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## Public hearing, approval held on Shoals sewer rate changes

The Shoals Town Council held a public hearing on Saturday, October 22 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the public hearing was for review of Ordinance 2022-08, a sewer works rate ordinance.

Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Steven Brock, with Therber & Brock; Matt Sward, with SIDC; and Todd Solomom, with HWC Engineering.

Council Member Albright stated the purpose of the public hearing was to consider Ordinance 2022-08 a sewer works rate ordinance. The purpose of the ordinance is the wastewater systems improvements project. The ordinance was first introduced and read aloud at the October 7 special session

Steven Brock, with Therber and Brock, is the rate consultant/ financial advisor for the bond that is for the wastewater sys-

tems project stated he was able to lower the sewer rate from the initial reading of the ordinance at the previous meeting. Brock stated he was able to factor in the \$152,000 funds the town had received from the county in ARPA funds to go towards the project. Brock also stated he was able to speak with USDA and the previous rural development sewer works bond the town had from 2003 will be able to be included in the new bond and paid off. Brock stated the new bond is a 35-year fixed 4.01% APR and will be with SRF (Indiana State Revolving Loan Fund). The current rural development bond was a 40-year bond and by including it in the new bond and paying it off will save the town around \$20,000 in total long term.

Council Member Albright opened the floor for any public comments or questions. With none, Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to close the public hearing

until January 2023.

Albright stated he had a lease for Winterland Inc. in the amount of \$4,260 for decorating for Christmas for Main Street. A motion was made by Councilman Hoffman to approve the lease with Councilman Ragsdale and the motion passed contingent on the electrical work that may need to be completed on the outlets.

Albright stated he and Councilman Ragsdale were able to ride along this week on the continued training for the new electronic read meter system. He said, to date, 62 of the new meters had been installed. He had been in conversations with a gentleman from Oolitic who does meter installs, and his crew would potentially be assisting with the future installs.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge requested approval to create a new fund "Christmas Decorating Fund" and the request was approved with a motion from Councilman Ragsdale and second by Councilman Hoffman. Rutledge noted \$1,450 in donations had been received to date.

Rutledge requested a new fund "Overlook Park Grant", and the request was approved with a motion by Councilman Hoffman and motion passed.

with Councilman Hoffman making the second and the public hearing adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Following the public hearing, the town council then brought the ordinances for approval.

The first was Ordinance 2022-08. The ordinance is a new rate for the sewer works. As stated in the public hearing, the ordinance presented had a lower rate than the first reading of the ordinance from the October 7, 2022, special session. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to pass Ordinance 2022-08 with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Ordinance 2022-09 was then presented. The ordinance is a bond ordinance for the wastewater improvements project upcoming bond issuance with SRF (State Revolving Loan Fund). Council Ragsdale (See 'HEARING' on page 2)

Rutledge then requested to create two new expense line items in the ARPA funds account - Water Booster Infrastructure Updates and Meter System Infrastructure Updates. The expense line items were approved with a motion by Councilman Ragsdale and second by Councilman Hoffman. Rutledge requested approval to advertise for an additional appropriation for the ARPA fund in the amount of \$150,000 for the new expense line items. Approved with a motion by Councilman Ragsdale and second by Councilman Hoffman. Rutledge stated since the second distribution of ARPA funds had been received, invoices needed to be paid for items received to date.

Rutledge presented Spring Hill Cemetery plot buybacks. First was from J. Chenoweth for six spots for \$10 each. Next was Mary K. Hunter for six spots for a total of \$240. The purchase was approved with a motion by Councilman Ragsdale and a second by Councilman Hoffman.

Rutledge requested a transfer from sewer operating to sewer bond and interest in preparation for the January 1st 2023 bond payment. The transfer was approved with (See 'SHOALS COUNCIL' on page 2)

## Shoals Fire Department receives grant from DNR

Eighty rural and volunteer fire departments from 50 counties have been awarded more than \$351,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance grants. One Martin County department, the Shoals Fire Department, received \$5,000 to combat wildland fires. Also, six fire departments in Dubois County were awarded funds and two fire departments in Greene County. For a full list of recipients, visit [www.in.gov/dnr/](http://www.in.gov/dnr/).

The awards, which were announced Tuesday by DNR Director Dan Bortner, will be used for training, installation of dry hydrants, or to purchase necessary firefighting equipment and gear to combat wildland fires. The grants are administered by the DNR Division of Forestry and made available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Recipients were selected based on population density, acres of public lands protected, and wildland fire reporting to DNR Fire Control Headquarters. As in past years, emphasis was given to projects that involved the fighting of wildfires. The awarded grants range from \$1,250 to \$5,000.

## Public hearing on new ambulance tax cancelled

The Martin County Council cancelled the public hearing for tonight, Wednesday, October 26, to get comments on possibly implementing the new LIT (Local Income Tax) for the ambulance service. According to County Council President Warren Albright, most of the council wanted to reduce the EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) the same amount as the increase for LIT and that would not make enough of a difference (See 'AMBULANCE' on page 2)



## REMINDER

SHOALS

Monday, October 31

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

LOOGOOTEE

Monday, October 31

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

## Shoals Council approves speed limit sign, new funds

The Shoals Town Council met Wednesday, October 19. In attendance were Council Members Cary Albright, Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Town Attorney Dave Lett, and Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge.

A citizen requested a speed limit sign to be placed on Capital Avenue near the daycare. After discussion, Councilman Hoffman made a motion to place one speed limit sign on each sign of the road with a second by Councilman Ragsdale and the motion passed.

Councilman Albright said he wanted to go ahead and have a discussion for the mowing of Springhill Cemetery as the current contract ends this year. After discussion, it was decided the 2023 Springhill Cemetery Mowing contract bid notice will be advertised in January. Next Councilman Albright stated the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth membership would be coming up and he wanted to go ahead and seek approval for the 2023 membership in the amount of \$1,000. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the membership with Councilman Hoffman making the second. It was noted the payment will not be made

until January 2023.

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## Second Annual Marriage Appreciation Event held in Loogootee

BY KENNY GREENWELL  
Guest Writer for The Journal

On October 8, the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, Father Joseph Gerdon Assembly 1813, Loogootee, hosted their second Marriage Appreciation Event. The event was held to celebrate all couples married 25 years or more and widows/widowers married 25 years before losing their spouse. The evening began with Very Reverend Father Kenneth Walker officiating the evening mass at St John Evangelist Parish and included a recollection of marriage vows and a prayer for blessings in future years.

Mass was followed by a reception and dinner at the Parish Center. Guests were seated to promote discussion and recollection of their married life and family events. The food was delicious, a beautiful display included wedding day pictures, decorations were beautiful, and the adults and teens that served the guests did an excellent job. Fourth Degree members received numerous positive comments on hosting the event.



-Photos by Tom & Jean Walker

In the photo on the left, Micky Crew assists as Jack and Rita Butcher, married 68 years, cut the cake at the Marriage Celebration Event. In the photo above, members of St John the Evangelist Parish enjoy the event.

# HEARING

(Continued from page one) made a motion to approve the ordinance with Councilman Hoffman making the second. It was noted that the current rural development bond will be included in the new bond and the previous bond will be paid off after the next payment that is due January 1, 2023.

Clerk Treasurer Rutledge requested approval for transfer from sewer operating to sewer bond and interest. Rutledge said the \$3,000 will be the final transfer

needed to completely fund the payment of the existing bond. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve the transfer with Councilman Ragsdale making the second and the motion passed.

Rutledge requested approval to create a new fund "Sewer Construction Fund". This fund will be used for the wastewater systems improvements project and for the OCRA Grant funds being received to go towards the project. The town was awarded \$700,000 for the project.

Council Member Albright stated the town was going to be using a new individual for the electronic read meter installation. The current installation contract was being closed out in a joint agreement between the town and the installer.

Steven Brock, with Therber & Brock, presented an engagement letter between himself and the town for the bond work for the SRF loan for the wastewater systems improvement project. Brock stated the fees associated with his work were coming out of the bond and an asset management plan would be required. Brock stated there were three components to the asset plan and he would be completing the

financial portion and the engineer would be completing the other two.

Todd Solomon, with HWC Engineering, gave some updates he had from the current bidder on the wastewater systems improvements project. While the bid is still under review, the contractor is still searching for ways to lower the cost and if able to do so, the contractor would share that savings with the town.

Brock stated that since the bond would be completed if the project ends up coming in lower, the additional money could be used to make more updates to the sewer works infrastructure through approved change orders.

## Spacious home in Shoals

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## SHOALS COUNCIL

(Continued from page one) a motion by Councilman Hoffman and second by Councilman Ragsdale.

Rutledge requested to close the office of the Town Hall on November 10 so she her deputy could attend software training for the town's current software system. Rutledge stated it was being held in-person this year in Bloomington and is free to attend. Councilman Ragsdale made the motion to approve with Councilman Hoffman making the second and the motion passed. Rutledge stated the Notice to Proceed from INDOT had been received for the wayfinding signs project and that the signs had been ordered. Due to current material shortages the lead time is a minimum of 4-6 weeks.

Rutledge presented a meter depository apply for E. Davis. The apply was approved by Councilman Hoffman and seconded by Councilman Ragsdale.

Rutledge stated the new playground for the ballpark was scheduled to be delivered tomorrow and the installation date is to be determined. She reminded the council of the public hearing scheduled for October 22, the special session on October 22, Town Trick-or-Treat on the 31st from 6 p.m.-9 p.m., and leaf pick up starting on November 1.

Rutledge stated she received items from Fire Chief Hamby who was unable to attend. She said the fire department would be at the Shoals Community School on Thursday, October 20 if anyone wanted to attend. The chief has stated he is having to respond to the same residences multiple

times to distinguish trash burning piles and he is requesting the town council pass an ordinance establishing fees for multiple offenses of the fire department having to respond to extinguish illegal fires. It was noted it is against IDEM regulations for the burning of trash. The council is considering passing an ordinance for extinguishing trash fires with the first offense being a fine of \$100, second offense being \$250 and third offense being \$500. The council stated they advised all town limit residents not to burn trash.

Attorney Lett reminded the council of their special session on October 22 and that they would need to vote on Ordinance 2022-09 which is a bond ordinance for the wastewater systems project bond. He the pre-closing meeting for the bond would be November 18 and the closing date would be December 2. Lett said Steve Brock, the financial consultant for the bond, found a way to include the 2003 rural development sewage works bond payoff in the new bond. This will allow for only one bond payment in the future along with long-term savings that Brock will discuss at the public hearing on October 22. Lett requested a motion to include the previous bond and pay it off with the new bond. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion with Councilman Hoffman making the second.

With no further business, Councilman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn with councilman making the second and the meeting closed at 6:40 p.m.

The next regular session will be Monday, November 14 at 5:59PM at the Shoals Town Hall.

## AMBULANCE

(Continued from page one)

in income and also take away funds from the cities and towns. The county shares EDIT funds with Loogootee, Shoals and Crane. The LIT tax would bring in an additional \$440,000 for the ambulance service (that all stays in the county's budget) however reducing the EDIT by the same amount would only constitute \$105,000 in additional revenue that would not be going to the city and towns (\$75,000 to Loogootee, \$25,000 to Shoals and \$5,000 to Crane). Albright said that little amount would not pay for the ambulance service and also cause a strain on the city and towns losing the money as they would have to adjust their own budgets to cover the shortfall.

Albright said they will continue to use ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds and see what income the ambulance service can generate prior to 2024, as more data becomes available.

The county council will have four new members next year and will have to come up with a plan to pay for ambulance service once the ARPA money runs out. The commissioners included \$450,000 in next year's budget to help pay for the service, which is estimated to cost around \$1.2 million per year. The county recently received the second payment of ARPA funds of around \$900,000, most of which was encumbered to pay for the ambulance service salaries.



**Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch**



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**AUREOLA VINCZ FOR PROSECUTOR**

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Independent for County Commissioner.

Although, I was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, I have been here long enough to get multiple degrees, including my Masters in Business from University of Southern Indiana.

This is an exciting time in which the whole county, regardless of district, gets to vote on the commissioner candidates. I hope Martin County votes for education and skills rather than from my opponent "from the county, for the county".

Just a reminder to please go vote on Tuesday November 8th.

This is a time for your voice to be heard.

Thank you voters,  
DeAndra Magdaleno  
Independent, Martin County Commissioner-District 2



## MAGDALENO FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

### DISTRICT TWO

-Paid for by the Committee of DeAndra Magdaleno for County Commissioner

# OBITUARIES

**PAMELA HAMILTON**

Pamela Jo Hamilton passed away Friday October 21, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville, surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 74.



**PAMELA HAMILTON**

She was born March 20, 1948, in Indianapolis; daughter of the late Dale and Audrey (Conrad) Gebhart.

Pam was a member of the Baptist Faith. She married Joseph Hamilton, and he passed away in 2012. Pam was a loving mother and grandmother. She was known as the "Kissing Grandma" always giving kisses and hugs to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pam loved to sew, crochet, and make quilts. She made a quilt or blanket for each and every one of her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pam was loved by her friends and family and will deeply missed by all that knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Audrey Gebhart; her husband, Joseph Hamilton; and her siblings, Sandra Shoopman and Teddy Gebhart.

Pam is survived by her children, Joseph D. (Corina) Hamilton of Indianapolis and Tonia (David) Holman of Loogootee; her grandchildren, Diana Carter, Joseph Hamilton, Ryan Hunley, Brentany Brown, Samantha Holman, and Patience Coss; her great grandchildren, Raeania, Hailey, Tessa, Keegen, Lilianna, Ava, Bentley, Kayson, Kacelynn, and Skydyn; her siblings, Ronnie (Donna) Gebhart of Oklahoma, Barbara (Les) White of Las Vegas, Nevada; and Wayne Gebhart of Indianap-

olis, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was chosen according to Pam's wishes. A celebration 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 Pamela Jo Hamilton.

**RUBY WILCOXEN**

Ruby Wilcoxen passed away October 21, 2022, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 90.



**RUBY WILCOXEN**

She was born September 20, 1932, in Loogootee; daughter of George and Maymie (Street) Parsons. She married Gerald Wilcoxen on January 7, 1952, and he preceded her in death in March of 2017.

Ruby worked at the Shoals Senior Citizens and was a homemaker.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara Jean Sanders of Shoals and Clara Evelyn Hellums of Shoals; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; sister, Mildred Cloud; daughter-in-law, Cathy Wilcoxen; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Ruby in death were her parents; husband; son, Gerald "Bud" Wilcoxen; daughter, Deborah Kay; grandson, Matthew Hellums; three sisters, Vivian, Maudie, and Alice; and five brothers, George Lee, Sam, Thomas "Junior", Wm. Lester, and Mike.

A funeral service was held Monday,

October 24 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care in Shoals with Debbie Davis officiating. Burial followed in Mt. Union Cemetery.

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

**ESTELLA TOLER**

Estella A. Toler passed away at 1 am October 23, 2022. A resident of Petersburg, she was 95.

She was born in Pike County on November 11, 2026; daughter of Roy and Agnes (Onyett) Harrison. She married the love of her life, John Grester Toler.



**ESTELLA TOLER**

Estella was owner/operator of Estella's Ceramic Shop for over 40 years. She wholeheartedly loved her family and her church family. She was a member of Bible Baptist Church in Iva.

Those left to mourn her passing include children, John A. (Betty) Toler, Judie Hawk and Teresa (Brian) Harder; grandchildren, John H. and Boyd Toler, Ty Hawk, Gretchen Hawk-Nichols and Elijah Howard, 10 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Agnes and Roy Harrison; husband, John Grester Toler; brothers, Benjamin A. Noral and Horace Harrison; sister, Ruby Fair; and great granddaughter, Courtney Toler.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 27 at O.D. Harris Funeral Home in Petersburg with burial to follow at Walnut Hills Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made in Estella's memory to Bible Baptist Church, 4995 N. CR 850 E., Otwell, Indiana, 47564.

Online condolences may be made at [odharrisfuneralhome.com](http://odharrisfuneralhome.com).

**JOAN BITLER**

Joan O'Connor Bitler passed away October 21, 2022. She was 71.



**JOAN BITLER**

She was born in Washington on July 24, 1951; daughter of Daniel "Dan" and Agnes (Madden) O'Connor. On October 26, 1974, she married R. Kent Bitler. Together, they made a loving home for their three children until Kent's death on March 23, 1990.

Joan held an Associate Degree from Ivy Tech in Medical Assistance. She was retired from the Women and Children's Clinic in Terre Haute. Joan enjoyed reading and baking. However, she was happiest when she was spending time with her children and grandchildren, especially attending their sporting events.

Those who now mourn Joan's passing include her children, Michael (Sarah) Bitler of Jeffersonville, Jonathan (Shannon) Bitler of Westfield, and Ashley Bitler of Sullivan. Joan was blessed with four grandchildren, Quinn Bitler, Kailey Bitler, Sidney Bitler, and Austin Bitler. Coming from a large family she leaves several siblings, Dorothy (Dave Hohnke) of Bloomington, Mary O'Connor of Springville, Nora (Dave) Blessinger of Washington State, Maggie (Robert) Speer of Burke, Virginia; John (Patti Wildman) O'Connor of Loogootee; Ed O'Connor of Loogootee; and Marty (Tom) Rossman of Cloverdale.

Joan knew the sorrow of loss with the passing of her parents, Dan and Agnes O'Connor and brother, Pat O'Connor.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated today, Wednesday, October 26, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble. Father Kenneth Walker was the celebrant. Interment followed in the St. Joseph Cemetery.

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



**TURKEY DINNER**  
**Sunday, November 6**  
 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*Dinner includes:*  
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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a stalled vehicle in Shoals. KRB Wrecker responded.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of possible harassment in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a possible gas leak in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

3:27 a.m. - Received a call from ADT Security of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

8:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

11:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Lost River Fire and Dubois County EMS responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting road closure information.

12:55 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

1:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a stalled vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

1:40 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

1:50 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

3:00 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:28 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a deer in the roadway north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of a stalled vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:06 p.m. - Received a call from Area One Protection reporting a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a road hazard north of Loogootee. IN-DOT was notified.

11:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

11:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to IU Health in Bedford.

12:36 p.m. - Chief Deputy Keller was on station with one juvenile.

1:05 p.m. - Corporal Wells transported one inmate to court.

2:09 p.m. - Received a call from a medical alarm company requesting an

ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

2:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

2:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of a road hazard in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, Sergeant Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

7:28 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

9:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

1:43 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm southeast of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

8:27 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:14 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Keyholder was notified.

10:35 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:35 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

1:54 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

2:35 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to remote court.

2:49 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a field fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Good Samaritan in Vincennes.

6:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Crane. Chief Deputy Keller and ISP Troopers responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. All Martin County Officers were notified.

7:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Medic 3 from Daviess County and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:08 p.m. - Received a report of a possible scam in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

5:43 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospi-

tal.

10:33 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a brush fire in Greene County. Transferred call to Greene County 911.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a stalled semi on US 50, west of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver and Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Loogootee Chief Means, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense and Big John's Towing responded.

4:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Montgomery address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

5:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Cannelburg address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

5:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

6:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call from an Odon address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of someone burning in Crane. Loogootee Fire Department Chief Flynn responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour, Chief Deputy Keller and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:23 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire east of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Shoals Fire Department responded.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:19 a.m. - Received a call from ADT Security reporting a fire alarm going off in Crane Village. Deputy Branham responded. Crane dispatch was notified.

9:31 a.m. - Received an accidental

911 call.

10:34 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

10:52 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

12:11 p.m. - Received a request for a house unlock in Loogootee. Keyholder was notified.

1:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:30 p.m. - Received a 911 reporting an accident without injuries northwest of Shoals. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a stalled vehicle east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Civil Defense 417 responded.

5:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

6:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Dubois County was notified.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a fire northeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

1:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:15 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Daviess County. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED October 13

Nicole R. Shelley, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### October 17

Tyler J. Quinn, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed October 13

US Bank National Association vs. Andrew P. Hopkins and Audrey Hopkins, mortgage foreclosure.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS October 17

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Rachel Way in the amount of \$6,600.78.

### October 18

Judgment in favor of the defendant Robert F. Jones & Sons, LLC, et al and against the plaintiff the State of Indiana for civil plenary in the amount of \$25,600.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Discover Bank and against the defendant Michelle Grace in the amount of \$17,120.04.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed October 14

Brooklyn Harrison and Danny Arthur vs. Brian Riker, complaint.

## MARRIAGE LICENSSES October 12

Nicholas K. Gerkin of Loogootee and Breanna E. Traylor of Montgomery.

### October 13

James A. Bruner of Loogootee and Naomi J. Strange of Loogootee.

Joseph A. Smith of Loogootee and Jennifer N. Butler of Loogootee.

### October 14

Dacotah Newton of Loogootee and Emily Gillick of Loogootee.

## Real estate transfers

**Darvin J. Knepp and Delores Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Philip L. Graber and Fannie Rose Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of fractional Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 18.56 acres, more or less.

**Greene's Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Devon N. Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.608 acres, more or less.

**Gary A. Raber**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Monroe Graber and Laura Mae Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A portion of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and a portion of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing .33 acre, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 31.1 acres, more or less.

**Kendrick Fuhrman to CMH Homes, Inc.**, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 11, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:07 a.m. - A local business owner requested a report for damage done to vehicle while parked over the weekend.

10:15 a.m. - Received a call from a former resident inquiring about a local background check for himself. Called the sheriff's department to have it completed.

10:55 a.m. - Chief Means completed a vehicle unlock at a local business.

3:37 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Means responded to Country Court for a possible gas leak.

11:27 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted a resident with a power issue.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

3:54 p.m. - Caller requested a person removed from their property at Southwind Manor. Officer Seymour responded.

7:27 p.m. - Officer Seymour and the Loogootee Fire Department assisted with a broken down vehicle at the Highway 231/50 intersection.

11:04 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:22 a.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical request on William Daily Drive.

1:41 p.m. - Chief Means performed a vehicle unlock at a local business.

2:05 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical request on Walnut Street.

2:09 p.m. - Chief Means responded to an accident in the parking lot of a local business.

5:51 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to Mt. Calvary Road to assist with traffic for a vehicle accident.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:10 a.m. - A female was on station to file a report for a domestic issue.

2:43 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a fire in Whitfield.

6:33 p.m. - Loogootee Officers responded to Crane Village to assist the sheriff's department and the state police.

7:04 p.m. - Officer Seymour checked on an alarm for a local business.

7:53 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department assisted with a medical call on Main Street.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

11:01 a.m. - Received a request for Loogootee Police to work a funeral detail.

3:01 p.m. - Received a request from the sheriff's department to watch for a blue semi that just flew around first responders on Highway 50.

3:13 p.m. - Received a request from the sheriff's department for assistance with an accident on Highway 50.

5:42 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Highway 231 South. Officer Seymour followed the driver for several miles but had no cause to stop.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:58 a.m. - A local business requested a vehicle be tagged that has been in their parking lot since yesterday.

3:25 p.m. - The sheriff's department requested Officer Seymour to Killion Mill Road for a vehicle in the ditch. A female was arrested for operating while intoxicated endangerment and neglect of a dependent.

6:17 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on Highway 231 with a report of possible breaking and entering.

9:41 p.m. - Officer Seymour performed a vehicle unlock on High Street.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

11:30 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a local business after report of an open door and alarm sounding.

# ARRESTS

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

2:10 p.m. - Lindsey Hawkins, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Daviess County on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

4:03 p.m. - Autumn Roberts, 42, of Vincennes, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

1:28 p.m. - Tonya Summers, 46, of Evansville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

3:01 p.m. - Alejandro Morales, 21, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Seymour and charged with driving while never being licensed. He is being held on \$500 cash only bond.

5:55 p.m. - Katie Baker, 34, of Fort Branch, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with operating while intoxicated and neglect of a dependent. She is being held without bond.

6:50 p.m. - Peggy Stoll, 50, of Loogootee, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with property damage. She is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.



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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



### Fable: DON'T ARGUE WITH DONKEYS

The donkey said to the tiger: "The grass is blue."

The tiger replied: "No, the grass is green."

The discussion heated up, and the two decided to submit him to arbitration, and for this they went before the lion, the King of the Jungle.

Already before reaching the forest clearing, where the lion was sitting on his throne, the donkey began to shout: "His Highness, is it true that the grass is blue?"

The lion replied: "True, the grass is blue."

The donkey hurried and continued: "The tiger disagrees with me and contradicts and annoys me, please punish him."

The king then declared: "The tiger will be punished with 5 years of silence."

The donkey jumped cheerfully and went on his way, content and repeating: "The Grass Is Blue".

The tiger accepted his punishment, but before he asked the lion: "Your Majesty, why have you punished me, after all, the grass is green?"

The lion replied: "In fact, the grass is green."

The tiger asked: "So why are you punishing me?"

The lion replied: "That has nothing to do with the question of whether the grass is blue or green. The punishment is because it is not possible for a brave and intelligent creature like you to waste time arguing with a donkey, and on top of that come and bother me with that question."

The worst waste of time is arguing with the fool and fanatic who does not care about truth or reality, but only the victory of his beliefs and illusions. Never waste time on arguments that don't make sense.

There are people who, no matter how much evidence and evidence we present to them, are not in the capacity to understand, and others are blinded by ego, hatred and resentment, and all they want is to be right even if they are not.

THOUGHTS

\*I don't think housework will kill you, but I've decided not to take the chance.

\*The kids keep laughing about my memory. They won't be laughing at Christmas when there's no eggs under the tree.

\*Just found out the company that produces yardsticks won't be making them any longer.

\*Shoutout to everyone who got through the day without taking a nap. Pulled an all-dayer today. Pretty tough.

\*I ordered some German food on the internet. The sauerkraut arrived but the wurst is yet to come.

\*I'm not sure how many cookies it takes to be happy, but so far, it's not 27.

\*I am Wonder Woman. I wonder where I left my keys. I wonder where I left my purse. I wonder where my money went.

\*I'm not old. I just need some WD-40.

\*The world is your taco. Fill it with what you want.

\*Triscuits are the perfect snack for anyone that has the urge to eat wicker furniture.

\*Life tip - When nothing goes right, take a nap.

Make someone smile today!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Free community meal

The Loogootee Christian Church at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, November 3 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month, they will be having ham, hot and cold sides, rolls, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

### Loogootee Zoning Board meeting

The Loogootee Zoning Board of Appeals will meet Monday, November 14 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the municipal building, prior to the monthly city council meeting. The item for review by the zoning board is a variance request from Behind the Wire Ministries have chickens at their facility on West Washington Street, in Loogootee.

### 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](mailto:echristmas@youthfirst.org) or [toddamy@iu.edu](mailto: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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

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PROSECUTOR**



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# FARMING & OUTDOORS



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,  
Purdue University Master Gardener

The falling leaves drift by my window....

It is that time. The colors this fall have been spectacular! I hope that you have taken some time to get out and see the beauty. I took a trip to Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial with Nautica, Tymbre and Manley last Saturday. We walked the trails where a young Abe Lincoln walked and saw the change of the seasons much as he would have done two centuries ago. It really was a perfect day for a walk in the park.

But now the leaves are falling. More come down each time the wind blows. It brings back memories to walk with my dog, Buddy, in the piles of leaves in my yard. However, soon, we all will have to make some decisions about what we will do with the leaves.

I sincerely hope that I not smell burning leaves this fall. It is time for that tradition to die. The fallen leaves are a source of food for the trees and other plants and burning them is simply a great waste of valuable organic material.

Most landfills and dump sites have also put a stop to the tradition of bagging leaves in large plastic bags and burying them. Why would anyone wish to throw away such valuable material? At the very least, disposal sites now require that leaves and other yard waste be in paper bags that will allow the organic matter to deteriorate rapidly.

In cities and towns, the street vacuums still exist, and most towns have regulations that leaves must be left at the edge of the roadways on a regular schedule. The vacuums will pick up the leaves and shred them. Some municipalities then have composting facilities and offer the resulting leaf mold to gardeners the next spring. Others simply have a place where the shredded leaves are dumped to compost in time and fill up a ditch.

The most natural and environmentally friendly way to treat the fallen leaves is to

do nothing. In a natural setting, the leaves simply fall and blow around, eventually decomposing and providing nutrients for the forest soil. There are other reasons it is good to leave the leaves. While the monarchs take their famous migration trek, most butterflies spend the winter in chrysalis form, often with the protection of piles of fallen leaves. Shredding or burning the leaves results in the loss of many pollinators.

Still, we have to be realistic. No one wants the leaves that have blown into our living areas left there all winter. Once wet, the leaves could present a hazard and cause people to fall. Piles of wet leaves also may form heavy mats that result in smothering out the vegetation underneath. Lawns are especially vulnerable to such damage.

Many people, therefore, look for easy solutions. Lawnmowers with mulching blades may chop the leaves enough to allow them to sift down through the grass blades, where they will rot and supply organic matter to enrich the soil. As noted, before, this will kill any insects that have taken up residence in the leaf piles, but it is otherwise an acceptable solution for the leaves.

Raking or blowing leaves into garden areas or wooded areas is perhaps the best way to dispose of the leaves. Use them to provide mulch for plants, especially for newly planted specimens that are prone to heaving out of the ground during the freeze-thaw cycles that are common in Hoosier winters. I sometimes do bag some to use to cover areas where root crops have been left in the ground. When one wants carrots, turnips or other roots, simply move some bags and dig out the vegetables. In the spring, the leaves may be dumped into the compost bins.

Whatever decision you make, I urge you to consider the options available for your leaves. Remember, I have a sensitive nose and I really do not want to smell burning leaves.

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**Farmers can now make 2023 crop year elections, enroll in agriculture risk and price loss coverage programs**

Agricultural producers can now change election and enroll in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage programs for the 2023 crop year, two key safety net programs offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Sign-up began Monday, and producers have until March 15, 2023, to enroll in these two programs. Additionally, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has started issuing payments totaling more than \$255 million to producers with 2021 crops that

have triggered payments through ARC or PLC.

"It's that time of year for producers to consider all of their risk management options, including safety-net coverage elections through Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss Coverage," said FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "We recognize that market prices have generally been very good, but if the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, frequent catastrophic weather events and the Ukraine

war have taught us anything, it's that we must prepare for the unexpected. It's through programs like ARC and PLC that FSA can provide producers the economic support and security they need to manage market volatility and disasters."

**2023 Elections and Enrollment**

Producers can elect coverage and enroll in ARC-County (ARC-CO) or PLC, which provide crop-by-crop protection, or ARC-Individual (ARC-IC), which protects the entire farm. Although election changes for 2023 are optional, producers must enroll through a signed contract each year. Also, if a producer has a multi-year contract on the farm and makes an election change for 2023, they must sign a new contract.

If producers do not submit their election by the March 15, 2023 deadline, their election remains the same as their 2022 election for crops on the farm. Farm owners cannot enroll in either program unless they have a share interest in the farm.

Covered commodities include barley, canola, large and small chickpeas, corn, crambe, flaxseed, grain sorghum, lentils, mustard seed, oats, peanuts, dry peas, rapeseed, long grain rice, medium and short grain rice, safflower seed, seed cotton, sesame, soybeans, sunflower seed and wheat.

**Web-Based Decision Tools**

In partnership with USDA, the University of Illinois and Texas A&M University offer web-based decision tools to assist producers in making informed, educated decisions using crop data specific to their respective farming operations. Tools include:

Gardner-farmdoc Payment Calculator, a tool available through the University of Illinois allows producers to estimate payments for farms and counties for ARC-CO and PLC.

ARC and PLC Decision Tool, a tool available through Texas A&M that allows producers to obtain basic information regarding the decision and factors that should be taken into consideration such as future commodity prices and historic yields to estimate payments for 2022.

**2021 Payments and Contracts**

ARC and PLC payments for a given crop year are paid out the following fall to allow actual county yields and the Market Year Average prices to be finalized. This month, FSA processed payments to producers enrolled in 2021 ARC-CO, ARC-

IC and PLC for covered commodities that triggered for the crop year.

For ARC-CO, producers can view the 2021 ARC-CO Benchmark Yields and Revenues online database, for payment rates applicable to their county and each covered commodity. For PLC, payments have triggered for rapeseed and peanuts.

For ARC-IC, producers should contact their local FSA office for additional information pertaining to 2021 payment information, which relies on producer-specific yields for the crop and farm to determine benchmark yields and actual year yields when calculating revenues.

**By the Numbers**

In 2021, producers signed nearly 1.8 million ARC or PLC contracts, and 251 million out of 273 million base acres were enrolled in the programs. For the 2022 crop year signed contracts surpassed 1.8 million, to be paid in the fall of 2023, if a payment triggers.

Since ARC and PLC were first authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill and reauthorized by the 2018 Farm Bill, these safety-net programs have paid out more than \$34.9 billion to producers of covered commodities.

**Crop Insurance Considerations**

ARC and PLC are part of a broader safety net provided by USDA, which also includes crop insurance and marketing assistance loans.

Producers are reminded that ARC and PLC elections and enrollments can impact eligibility for some crop insurance products.

Producers on farms with a PLC election have the option of purchasing Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) through their Approved Insurance Provider; however, producers on farms where ARC is the election are ineligible for SCO on their planted acres for that crop on that farm.

Unlike SCO, the Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) is unaffected by an ARC election. Producers may add ECO regardless of the farm program election.

Upland cotton farmers who choose to enroll seed cotton base acres in ARC or PLC are ineligible for the stacked income protection plan (STAX) on their planted cotton acres for that farm.

**More Information**

For more information on ARC and PLC, visit the ARC and PLC webpage or contact your local USDA Service Center.


# RE-ELECT AUREOLA VINCZ

## for Martin County Prosecutor

**It is a very unique position for me to be in my first term and for my opponent to have previously lost after a 16-year administration. It almost goes without saying that there are so many things that did or did not happen in that time. One person admitted to prison in 2007 and in 2008, 2 people admitted to prison in 2009, 3 people admitted to prison in 2011, and 1 person admitted to prison in 2012 with 0 jury trials for 2010, 2011, 2015, 2016 while maintaining one of the lowest ranking child support divisions in the state, even though the county paid \$170,000 to a my opponent's 2nd deputy over a ten-year period.**

**I got to work immediately when I took office and I continue to work hard for our county. As a strong leader I reached across many divides to work well with other departments:**

- ☑ 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.



**In 2020 Martin County (10,169 residents) sent more to prison, under my leadership than Benton (8,695 residents), Carroll (20,137 residents), Crawford (10,582 residents), Fountain (16,456 residents) LaGrange (39,537 residents), Ohio (5,890 residents) Owen (20,854 residents), Pulaski (12,482 residents) Spencer (20,364 residents), Tipton (15,154 residents), Union (7,140 residents), Warrick (62,608 residents) and equal to Sullivan (20,647 residents) and equal to White (24,163 residents). Many county numbers dropped because the Supreme Court of Indiana suspended jury trials. 2019 -8,612 total inmates to prison, and 2020 -5,447 total inmates to prison. No matter your views on the pandemic, you can't deny that it was an obstacle that leaders had to overcome. I did not shut down my office, I did not empty out the jail, I worked in innovative ways to keep our community safe. I'm proud to have served Martin County during such a time and hope to have another term free of such obstacles.**

Martin County, I have no conflict with the incoming Judge under the Judicial Rules. I have had family serve as Law Enforcement and I have stepped up to that same calling. I prosecuted hundreds of cases. I won Jury Trials. I argued for appropriate prison sentences. I have fought for restitution for victims. I implemented community outreach. I submitted budget cuts year after year. I do not want to see all the progress our Criminal Justice System has gained be lost. I am in a prime place in my life for this opportunity to serve our wonderful county. I am in a place in my life where I can confidently say I have enough experience and skill to do the job, while acknowledging I have enough years left in my career to continue building on the foundations I have started. I have shown the people I have a balance between grace, humility, hard work, integrity, and fierce advocacy that sets me apart in my profession.

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**LANDON MATHIES  
COUNTRY - CRUISE**

**OCTOBER  
29th**

Join us Saturday, October 29th for the Landon Strong-Country Cruise. All vehicles are welcomed and encouraged to participate. 100% of proceeds will go to the Mathies family for related expenses.

**Event Schedule**

**Registration**  
8:30-9:30 AM

**Drivers Meeting**  
9:45 AM

**Cruise Starts**  
10:00 AM

Event Facebook Page: Landon Strong - Country Cruise | Starting Point: Back of Loogootee High School 201 Brooks Ave., Loogootee, IN 47553

**RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE**

\$1 each or 6 for \$5 to WIN:

- 28 inch Blackstone Griddle
- Room at French Lick Resort
- Corn Hole Boards
- Jump Pack
- Multiple Gift Cards/Certificates
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The drawing will take place at the Loogootee K of C at the end of the cruise.  
(you do not need to be present to win)

To preorder a shirt please visit the Landon Strong— Country Cruise Facebook event page or you can call or text your order to The Game Plan at 812-787-0507.

Pre orders will be accepted until October 20th.



**100% of the proceeds will go to the Landon Mathies Family .**



### Tips to avoid common pitfalls during Medicare and Medicare Advantage open enrollment

The Medicare Annual Enrollment Period began on October 15 and runs until 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 Medicare open enrollment, you can expect to see plenty of advertisements promising the "latest and greatest" ways to save on your health plans and expenses if you'll just "call right now!" While some choices may look promising on your TV or computer screens, not all plans are created equal, and some offers really are "too good to be true."

The following tips will help you navigate Medicare and Medicare Advantage open enrollment, find the plan that works best for you, and spot misleading or fraudulent marketing.

Don't be pressured. There's no such thing as a "limited-time offer" or "special discount if you sign up right away."

You don't have to decide after a single phone call or website visit.

Feel free to ask anyone calling you for their full name and contact information, company license information, or a copy of the plan. NOTE: Medicare and Social Security will never contact you by phone to offer a health plan.

You don't need to provide your Social Security number (SSN), bank account, Medicare number, or credit card before you can see plan details or receive a quote for legitimate plans.

Do your homework. Read Medicare.gov's breakdown at www.medicare.gov/basics/get-started-with-medicare/medicare-basics/parts-of-medicare to learn more about what each part of Medicare covers and the difference between Medicare, Medicare Supplement insurance (Medigap), Medicare Advantage, and Medicaid.

Keep in mind that not all the benefits you hear about on TV or see on the Internet may be offered by every plan or even be available in your local area.

Familiarize yourself with the rules those representing a Medicare health plan must follow.

Read the fine print of Medicare Advantage plans. When you hear something is "free" or "zero premium," you need to exercise caution. While some plans may have "zero co-pays," those could be limited to your primary care provider. If you see a lot of specialists, you may pay more out of pocket.

Follow basic cybersecurity practices online.

Beware of clicking on random Internet ads.

Know that some websites will change their colors or layout to look like a government site but aren't actually affiliated with the government.

Use caution with unsolicited messages, texts, or emails.

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can help with your questions about Medicare. SHIP is a free and impartial counseling program for people with Medicare. 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. The program 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.

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.

Consumers may also contact a licensed insurance agent for assistance when making purchasing decisions regarding Medicare, Medicare Supplement, Medicare Advantage, and Medicare Prescription Plans.

### Christmas Toy Store sponsored by area Christian churches

The Christmas Toy Store will be held Saturday December 10 in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, in Loogootee.

Again, this year, the event will be a truly community Christian event and is being brought to you by many churches, organizations and businesses looking to bring some added joy to families in our community. If any churches, organizations or individuals are interested in helping with the Toy Store in any way, please contact Curt Johnson at 812-296-7013.

The Christmas Toy Store is full of all kinds of toys donated by church members, local businesses and the Crane Navy "Toys for Tots" program. Last year toys and stocking stuffers were given away to 123 families and 351 children. There were also 28 bicycles and tricycles

given away to children. Eligible children and shoppers: Children are eligible for toys if they are 17 years old or younger on December 24, 2022 and a resident of Martin County. Parents and legal guardians who reside in Martin County are eligible to shop for eligible children.

Sign-up locations and dates Sign-ups are from November 1 through November 30, 2022, at Hoosier Uplands, Shoals Library, Loogootee Library, and Loogootee United Methodist Church. Do not sign up more than once.

Shopping times: Shopping times for the parents or legal guardians are from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Shopping times will be assigned as 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, etc. until the last shopping time at 2:30. People will select an available shopping time when they sign up.

### Salvation Army needs bell ringers

From its humble beginnings in 1891, as a Salvation Army Captain's start-up program in San Francisco, the Red Kettle Campaign has grown into one of the most recognizable charitable campaigns in the United States. It provides toys for kids, coats for the homeless, food for the hungry and countless social service programs year-round.

As part of the campaign, more than 25,000 Salvation Army volunteers

throughout the country ring bells and solicit donations to the red kettles.

Martin County's Red Kettle Campaign will start on November 26 at the IGA store in Loogootee.

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to ring the bells. The money collected in Martin County stays in Martin County.

To schedule a time to ring the bells, call Jean Survance at 812-486-8578.



# SATURDAY OCTOBER 29TH, 2022

Loogootee Square 1:00P—3:00P\*

Shoals American Legion 5:00P—7:00P



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I will take a stand for everyone in Daviess and Martin Counties to protect your homes, farms, businesses and your way of life. You deserve to have a Representative that will WORK for YOU, not a political party.

I oppose the Mid-States Corridor and will work to put a stop to it in the Legislature.

I will advocate for increased funding for our public schools that are the heart of our communities.



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### Radius Indiana visits Atlanta for site selector trip

Radius Indiana traveled to Atlanta earlier this month to meet with site selectors and share information about the business climate in the Radius region. This was Radius's first site selector trip to Atlanta since 2015.

Radius Indiana President and CEO Jeff Quyle met with six site selectors during the visit. Workforce availability dominated the topics addressed by business advisors, who cite labor shortages as a key question they face from clients in locations across the country.

"The Radius message was that there are numerous regional programs available to try to help with workforce needs of both existing as well as new businesses, and there are many tools that can help companies find the right talent in southern Indiana," said Quyle. "The site selectors were also interested in learning about the growth of the Crane-related tech companies that are continuing to locate in the region."

Radius has instituted several workforce attraction and retention initiatives over the last few years, and the southern Indiana region as a whole is dedicated to helping grow the workforce. Programs such as Catapult aim to enhance the skills of members of the population seeking to

enter the manufacturing workforce, while Choose Southern Indiana looks to recruit new residents with a \$5,000 incentive for those who relocate to southern Indiana.

Additionally, outside programs, including Regional Opportunities Initiative's UpSkill Work and Learn, offers high school students a chance to discover career interests and pathways they cannot learn in the classroom. Students are paired with a local employer and have the opportunity to work a paid job, gain career credentials and earn college credit while still in high school.

Radius Indiana will continue its outreach program efforts with additional site selector trips through the end 2022 and into 2023, including collaborative marketing activities with other regional groups in the Southern half of the state. The next outing will take place in Louisville, Kentucky later this month.

"We continue to see a positive impact on our region through site selector trips such as this," said Quyle. "Being able to highlight different industry sectors that are important to our counties is a top priority for Radius as well as continuing to educate the country about what our region has to offer."

About Radius Indiana: Radius Indiana is a regional economic development partnership representing eight counties in Southern Indiana: Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington. Formed in 2009, Radius Indiana also serves as a point of contact in Indiana for Naval Support Activity Crane and leads regional collaboration by leveraging the diverse assets of the region to drive attraction, retention and expansion of business, thereby increasing employment and investment opportunities and quality of life within the region.



## Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." -Abraham Lincoln

Update about your council's wastewater project. We had a public meeting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, October 22. Attending the meeting were Councilmen Albright, Ragsdale, Hoffman and your Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge. Also, in attendance were our financial advisor, our SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Corporation) representative and our project engineer. The good news is the new rates came in lower than we anticipated than the ones that were published in the paper. Also, we were able to combine a prior loan that was made in 2003 for 40 years along with this loan from SRF (state revolving loan fund). Due to the fact that we were able to borrow the money at a very low interest rate, 4% on a 35-year loan, this saved the Town of Shoals and our citizens approximately \$20,000. Your council approved this after review and taking several factors in consideration. In order to qualify for the state revolving loan fund, we had to meet several qualifications and submit and resubmit and apply and reapply to get this discount-

ed loan amount for this period of time. It takes a lot of due diligence (analysis, assessment) by your council and clerk-treasurer - following up refile and following up again. It is easy in a situation like this just to take the easy road and not do the investigation and work that your council and clerk-treasurer have done and are doing. Now we are making one payment a year and not two. By combining the two loans at a lower interest rate, it saves the taxpayer approximately \$20,000. The other good news is we're working to reduce the \$2.9 million project cost. We are in talks with various subcontractors that we were not aware of at the time of bidding. They would be working directly with the contractor from as far away as the East Coast to come here and do work. The bridge project is a very specialized project due to the natural waterway and the load carrying capacity of the bridge. The State of Indiana does not like any added weight to their bridge than what they allowed for when they build the bridge. This is just one of the many complications of this project.

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### Abortion is a Key Issue in this Election!



**The taking of innocent human life is so heinous, so horribly evil, and so absolutely opposite to the law of Almighty God that abortion should take precedence over every other issue.**

Professing to be right on the environment, education, health care, immigration, and the economy fails to make up for the error of disregarding the value of a human life. Consider this:

The finest health and education systems, the fairest immigration laws, and the soundest economy do nothing for the child who never sees the light of day after being killed by abortion.

Now we have one political party calling for abortion to be legal all the way up to the time of birth! They have come to promote and support homicide of our innocent children which is the gravest injustice and we should not tolerate this in our society. Now is the time to act!

**In this Midterm Election, we are asking you to Vote Your Values, Vote Pro-Life!**

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