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-Photo by Susan Wittmer

The Loogootee Lady Lions Sectional 63 Volleyball champs are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Abbey Fuhrman, Grace Lingenfelter, Haylie Mathies, Jocelyn Strange, Kylie VanHoy, and Madison McAtee. In the middle row, from left to right, are Alana Hedrick, Sydnee Wittmer, Mallorie Sutton, Ashlynn Gilbert, Vittoria Zoia, Brooklyn Summers, Breanna Courter, Lindsey Nolan and Kyleigh Courter. In the back row, from left to right, are JV Coach Leslie Summers, Assistant Coaches Gabe Nolley, Christina Ziegler and Phil Goodpaster; and Varsity Coach Shelly Lengacher.

## Lady Lions win Volleyball Sectional

The Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Volleyball Team defeated Vincennes Rivet Saturday night to take the Sectional 63 title. The girls won in three sets, 25-17, 25-16, and 25-10. Their record stands at 25-7. They will move on to the regional next weekend going up against Trinity Lutheran (27-4) at noon in Loogootee. Lanesville (16-14) will take on Springs Valley (26-5) at 10 a.m. and the championship will be held at 7 p.m.

In the Rivet match on Saturday, Kylie VanHoy led the team in serving points with 23 and also in kills with 15. She also had 12 assists and 10 digs. Brooklyn Summers led in assists with 20 and Abbey Fuhrman had five kills. Jocelyn Strange contributed 21 digs, Kyleigh Courter had 19 and Grace Lingenfelter finished with 11.

In the first match on Saturday, the Lady Lions defeated Lighthouse Christian in

three sets, 25-5, 25-8, and 25-8.

Brooklyn Summers led in serving points with 20 and also in assists with nine.

Abbey Fuhrman contributed nine serving points and five kills. Kylie VanHoy had 12 serving points and six assists. Ashlynn Gilbert finished with five kills while Sydnee Wittmer had four. Grace Lingenfelter contributed nine serving points and Jocelyn Strange had five digs.

## Residents speak out against 2022 budget

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council held the adoption meeting for the 2022 budget on Monday night, October 18. A petition objecting to the budget was presented prior to the meeting where 104 taxpayers were opposed to the budget. County Attorney Dave Lett told the council that since Martin County has never had an official objection to a budget, also known as a remonstrance, he had to research what to do. He said he reviewed the petition, which had 24 signatures by the deadline to file, and determined it was filed in a timely fashion and filed properly. He said the council is now required to respond to the items in the petition although they are not required to vote down the 2022 budget. He explained that if the 2022 budget is not adopted, it would revert to the 2021 budget. Greg Guerretaz, with FSG, the county's financial advisor, added that not adopting the budget for next year would not only put it back to 2021 numbers, it would cause the county to lose the 4.3 percent growth quotient all counties receive each year. He said the budget can be adopted with amendments, if the council wants to go that route.

Attorney Lett noted that the taxpayers can file a petition, with 10 or more signatures, to the Department of Local Gov-

ernment Finance, if they are not happy with the outcome of the meeting however the DLGF cannot change the county's budget, only listen to the concerns.

Attorney Lett told the council they are not required to listen to the taxpayers in attendance at the meeting however Council President Warren Albright told him it was important that they do so. Lett said they are allowing each speaker three minutes.

Jason Loughmiller was the first member of the audience to speak. He asked why the council put \$260,000 in the budget for out-of-county inmate revenue when the sheriff said it would be \$191,000. He also wanted to know why the sheriff's department doesn't get some of the income from housing out-of-county inmates since they are the ones who bring in that revenue.

Council Member Albright said the sheriff is on track to bring in half a million dollars this year so the \$260,000 put in the budget for next year is a good estimate. He added that the sheriff gets his share of the money he brings in. "We take care of our sheriff," said Albright.

Loughmiller said he's still unclear why the estimate was put in higher than the sheriff requested. He added that other counties are building jails which means Martin County may lose out-of-county inmates.

Jared Walton, another audience member, said it makes no sense why the county put in \$260,000 when the sheriff said it would be \$191,000. None of the council members replied.

Sheriff Travis Roush then asked to speak. He said he doesn't support the budget as proposed due to the increased inmate revenue. He said he doesn't plan to have more than 15 out-of-county inmates at any given time, which is what he agreed to with the council in the beginning. He told the council they need to look into maximizing efficiency and increasing the wages for critical positions, such as deputies and dispatchers, before funding "desirable" positions. He also commented on the fact that Council Members Buck Stiles and Sherri Bowling voted against raising pay for his jailers and said that should have been a unanimous vote by the council and said the reason the county has a balance of \$1.2 million is because of what that staff has done. He said his staff at the jail supports the county wholeheartedly and he doesn't understand why there are council members who do not. The council members did not respond.

Mike Engleman, who started the petition objecting the 2022 budget, said he researched Martin County compared to like-sized counties and none have a (See 'BUDGET' on page 2)

## Commissioners go over list of roads to be included in CCMG application

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Highway Superintendent Scott Seals presented the Martin County Commissioners with a list of roads to be included in next year's Community Crossings Matching Grant (CCMG) application at their meeting Tuesday night, October 19. The roads to be resurfaced are Cherry Road, from Reinhart Road to Brickyard Road; Sawmill Road, from Graded Road to Valley Avenue; Sherfick School Road, from Doe Run to Goldsberry Road; Brett Road, from State Road 450 to Rama Dye Road (plus one box culvert); and multiple areas of Rutherford Road including from Beard Road to W.R. Cemetery Road, from Beard Road to Mt. Zion Road, from Beard Road to South Martin Road, from Beard Road to Barn Run Road, from Beard Road to Parsons Lane and from Beard Road to Divine Road. The total of the paving is 34,757 feet. Seals said the list may be adjusted based on cost and he will be working with HWC Engineering to finalize what is proposed.

Seals told the commissioners that Du-bois County Water is requesting to bore under Turkey Hill Lane and Anderson Road. They are willing to repair any damage to the roadway. The commissioners were okay with it. County Attorney Dave Lett suggested it be nailed down when they plan to do the work so it could be checked.

Seals presented the 2022 contract for HWC Engineering for \$35,000. The contract provides engineering services to the county along with applying for the Community Crossings grant. Attorney Lett requested time to review the contract before the commissioners voted on it.

Seals said the highway department is currently mowing in Lost River Township and the new dump truck the commissioners approved has been ordered.

Attorney Lett said he has been in contact with the insurance adjuster for the truck driver who damaged bridge 44 on Deep Cut Lake Road. He told the adjuster that the bridge is historically significant so the county is unsure right now what can be done as far as repairs. He told the adjuster that he will keep him apprised of the situation. Lett said CLR, the company hired to do bridge repairs in the county, will be talking to INDOT about the bridge.

Lett provided the commissioners with a resolution for the highway department to take care of the generator at the community building for \$2,000 annually. This was discussed at a previous commissioners' meeting.

Lett also gave the okay for the contract with VEI for radio towers. He said it needs Indiana statutory verbiage that he would like to add. The commissioners approved it contingent on that added wording. The commissioners have already approved the amount for the project.

Public Health Nurse Julia Albright reported new cases of COVID have slowed and there have been 49 so far in October with nine of those in the past week. She (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 3)



# BUDGET

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second deputy prosecutor or a deputy surveyor. He said with the county population dropping to 9,800 residents over the past 10 years, he doesn't understand why the workload in Martin County warrants a second deputy prosecutor. He also asked if having a deputy surveyor makes sense cost-wise.

Council Member Albright said the surveyor's office needs a deputy to help get the work done efficiently. He said the surveyor's office is required, by state statute, to find 40 cornerstones a year but that is not the only work they do. He recommended that Engleman talk to the other offices in the courthouse who work with the surveyor's office to see what services they are provided.

Council Member Barb McFeaters said she voted years ago to add a full-time deputy surveyor to save the county money. She said the county was paying more hiring outside entities. She added that continuity now in the surveyor's office is key and they do so much more than find cornerstones.

A resident in the audience asked what the surveyor's office is doing that requires 80 hours a week of work.

Council Member Albright replied by saying that hiring someone to find the cornerstones would cost at least \$2,000 per stone. "You do the math," he said.

Prosecutor Aureola Wright then spoke and thanked everyone who attended the meeting including those who signed the petition. She said they deserve answers. She said the purpose of hiring a second deputy prosecutor full time was to save the county money and provide services the county needed at the time. She said the caseload warranted the extra deputy along with the need to help law enforcement agencies. She said she could have hired individual positions, like victim advocacy and an investigator, but the county could not afford that and added that the judge and state have approved what she has done since the IVD (child support) numbers have become the best in the state. She said she is working with all departments, at all hours of the day or night, and is answering her phone whenever it rings.

Mike Engleman asked how much child support work the second deputy is doing. Prosecutor Wright said she doesn't have a breakdown but invited Engleman to visit her office and she could try to figure that out for him. Mike Fritch, the first deputy prosecutor, said the child support work is 15-20 percent. That portion is reimbursed by the state. Wright was asked how much the county's portion is for the second deputy salary. She replied that she didn't think she was allowed to discuss that. County Attorney Dave Lett said the benefits of each individual employee couldn't be discussed however a general idea of their salary could. "It's a valid question," said Lett. No one ever answered, however. (EDITOR'S NOTE: According to Indiana Gateway, a public website, the second deputy prosecutor was paid \$61,000 by the county in 2020, in salary only.)

Jackie Dant, a resident in the audience, said the income from out-of-county inmates is not a guarantee. She said next year things could change and she doesn't feel like it should be a factor in the budget. She said dispatchers are the first line of public safety and the county is currently training them and then losing them to better paying counties. "Why don't we look at the public safety issue?" she said adding that dispatchers are inexperienced due to the turnaround, and they need to make that area stronger before adding more prosecutors. "Fix it where it starts," she said.

One of the taxpayers asked why, if these positions are saving the county money, the tax rate continues to go up. He said Martin County's tax rate is double that of counties the same size.

Council Member Albright said that due to Crane and the state forest, almost half of the county is untaxable. He said costs are going up more than taxes are.

The resident asked if there is any discussion to lower the tax rate. Albright replied that he is all for lowering taxes, but it is difficult to increase employees' low wages if they do that.

Council Member McFeaters said the main reason they raised taxes for 2021 was due to COVID. She said no one knew how much revenue was going to be lost due to lower income tax revenue and they raised taxes so the county would be solvent.

The financial advisor said the budget is an estimate. He said they do not know, for example, what the excise tax will be, which is why the council has to review the income and expenses each month to make adjustments.

Council Member Adam Greene asked whether the budget can be changed if down the road they see the expenses are exceeding the revenue. He specifically asked if the deputies in question can be unfunded if revenue starts to go down. Guerretaz said each department is supposed to work within their budget however if revenues decrease, adjustments have to be made. "You need to manage the business," said Guerretaz.

Prosecutor Wright asked the financial advisor if all departments should be looked at or just the two in question. Guerretaz said yes, they should, however he wasn't hired to look at staffing numbers.

Council Member McFeaters said cutting jobs should not be the first thing that is done. Guerretaz agreed saying job preservation is key.

McFeaters added that the council has never considered cutting positions since she has been on the council.

One of the taxpayers in the audience said it comes down to making sure each department is the appropriate size for the county.

The council asked Attorney Lett what the next step was in the budget adoption. Lett said that since the comments have been made regarding the remonstrance, the council must now decide whether to adopt the budget.

Before a vote on the adoption, Coun-

cil Member Greene said he has an issue with being strongarmed by the county's Republican leader. Before he could finish, Millie Brown stood up and said she didn't strongarm Greene. She said she went to his office to meet him and have a discussion. Greene said she told him to approve the budget as is, to get the petition against the budget dropped and to stop posting on facebook.

Brown said Greene should not post county issues on facebook. She said he is a first-year elected official and has a lot to learn.

Greene replied that there are a lot of issues in the county that need to be dealt with which is what he is trying to do.

Brown again said she wasn't trying to strongarm Greene and that "the good lord gave me permission to go in and talk to you." She said again that Greene has a lot to learn as a first-year council member.

Greene again said he didn't appreciate being treated that way.

A member of the audience asked why Brown didn't try to get to know Greene in the past 10 months and why she waited until now.

County Attorney Dave Lett then broke in and said getting personal wouldn't be tolerated.

Council Member Albright then asked for a motion to adopt the budget. The adoption was approved 5-2 with Council Members Greene and Randy Winger voting against. Council Members Albright, McFeaters, Buck Stiles, Sherri Bowling and Keith Gibson voted in favor.

Millie Brown then asked County Attorney Lett how the petition was deemed valid when full names and full addresses were not included in some cases.

Attorney Lett replied that he reviewed the petition and the names on the petition and was satisfied with it.

At the end of the meeting, Attorney Lett read the responses to the petition as required by state law. The responses were lengthy and will be uploaded on the Indiana Gateway site.

## Jug Rox Adult Booster Club to host Fall Festival on October 30

The Shoals Jug Rox Adult Booster Club will host the annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 30 from 2 to 5 p.m. This year's festival will be held outdoors behind the school. Admission is \$2, or free admission if in costume.

There will be games and inflatables. There will also be a costume contest, a silent cake auction, a haunted event, sponsored by the junior class; lots of delicious food, and much more.

Many door prizes, donated by local businesses, will be raffled off throughout the day.

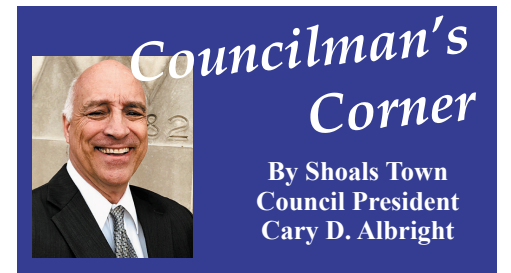
The silent cake auction, sponsored by the varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams, will run from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The athletes will provide homemade cakes and sweet treats. Winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. or immediately following the costume contest.

The costume contest will be held at 2:30 p.m. Costume categories for all ages are funniest, most original, scariest, best costume, and best group. Age divisions are as follows: 0-11 months, 1-3 years, preschool/kindergarten, 1st to 3rd grade, 4th to 6th grade and 7th grade to adult.

The 2021 Fall Festival King and Queen contest crowning will be held at 4 p.m.

There will be a drawing for kid's free door prizes at 4:45 p.m. and you must be present to win.

Seating will be very limited so folding chairs are recommended.



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

I was notified in writing before our last council meeting Monday, October 4, that Shoals has been approved for a state revolving loan (SRL). This will let us proceed with the \$1.9 million project and is what it will take to begin bringing our wastewater system to a manageable level. This loan will include relining the wastewater lines redoing the over 700 feet of (forced main) wastewater lines on the bridge and reworking over 50 man-hole covers. We've been trying for three years to get the state to even talk to us about this and we keep getting put on the back burner.

I was contacted by Matt Sward our Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) representative and Angie Risachar our local economic development officer, on two different occasions that Congressman Brashear's office had contacted them to let them know he has taken a special interest in the Shoals project. He defined it as his "pet project"! That's a very positive move in the right direction! Now comes the hard part. How can we pay \$1.9 million back? We were first notified by SIDC that the Office of Community and Rural affairs (OCRA) was not interested in funding wastewater projects. Then after contact and re-contacting government agencies, including congressman Brashear, by your council, now we have been offered the opportunity to apply for the \$700,000 grant. Let's not forget grants are not paid back. That's great news! Yet we have to figure out the next \$1.2 million. We're searching every avenue possible not to borrow this much money. The COVID money that's coming to the county and state is one possibility. To this date, I'm aware of three different programs having to do with COVID moneys and they all carry different synonyms. We're also looking at grant opportunities whether it be the local foundation, state or federal.

So, this is not a done deal. Yet we have forward movement and that's very positive.

We received notification from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) that a local citizen reported a flaw in our system. I appreciate the concern, yet we do not have the money to permanently fix this and many situations without doing a partial extensive system upgrade. Even this particular situation will be a band-aid fix at best and require excessive amounts of manpower and money that we just do not have. Every citizen has the right to report what they feel is wrong with our system. I encourage reporting. We would really appreciate citizens' efforts in contacting our local county representatives, state representatives and federal representatives to assist us with grants to permanently correct this problem. The Town of Shoals has now been put on a 30-day notice to correct this problem. The state will receive updates from us as we attempt to address the citizen complaint. Again, this will take additional manpower and money and equipment that we will have to rent in order to try and comply, that we do not have.

Every day of the week, every month of the year we have been working on these problems to find some resolution. We believe a partial overall fix (\$1.9 million) is the only way your council can address this. We do not have the man hours or the equipment to take care of these types of concerns. Yet we will do our best.

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# OBITUARIES

## BEVERLY ABEL

Beverly Ann Abel passed away at 4:32 p.m. Tuesday, October 12, 2021, in Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh. A resident of Jasper, she was 81.

She was born in Otwell on August 29, 1940; daughter of Hilbert and Wilma (Weisheit) Buchta.

She was a graduate of Otwell High School and went on to Lockyear Business College in Evansville. She worked as an office manager for Alco Dime Store based in Shoals. She was a member of Traylor-Union Church in the Burr Oak community and the Rusk Homemakers Club in Shoals.

Beverly enjoyed gardening and spending time with family.

Surviving is her son; Ernest Abel of Burns City; three sisters, Janice (Delmas) Hamm of Petersburg, Fay (Kenneth) Smith of Otwell and Bonnie Buchta of Jasper; one brother, Larry (Dorothy) Buchta of Columbus and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was one sister, Kay Lamb.

A funeral service was held Saturday, October 16, at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper. Burial followed in Traylor-Union Cemetery in Otwell. Mark Hamaker officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family or to a favorite charity. Online condolences may be made to [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

## BRENDA WELLS

Brenda Fay Wells passed away at 12:10 a.m. Monday October 18, 2021, at IU Health Bedford Hospital. A resident of French Lick, she was 74.

She was born May 1, 1947, at home in French Lick; daughter of Raymond and Alma (Evans) Lagenour.

Brenda graduated from Shoals High School in May 1965 and married Ferrell Wells on December 10, 1965.

She enjoyed helping Ferrell with his woodworking and reading and embroi-



**BRENDA WELLS**

dery. She loved spending time with her husband and family and will be dearly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Alma; an infant brother, Alton; her sister, Beverly; her brother, Randy; and her son in law, Mike Hovis.

Brenda is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, Ferrell; one daughter, Cheryl Wells Hovis of Shoals, one son, Terry (Melissa) Wells of Loogootee; her grandchildren, Travis (Sarah) Wells of Paoli, Samantha (A.J. Shaffer) Wells of Jasper, Olivia (Ryan Knight) Wells of Bloomington, Noah Wells and Jeremiah Wells of Loogootee; eight great grandchildren, bonus family, David and Melissa Switzer and family of French Lick; brothers, Roger Lagenour, Richard Lagenour, Keith Lagenour and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Memorial service and celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Brenda Wells.

## REV. WILLIAM HOWARD

Reverend William "Lester" Howard passed away at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Newburgh Healthcare. A resident of Newburgh, he was 92.

He was born August 23, 1929, in Indian Springs; son of Rodolphus "Dolph" and Grace Mae (Carroll) Howard. He graduated from Alfordville High School in 1947.

After graduating from Oakland City College in 1954 with a degree in theology, Lester decided to leave the Methodist Church for the American Baptist Church. He then attended Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, graduating



**REV. WILLIAM HOWARD**

with a Master's in Divinity in 1958.

In 1963, Lester took the call at Monticello, where he was pastor at the First American Church for 14 years. In 1977, he moved his family to Evansville, where he became the pastor at East Side Baptist Church. In 1984, as a part of the American Baptist initiative to start more churches, he built from the ground up The First American Baptist Church of Newburgh, now defunct.

Lester retired from the ministry in 1993 at the age of 65, but he was not happy being retired. He took an interim with the Baptist church in Olney, Illinois. After that, he interviewed with the Methodist Church and once more became a Methodist pastor. In 1998, Lester pastored at

## COMMISSIONERS—

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said the county will be in the "yellow" status for the next week. They are holding vaccine clinics at the health department on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Albright said they are offering Pfizer booster shots currently and will have more information on the Moderna and Johnson and Johnson boosters soon.

A resident in the audience asked the commissioners if something could be done about work being done by RTC installing fiber lines. He said there is a pile of dirt by the entrance to Bellgrade that is blocking one side of the roadway and it is not visible from a distance. He said no one is directing traffic and there are no signs indicating work is being done in the area and it is an accident waiting to happen. County Attorney Lett said according to Indiana statute, utility companies are entitled to do work in the rights of way however he would get in contact with RTC to discuss safety issues.

Black's Chapel Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon until his official retirement in 2011.

Lester is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Mary E. (McLean) Howard; son, Wayne L. Howard; daughter, Carolyn Farmer (Kenneth); and one granddaughter, Stephanie Orth.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, October 25, at Boone Funeral Home East Chapel, 5330 Washington Avenue in Evansville with Reverend Tom Wenig officiating. Burial will be in Bates Hill Cemetery in Yankeetown, Indiana.

Friends may visit from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m., Sunday, October 24 at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to: Mount Vernon Community Church (Blacks Chapel,) 1800 W. 4<sup>th</sup> street Mt Vernon, IN 47620.

Arrangements are being handled by Boone Funeral Home East Chapel in Evansville. Condolences may be made to the family online at [boonefuneralhome.net](http://boonefuneralhome.net)

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 450, north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

1:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Shoals Fire responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree limb on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Wells took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Wells took one inmate to court.

2:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:27 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

10:00 a.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

11:00 a.m. - Received a horse complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Crane Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire responded.

10:03 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

10:36 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol south of Shoals. Captain Reed was advised.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

9:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a broken gas line in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Loogootee Fire Department, Duke Energy and Sparklight responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Wells transported one inmate to court.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Wells transported two inmates to court.

11:19 a.m. - Received an animal complaint. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

11:23 a.m. - Deputy Wells transported one inmate to court.

1:28 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:43 p.m. - Deputy Wells took one inmate to court.

5:49 p.m. - Received a report of an audible burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

5:51 p.m. - Received a report of a con-

trolled burn near Shoals. Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

6:02 p.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious subject walking south of Loogootee. Major Keller and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

10:04 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an individual walking without shoes south of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey and Sergeant Gibson responded.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:39 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

12:21 p.m. - Received a report of a telephone scam involving Publishers Clearing House. Caller was advised by dispatch to not disclose any personal information over the phone.

2:39 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Major Keller, Deputy Wells, and Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

3:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle near Loogootee. Major Keller, Deputy Wells, and Loogootee Chief Floyd advised.

4:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:27 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

7:53 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

8:52 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Sergeant Means, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County EMS responded.

10:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

1:33 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:37 a.m. - Received a report of a medical alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the roadway southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

2:27 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

2:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Shoals with no injuries. Major Keller responded.

3:39 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance northeast of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Major Keller responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Nolan, Major Keller, Deputy Wells, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

9:26 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Shoals for a subject in the roadway. Deputy Shaw and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, Shoals Town Marshal Eckert, and Martin County EMS responded.

10:09 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett advised.

11:13 p.m. - Received request for a dep-

uty in Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County EMS responded.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:09 a.m. - Received a report of loud music south of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

12:43 a.m. - Received a report of a party and roadway being blocked south of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

1:46 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person looking into a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a report of a sus-

## Consumer alert: Products recalled in August and September

Attorney General Todd Rokita is encouraging all Hoosiers who purchased consumer products that were recalled in August and September to take advantage of the remedies available to them.

"Hoosiers should be able to receive a full refund or have the option to exchange a defective product for one that works," Attorney General Rokita said. "If you purchased a faulty good or item in August or September that does not work as advertised, then you should immediately see what forms of reimbursement the company that sold or manufactured the product is offering."

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

E-Z-GO PTVs and Tracker Off-Road Vehicles from Textron Specialized Vehicles  
Martha Stewart Collection Oil & Vinegar Cruets from Macy's  
Teak Shower Benches from Ivena  
Venom Youth All-Terrain Vehicles

picious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

9:54 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one transported.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a carbon monoxide detector going off in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Shaw responded.

(ATVs) from Venom

Oceanic Adult Dry Top Snorkels from Huish Outdoors

Bauer Forced Air Propane Portable Heaters from Harbor Freight

Gas One Propane Adapter Hoses from Gas One

Mountain Bicycles from Marin

John Deere Compact Utility Tractors from Deere & Company

Luyuan Youth All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) from Luyuan

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

To view recalls issued prior to August and September, visit [www.cpsc.gov/Recalls](http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls).

## 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!

Also, if you picked up a donation card at the Banquet, it is not too late to send in your donation to the address below.

*Your Support Is Greatly Appreciated!*  
Louis Kavanaugh, Jr., & Van McAtee

**Daviess Co. & Pike Co. Right to Life,  
P.O. Box 41,  
Washington, IN 47501**

**Martin Co. Right to Life,  
P.O. Box 11,  
Loogootee, IN 47553**

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING October 8

Candace L. Hawkins, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 724 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 23 months of probation.

Cam Richard Houchin, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 0 days.

Joshua M. Jones, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 187 actual days previously served plus 178 Class A credit days. Defendant's driver's license suspended for 365 days.

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

Joy M. Grace, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 694 days with 600 days suspended and credit for 47 actual days previously served plus 47 Class A credit days. Defendant received 16 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED October 8

Cam Richard Houchin, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joshua M. Jones, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Joy M. Grace, possession of para-

## Martin County real estate transfers

**North Meets South Investments, LLC**, an Indiana company to **Matthew J. Fleck and Erica E. Fleck**, Lot Number 13 in Turkey Hill Subdivision to Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana. Also Lot Number 12 in Turkey Hill Subdivision, Martin County, Indiana. Lot Number 14 in Turkey Hill Subdivision to Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana. Lot Number 11 in Turkey Hill Subdivision to Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana. More commonly known as 12663 and 12751 Turkey Hill Lane, French Lick IN 47432.

**Patsy A. Wininger**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Patsy A. Wininger and Lance Woody**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

**Jane F. Bruner**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher J. Graber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing one-half acre, more or less.

**Kathy S. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jane F. Bruner**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing one-half acre, more or less.

**Karry L. Stoll**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael J. McAtee**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 19 and 17.5 feet off of the west side of Lot Number 18 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Gregory & Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James D. Higdon**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 14 in Block "H" in the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the Town,

phernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of chemical reagents/precursors with intent to manufacture, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Honi M. Overton, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 7

TD Bank USA vs. Heather Evans, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS October 8

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Ami Sewell in the amount of \$1,286.78.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Roland Slaubaugh in the amount of \$1,022.66.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Citibank and against the defendant Joshua Kane Lewis in the amount of \$4,850.68.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Brandon Foster in the amount of \$3,189.53.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Cheryl Lake in the amount of \$1,319.80.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Crystal Schofield in the amount of \$2,303.12.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES October 8

Kara Raeann Hart of Loogootee and Raygan Lee Roach of Loogootee.

## October 12

Aaron Tyler Bridgewater of Loogootee and Stephanie Lynn Seal of Loogootee.

now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Douglas J. Swartzentruber, Larry Dean Swartzentruber, Gary Lee Swartzentruber and Lowell Steven Swartzentruber**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Gary Lee Swartzentruber and Karen Swartzentruber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.8225 acres.

**Linda Poole**, of Hamilton County, Indiana to **Philip R. Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the northeast quarter of Section 5, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying north and east of the East Fork of the White River and containing 70 acres, more or less.

**Matthew J. Fleck and Erica E. Fleck**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Jettpack Properties, LLC**, of Dubois County, Indiana, Lot Number 13 in Turkey Hill Subdivision to Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana. Also, Lot Number 12 in Turkey Hill Subdivision, Martin County, Indiana. Lot Number 14 in Turkey Hill Subdivision to Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana. Lot Number 11 in Turkey Hill Subdivision to Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

12:59 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 North.

9:56 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a case.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

3:05 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted a person with retrieving personal property.

3:13 p.m. - A complainant advised of an erratic driver at US 231 North/US 50 North.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13

11:20 a.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of a protective order violation.

12:20 p.m. - Captain Rayhill spoke with a caller regarding a dog complaint.

12:38 p.m. - A caller reported a possible break in and theft at his residence.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:12 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a broken gas line on US 50 West.

12:32 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a theft.

5:57 p.m. - Caller advised of a dog running loose on Bridgewater Street.

6:51 p.m. - Officer Means responded to an alarm at a local business.

8:13 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a possible impaired driver on US 231 South.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

10:31 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

tee on US 50 East.

11:31 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted Daviess County First Responders on a medical call on US 50 West.

2:10 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a vehicle check.

2:31 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

7:46 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a possible impaired driver on US 50 East.

8:51 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute in Shoals.

11:44 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

3:39 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Lark Ranch.

4:58 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

5:49 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a personal injury accident on Bramble Road.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

1:46 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a welfare check on an individual reported to be walking around a closed local business.

8:23 a.m. - Officer Seymour checked a complaint of a suspicious vehicle at a residence.

10:15 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth took a complaint of a theft.

# ARRESTS

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

3:31 p.m. - Kelly Wininger, 59, of Loogootee was arrested by Loogootee Chief Floyd on a Martin County warrant.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

1:00 a.m. - Travis Kline, 48, of Loogootee was arrested by Loogootee Officer Means and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance and driving while never licensed. He is being held on no bond.

3:00 p.m. - Donald Hawkins, 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with battery, residential entry, theft, and intimidation. He is being held on no bond and no contact with the victim.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

12:13 a.m. - Dakota Priddy, 23, was

## Indiana State Police partners with DEA for the 21<sup>st</sup> "Drug Take Back" Initiative

On Saturday October 23, the Indiana State Police will once again partner with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for their 21<sup>st</sup> nationwide "Prescription Drug Take Back" initiative. The "Take Back" initiative seeks to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft through proper disposal of prescription drugs.

Dubois County area drop off site: Indiana State Police- Jasper Post, 2209 Newton Street Jasper, IN 47546, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Items can also be dropped off Saturday at the Ireland Volunteer Fire Department 5053 W Main St, Jasper, IN 47546 and the Haysville Volunteer Fire Department 195 IN-56, Jasper, IN 47546.

In addition to the Jasper Post, collection sites will be set up nationwide. All sites will accept expired, unused, and unwanted

arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with residential entry, domestic battery with injury in the presence of a minor, five counts of intimidation, resisting law enforcement, operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal, and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held on no bond.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

12:48 p.m. - Charles Vahl, 30, Palestine, Indiana, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with reckless driving and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle. He is being held on bond of 30,000/10%.

6:07 p.m. - Brooke Johnson, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shaw on a Morgan County warrant and being held without bond.


prescription drugs which will be properly disposed of without threat to the environment. This program is for liquid and pill medications. Vaping pens without batteries and vaping cartridges will also be taken. Needles, new or used, WILL NOT be accepted for disposal. This service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from the home medicine cabinet.

In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—pose both potential safety and health hazards.

To locate the State Police post closest to your home or business, visit [www.in.gov/isp/districts/on-the-map/](http://www.in.gov/isp/districts/on-the-map/). To find other locations in Indiana or across the U.S. that are participating in the Drug Take Back initiative, visit [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html).

## TOY'S AUTO PARTS, INC.

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



## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A man walks into a bar with his dachshund and asks if he can have a free beer if he can demonstrate that the dog can talk.

“Sure,” said the bartender “What can he say?”

The man asks the dachshund, “What is on top of the house?”

“Roof, Roof!” replied the dachshund.

“You gotta do better than that!” said the bartender.

“OK,” said the man turning to his dog, “What does the surface of sandpaper feel like?”

“Ruff, Ruff” was the canine reply.

“I’ll give you one more chance before I throw you and your little dog out,” said the bartender.

“Ok,” said the thirsty man, “Doxie, think hard now, who was the greatest NY Yankee ever?” “Ruth, Ruth!” the dog replied.

The bartender was not impressed and asked them both to leave. Turning to go, the dachshund asked, “Should I have said Dimaggio?”

### THOUGHTS

\*In my day, we had to roll the windows up and down with our bare hands.

\*I need a new maid because the current one sucks. Also, she is me.

\*When you’re dead, you don’t know you’re dead. All of the pain is felt by others. The same thing happens when you’re stupid.

\*These kids today have it easy. They find out school is cancelled through a text. We had to wake up at 6 a.m. and watch the bottom of the tv screen like a NBA Draft.

\*Sometimes I just open the cabinet

and let the Tupperware hit me in the face on purpose.

\*Getting older is like being on a roller coaster. There are highs, lows, laughter and tears, and sometimes you just may pee your pants a little.

\*When the world is about to end, I hope we can know about it in advance so I can stop doing laundry.

\*My favorite way to online shop is just to yell out what I’m looking for and wait for Facebook to post an ad for it.

\*I hate it when I see an old person and then realize we went to high school together.

\*I saw a bumper sticker saying: “I am a veterinarian therefore I can drive like an animal.” Suddenly I realized how many proctologists are on the road.

### SERIOUSISMS

\*The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes.

\*You may not think alike, but always think together.

\*We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some have canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.

\*A lie doesn’t become truth, wrong doesn’t become right, and evil doesn’t become good, just because it’s accepted by a majority.

\*Teachers are breaking their necks right now trying to relearn how to do their jobs and keep your kids safe. They do not need your criticism or suggestions. They need your support.

Make someone smile today!

## Family honored at Right to Life banquet

The Alex and Tera Knepp Family were honored as the adoptive family at the annual Right to Life banquet held at the Simon J. Graber Building on Thursday evening October 14. The Knepp family have six daughters, three biological and three adopted. Alex and Tera spoke of their wish to adopt and knowing there are so many children out there that needed a family. Alex spoke of how they may have had reservations at times, but God has blessed them in so many ways and they family is truly blessed.

This year’s Right to Life banquet was attended by more than 400 people from the Daviess, Martin, and Pike County areas. The main speaker for the evening was Kena Robling, who spoke about her abortion and how it almost ruined her life until she found God.

Glezen Rival Center was honored along with Joe Henson for their many contributions to the Right to Life movement and a special service award was given to the Wanita Showers and her family in memory of Pastor Lou Showers for his work done for the local Right to Life organization. Also, in attendance speaking at the banquet was 8<sup>th</sup> District Congress-



-Photo provided

Shown above is the Knepp family, honored for being the adoptive family of the year at the Right to Life banquet. In the front row, from left to right, are Beilyn, BellaMei, Bria, and Brielle. In the back row are Braylee, Alex, Tera, and Brynna.

man Larry Bucshon along with Yolonda Taylor who was the executive director of the First Choice Solutions, formerly the Washington Pregnancy Care Center.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, October 21 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, October 21 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

### 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 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

### 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 on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

### Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous,

Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

## Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE

Martin County WIC Nutritionist

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and I always mention the amazing benefit breastfeeding gives you against cancer. Breastfeeding is one of the earliest defenses against breast cancer.

If you have breastfed a total of two years, you have reduced your risk of breast cancer by 50 percent. Those two years are calculated by adding all the months you breastfed each of your children.

If you have a family history of breast cancer breastfeeding can reduce your risk by 59 percent. Females who were breastfed as a baby need to thank your dedicated parents because they helped you reduce your risk of pre-menopausal

and postmenopausal breast cancer by 25 percent.

The antioxidants found in fruits and vegetables also help prevent cancer. The more fruits and vegetables you eat the more cancer preventing antioxidants you will get.

WIC Do your breasts a favor.....breast-feed!

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 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

## Flu shots available at health department

The Martin County Health Department has flu vaccine and FluMist nasal spray available in limited quantities. They will begin giving flu shots BY APPOINTMENT ONLY during regular Wednesday clinics beginning October 20. Flu shots can be given to ages six months to 18 years of age. FluMist can be given to ages two-18 years of age with no insurance or Medicaid who do not have a history of asthma or an egg allergy. FluMist can be given to ages two-49 with commercial insurance who do not have a history of asthma or an egg allergy. (See FluMist precautions below)

The health department also has flu vaccine available for uninsured adults for \$20. Please call 812-247-3303 to schedule your appointment. The health department is located at 127 Water Street, Shoals. For those 65 or older, please see your pharmacy or physician office for a high dose flu vaccine.

You should not get FLUMIST QUADRIVALENT if you have a severe allergy to eggs or to any inactive ingredient in the vaccine; have ever had a life-threatening reaction to influenza vaccinations; or are two through 17 years old and take aspirin or medicines containing aspirin – children or adolescents should not be given aspirin for 4 weeks after getting FLUMIST QUADRIVALENT unless your healthcare provider tells you otherwise.

Tell your healthcare provider if you or your child are currently wheezing; have a history of wheezing if under five years old; have had Guillain-Barré syndrome; have a weakened immune system or live with someone who has a severely weakened immune system; have problems with your heart, kidneys, or lungs; have diabetes; are pregnant or nursing; or are taking a medication used to treat influenza like Tamiflu®, Relenza®, amantadine, or rimantadine



# In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,  
Purdue University Master Gardener

November 11, 2021 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. As a part of that commemoration, the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is asking American gardeners to consider installing a Never Forget Garden and marker to honor U.S. Veterans and their families.

While there are thousands of unidentified war dead buried at Arlington and in other places, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was established following the end of WW I to honor the many unidentified American soldiers, sailors and marines who died in the war. Bodies of soldiers from WW II, Korea and Vietnam were later entombed there also. However, the Vietnam soldier's body was eventually identified using DNA and that crypt is now empty.

Still, the site remains the major monument to honor all of the missing in action and presumed dead military members from all of our nation's wars. I have visited the site several times and always stay long enough to witness the ceremonial changing of the guard, which is highly steeped in symbolism. Not just any soldier may be a member of the ceremonial guard. Those who guard the tomb follow strict codes of conduct, even after they have left active duty.

The society is asking that the Never Forget Gardens become local reminders of the sacrifices that have been made and that will be made in the future. It is hoped that gardens will be established at American Legions posts, VFW's, schools, parks and in other public and private gardens. The society has commissioned a special marker for the gardens, choosing the artists at Carruth

Studio in Waterville, Ohio to design and manufacture the markers. The markers are made of Indiana limestone and Portland cement. The 10 by 17-inch slab is about an inch and a half thick and has a white finish with a gray patina to accent the sculpting. The inscription states: "This garden is a living tribute to all of America's veterans and their families, in silence and respect. This is a place to remember why millions of Americans have fought and died for our liberty and our freedom. Here we renew our promise to fulfill America's sacred duty to never forget. Here we renew our mutual pledge to support them with our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

While I have not seen the markers available in local garden centers, one may order them directly from Carruth Studio's website. I ordered mine and received it three days later, so there is plenty of time to get one before Veterans' Day.

At Sandhills Gardens, I have decided to make my Never Forget Garden a part of the moon garden on which I have been working. The Society of the Honor Guard has suggested including white roses in the gardens, since a spray of white roses played an important role in the selection of the soldier's body that was entombed a hundred years ago. The rose is also the official national flower of the United States. Further design and plant suggestions are available at [www.tombguard.org/centennial/projects#never-forget-garden](http://www.tombguard.org/centennial/projects#never-forget-garden).

I am hoping that there will be several Never Forget Gardens established in southern Indiana. I am hoping those who choose to create a garden will let me know by sending an email to [railroad@bluemarble.net](mailto:railroad@bluemarble.net).

# Indiana launches \$540 million grant program to support early childhood education programs

Last week, the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration announced new Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants, intended to support child care, early care and education and out-of-school time programs that have faced increased costs and challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will be distributed across at least two grant rounds, with the first round covering three months of providers' operating expenses, allowing them to stabilize their operations and invest in their businesses to build capacity for the future.

Stabilization grants are made possible by funding Indiana received from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has been extremely challenging to the early education industry, as providers have worked to remain open to safely serve children, while many families have chosen to keep children at home or with family which impacts providers' revenue," said Nicole Norvell, director of FSSA's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. "In addition to enrollment challenges, providers continue to grapple with increased supply and material costs as well as staffing shortages. We are committed to helping them recover and strengthen their operations, as high-quality child care is critical to our whole state's recovery, allowing families to work and businesses and communities to thrive."

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants are non-competitive and awarded on a rolling basis, but providers are encouraged to apply quickly to gain immediate access to funding. Providers can use grant funds to cover different expenses:

- Personnel costs focused on increasing employee compensation
- Employee recruitment and retention to attract and retain staff
- Facility fees such as rent, mortgages or utilities
- Facility maintenance or improvements such as playground upgrades or accessibility improvements
- Business supports such as new software

or shared services arrangements  
COVID-19 safety-related needs to keep staff and children safe

Mental health supports such as counseling for children and employees or health and safety training

Grant amounts are calculated per childcare site, based on each provider's program type, average attendance, staffing costs, quality level and geography. Grant awards for this initial round will total approximately three months of a provider's operating costs. A provider's total amount of grant funding received through the Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grant program is capped at \$500,000 per site for the duration of the program.

More than 3,600 childcare providers from all over Indiana, serving more than 100,000 Hoosier children from birth to age 12, will be eligible to apply. Programs (including licensed centers, childcare homes, unlicensed registered ministries or legally-licensed exempt providers) must have been licensed or registered to operate in the state of Indiana at the time of the ARPA enactment on March 11, 2021, and must also be open and currently serving children and in good standing.

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants are the latest in a series of initiatives Indiana is undertaking to help childcare providers recover and rebuild from the pandemic. These include Build, Learn, Grow Scholarships, which pay up to 80 percent of childcare, early education and out-of-school costs for families, and childcare closure assistance grants, which reimburse programs for lost enrollment and COVID-related closures.

Providers can learn more about Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants and apply at [Stabilization.BuildLearnGrow.org](http://Stabilization.BuildLearnGrow.org). The site contains an introductory webinar, application walkthrough, FAQs and the link to apply. All applications must be received no later than December 30, 2021, though providers are encouraged to apply right away to begin using their funds. Additional rounds of funding will be announced in the future.

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