
German American Bank, The Shoals News, Old National Bank

and from MCCF Board Members Kristi Ausbrooks, Richard Burch, Megan Hawkins, Jenell Hoffman, Alan Lagree, Paula Ringwald, Angie Risacher, Garry Smith, Annette Taylor, Kelli Wilson, and Curt Johnson. You may also call the MCCF Office at 812-295-1022 for tickets.

Thanks to our Event Sponsors!!

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German American Bank	First Fiduciary
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Old National Bancorp	United States Gypsum
City of Loogootee	Martin County 4-H Council
Loughmiller Machine, Tool & Design	Loogootee Marathon
Bronze Level Sponsors	
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Jasper Rentals	Cash Waggoner & Associates
Hawkins Health Center	Martin County Monuments
Farm Bureau Insurance	Bo-Mac's Drive-in
Knights of Columbus Council 732	

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 started prosecutor participation in the meetings of the Child Protection Team, the Multi-disciplinary Team, the Child Fatality Review Team, and with the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner.
- I established with the State Court Services the grant to equip law enforcement with e-ticket technology.
- I developed with the court and the animal control officer the policy now in use for animal cruelty cases that protects owners' rights and animals' lives.
- I started the Juvenile Justice Program together with the sheriff, the judge, probation, community corrections, and both superintendents of the schools for policy discussion and change to juvenile matters.
- I started developing a Compliance Status Program with community corrections, probation, the Drug and Alcohol Program Director and the court to hold accountability hearings
- I started the 'right size order' in child support as a new program to help those implement necessary modifications that had been neglected for years.
- I started the Community Outreach Program that allows my office to use specific state funds to give back to the community without additional county costs.
- I advanced the use of the Prosecutor Case Management System to accomplish effective and efficient case management for our county without additional cost.
- I developed, with the court, the system defendants, attorneys, and witnesses now use to appear remotely and timely without undue cause of delay.
- I started working with other counties on transfer of appropriate cases to established Veteran's Court, Problem-Solving Court, and Drug Court.
- I started the "Proffer Deadline" system with the court, that requires the defense attorney to meet with the prosecutor and reports the case status to the court to prevent undue delay in cases.
- I developed with the court and the sheriff's office the technologically advanced system that law enforcement now uses for applying for search warrants to the court that no longer requires them to leave the scene.
- 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.

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Radius Indiana celebrates National Manufacturing Day

Radius Indiana joins the U.S. Small Business Administration and the National Association of Manufacturers in recognizing Manufacturing Day, an annual event on the first Friday of October, which celebrates modern manufacturing and is meant to inspire the next generation of manufacturers.

Manufacturing is the fifth-largest employer in the United States, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Over 19,400 workers are employed in the manufacturing industry in the Radius Region which represents an increase of 350 new jobs created in the sector over the past ten years, despite the disruption of the COVID pandemic.

The regional Location Quotient for manufacturing in the Radius Region is 2.64, revealing that the sector is more than two-and-a-half times more concentrated regionally than it is nationally. Manufacturing represents 21.4 percent of total regional employment compared to the national total of 8.1 percent of employment in the sector.

Production jobs dominate manufacturing occupations in Radius's eight counties; over 60 percent of all manufacturing jobs are classified as production, while 10% are transportation and material moving, slightly over 7 percent are office and administration, and the remainder are scattered over a variety of functions.

"Manufacturing remains one of the most important pillars of our regional economy," said Radius President and CEO Jeff Quyle. "From high-demand furniture manufacturing to the factories supplying important parts for the automotive industry, the strength in manufacturing appears to be providing the

financial fuel to allow other parts of the economy to grow."

Wages among production workers vary greatly according to the occupational skills needed. Entry-level meat cutters in the agribusiness sector average annual wages in the low-\$30,000 range, while skilled assemblers and machine operators' average wages in the mid-\$40,000s. Average wages for all workers of \$52,614 are below the national average but are among some of the highest paying wages in the region.

The region's number of manufacturing firms is on the rebound in recent years. From a high of 363 manufacturing establishments in 2011, the numbers decreased to around 340 in the following decade but have climbed every year from 2019 to 2021 back to 360 establishments.

Counties throughout the region are participating in Manufacturing Day in their own unique ways. In Orange County, 8th-grade students from Orleans, Paoli and Springs Valley will visit local manufacturing/distributing partners such as Jasper Seating, Inc, Best Home Furnishings, Pluto Inc., and Boston International.

Additionally, the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council is continuing its trend from 2021 to celebrate a 5-day Manufacturing Week that includes activities with students from The Collaboration of Shoals, Orleans, and Mitchell Schools (COSMOS) and the North Lawrence Career Center to introduce the industry through informational sessions and tours with local manufacturers. Those companies include WF Meyers, Stone City Products, CAP, IN-FAB, and PRD.

"We applaud our manufacturers, their employees and the contributions they make to our economy in the Radius Region. We will continue to monitor this important sector and work with our regional employers to help them thrive as well as make the region a choice location for new investment," said Quyle.

Attorney General warns Hoosiers to beware of government imposter scams

Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers about one of the most pernicious robocall frauds. Scammers pretend to call from government agencies like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, but it's then later exposed as a scam.

"It all starts with a seemingly harmless text, call, or email, but it ultimately results in a devastating blow to Hoosiers' hard-earned savings," Attorney General Rokita said. "Do not disclose your financial or other personal information. If you get a scam call asking you to wire money, use cryptocurrency, or gift cards, hang up the phone and contact my office. Scammers are real and create real problems for innocent people."

These fraudsters will use crafty tricks to fool you. They might tell you that you'll miss out on some government benefit or offer to send you something for free, but it's a scam.

Attorney General Rokita shares the following tips for Hoosiers to avoid these types of scammers:

- Don't wire money, send cash, or use gift cards or cryptocurrency to pay someone who says they're with the government.
- Don't give your financial or other personal information to someone who calls, texts, or emails and says they're with the government.
- Don't trust your caller ID. Your caller ID might show the government agency's real phone number, but caller ID can be faked.
- Don't click on links in unexpected emails or text messages. Don't click on any link, and don't pass it on to others.

Simply delete the message.

-Look out for prerecorded calls from imposters posing as government agencies. Typically, neither the Internal Revenue Service nor the Social Security Administration make phone calls to

If you suspect fraudulent activity, immediately terminate the communication, and do not provide any personal information.

Add your number to the Indiana Do Not Call List.

Contact our Consumer Protection Division at 1-888-834-9969 or donotcall@atg.in.gov. If you receive an unwanted text or call, please file a complaint at www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer-protection-division/.

LHS Volleyball defeats BNL

The Loogootee Varsity Volleyball team defeated Bedford North Lawrence last Thursday, 25-8, 25-14, and 25-17. The girls' record stands at 21-10 going into sectional play.

Breanna Courter led the team in serving points with 12 followed by Lindsey Nolan and Madison Ramsey with nine each and Kyleigh Courter with eight. Breanna also had seven digs, Kyleigh had nine and Nolan finished with five. Ramsey contributed five kills.

Brooklyn Summers led in assisted with 14 followed by Sydnee Wittmer with 12. Wittmer also had seven kills.

Mallorie Sutton had a team-high eight kills and also contributed eight kills and five digs. Ashlynn Gilbert finished with five kills.

The junior varsity Lady Lions also defeated BNL in two sets, 25-20 and 25-17. Their record finished at 12-3.

Ava Fuhrman led in kills with seven followed by Cacia Wilcoxon with four and Macy Knepp with three. Knepp also contributed eight digs and 10 serving points and Wilcoxon contributed five points. Addy Lengacher finished with 13 assists, 10 serving points and four digs and Abigail Nonte had eight digs.



Father Pavone speaks at Right to Life Banquet

Picture above is the Right to Life Banquet Speaker Father Frank Pavone (center) along with Right to Life President Louie Kavanaugh Jr. (right) and his son Jim Kavanaugh. From the right side of the picture is son John Kavanaugh and son Louie Kavanaugh III. Louis Jr. had emceed the Right to Life Banquets since the early beginnings of the organization but this past July he was diagnosed with health issues and was unable to emcee the banquet this year. That's when he called on his sons to help him out and they did in a big way with more than 400 in attendance at this year's banquet.

QUEEN-LEE CHAPEL
GEORGE FUNERAL CARE, LLC
431 High Street
Shoals, Indiana 47581
812-247-3101

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.

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For **Commissioner**

From the County, For the County!

Elect a man who believes in an open, transparent policy, who has always voted for policies that better the community we live in, and love.

-Paid for by Paul George for Commissioner

One of the functions of a Prosecutor is to support and help our police officers. I think if you ask any police officer who was in Martin, Lawrence, or Knox counties when I was Prosecutor, they will tell you that I did everything in my power to help them. It's just the right thing to do.

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for
**MARTIN COUNTY
PROSECUTOR**

-Paid for by Mike Steiner for Prosecutor

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

1:40 a.m. - Received a report of water gushing from hydrants in Loogootee. Advised caller they were flushing them this week.

1:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting water gushing from hydrant near McDonald's in Loogootee. Advised caller they are flushing hydrants all week.

1:52 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious individual walking west on US 50. Captain Reed responded.

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

12:37 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Shaw responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, ISP Trooper Lents and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:27 p.m. - Received a call from Guardian Medical of a pendent push in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

3:50 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check east of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Shaw responded.

6:53 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Daviess County. Transferred calls to Daviess County 911.

8:55 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle at a business in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Shaw responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious individual in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Reserve Deputy Shaw responded.

10:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call south of Shoals heading to Orange County. Transferred call to Orange County 911.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

12:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Shoals. Captain Reed, Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:02 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

2:43 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an unruly person at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:48 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Chief Means and Sergeant Gibson responded. No one was transported.

9:59 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, Sheriff Greene and Sergeant Gibson responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:43 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to remote court.

11:39 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to remote court.

11:44 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to remote court.

1:40 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:56 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:07 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported

one inmate to court.

3:26 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported on inmate to remote court.

3:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a road closure in Shoals.

4:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

4:42 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries east of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Shaw and Big John's Towing responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Shaw responded.

6:04 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser southeast of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Shaw responded.

6:37 p.m. - Received a report of a puppy found east of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

8:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

9:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a missing juvenile northeast of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Martin County EMS responded.

11:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting water gushing out of a hydrant in Loogootee. Advised caller they were flushing the hydrants.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

12:34 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:28 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser northeast of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

12:56 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries southeast of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:56 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.

6:41 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Corporal Wells and Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Corporal Wells responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to IU Health Bloomington.

10:46 p.m. - Received a report of a possible missing person northeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

3:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a semi stalled east of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:17 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard east of Shoals. Notified INDOT.

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of a stalled vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:41 a.m. - Received a report of a stalled semi in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

8:20a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:41 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to remote court.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious object in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

11:45 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

1:15 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

1:23 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a sus-

picious vehicle east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

2:57 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

3:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a two-vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department, Corporal Wells, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Loogootee Chief Means, ISP Trooper Lents, Martin County EMS and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

4:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

4:54 p.m. - Received a call from Guardian Medical reporting a medical alarm in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

5:08 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Corporal Wells and Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:59 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check south of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

7:38 p.m. - Received a call reporting a kitten found in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

1:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

6:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:04 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:13 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Corporal Wells, Deputy Branham, Deputy Long, Loogootee Fire Department, Daviess County Medic 6 and Air Evac all responded. Daviess County Medic 6 transported one to Daviess Community Hospital to meet Air Evac.

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Call transferred to Dubois County.

10:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Branham, and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

12:02 a.m. - Received a call reporting a noise complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

11:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, and Corporal Wells responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a vehicle accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

4:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells was advised.

5:35 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. No one was transported.

6:26 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

6:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting two suspicious people in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour was advised.

6:48 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Deputy Branham was advised.

7:31 p.m. - Received a call reporting a vehicle accident east of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

6:51 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, and Deputy Branham responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car vs. deer accident north of Shoals. No report needed. Sergeant Gibson was advised.

11:46 a.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 Daviess Community Hospital.

12:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Daviess County EMS responded. No one was transported.

2:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call in Orange County. Transferred call to Orange County.

4:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was advised.

7:16 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Corporal Wells responded.

7:26 p.m. - Received a call reporting heavy smoke in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

5:43 p.m. - Ashley Miller, 34, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and Jail Officer Gregory on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

9:00 p.m. - Justin Boyd, 35, of Shoals, was on station to turn himself in for probation violation. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

3:09 p.m. - April May, 43, of Williams, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

3:10 p.m. - Corbett May, 49, of Bedford, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

September 28

Nathan D. Hoffman, convicted of domestic battery, 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. Also convicted of two counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, Class A Misdemeanors. Sentenced on each count 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.

Marty G. Peek, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced on the first count to serve 1,460 days with 365 days suspended and credit for 175 actual days previously served plus 58 Class B credit days. Defendant may serve his remaining 862 days DOC executed time on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Program, so long as the defendant remains eligible. Defendant received 12 months of probation. Sentenced on the second count to serve 350 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 175 actual days previously served plus 175 Class A credit days.

September 29

Nathaniel James Hart, convicted of minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 0 days.

Timothy C. Browers, convicted of reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 0 days.

John Robert Hellman, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

October 3

Dale E. Jones, Jr., convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and habitual offender enhancement. Sentenced on the first count to serve 730 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended and credit for 228 actual days previously served plus 228 Class A credit days. Sentenced on the habitual offender enhancement to serve 730 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

September 28

Nathan D. Hoffman, domestic battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a BAC of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Marty G. Peek, criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

September 29

Logan C. Kelsey, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

John Robert Hellman, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

October 3

Dale E. Jones, Jr., failure of sex/violent offender to possess identification, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Level 4 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession

of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

September 28

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Ricky Heckard, civil collection.

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Pamela Clark, civil collection.

September 29

Premier Ag Co-Op, Inc. vs. DRK Farms, LLC-Delbert Graber, civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

September 30

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Michael Dousa in the amount of \$1,794.08.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff OneMain Financial Group, LLC and against the defendant Seth Noble in the amount of \$10,773.03.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

October 3

Monty Gregory vs. Rene Albright, eviction.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

September 30

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Delbert Fellers and against the defendant Stemen Automotive in the amount of \$250.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Vincent H. Romero of Crane and Phyllis J. Moffatt of Crane.

Real estate transfers

Stephen J. Petit and Nicholas S. Petit, of Martin County, Indiana to Nicholas S. Petit, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing 2 acres, more or less. Also, a section containing 10 acres, more or less.

Jade Dorsam to Jacob R. Nonte, 70 feet off the south end of the east one-half of Lot Number 26 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Brant C. Brumley, of Martin County, Indiana to Brant C. Brumley and Patti Su Brumley, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 32,178 square feet, more or less.

Daniel L. Main, of Martin County, Indiana to Xavier Main, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 132 and six feet off of the west side of Lot Number 133 in Loogootee, Indiana.

Bruce W. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to Edward Hansen and Danny Hansen, of Marion County, Indiana, a tract of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Bruce W. Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to Edward Hansen and Danny Hansen, of Marion County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

James Edward Pankey and Russell Pankey, of Martin County, Indiana to RDY Properties, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 14 and 15 in Ackerman's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana, except 23 feet off the east side of Lot Number 14.

Howard Knepp, Brandon Knepp and Kevin Knepp, of Daviess County, Indiana to Kevin W. Knepp and Jolene 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.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

12:30 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident at US 50 West and John C. Strange Street.

8:00 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of unauthorized control of a vehicle.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:12 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a dispute with an employee at a local business.

8:42 a.m. - Chief Means and first responders were dispatched to an accident with unknown injuries on US 50 West.

10:48 a.m. - Chief Means assisted with a vehicle lock out.

3:14 p.m. - Officer Wells assisted with an unknown vehicle blocking a delivery area at a local business.

9:10 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute and reported run-away.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

4:18 p.m. - A caller reported a theft at a local business.

4:55 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Locust Street.

10:23 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 North.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

11:57 a.m. - Chief Means and first responders were dispatched to an accident on North JFK Avenue.

2:54 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a vehicle lock out at a local business.

3:43 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Indiana State Police with an accident on US 231 South.

4:12 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident at the Marathon station.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

1:20 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Norris Street.

4:40 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted

the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a welfare check.

6:07 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an unwanted, possibly intoxicated person loitering around a local business.

7:12 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Lark Ranch.

10:51 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on State Road 550.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:00 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted with a funeral procession.

11:09 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Industrial Avenue.

3:23 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a property damage accident at a local business.

5:58 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Lark Ranch.

6:22 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Lark Ranch.

6:30 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle at a local business.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

11:45 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

12:36 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in a church parking lot.

7:16 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a verbal dispute on Bloomfield Road.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



AND THAT'S WHEN THE FIGHT STARTED:

*My wife and I were watching "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" while we were in bed.

I turned to her and said, "Do you want to fool around?"

"No," she answered.

I then said, "Is that your final answer?"

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying "Yes."

So, I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And that's when the fight started.

*I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.

"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"

"Nah, she can order for herself."

And that's when the fight started.

My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table.

I asked her, "Do you know him?"

"Yes," she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since."

"My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started.

THOUGHTS

*Words to live by: Racecar is racecar backwards. Racecar upside down is expensive.

*I wish pets lived longer and life wasn't so expensive, and cake didn't make you fat, and people weren't idiots.

*"I will not buy any more books until I've read all the ones I've got," I said, then I laughed and laughed.

*If you ever hear me order a decaf coffee, I've been kidnapped and trying to signal you.

*As you get older, you have to stay positive. The other day I fell down the stairs. Instead of getting upset, I just thought, "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years."

*There is no better feeling than going to bed at night and not having to set an alarm for tomorrow!

*If my dog makes you uncomfortable, I'd be happy to lock you in the other room.

POSITIVISMS

*Reading to a child for just 20 minutes a day exposes them to about 1.8 million words a year.

*No matter what yesterday was like, birds always start the new day with a song.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Public hearing on new LIT

The Martin County Council will hold a public hearing Wednesday, October 26 at 6 p.m. in the Shoals School cafeteria. The public hearing is the time for residents to give feedback about the new local income tax for the ambulance service.

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.

Free estate planning seminar

Daviess Community Hospital will sponsor a free estate planning seminar on Monday, October 24, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Eastside Park Community Building in Washington. Information will be presented by Daniel Siewers,

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE

WIC Nutritionist & Breastfeeding Coordinator

Did you know a great way to protect your family from lead is with healthy foods? For both children and adults, eating foods with calcium, iron and vitamin C can help protect their body from the harmful effects of lead. For babies, breastmilk provides the best nutrition and many health benefits from the start. Sources of calcium include, milk, yogurt, cheese, cottage cheese, pudding, calcium fortified orange juice, and dark leafy green vegetables. Foods that contain iron can include WIC-approved cereals, legumes (peas, beans, lentils), dried fruits, lean red meats, fish, chicken, turkey, and dark leafy green vegetables. Some vitamin C sources are oranges, grapefruit, tomatoes, bell peppers, broccoli, potatoes, strawberries melons, and WIC-approved juices. -"Well Fed Means Less Lead" ISDH brochure

Thank you for all who participated in our World Breastfeeding Month event. We received tons of great positive quotes about breastfeeding from both breastfeeding and formula feeding families. Big congratulations go out to our family who won the drawing for the Holiday World and Spashin Safari tickets.

As WIC begins a new fiscal year, we continue to be dedicated to our WIC families and community. Our income guidelines have changed. To find the new guidelines please call the WIC clinic or go to <https://www.in.gov/health/wic/eligibility-requirements/>.

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 812-247-3303 to make an appointment.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Attorney-Hart Bell, Mary Smith, Director-Community Foundation, and Alan Van Cleef, Wealth Advisor-German American Bank RSVP to 812-254-8858 or asteiner@dchosp.org. Refreshments will be served.

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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Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

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Recently, a friend visited me in the gardens. She asked me if I ever just take time to marvel at the beauty. Obviously, there is a lot of work that needs to be done at Sandhill Gardens, and I have been diligently making headway. Still, I assured her that I do take time to sit and enjoy the beauty around me. How could one not take time to soak in the colors that come to the garden at this time of the year? The sumacs have turned bright red and there are signs of color in many trees and shrubs. In another week, the garden and the surrounding woods should be glowing with fall colors.

However, the fall color is not limited to the leaves. It is a wonderful time for berries and branches. I leave pokeweed growing at the edge of the woods. Right now, the branches of the mature plants are the brightest pink that occurs in nature. The clusters of deep purple berries pop in contrast. They are attracting a lot of finches and other birds, another source of color in the garden. My fiend noticed some bright red clusters and asked about the red flowers in the garden. It finally occurred to me that she was seeing the clusters of berries on the winterberry deciduous hollies. It has been a good year for these small native trees, and the berry clusters are really so large that from afar they appear to be flowers. The trees still have their leaves at this time, but in a few weeks, the leaves will fall, leaving the berry clusters. The birds do not seem to eat many of the winterberries until they soften, usually in late February. Therefore, the winterberries will continue to add color to the garden through the holidays and well into the winter season. A couple of years ago, I acquired a different winterberry cultivar. The berries on this one are peach-colored. It is still a small plant, but it is covered with berries. It provides an interesting contrast to the bright pink turtle-head flowers blooming nearby.

The firethorn is supplying color in the form of deep orange berries. Many people mistake this shrub's berries for bittersweet.

However, the firethorn berries do not burst open. They will remain on the plant for several weeks. The blue muffin viburnum is sporting clusters of deep blue berries. They are not very conspicuous with the foliage on the shrubs, but the birds have certainly found them and are singing in the branches. Nearby, purple beautyberries offer a bright purple splash. There are also a couple of white beautyberries in the garden, but the berries on them are smaller and not very noticeable. Red fruits are also plentiful on dogwoods and spicebushes. The fruits of the koussa dogwoods are less bright, but the large size and unusual shape are a different attraction.

I have also eaten some berries from the garden this week. A late-bearing blackberry had some fruits the size of my thumb. They were particularly sweet. The red goji berries are now plentiful. They are supposed to be very nutritious, and while I do not really find them tasty, I have eaten a few while working in the area.

Some flowers leave calyxes that are almost as pretty as the flowers themselves. The seven sons flowers are still blooming, but some have dropped the white flower petals, revealing the pink calyxes. Another plant whose calyxes rival the flowers is the abelia. The fact that it sits in front of a Black Hills spruce brings out the color very effectively.

As temperatures cool, the colors of certain shrub and tree branches will change. Sandhill Gardens is blessed with red and yellow twig dogwoods and with a coral-bark Japanese maple. The color is most intense on the newest wood, and the twigs are already showing the colors.

There are still many varieties of asters and mums in bloom and a smattering of late-blooming annuals. Everywhere I look, I see signs of the seasons. I pointed out to my friend a double-flowering pink colchicum, growing under some shrubs. She then noticed a white colchicum, growing nearby. I am glad she experienced the thrill of discovery in the fall garden.

Spring Mill Haunted Village

Spring Mill State Park will hold its scary Haunted Village on Saturday, October 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

This event requires bracelets that participants must buy in advance. Bracelets will be available for purchase starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 15 only, in the park's pool parking lot; however, no entry will be allowed into the pool parking lot before 7 a.m. Bracelets cost \$5 each, and each person may buy no more than 10 bracelets. Only 2,500 bracelets will be sold, and they go fast.

Haunted Village is recommended for ages 12 and older. It's going to be a Spooktacular time!

Participants will need to remember: Keep your bracelets in a safe place. The park is not responsible for lost or stolen bracelets. If you paid the entrance fee in the morning to get your bracelets and then leave the park, please keep your receipt for re-entry later for the event. You will be responsible for paying the gate fee again if you don't have a receipt or Annual Entrance Permit. Once you are in

Hunting seasons schedule

- Wild Turkey Fall Archery: October 1-30
- Deer Archery: October 1-January 1, 2023
- Woodcock: October 15-November 28
- Red and Gray Fox: October 15-February 28, 2023
- Coyote and Striped Skunk: October 15-March 15, 2023
- Wild Turkey Fall Firearms: October 19-30
- Ducks, Coots, Mergansers:
 - North Zone: October 22-December 11
 - Central Zone: October 29-November 6
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line for the event, you cannot hold spaces for friends and family. You must be wearing your bracelet to enter Haunted Village. Second trips are not permitted.

For more information on this and other upcoming events at Spring Mill State Park, call 812-849-3534 or email cprewitt@dnr.IN.gov.

Spring Mill State Park (on.IN.gov/springmill) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

DNR stocks channel catfish statewide

It's that time of year again, when the weather is cooling, leaves are falling, and the DNR is stocking channel catfish. This fall, DNR will stock 147 locations with approximately 63,742.

To provide additional angling opportunities, the DNR annually stocks channel catfish statewide in publicly accessible waters. All stocked channel catfish are produced by state personnel at the following DNR hatcheries (county): Cikana (Morgan), Driftwood (Jackson), and East Fork (Daviness). All locations should be stocked by the end of October or early November.

The channel catfish range in size from 8-10 inches. Once stocked, these fish acclimate to their new environment quickly and don't take long to start biting. Anglers are encouraged to harvest the catfish, as they make great table fare.

Anglers interested in harvesting channel catfish need to follow bag and size restrictions. In most lakes and reservoirs, the statewide regulation is 10 channel catfish per day in lakes, with no more than one being longer than 28 inches; however, there are a few lakes that have a different bag limit. They are listed at eregulations.com/indiana/fishing/basic-fishing-information under Special Regulations Waters.

Channel Catfish stocking locations, numbers, and sizes are listed at: wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/indiana-fish-stocking.

To view all fishing regulations, check out our fishing guide at: on.IN.gov/fishingguide

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National unemployment edges down to 3.5 percent for September

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 263,000 in September, and the unemployment rate edged down to 3.5 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Notable job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality and in health care.

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.

Hurricane Ian had no discernible effect on the employment and unemployment data for September. Household survey data collection was completed before the storm made landfall in Florida, and establishment survey data collection rates were within normal ranges nationally and for the affected areas.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate edged down to 3.5 percent in September, returning to its July level. The number of unemployed persons edged down to 5.8 million in September.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for Hispanics decreased to 3.8 percent in September. The jobless rates for adult men (3.3 percent), adult women (3.1 percent), teenagers (11.4 percent), Whites (3.1 percent), Blacks (5.8 percent), and Asians (2.5 percent) showed little change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of permanent job losers decreased by 173,000 to 1.2 million in September. The number of persons on temporary layoff changed little at 758,000.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.1 million in September. The long-term unemployed accounted for 18.5 percent of all unemployed persons.

The labor force participation rate was little changed at 62.3 percent in September, and the employment-population ratio was unchanged at 60.1 percent. Both measures are 1.1 percentage points below their values in February 2020, prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons decreased by 306,000 to 3.8 million 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.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was little changed at 5.8 million in September and remains above its February 2020 level of 5.0 million. 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 was little changed in September at 1.6 million. 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, increased by 119,000 to 485,000 in September.

Household Survey Supplemental Data

In September, 5.2 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, down from 6.5 percent in the prior month. In May 2020, the first month these data were collected, 35.4 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey specifically because of the pandemic.

In September, 1.4 million persons reported they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic--that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey due to the pandemic. This measure is down from 1.9 million in the previous month and from 49.8 million in May 2020. Among those who reported in September that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 21.4 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, essentially the same as in August.

Among those not in the labor force in September, 452,000 persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, little changed from the prior month. In May 2020, 9.7 million persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must be either actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey from May 2020 through September 2022 to help gauge the effects of the pandemic on the labor market. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Tables with estimates from the supplemental questions for all months are available online at www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 263,000 in September. Monthly job growth has averaged 420,000 thus far in 2022, compared with 562,000 per month in 2021. In September, notable job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality and in health care.

Leisure and hospitality added 83,000 jobs in September, in line with the average monthly job gain over the first 8 months of the year. Within the industry,

employment in food services and drinking places rose by 60,000 in September. Employment in leisure and hospitality is below its pre-pandemic February 2020 level by 1.1 million, or 6.7 percent.

In September, employment in health care rose by 60,000 and has returned to its February 2020 level. Over the month, ambulatory health care services and hospitals each added 28,000 jobs.

Employment in professional and business services continued its upward trend in September (+46,000). Thus far in 2022, job growth in the industry has averaged 72,000 per month. Employment in temporary help services continued to trend up (+27,000) in September. Job gains occurred in investigation and security services (+9,000) and in scientific research and development services (+5,000). Job losses occurred in business support services (-12,000), legal services (-5,000), and advertising and related services (-5,000).

Manufacturing employment continued to trend up in September (+22,000). Job gains occurred in motor vehicles and parts (+8,000), fabricated metal products (+6,000), and electrical equipment and appliances (+3,000). Printing and related support activities lost 4,000 jobs over the month. Manufacturing has added an average of 36,000 jobs per month thus far in 2022.

In September, employment in construction continued to trend up (+19,000), in line with average monthly job growth in the first 8 months of this year. Specialty trade contractors added 18,000 jobs in September.

Employment in wholesale trade continued its upward trend in September (+11,000). Wholesale trade has added an average of 18,000 jobs per month thus far in 2022.

In September, employment in financial activities changed little (-8,000), as

declines in insurance carriers and related activities (-9,000) and non-depository credit intermediation (-7,000) were partially offset by a job gain in depository credit intermediation (+5,000).

Employment in transportation and warehousing was little changed in September (-8,000). A loss of 11,000 jobs in truck transportation was partially offset by a gain of 3,000 jobs in air transportation.

Employment showed little change over the month in other major industries, including mining, retail trade, information, other services, and government.

In September, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 10 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$32.46. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 5.0 percent. In September, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 10 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$27.77.

In September, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was 34.5 hours for the fourth month in a row. In manufacturing, the average workweek for all employees was unchanged at 40.3 hours, and overtime held at 3.2 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 0.1 hour to 34.0 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for July was revised up by 11,000, from +526,000 to +537,000, and the change for August remained at +315,000. After revision, employment gains in July and August combined were 11,000 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.)

Thank You

The Right to Life Organizations would like to say a "Special Thank You" to all those individuals who Help to make the Right to Life Banquet Another big success.

To those who helped to sell the ads, sell tickets, those who helped at the Banquet, those businesses who bought ads in the Banquet Book, and to anyone else who helped in any way, we say Thank You!

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