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## Martin County jobless rate edges down to 2.4 percent

Martin County's jobless rate edged down to 2.4 percent in September, from 2.8 percent the month before. The county had the eighth lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with five other counties.

In September, the county had 5,385 residents in the workforce and 129 of them were without work. In August, there were 5,378 residents able to work and 153 of them were unemployed. In September of 2020, Martin County's jobless rate was 3.8 percent with 5,414 residents in the workforce and 206 of them were jobless.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also dropped slightly in September to 2.3 percent, down from 2.7 percent in August. The county had the fifth lowest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with Dubois and Union counties.

In September, the county had 16,379 residents in the workforce and 369 of them were unemployed. In August, there were 16,306 residents able to work and 434 of them were without jobs. In September of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 3.1 percent with 16,516 residents in the workforce and 516 of them without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate

also moved down, from 2.7 percent in August to 2.3 percent in September. The county held the fifth spot in the state for lowest jobless rate, tied with Daviess and Union counties.

In September, the county had 21,550 residents in the workforce and 493 of them were unemployed. In August, the county had 21,614 residents able to work and 588 of them were without jobs. In September of last year, Dubois County's jobless rate was 3.8 percent with 22,277 residents in the workforce and 853 of them were without jobs.

Greene County's unemployment rate moved from 3.9 percent in August to 3.3 percent in September. The county had the 31<sup>st</sup> highest jobless rate in the state for September, tied with Henry, Jefferson, Newton and Tipton counties.

In September, the county had 13,464 residents in the workforce with 449 of them without jobs. In August, there were 13,344 residents able to work and 524 of them were unemployed. In September of 2020, Greene County's jobless rate was 5.2 percent with 13,378 residents in the workforce and 690 of them were unemployed.

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## Shoals School Board makes staff changes, gets administrator updates

The Shoals School Board met September 9. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Jenell Hoffman, Eva George, Jerry Braun and Sam Boyd. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Josh Mullis, April Sutton, Rebecca Rollins, and Emily French. Patrons in attendance were Lorna Troutman and student members of her Robotics Team.

The Shoals Jr. Robotics Team, the Rox-Stars, gave a presentation with each student giving a brief description of the lessons and hard work that they have learned while in Robotics.

The superintendent presented the ratification of teacher contracts and the board approved. They also approved the 2022 budget adoption and resolutions.



## Trick or Treat night

The City of Loogootee's Trick or Treat night will be held Sunday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. A walking Halloween parade will begin in the St. John Church parking lot at 5:30 p.m. and proceed down Church Street and end up at the city square. Candy will be passed out at the square. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Town of Shoals will host Trick or Treat night also on Sunday, October 31 from 6-8 p.m. Trick or Treat on Main will also be held at the same time. To see a list of participating businesses, see the advertisement on page 7.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Amber Daniels as special education aide

-Jonathan Day and Richard Moore as sub/ECA bus drivers

-Liz Mullis as substitute teacher

-Josh Neideffer as sub-custodian

-Raysha Wininger as high school dance coach

-Travis Brett as boys' basketball volunteer assistant coach

-Mike Fischer as volunteer girls' basketball coach

-Julia Sanders FMLA beginning September 7 and ending October 19

-Scott Fishback's tentative FMLA request is based on Dr. recommendations beginning November 17.

The board also approved a request by the high school principal to have a debate team club sponsored by Mrs. Perry

The board approved the following fundraisers:

-Shoals Beta Clubs to sell nachos at the fall craft show at school. Funds will be used for various Beta related needs.

-High school Ag class to sell Sherwood Forest Farms holiday evergreens. Funds will be used for classroom-related items and future field trips.

Superintendent Roush recommended Amanda Heckard be added as an authorized signer/user for the First Federal Savings bank. The board approved. They also approved the superintendent's request to pay claims the second week of October due to the late board meeting date.

The board approved the request from the superintendent to donate unused/broken storage items.

Middle School Principal Josh Mullis, started with honoring the September Students of the Month and September

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## Finally fall

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

The first official day of fall was well over a month ago but temperatures are just now feeling cool enough to remind everyone of pumpkin spice and Thanksgiving. The sky in the photo above has that "fall" feeling too. The first official day of winter is December 21. Daylight Saving Time will be ending on November 7 and we will "fall back" one hour.

## 33rd Annual Festival of Bands to be held Tuesday, November 2

The 33rd Annual Festival of Bands will take place Tuesday, November 2 at Loogootee High School in the Jack Butcher Arena beginning at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. The Festival of Bands currently consists of six area school bands including the Barr-Reeve High School Band under the direction of Mrs. Stephanie O'Brian, the Loogootee High School Band under the direction of Mrs. Amy Hamm, the Mitchell High School Band under the direction of Mr. Zachary Tibbs, the North Daviess High School Band under the direction of Mr. Jeff Vandermeel, the Shoals High School Band under the direction of Mr. Joel Weitkamp, and the South Knox High School Band under the direction of Mrs. Jennifer Erickson. The festival was started 33 years ago by retired directors, Mrs. Betsy Graves and Mrs. Joyce Kim-Rohrer.

The vision for the festival was to give students the opportunity to work with a prominent guest conductor and play in a large mass band. Many of the area schools are smaller bands due to the size of the schools and certain music cannot be played due to the smaller school instrumentation. The festival allows for the students to get more experience with different types of music. As the festival became stronger, the directors began commissioning works for the event. The directors have commissioned: "The Spirit Soars" by James Curnow (2003), "Shadows of the Equinox" by Robert Sheldon (2010), "Dance of Chivalry" by Matt Conaway (2013), and the most recent, "Mirror March" by Benjamin Taylor (2017). The goal for commissioning was to give the students at least one chance in their high school career to be a part of the music making process and to meet a prominent composer.

Beyond commissioning, they have had several guest soloists for the event. In 2000, professional saxophonist Paul Bro was the guest soloist. In 2001, they had a local professional musician and Loogootee graduate, Melissa Williams on tuba. In 2002, they had Director of Bands and Music Department Chair at Vincennes University, Ms. Sharon Jackson on marimba. The group has also created an Honor Jazz Band for the event as well. Students from all six bands are invited to submit an application to be a part of the jazz band. The students are chosen on the basis of their

application and recommendation of their directors.

The guest conductor this year is Ms. Janis Stockhouse. Stockhouse recently retired after 38 years as Director of Bands at Bloomington High School North in Bloomington. Prior to that position, she served as the North Vermillion Jr-Sr High School Band and Choral Director for four years. She received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music where she studied trumpet with William Adam and Louis Davidson. She earned her Master's in Music degree at Indiana State University. Her mentors include David N. Baker, Ray E. Cramer, William Revelli, Dominic Spera, Ron Modell and Stephen W. Pratt.

At Bloomington North, Ms. Stockhouse conducted the Symphonic Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Advanced & Lab Jazz Ensembles, and taught AP Music Theory. She also served as assistant director for the Cougar Marching Band, directed the Basketball Pep Band and oversaw the Jazz Combo program.

During her tenure at Bloomington High School North, the Advanced Jazz Ensemble performed at the Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic in 1982, 1987, 2008, and 2018. Her jazz bands and Combos also were invited to perform at the IAJE and JEN annual conventions on seven occasions. In 2002, the jazz ensemble and top concert band toured Europe for two weeks of concerts culminating with performances at the North Sea Jazz Festival and the Mid-Europe Music Clinic. The Cougar Marching Band has appeared in the Tournament of Roses Parade as well as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Bloomington North's Symphonic Band qualified for the ISSMA State Concert Finals 33 out of 35 years with two state championships and 30 top eight finishes.

Ms. Stockhouse is a member and past

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## CORRECTION

In last week's Martin County Council special meeting article, it was reported there were 104 signatures on the petition against the 2022 county budget. The 104 signatures were actually on a petition against that petition. The Martin County Journal was unaware there was a second petition. I apologize for this error.

# Martin County resident's SHOALS poems in state archive

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC), in partnership with the Indiana State Library, announced today that the works of 41 poets have been added to the State of Indiana's poetry archive, INverse, including poems by Rachel Wright of Martin County. To see her poems, visit <https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16066coll182/search/searchterm/wright%2C%20rachel%2C%201943-/field/creato/mode/exact/conn/and>

An initiative of former Indiana Poet Laureate Adrian Matejka, INverse celebrates and preserves the diverse range of Indiana poetry for future generations of Indiana writers and readers.

"The Indiana State Library is pleased to partner for a second year with the Indiana Arts Commission on this project. The INverse Poetry Archive is important in preserving the work of Indiana poets

for the benefit of future generations," said Jacob Speer, Indiana State Librarian.

"May you live in interesting times." For better or worse, this ancient Chinese proverb certainly holds true today. The INverse Poetry Archive is therefore more important than ever, showcasing and preserving the hopes and fears, and prayers and predictions of the residents of our state for the future," said Poet Laureate Matthew Graham. "Once again, the archive reflects the rich and diverse creative spirit of Indiana. I am especially pleased to see the inclusion of younger voices represented by the Poetry Ourselves program."

Residents of Indiana are encouraged to submit poems to the archive annually between February 1 and April 30. To view the archive, visit <https://indianamemory.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16066coll182>.

## RATE

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The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for September were LaGrange County at 2 percent, Hamilton, Boone and Adams counties at 2.1 percent; Union, Dubois and Daviess counties at 2.3 percent, and Martin, White, Wells, Steuben, Hendricks and Elkhart counties at 2.4 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for September were Howard County at 6.7 percent, Lake County at 5.7 percent, Fayette and Miami counties at 4.8 percent, LaPorte and Orange counties at

4.6 percent, Marion County at 4.3 percent, Madison and Vigo counties at 4.2 percent, and Scott County at 4.1 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 4.0 percent for September, and the national rate is 4.8 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net decrease of 1,439 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 2,595 unemployed residents and an increase of 1,156 employed residents.

Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.34 million, and the state's 63.0 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 61.6 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

### Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has increased by 63,500 over the year and decreased by 300 over the previous month. The monthly decrease is primarily due to losses in the Construction (-1,400) and the Private Educational and Health Services (-700) sectors. Losses were offset by gains in the Manufacturing (1,400) and the Professional and Business Services (900) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,650,700, which is 89,800 below the December 2019 peak.

## FESTIVAL

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president of the Indiana Bandmasters Association, a member of IMEA/NAFME, a member of Phi Beta Mu, a member of JEN, and was a board member for IAJE. She was named the 1997 Outstanding Music Educator of the year by IMEA, the 2005 Educator of the year by the Bloomington Area Arts Council, was recipient of the 2007 Al Cobine Award, and was presented with the 2007 Outstanding Bandmaster Award by Phi Beta Mu, Gamma Chapter. In 2015 she was presented with the John LaPorta Outstanding Jazz Educator Award, and in 2016 the Indianapolis Jazz Foundation named her the David Baker Indiana Jazz Educator of the year. She has co-authored a book entitled JAZZWOMEN; Conversations with 21 Musicians, published by Indiana University Press in 2004. She was recently honored with the Phi Beta Mu "2020 Hall of Fame Award" and this coming December she will be presented with the 2021 Medal of Honor at the Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago.

## SHOALS

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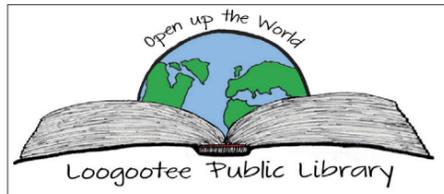
Teacher of the Month back on Friday, October 1. September Students of the Month were 6th Grader: Casen Perry, 7th Grader: Emmalynn McNabb, 8th Grader: Katie Brett. September Teacher of the Month was Aimee Harder. They enjoyed lunch together and it was donated by RJ's. Mr. Mullis thanked RJ's generosity to help create this meal opportunity. Parent-Teacher Conferences were yesterday, and the SPA provided pizza for the staff, and he thanked them for their continued support. The staff recently had the students in their classrooms fill out sheets asking about personal hygiene items that they might need. From there, they were able to send home 75 bags of various items such as deodorant, shampoo, facial cleanser, etc. A good amount of the items given out to the students were provided through community donations as well as local churches and he wanted to thank them. The students and staff enjoyed celebrating Spirit Week for the soccer and volleyball teams as they prepared for Sectional play. They will have dress up days next week as they celebrate Red Ribbon Week... students who participate will be given treats. The middle school recently concluded the fall sports seasons. Winter sports have begun practicing and the first basketball games will be on November 3. Mr. Mullis offered thanks to Mr. Dahlen and his media publications class for all the colorful content on the TV screens throughout the hallway. Fall Festival will be on Saturday, October 30 from 2-5 p.m.

A written report from High School Principal Kindra Hovis was read. Mr. Kent's fall festival day with the elementary students was a huge success. Miss Cage is currently doing project-based learning with TravelOne out of Bedford. The top three travel brochures will be printed and used in their travel office. Junior students are busy planning a haunted trail for the upcoming fall festival- this is made possi-

ble because of the walking trail and corn maze. Mr. Gee's Honors ELA classes will be conducting an interactive skit of "The Hobbit" utilizing the walking trail next week. This is open to all students in K-12. Personal hygiene bags were given to students before fall break. All students were given a personal hygiene survey during the advisory period and bags were filled based on their needs. A student scholarship day is in the works. Students will have a workday to complete scholarships and the FAFSA with Mrs. Hert, Mrs. Gibson, and Mr. Wilkerson. The evening session will be for parents and educate them on how to assist their college going students. Next year's master schedule is already in the works. Teachers have been given deadlines for input. Red Ribbon Week celebration all next week with dress up days each day. Students who participate will be put in a drawing for a small prize. PSAT will be given on October 26. The fall festival is on October 30. A big Happy Birthday to Mr. Mullis!

Superintendent Dr. Roush invited the board to the ISBA meeting in Jasper on November 8 at 6 p.m. She updated the board about the preliminary insurance rates and implementation of the digital time clock system for employees. She congratulated the school on the great fall field day held for elementary students as well as the great turnout at the Hindostan Days event. She informed the board of a successful tobacco cessation class that she is offering once a month for students who have received tobacco tickets. Finally, she updated the board about the COSMOS grant initiative and upcoming branding opportunities.

Before adjourning, Board Secretary Jennell Hoffman read a card from Amanda Heckard and family thanking the board and central office for the condolences and windchimes in memory of the passing of her father, Mark Ettelt.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library



The library recently held craft day for adults to make wooden scarecrows. The library plans to have more events for adults in the future.

The winners of the National New Library Card Sign-Up Month drawing were Timothy Brown-Salsman and Abbi Purdue. They can stop and pick up their prizes. There were 17 new library cards issued for the month of September. The total number of items checked out for the month of September was 2,552 that included 462 eBooks.

November 1, 2021, from 9-10 a.m., Shyann Hibbs will be offering a yoga program for seniors. Balance and movement will be the main focus so adults, ages 50 and older are encouraged to attend. There is a \$10 donation suggested. Call and pre-register.

### New Books:

Mystery: "Better off Dead" by Lee Child. Inspiration Fiction: "Forgiving Paris" by Karen Kingsbury.

Children's Books: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Big Shot" by Jeff Kinney.

Library hours: Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

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## HELP WANTED

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# OBITUARIES

## ROBERT ANDERSON

Robert D. Anderson passed away on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at Prairie Village Nursing Home in Washington. A resident of Washington, he was 93.

He was born February 6, 1928, in Greene County; son of Thomas L. and Beatrice (Dobson) Anderson.

Robert was married to Frances D. Anderson.

He was a US Army veteran and a member of the Bloomfield American Legion Post #196. He retired from Crane in 1976 with 32 years of service and then worked as a carpenter for 16 more years. He loved to fish and hunt, and his passion was to travel.

Family left to cherish the memory of Robert include one son, Jay Anderson of Elnora; three daughters, Roberta F. (Robert) Young of Owensburg, Nancy (Bob) Butcher of Loogootee and Vicki L. (Larry) Meek of Odon; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one sister, Beatrice L. Bailey and former wives, Betty and Juanita.

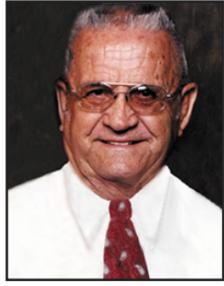
Robert was preceded in death by his parents; his wives, Frances D. Anderson and Janice Anderson; infant daughters, Rebecca Jane, Teresa Elaine and Rebecca Diane; and brothers, Vanus E. Anderson, Vernon L. Anderson and Garner F. Anderson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, October 26 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Pastor Debbie Payne officiating.

Robert was laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon following military rites provided by the Odon VFW Post #9627.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).



**ROBERT ANDERSON**

## EDNA HEMBREE

Edna M. Hembree passed away peacefully Sunday October 24, 2021, at Memorial Hospital and Rehab in Jasper surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 81.

She was born March 27, 1940, in Washington; son of John Lewis and Pauline M. (Burch) Lents. She married Donald E. Hembree on November 19, 1960.

Edna retired after 17 years from Perfect Fit Factory in Loogootee and later spent her time babysitting. She enjoyed reading, country music, and traveling. Edna loved to spend time with her grandchildren and family and will be dearly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Pauline Lents; her infant daughter, Nancy Ann Hembree; and her siblings, James Lents and Sandra Lents.

Edna is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Donald E. Hembree; her children, Tammy Hembree, Donna Sturgeon, and Christine Hembree; her grandchildren, Amanda (Jeremy) Lewis, Kayla (Daniel) Tedrow, Dylan (Bethany Welker) Sturgeon, and her beloved dog, Oreo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday October 26 at Blake Funeral Home with Pastor Debby Davis officiating. Burial followed in South Martin Cemetery in Loogootee.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Edna Hembree.



**EDNA HEMBREE**

a graduate of Shoals High School. After high school, Brett attended the Police Academy and later went to work at the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

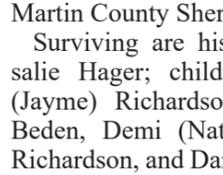
Surviving are his mother, Mary Rosalie Hager; children, Andrew Heath (Jayme) Richardson, Portia (Zachary) Beden, Demi (Nathan) Chess, Tokala Richardson, and Dana (Aaron) Chipman; grandchildren, Ayva Richardson, Jaxon, Drew, Elizabeth, and Penelope Beden, Lillian, Emmitt, and Elliott Chess, and Caiden Chipman; one brother, Scott (Diane) Richardson; nieces, Natasha and Mikayla Richardson and Heather (Timothy) Reisinger; great-nieces, Ahlaya Richardson and Hannah Spires; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Richardson and stepfather, Russ Hager.

Funeral service were held Monday, October 25 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, with Zachary Beden and Pastor Keith Meece officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shop with a Cop of Martin County.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.



**BRETT RICHARDSON**



**TONY LENTZ**

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Michelle Lentz and brother, James Lentz.

Visitation will be held Wednesday November 3 from 4-8 p.m. at O'Riley Funeral Home 6107 S. East St. Indianapolis, IN 46227. Funeral services will be held Thursday November 4 at the funeral home at 11 a.m., with visitation from 10 a.m. until time of service.

To place an online memory of Tony, please visit [www.OrileyFuneralHome.com](http://www.OrileyFuneralHome.com).

## LUTHER FUHRMAN

Luther O. Fuhrman passed October 26, 2021, at the Northwood Good Samaritan Retirement Community in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 89.

He was born November 10, 1931, in Jasper; son of Elmer P. and Margaret (Braun) Fuhrman.

Luther was a United States Army Veteran, serving in Korea. He had a business serving local farmers for many years and was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Loogootee.

Survivors include one son, Randall Fuhrman of Loogootee; one daughter, Susan Fuhrman of Mitchell; seven grandchildren, several great grandchildren and two sisters, Luetta Mercier of Bloomington and Ruth Elkins of Anderson.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one son, Roger Fuhrman; two grandchildren, Matthew Fuhrman and Joey Hunt; one great granddaughter; one brother, Emil Fuhrman; and one sister, Lovella Singer.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 30 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee with Pastor Timothy Fleace officiating. Burial will follow in the Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals. Visitation will be 3:30 until 6:30 p.m. Friday at The Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

2:10 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

9:41 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

9:46 a.m. - Received a horse complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

11:16 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Wells assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:51 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

1:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:10 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Loogootee. Loogootee Officers Means and Wells responded.

7:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:53 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Captain Reed, Sergeant Gibson, Shoals Fire, Loogootee Officer Means and Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

7:37 a.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a request from Martin County Highway Department for assistance with traffic on Hart Road. Major Keller responded.

11:00 a.m. - Corporal Seymour transported one inmate to court.

1:40 p.m. - Corporal Seymour transported two inmates to court.

1:15 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:59 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:34 p.m. - Received a complaint of a subject walking on the highway south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Means responded. The subject was transported to Jasper.

5:50 p.m. - Received notification from INDOT advising Highway 50 is open.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:29 a.m. - Received a complaint north of Loogootee. Chief Floyd and Major

Keller responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received notification from INDOT advising Highway 550 is closed.

10:32 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:17 p.m. - Received a report of an incident in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert responded.

6:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

11:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

3:08 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

4:09 a.m. - Received a report of a bicyclist without lights north of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of tree limb blocking part of the road. Martin County Highway Department responded.

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for VIN check. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:47 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:41 p.m. - Received a report of an illegal burn. Deputy Hawkins responded.

3:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

3:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway. Deputy Hawkins responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of a fire northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a report of electrical outage northeast of Shoals. REMC

responded.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

6:28 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

8:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, Loogootee Chief Floyd, Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Dubois County Ambulance responded.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driver north of Loogootee. Chief Floyd responded.

12:42 a.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

1:27 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:34 p.m. - Deputy Hawkins assisted a motorist with vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

1:42 p.m. - Received a report of stranded vehicle south of Shoals. Big John's Towing responded.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of a subject walking on the highway north of Loogootee. Chief Floyd responded.

1:36 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:51 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Deputy Hawkins, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:52 a.m. - Received a noise complaint south of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

4:35 a.m. - Received a report of a residential alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means and Deputy Shaw responded.

6:27 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

7:16 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance south of Shoals. Lost River Fire, Deputy Hawkins and Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:27 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of an accident northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a report of an acci-

dent north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:42 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:58 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

10:36 p.m. - Received a noise complaint south of Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

11:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

1:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire, Deputy Shaw, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:15 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Hawkins responded.

11:40 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Sheriff Roush was notified.

1:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:19 p.m. - Deputy Shaw assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee.

5:23 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:17 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

October 13

Jacqueline M. Mains, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 4 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

Nicholas A. Baker, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 357 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

October 13

Nicholas A. Baker, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; carrying a handgun without a license, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

October 13

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Tina Todd in the amount of \$982.35.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Brian Asbell in the amount of \$531.15.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Gabriel Grace in the amount of \$540.71.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Charles Kline in the amount of \$595.23.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Michael Bakerian in the amount of \$583.65

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Paul Hill in the amount of \$796.87.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Chelsy Fraley in the amount of \$1,087.46.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Frederick Thomas in the amount of \$3,925.96.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Jeremiah Wilkes in the amount of \$805.24.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crown Asset Management and against the defendant Victoria Lawson in the amount of \$1,934.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 15

Cade D Davis of Pennsylvania and Marissa D. Hampton of Shoals.

October 18

Shane A. Enlow of Shoals and Alexandria N. Gerkin of Shoals.

Jacob Michael Harrison of Shoals and Brooklyn Danyelle Arthur of Shoals.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

12:45 p.m. - Officer Wells assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage accident.

1:30 p.m. - Officer Wells completed a welfare check.

1:50 p.m. - Officer Wells responded to a burglar alarm at a local business.

5:40 p.m. - Officer Means completed a vehicle check on an RV.

6:00 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a domestic dispute occurring in a vehicle near Brickyard Road.

11:23 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Marathon.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

7:25 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

12:39 p.m. - Received a dog complaint from a caller on Southwest Second Street.

4:16 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a minor accident in Ruler parking lot.

4:45 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a person obstructing traffic on US 231 South.

8:13 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a reckless driver on US 50 East.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:22 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Line Street.

6:40 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of several children in a vehicle not wearing seatbelts.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:24 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walnut Street.

3:15 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of an incident on a school bus.

3:52 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Charles Street.

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:09 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Dover Hill Road.

8:58 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a reckless driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

12:54 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a suspicious male at a local

business.

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

4:35 a.m. - Officer Means responded to a residential burglar alarm on Queen Street.

10:39 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Oak Street.

11:05 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a property damage accident in McDonald's parking lot.

1:52 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted with traffic control for a motorcycle and jeep ride.

4:00 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a possible impaired driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 West.

4:58 p.m. - Officers Means and Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage accident on US 231 North.

7:09 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a personal injury accident on St. Mary's Road.

8:02 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

11:21 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East Broadway Street.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

1:42 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted with traffic control for a jeep ride.

3:51 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

4:50 p.m. - Officers Means and Seymour completed a welfare check.

# ARRESTS

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:13 p.m. - James Hunt, 44, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with attempted burglary, battery with bodily fluids to a safety officer x2, intimidation, criminal mischief, and resisting law enforcement. He is being held on no bond.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:49 p.m. - Carl Wiscaver, 59, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Means and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

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Wednesday, November 3rd

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



My daughter handed me her school progress report. Although it displayed a steady stream of positive check marks, there was one check mark standing dejectedly alone from the rest.

"How am I doing, Mom?" my child asked with a level of maturity that did not match the small, disheveled person gazing up at me with smudged eyeglasses that teetered on the tip of her nose. With her small finger, she pointed to her teacher's neatly printed words next to the lone check mark.

It read: "Distracted in large groups." But I already knew this. I knew this long before it was written on an official report card. Since she was a toddler, this child has offered astute observations of the world around her.

After pointing out all the positives on the progress report, I told her what was written. Upon hearing the news, she gave a tiny, uncertain smile and shyly admitted, "I do look around a lot."

But before my child could feel one ounce of shame, one iota of failure, I came down on bended knee and looked her straight in the eye. I didn't want her to just hear these words, I wanted her to feel

them. This is what I said:

"Yes. You do look around a lot. "You noticed Sam sitting off by himself with a skinned knee on the field trip, and you comforted him."

"You noticed Banjo had a running nose, and the vet said it was a good thing we brought him in when we did."

"You noticed our waitress was working really hard and suggested we leave an extra good tip."

You noticed Grandpa was walking slower than the rest of us, so you waited for him.

You notice the beautiful view every time we cross the bridge to go to swim practice.

And you know what? I don't ever want you to stop noticing because that is your gift. It is your gift that you give to the world."

As I watched my daughter beam with the glow of acceptance, I realized her approach to life had the power to change the world. You see, we are all just waiting for someone to notice—notice our pain, notice our scars, notice our fear, notice our joy, notice our triumphs, notice our courage. And the one who notices is a rare and beautiful gift. -Rachel Macy Stafford

### THOUGHTS

\*October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so get those pumpkins in for a mammogram!

\*I've opened a can of worms. They just sit there, the worms. Hardly the chaos that's been advertised.

\*I just want to know why my clothes only get caught on the door handle when I'm in a bad mood.

\*We keep a potato masher in a drawer because sometimes it's fun to not be able to open that drawer.

\*This generation will never understand what that Sears Roebuck Christmas Catalog meant to us 50 years ago.

\*I went to the beekeeper to get 12 bees. He counted and gave me 13.

"Sir, you gave me an extra."  
"That's a freebie."

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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.

## Annual Christmas Toy Store to help kids in need to be held December 11

The Annual Martin County Christmas Toy Store will be held Saturday December 11 in the Fellowship Hall of the Loogootee United Methodist Church, 208 West Main Street, in Loogootee. Again this year the event will be 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 352 children. There were also 42 bicycles and tricycles given away to some lucky children.

Eligible children and shoppers: Children are eligible for toys if they are 17 years old or younger on December 24, 2021, and a resident of Martin County. Parents and legal guardians who reside in Martin County are eligible to shop for eligible children. Only one parent/guardian at a time is allowed to shop for a child. If a parent/guardian is quarantined or in isolation due to COVID, then another adult relative may shop as a substitute.

Sign-up locations and dates: Sign-ups are from November 1 through November

### 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 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.

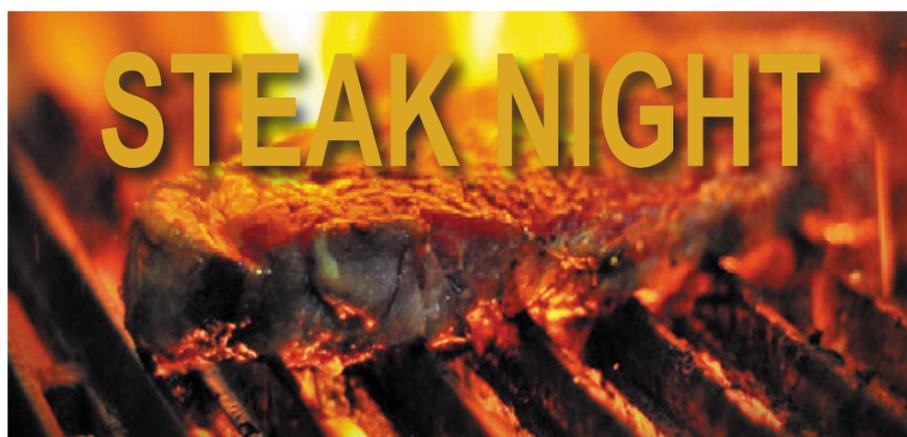
30 at Hoosier Uplands, Shoals Library, Loogootee Library, and Loogootee United Methodist Church. Do not sign up more than once.

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.

## Loogootee Water flushing mains this week

The Loogootee Water Department has been flushing water mains this week which will end this Friday, October 29. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and, or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If you experience any problems with your water, contact the water office at 812-295-2497 or after 4 p.m., call the Loogootee Police Department at 812-295-2246.

The water department would like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be aware when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to yourself and water department employees.



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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,  
Purdue University Master Gardener

A gardener's work is never done. It is late October and still I am harvesting vegetables from my raised beds. Many flowering shrubs are having a second bloom season and we are finally getting hints of autumn color in the woods. Even if you have decided that you are finished with your gardens for the year, you may want to do some planning for next year. It really is the perfect time to build a new garden bed.

I am a big fan of raised beds, both in the vegetable garden and the landscape. There are several advantages. As I get older, I appreciate that raised beds put the garden closer to me. I have several beds of different heights, and each has its advantages.

Some beds are tall to allow tending them from a standing position. These tall beds are generally either boxes on legs or deep beds. The boxes, of course, require less soil to fill them, but they usually require more watering to keep the plants growing well. Such boxes on stilts have few applications in the ornamental garden, but are handy for raising vegetables, especially greens. Equipping them with a watering system will make the irrigation problem go away. The boxes also have the advantage of putting greens out of the reach of rabbits, though they may become feeding troughs for the deer. The amount of soil needed to fill them is the main drawback for standing height beds. They also require more building materials to construct. When filling a tall bed, I have often resorted to using something other than soil for all but the top foot or so of the bed. Some sources recommend using stone or plastic bottles in that bottom portion of the bed. However, most experts say the change in media will be adverse to plants with deep roots, so this is not advised for perennial beds. How-

ever, one may use things other than potting soil. I have had good luck using old rotten wood to take up a lot of space. The wood will absorb moisture and help control the amount of watering you will need to do. The drawback is that the soil level will drop as the wood decomposes. However, adding several inches of good compost to a bed each year will result in a healthy growing medium, so that will take care of the problem.

Mid-height beds may be tended from a seated position. Such beds are necessary for wheelchair users, but anyone may benefit from them. As with the tall beds, mid-height beds may be either solid or boxes on legs. The boxes may be best for wheelchair users, allowing one to pull into the garden like a table. The solid beds require reaching in from the side to tend the bed. The soil decisions are really the same as for the tall beds, but the mid-height beds require less soil.

Finally, one may build raised beds that are a foot or less in height. These beds will still require stooping, kneeling or bending for tending that cannot be accomplished with long-handled tools, but they have the distinct advantage of allowing one to have more control over the growing medium. Such beds are extremely helpful if the natural soil is not good or if there is little soil over a rock base. Raised beds allow one to put the soil where it is needed for the crops.

Next week, we will look at other considerations, such as building materials and bed shapes. In the meantime, you may want to get started by preparing a location. I suggest getting large cardboard boxes and lay them down where you want to build beds. The cardboard will smother out the grass and weeds that have been growing there but will still allow water to filter into the subsoil.



-Photos provided

The group of weed wrangle volunteers at West Boggs are shown above at the end of their workday.

## First West Boggs Weed Wrangle a success

The Daviess-Martin CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) is happy to report on the success of their first volunteer Weed Wrangle at West Boggs. For two hours on Saturday October 16, nine workers covered 2-3 acres in the park, removing invasive Amur Honeysuckle and Autumn Olive bushes, and applying herbicide to the cut stumps to prevent the plants from resprouting.

They also tackled Tree-of-Heaven, a difficult invasive known for aggressive root sprouting, using a hack-n-squirt technique. A hatchet was used to make evenly spaced hack marks around the trunk at a 45 degree downward angle, which were then filled with herbicide. This technique delivers herbicide into the tree without cutting or girdling, avoiding a root sprouting response.

The volunteer group was directed by staff from the Soil & Water Conservation District and West Boggs Park.

"We want to use our park system as an educational outlet for those folks that are interested in sound conservation practices. Eradicating invasive plant species provides our native flora and fauna with



Volunteers Mary Smith and Larry Sherfick tackle some massive Amur Honeysuckle bushes.

improved habitat and in turn allows our park users a chance to view our facility as it should be. These workdays and the wonderful volunteers greatly assist our efforts in making these improvements," said Park Superintendent Jameson Hibbs.

The Daviess-Martin CISMA is considering making this workday an annual event, as there are several other areas of the park that could benefit from invasive removal. They will discuss this as well as other 2022 workday options at their winter planning meeting. For more information on the Daviess-Martin CISMA, or to join their email list, contact [daviessmartincisma@gmail.com](mailto:daviessmartincisma@gmail.com), or call Emily Finch at 812-482-1171 x3. You can also follow them on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/DaviessMartinCISMA](http://www.facebook.com/DaviessMartinCISMA).

## National Forest to conduct prescribed burns

The U.S. Forest Service plans to conduct seasonal prescribed burning to maintain, restore or improve early successional habitat, maintain wetlands, restore and maintain unique barren ecosystems, regenerate oak and hickory tree species and improve soil health by naturally returning nutrients to the soil. Historical data shows that throughout history natural occurring fire played a vital and necessary role in sustaining the eastern deciduous forest ecosystem. Scientific research supports the use of prescribed burning to reintroduce low intensity fire to its natural role within the ecosystem. Prescribed burning also reduces fuel loading, thereby lowering the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

Approximately 4,500 - 5,000 acres are planned to receive treatment with prescribed fire in the fall of 2021 on National Forest System lands in the following counties: Brown, Crawford, Jackson, Martin, Monroe, Lawrence, and Perry.

U.S. Forest Service fire managers utilize National Weather Service data to determine the best days to burn to achieve desired effects and to maximize safety. Many specific conditions must be met for a burn to occur, including fuel moisture, wind speed and direction, and relative humidity, among other factors. Decisions are generally made the day of the burn once parameters have been measured or forecasted. Therefore, advance specific notification for a particular burn can be difficult. Forest staff notifies the public in the immediate area of the prescribed burn. The public is advised to check the forest's social media accounts for announcements

of burns at [www.facebook.com/HoosierNF/](http://www.facebook.com/HoosierNF/) and <https://twitter.com/HoosierNF>. Maps and additional details of the burn areas will be available at the following website: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov>.

All designated burn areas will not be accessible to the public on the day of the burn and for some time after the burn until the area is considered safe. If any hazards are identified within the burn area, the area may be inaccessible for several days for public safety. Burning may affect access to hunting areas. For your safety, please contact the Indiana Interagency Coordination Center dispatch (812-547-9262) if you plan to hunt or camp in or near prescribed burn areas.

An unfortunate side effect of prescribed burning is smoke. Fire managers burn only under atmospheric conditions specified in a burn plan and rely on scientific data to choose days in which the impacts of smoke are minimized. Smoke plumes from a prescribed fire usually rise high into the air where the smoke dissipates. When smoke is present, motorists should reduce speeds and turn on headlights.

All burns are implemented under carefully planned prescriptions and protocols to mitigate the risk of an escaped fire and smoke exposure to communities. All planned activities have been carefully coordinated with county emergency management agencies. Forest neighbors who wish to be notified of a specific date of a burn, or those who wish to report medical conditions that could be affected by smoke, may contact the Indiana Interagency Coordination Center Dispatcher at 812-547-9262.



The Shoals Business Association Presents:

The 2nd Annual *Trick-or-Treat on Main & More*

Sunday, October 31st 6PM-8PM

The following businesses in Shoals are participating in Trick-Or-Treat:

- Jug Rock Cafe
- Spring Water Soaps & Crafts
- Shoals Town Hall
- Bo-Mac's Drive In
- Velma's Diner
- The Shoals News
- RJ's Food Mart
- Jay C Food Store
- Old National Bank
- Hair Tropics
- Shoals Public Library
- Martin County Health Center
- Legion Auxiliary (Shoals American Legion Post #61)
- Martin County Sheriff's Office
- Shoals United Methodist Church
- Martin County 4-H Extension (@ Town Hall)
- Shoals Volunteer Fire Department
- Queen Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes
- Shoals Christian Church (Trunk or Treat)