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Ten pages

City council talks insurance with room full of agents

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Jay McNeece, with Benefits 7, talked to the Loogootee City Council at their meeting Tuesday night, November 10, about the city employees' health insurance. McNeece said they decided to go with Anthem with the 80/20 policy that has a \$2,000 deductible and \$5000 out-of-pocket cost. He said they managed to improve on drug co-pays also. The plan was reduced by 8.3 percent or a \$15,000 savings for the city due to fewer employees and less claims. McNeece said the dental and vision policies stayed the same.

After more discussion, the council approved the new health plan for next year.

Rex Strawn, the city's insurance agent of record, talked to the council about the city's need for a cyber security liability policy. He said will have to find out more information on pricing.

Eric Ackerman, with Downey Insurance, told the council that IPEP awarded the city a \$6,500 grant to go toward safety equipment. The grant comes with a \$1,300 match, paid by the city.

Dave Welch, with German American, talked to the council about becoming the city's agent. He noted that it was awkward to be present with the current agent of record and commended Strawn for being in insurance for as long as he has and the hard work he has put into it. Welch said he just believes that German American can provide more services to the city than the current agent.

Welch went on to say that it was discussed at the last meeting that Strawn

lives in Loogootee, but he does not. Welch reiterated that German American donates a lot of money to the city and he may not be a resident of Martin County but is invested in the community. He said the city's worker's compensation policy is due for renewal in January and he would like to take over as the agent. He said he has helped the county implement safety meetings with the highway department, and he believes safety is a crucial issue that needs to be addressed in the city. He invited the council to attend a safety meeting he will be conducting on Thursday at the county highway department.

"Change is not easy," said Welch, adding that he believes the county is pleased with what he's been able to do for them.

Rick Norris said he thinks the entire council needs to be present to make such a decision. Council Member Carroll Rayhill was not present. They decided to table discussion.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said she would like to speak to the department heads and find out who they would recommend. The mayor replied that it's primarily the clerk-treasurer who deals with the insurance agent. Nolley said that may be the case but she doesn't deal with the city's insurance issues and would like recommendations from those who do.

Mayor Noel Harty presented quotes from Matrix Integration for cyber security upgrades. The quotes included \$1,600 for the utility office in the annex building, \$1,154.16 for a new computer for the mayor's secretary and \$1,920 for upgrades in the municipal building. The

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Two Martin County residents die from COVID-19 complications

The Indiana Department of Health received notification of two deaths from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for Martin County. The individuals were an adult male and an adult female. No further information will be released due to privacy laws.

Since the beginning of November, Martin County has seen a daily increase in the number of cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The total number of positive cases for Martin County is now at 261. To date, more than 2,000 people have been tested for COVID-19 from Martin County.

There is a lot of confusion regarding isolation and quarantine. The following information explains the difference between isolation and quarantine:

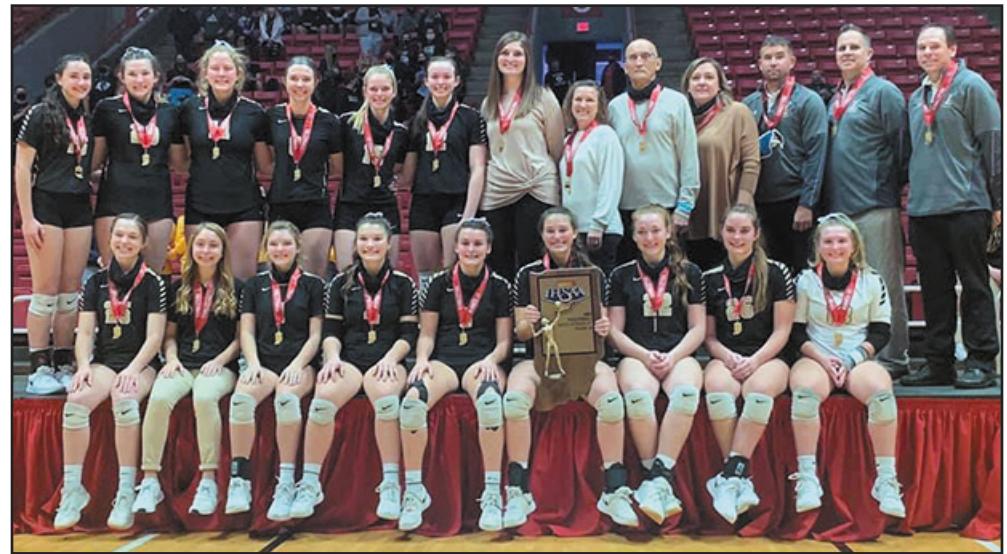
Isolation is keeping the infected person away from others, even in their home. Isolation is for a period of 10 days from the date of symptom onset or until symptoms have resolved. Isolation for asymptomatic Covid-19 positive person is 10 days from the date the positive test was collected.

Quarantine is keeping someone who might have been exposed to the virus away from others. Quarantine helps prevent the spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they have symptoms or know they are sick. (See below)

If a person in quarantine gets tested, they still must complete the 14-day quarantine period even if they get a negative test result. Symptoms can begin 2-14 days after exposure to an infected person. If they develop symptoms while in quarantine, they would begin an isolation period of 10 days from symptom onset. Testing is recommended for anyone in quarantine that develops symptoms.

If someone in your household is symptomatic for COVID-19, all household members should stay at home until the symptomatic person is tested or receives an alternate diagnosis from their doctor. If someone in your household has recently been tested for COVID-19, all household members should stay at home until they receive their results. The symptomatic person should isolate away from the rest of the household until results are received or until they see their doctor. Examples of alternate diagnosis could include strep throat, flu, etc. If the household member's COVID-19 test is negative or they receive an alternate diagnosis, asymptomatic household members can return to normal activities.

Visit the Indiana State Department of Health's COVID-19 website at <https://coronavirus.IN.gov> for more information, including frequently asked questions about COVID-19.



State runners up

-Photo courtesy of Lady Lions Volleyball

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Team were runners up at the Class 1A State Championship last Saturday. The girls were defeated by Pioneer in four sets, 25-23, 27-29, 27-25, and 25-22. The girls finished their season with a record of 31-6. LHS Senior Jaelyn Walker was awarded the Mental Attitude Award.

Commissioners decide not to move forward with Stat Flight proposal

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Commissioner Paul George said at the Martin County Commissioners' meeting last Wednesday night, that he spoke with Lost River Township Trustee Millie Brown and her advisory board is not interested in paying for their portion the recent Stat Flight proposal. Stat Flight is a medical helicopter service and a representative from their company had approached the commissioners about providing service to every resident in Martin County for \$25,188. Commissioner George said that the plan was for each township trustee to chip in money to cover their constituents and if they are not all on board, the plan will not work. George said there is no reason to move forward with the Stat Flight proposal and recommended not having any further negotiations with them at this time. "There's no sense in dragging it out anymore," he said. He added that they haven't moved their base to Huntingburg yet, as they said they would, which was part of the reason the county entertained the proposal initially. He said that he understands that the City of Loogootee signed a contract with them to cover their residents and that was their choice. He said Stat Flight can contact the county again once their base is moved to Huntingburg.

Candace Roush and Isha Wright-Ryan, with the community corrections advisory board, talked to the commissioners about hiring an attorney. Due to a conflict of interest with hiring a lawyer in the county, they need an attorney to advise their board. Wright-Ryan said the attorney is not for litigation but simply for advice. The firm they would like permission to hire is Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel, Shoulters, LLP, of Evansville. The cost will be \$250 per hour and Roush and Wright-Ryan said they hope the attorneys are not needed long-term. The commissioners approved hiring the attorney for up to \$10,000.

Dave Welch, with German American, requested that the commissioners approve the cyber security insurance renewal for \$2,200. The policy decreased by \$30. The commissioners approved.

Welch also told the commissioners that the highway department has gone 56 days with no injuries or accidents. He said they continue to conduct safety meetings and plan to have a small celebration once the highway department reaches 90 days accident free.

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, reported that he was able to purchase rock and rip rap from Indian Creek Quarry, who are liquidating their inventory, for half price.

Padgett also told the commissioners that INDOT will be taking over review of railroad crossing signs. He said that several need to go up however the state will reimburse the county for the signs, through a grant.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, provided the commissioners with a preliminary list of roads for them to review to add to the January application for the Community Crossings grant. Hunt said that six roads could get done, possibly seven. He asked the commissioners to narrow down the list provided to eight roads, by priority. Hunt said that INDOT reported they have \$50 million to pass out for the next cycle of grants and \$110 million in applications were not funded the last cycle, so it will competitive.

Hunt asked the commissioners to sign the contract with HWC for \$35,000 to apply for the Community Crossings grant. He told the commissioners that if Martin County doesn't get funded in the first round of grants next year, HWC will reapply in the second round for no extra fee.

County Attorney Dave Lett opened bids for material, including stone, asphalt and culverts, from Rogers Group, Civil Supply, Asphalt Materials, Cave Quarries, and CivilCon. The county attorney and highway superintendent will review the bids and bring them back to the next commissioners' meeting.

Tiffany Whaley, with Martin County Ambulance, reported they are carrying a lot more COVID-19 positive patients and are going through a lot of PPE (personal protective equipment). She said that no ambulance service employees have contracted the virus so far.

The commissioners approved purchasing (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



Making A Difference



By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director

-- YOUTH FIRST --

The Martin County Community Foundation recently presented Youth First (based in Evansville) a "Make My Day" grant to help continue the support of a social worker in the Loogootee Community School Corporation (LCSC). The Youth First (YF) mission is to strengthen our youth and families by providing programs that prevent substance abuse, promote healthy behaviors, and maximize student success.

-- LCSC SUPPORT --

The school's Youth First social worker, Mrs. Megan Shake, has been working to reduce risk factors and remove barriers to learning as well as to increase protective factors (i.e., mood management, hope, etc.), improve life skills, build resiliency and promote positive social norms. Her efforts help our students to be less concerned and anxious about day-to-day activities and issues, to have better

attendance, participate in school activities, complete homework, and show less problematic behaviors such as harming others or quick tempers.

The assistance and guidance that our children have available to them though Youth First is invaluable for their growth, well-being, and success as students and adults. Angie Risacher was happy to present Youth First a \$500 grant to help this organization continue to serve the youth of Martin County.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about how the MCCF can help you help our community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation.



Pictured left to right are Janay Sharp (YF Regional Development Officer), Angie Risacher (MCCF Board member) presenting the \$500 grant, Elizabeth Christmas (YF Clinical Supervisor), Megan Shake (YF Social Worker), and Julie Hoon (YF Vice-President of Philanthropy).

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council approved the quotes

Adam Greene talked to the council about purchasing the parking lot next to his business, Greene's Body Shop. He asked if the city would consider selling it. Noel said he knows they discussed this at the last meeting, but Adam would like the council to reconsider selling the lot.

Council Member Nolley said she thought the mayor was looking into the process of the city selling property. The mayor said he did but last month Nolley said she wasn't interested in selling. Nolley agreed that she said that but thought the mayor was going to look into the process anyway. Mayor Harty said he is not reviewed what the city attorney sent but can forward the information to the council. City Attorney Isha Wright-Ryan

COMMISSIONERS —

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ing two drop boxes for \$750 each to place outside the treasurer's office and possibly the clerk's office to collect payments. Treasurer Lori Carrico said that she is not sure if Clerk Gerald Montgomery wants to have one. The commissioners decided to purchase two and will find a use for the other one if the clerk doesn't want it.

Auditor Bobbie Abel presented quotes to replace the courthouse air conditioning units. She said the courthouse custodian reached out to another company, but they have not yet responded. The quotes she presented were from Spartan and M&M Electric. The auditor told the commissioners that if they want the cost to come out of this year's budget, they need to act soon. After discussion, the commissioners decided to table a decision until the next meeting.

Auditor Abel said that current coroner, Tina Franklin, who lost her bid for reelection, has requested to retain possession of the cell phones the county pays the bills for, for her office. The bills are in the name of the employees and they will take over paying the bills. Currently they submit the bills for reimbursement from the county. The commissioners agreed to let them keep the cellphones and pay the bill themselves.

didn't have her email to review but said she believes they have to receive sealed bids. The mayor said they also have to get appraisals.

Teresa Nolley asked about work being done for the stormwater projects. The mayor said they are still waiting on the railroad company.

Mayor Harty said the city didn't receive the \$250,000 ROI grant to upgrade the empty lot at the corner of Church Street and JFK Avenue. He said there will be an opportunity to apply for another grant next year.

The council approved a maintenance contract for the city's four lift stations for \$2,500 per visit, which will be once a year.

During the board of public works and safety meeting, prior to the council meeting, the mayor said a city water customer questioned whether something could be done about his remaining bill balance of \$1,426.64. The original bill was \$2,836.55 and the board of works approved an adjustment of \$1426.64 at their last meeting. The mayor said this is still quite a balance, but he will have to find out more information before the board of works can discuss it further.

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Wednesday, November 11, 2020

HERBERT WAGLER

Herbert Wagler passed away peacefully, with loved ones at his side, on Friday, November 6, 2020 at his home. A resident of Odon, he was 92.

He was born February 15, 1928 in Loogootee; the son of Victor and Anna (Kemp) Wagler. Herbert married Rachel (Stoll) Wagler on September 12, 1948.

Herbert was a charter member of Bethel Mennonite Church and was a farmer.

Family left to cherish the memory of Herbert include three sons, Eugene (Betty) Wagler and Kenny Wagler, both of Odon and Stephen (Pam) Wagler of Evansville; one daughter, Darlene (Sam) Stoltzfus of Odon; daughter-in-law, Catherine Knepp; 14 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Rachel; daughter, Joyce Ann; son, Jim Wagler; three brothers, Abraham, Andrew and Noah; two sisters, Mary Otto and Evelyn Stoll and great-grandson, Nathaniel Stoltzfus.

Funeral services to honor the life of Herbert were held Monday, November 9 at Bethel Mennonite Church in Odon with Carmen Detweiler and Lonnie Raber officiating. Herbert was laid to rest at Bethel Cemetery in Odon.

The Wagler family has entrusted all arrangements to the Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared online at www.meng-funeralhome.com.

DAVID LEWIS

David Lewis passed away peacefully at 6:03 p.m. November 2, 2020, at Kettering Medical Center. A resident of Somerville, Ohio, he was 74.

He was born July 31, 1946, in Dayton, Ohio; the son of Leroy and Hazel (Conover) Lewis. He was raised

in Shoals and was a 1965 graduate of Shoals High School. After graduation, he went into the United States Air Force and retired after 21 years of service to his country. He served in different positions and ended his career as a contractor at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where some considered him a "legend".

He was a devoted Christian and attended Eaton Pike Pentecostal Church in Richmond. David spent many years teaching Sunday School and serving as an elder. His hobbies included woodworking, gardening, auctions, and garage sales.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Karen Lewis; mother, Hazel Lewis of Shoals; children, Dawn (Jim) Knepshield of Greenville, Ohio; Don (Rosey) Dunn of Richmond, Becky (Joe) Diekmann of Granite City, Illinois; and Lori (Dan) Holmes of Eaton, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. David is also survived by his brothers, Daniel, Ernie, and Martin Lewis and sisters, Marianne Burgan, Cynthia Carrithers, and Melissa Jones, all of Shoals.

David is preceded in death by his father, Leroy Lewis and son, David Lewis Jr.

A funeral service was held Friday, November 6 at Poasttown First Church in Middletown, Ohio with Pastor Randy Stevens officiating. Burial followed in Butler County Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or the



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American Legion. For additional information and to view David's online video tribute, please visit www.churchfuneralsdirect.com.

KEVIN BATEMAN

Kevin Alan Bateman passed away at 1:35 p.m. Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis. A resident of Washington, he was 59.

He was born July 27, 1961 in Daviess County; son of the late Virgil A. and Virginia (Taylor) Bateman.

Kevin enjoyed playing the lottery, bingo and going to various casinos.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil A. and Virginia Bateman; niece, Sherry Bateman and nephews, Eric Bateman, Jeremy Bateman, Aaron Bateman and Rick Bateman.

Kevin is survived by his brothers, Robert D. (Brenda) of Washington, Tony (Marsha) Bateman of Columbus, John C. Bateman of Florida, Bill (Rosemary) of Ferdinand, Joe (Mary) Bateman of Washington, Gary L. (Vicky) Bateman of Ottwell and Keith Bateman of Washington; sisters, Kathy Utzman of Salem, Karen Ellis of Kentucky, Beverly Bateman of St. Louis, Missouri; Mary Elizabeth (Mike) Williams of Dale and Linda Bateman of Loogootee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cremation was chosen and private services will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Kevin Bateman.

JOE BAKER

Joseph Eugene Baker went to live eternally with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, November 9, 2020 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 74.

He was born October 21, 1946 in Elnora; son of the late Emil W. and Alma J. Baker.

Joe worked at NSWC Crane for 30 plus years. In 1993, he married the love of his life, Delphia Davidson from Loogootee and made Loogootee his home.

He was an avid sports fan, but his all-time favorite team, was the Loogootee Lions. You would find Joe at nearly every Loogootee Lions sporting event with a smile on his face. He loved to talk and was a dear friend to many, he will be greatly missed.

Joe was a man of deep faith and always carried a cross around his neck or in his pocket. He attended the Loogootee Revival Center, New Beginnings Church and Redemption Christian Church. He also helped at the Loogootee United Methodist Church on occasion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Alma Baker and brothers-in-law, Fred and Wayne Davidson.

Joe is survived by his wife and best friend, Delphia Baker; sister-in-law, Shirley Timberman; life-long friends and co-worker, Denny (Becky) Ramsey and special friends, Brooke (Jordan) Hawkins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 14, 2020 at the Redemption Christian Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the Redemption Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Old National Bank – Joe Bak-

er Memorial Fund, to cover the cost of a headstone or other funeral related expenses.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Joseph E. Baker.

HOWARD STOLL

Howard J. Stoll peacefully passed away at 4:47 p.m. Sunday, October 8, 2020 at his home. A resident of Montgomery, he was 85.

He was born October 12, 1935 in The Villages of Mylo, North Dakota; son of the late John H. and Minnie (Ashton) Stoll.

Howard was a member of the Montgomery Christian Church. He worked for Hoosier Gas of Washington, Northeast Technical Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources as an inspector.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. John H. and Minnie Stoll; brothers, Chuck, Frank, Bob, Jim, John and Delbert Stoll and sister, Dorothy (Zook) Bradley; stepson, Timothy Hamilton.

Howard is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary K. Stoll of Montgomery; his children, Kim L. Stoll of Montgomery, Tammy (Todd) Mitchell of Deer Park, Texas, Kevin L. (Luann) Stoll of Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Bradley J. (Tammy) Stoll of Loogootee; his step-children, Richard (Monica) Delano of Milton, Florida and Leighann (Lynden) Miller of Odon; many grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren; his siblings, Donald (Debbie) Stoll, Ruby (Paul) Miller of Montgomery and Zetta (Joe) Lengacher of Loogootee.

Funeral services were held at noon today, Wednesday, November 11 at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Montgomery Christian Church.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake & Wagler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Howard J. Stoll.

BETTY FIELDS

Betty Jean (Hawkins) Fields died at 1:57 p.m. Saturday, November 7, 2020 in New Albany, due to complications from COVID 19. A resident of Loogootee, she was 82.

She was born July 16, 1938 in Needmore, Lawrence County; the daughter of Kingery Forest Hawkins and Jacqueline

"Jackie" Rebecca Skirvin. She was a 1955 graduate of Loogootee High School and attended Vincennes University.

Married for 65 years, she wed Rev. Carl Edward Fields

BETTY FIELDS in Loogootee on June 19, 1955. A devout Christian woman, Betty prayed for others daily, speaking life into all she met, offering encouragement, and always ready to testify of God's grace. God and family were the two most important things in her life. She prayed for each of her children and grandchildren by name every day of her Christian life. Betty supported Carl's Nazarene and Wesleyan church ministries in Franklin, Brownsburg, Epsom, Poplar Grove, and Newberry Indiana, and Alexandria and Arlington, Virginia.

In addition to the traditional job duties of a pastor's wife including teaching Sunday School and supporting many missionary ministries, Betty worked at Indiana University, NSWC Crane, NAPEC Crane, NAVSEA -Washington DC, SAIC, and several federal government defense

contractors. Betty's distinguished career with the Department of Defense included working over 20 years at the Pentagon in Washington DC, as a high-level civilian program manager in charge of multiple National Defense Ammunition Budgets for the Army and the Navy. Reporting directly to several Admirals of the Navy, she received a Presidential Civilian Act Award in 2003 in addition to Financial Management and Business Processes achievement awards too numerous to list during her 40 year career in the Federal Government and Department of Defense.

In recent years, she loved playing euchre with family and friends, spending time with her grandchildren, and spending time with her beloved dog Minnie. She also started a tax accounting firm, BJ's Accounting, after her retirement from the federal government. Betty also co-owned a gun and clock business in Loogootee with her husband Carl, Design's N Time.

Survivors include children Forrest Edward "Butch" Fields (Cherryl) of Washington, Russell Wayne Fields (Teressa) of Bedford, Daniel Job Fields (Courtney) of Montgomery, Angella Marie Dougherty (Doug) of Washington, grandchildren Shane Fields, Brandon Fields, Audra Miller (Scott), Derek Fields (Malynda), Olivia Fields, Matthew Fields (Alicia), Drew Fields, Aleah Fields, Shayla Fields, Marilyn Stevens (Chris), Bryan Miller, and Joseph Miller (Ashley), 19 great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, siblings, Nancy Willhite of Indianapolis, Ann Kelsay (Jack) of Indianapolis, and Phyllis France (Mark) of Indianapolis.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by sister, Mary Featherston and great grandchild, Haven Stevens.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. today, Wednesday, November 11 at Bethany Christian Church with Rev. Richard Dubeld officiating. Burial followed in Sugarland Memory Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Loogootee High School Alumni Association. Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Betty Fields.

DOROTHY WILLIAMS

Dorothy H. Williams passed away at 5:55 a.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at her home surrounded by her family. A resident of Loogootee, she was 97.

She was born February 23, 1923 in Loogootee; daughter of Will and Agnes Mary (Walker) Larkin.

Dorothy was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church Bramble Parish, and St. John the Evangelist Church. God and family were the two most important things in her life. She was a valued prayer warrior. Dorothy prayed the Rosary every day for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Richard (Vickie) Williams, David (Linda) Williams, Carl (Cindy) Williams, Donald Williams, Martina Cox, Mary (Mark) Fields, her grandchildren; Michael (Eva) Holzmeyer, Adam (Andrea) Williams, Leticia Farmer, Natalie (Mike) Meece, Nathan (Sally) Williams, Amanda Williams, Mindy (Jarrod) Rose, Ethan Fields, her great-grandchildren; Bailey, Victoria, Grace, Allison, Madison, Mara, her daughter-in-law, Vernita Williams, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Jerome Williams, her parents, Will and Agnes Larkin; her son,

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BETTY FIELDS



DOROTHY
WILLIAMS

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

12:10 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:25 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Crane. Deputy Seymour and ISP responded.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

1:00 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded and all was secure.

3:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:30 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:14 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals on US 50. Deputy Gibson responded.

6:39 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a horse complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Huggett was notified.

8:35 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Huggett was notified.

9:14 a.m. - Received a horse complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer

Huggett was notified.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of a person in the water near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Sheriff Roush, Major Keller, and Shoals Fire responded.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane. ISP Troopers Watson and Brummett responded.

8:57 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane Deputy Flanagan and ISP Troopers' Watson and Brummett responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Crane. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:27 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Town Marshal Eckert, and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:20 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on SR 550. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:47 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took four inmates to court.

2:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Major Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of a broken

down semi on US 50 near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded for traffic control.

11:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Means responded. No one was transported.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy Barnett responded.

7:14 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

7:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. No one was transported.

8:36 a.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Huggett was notified.

8:46 a.m. - Received a report of property damage east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took four inmates to court.

11:56 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Huggett was notified.

12:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a possible carbon monoxide leak south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Lents, and ISP Detective Lents responded.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving near Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

8:41 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

10:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:06 a.m. - Received a call reporting a theft at the Lakeview Golf Course. Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver responded.

10:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department were advised. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:27 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible trespass. Major Keller, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver near Loogootee. Indiana State Police were notified.

2:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance

responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department Dispatch notified.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

3:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:52 a.m. - Received a report of hanging lines over the roadway. Deputy Barnett and Frontier Communications responded.

8:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:24 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident and request for a report. Deputy Lents responded.

8:38 a.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department Dispatch were notified.

10:32 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock south of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

2:03 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department Dispatch were advised.

3:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

4:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with injuries in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Flanagan, and Loogootee Police Department responded. G & M towed the vehicles.

5:24 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle inspection on Sunday morning. Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:55 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:01 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

2:37 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting something in the roadway. Deputy Barnett and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

6:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:44 a.m. - Received a report of a break in near Loogootee. Deputy Barnett, Chief Rayhill, and Deputy Flanagan responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received an animal complaint. Animal Control Deputy Huggett responded.

7:32 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

7:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

8:53 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident with no injuries. Deputy Gibson responded.

8:58 p.m. - Received a request from Daviess County Sheriff's Department for assistance south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received a report of a possible disabled vehicle near Shoals. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

OBITUARIES

(Continued from page 3)

Joe Williams; her great-grandson, Gabe Meece; her son-in-law, Bill Cox; her siblings, Sister Mary Esther Larkin, Dan Larkin, George Larkin, Margaret Zinkan, Martha Keith, and Patty Thompson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 14 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to EWTN Global Catholic Network 5817 Old Leeds Road, Irondale, Alabama, 35210, for masses, or to the St. Joseph cemetery fund in memory of Dorothy.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

MICHAEL JEWELL

Michael Jewell age 53, of Shoals, passed away on November 9, 2020 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 53.

He was born in Washington on August 19, 1967; the son of John W. and Delilah (Rusher) Jewell.

He was a graduate of Shoals High School, attended the Dover Hill United Methodist Church, was employed at CAAA Crane and was Veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors include four sons, Jesse, John, Ari and Tyr Jewell; grandchildren, Jaxon Jewell, Vivian Jewell and Conner Hedrick; one sister, Glenda Dickens; and his nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Diane Uppencamp and Becky Jones.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

NANCY BAKER

Nancy J. Baker age 84, of Shoals, passed away at the Daviess County Hospital on Sunday, November 8, 2020. A resident of Shoals, she was 84.

She was born January 29, 1936 in Washington; the daughter of James L. and Rosabelle (Neighbors) Brown. She married Dale R. Baker on September 14, 1958 and he preceded her in death in 2007.

Nancy was previously employed by the Martin County Highway Department, was deputy assessor for three years and retired in 1993 from CAAA Crane. She was a member of the Martin County Historical Society, the Indiana Pioneers, was Registrar for the Hindostan Falls DAR for 20 years and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals.

She is survived by her children, Martin R. "Rick" Wininger of Shoals and Kathy Baker Rush of Shoals; grandchildren, Amy Moffitt of Shoals, Nick (Lee Ann) Wininger of Montgomery and Penny Wininger (Ryan) Dunn of Linton; great grandchildren, Hadley Wininger, Holden Wininger, Decon Dunn, Violet Dunn, Syndell Watson and Justice Watson.

Preceding her in death were a son, Terry Wininger; two brothers, James and John Brown; and one sister, Mary F. Miller.

Graveside services will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday, November 12 at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals with Father Kenneth Walker officiating.

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

COURT NEWS

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed September 30

Christopher Lee Bearden, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Debra G. Bottorff, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

October 2

Ronald L. Edmonson II, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 5

Chad I. Musselwhite, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Elizabeth K. Hansen, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 6

Amy Lynn Slaubaugh, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 9

Derek Lee Sipes, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 14

Brian D. Wildman, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Ronald E. Truelove, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 15

Travis Anthony Spour, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Robert A. Holt, theft, a Level 6 Felony; fraud, a Level 6 Felony.

Dustin A. Cramer, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

October 16

Zachary Scott Garcia, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

October 19

Cody Edward Lee Taylor, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person.

Cassandra Lynn Pavey, possessing unprocessed ginseng out of season, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jerry R. Holt, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jayne W. Gruber, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Melissa A. Gruber, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

October 22

Jonathan A. McKannan, auto theft, a Level 6 Felony.

October 26

James W. Cunningham, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Joy M. Grace, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Matthew O. Myers, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Ryan Joseph Mattingly, domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Joselyn Rayanne Souerdike, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6

Felony; two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class A Misdemeanors.

Dawn Marie Clark, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

October 27

Carolyn Sue Smith, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCINGS

September 30

Billie J. Groff, convicted of strangulation, a Level 6 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 180 days suspended and credit for 225 actual days previously served plus 225 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Jessica Louise Martin, convicted of domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor and resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 350 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 175 actual days previously served plus 175 Class A credit days. Also convicted of escape, a Level 5 Felony and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1,460 days with 730 days suspended and credit for 206 actual days previously served plus 69 Class B credit days. Plus, credit for 41 actual days on the Martin County Community Corrections Pretrial Release Program and 10 Class P credit days. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

October 8

Joseph O. Mott, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Received no sentence.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

September 30

Billie J. Groff, two counts of intimidation with habitual criminal enhancement, Level 6 Felonies, dismissed; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jessica Louise Martin, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

October 26

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Robert L. Willhite, civil collection.

October 29

Second Round Sub, LLC vs. Tristan Horsting, civil collection.

November 2

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Frederick Thomas, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

October 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Bailey Anderson in the amount of \$755.98.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Jeremy Knight in the amount of \$765.75.

October 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Ally Financial, Inc. and against the defendants Paul M. and Mary I. Davis in the amount of \$3,282.25.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

October 21

Charity Truelove-Karcz et al vs. James Salmon and Audra Seals, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 30

William Thomas Price, Jr. of Loogootee and Amanda Kay Tharp of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:49 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a property damage at Good Samaritan Center.

1:28 p.m. - A caller reported an erratic driver tailgating on Broadway Street.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:09 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to US 231 South for a medical call.

11:33 p.m. - An abandoned vehicle was tagged on West Washington Street.

5:20 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of stop signs being ran over on East Broadway Street.

6:10 p.m. - Caller advised of a possible impaired driver entering Loogootee on US 231 North.

7:04 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a missing person. The person was located shortly after.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle abandoned on rental property on J. Strange Avenue.

3:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill completed a welfare check on an individual on Brickyard Road.

3:35 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a property damage accident on High Street.

6:16 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of an attempted theft at a local store.

11:10 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Ambulance Service with a medical call on SW Third Street.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

2:58 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a welfare check on a subject and their residence in Nobles Court.

12:38 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on West Washington Street.

2:29 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to check CO2 levels at a residence on US 231 South.

3:14 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a property damage accident on Butcher Boulevard.

4:02 p.m. - A caller requested an officer pick up and item left behind on her property.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

1:30 a.m. - Jonathan Payne, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Reed, Deputy Flanagan, K9 Officer Spike, and Town Marshal Eckert.

3:42 a.m. - Jonathon Allstatt, 24, of Lebanon, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with conspiracy to deal methamphetamine and false informing. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Reed, K9 Officer Spike and Sheriff Roush.

12:02 p.m. - Jordan Wright, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with reckless driving and false informing. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:10 p.m. - Jessica Allen, 39, of Crane, was arrested by ISP Troopers Watson and Brummett and charged with domestic violence in front of minor children, disorderly conduct, resisting law enforcement, and destruction of state-owned property. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Flanagan.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:46 a.m. - Richard Melgoza-Cruz, 20, of Indianapolis, arrested by Deputy Seymour on a Lake County warrant and is being held without bond.

10:06 p.m. - Joseph Mott, 18, of North Vernon, was arrested by Deputy Gibson on a Madison County warrant and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Barnett.

5:00 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

8:42 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a residential burglar alarm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:04 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a report of a person that had fallen in the Goodwill Cemetery.

10:48 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd checked US 50 West for reported debris in the roadway.

2:21 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a property damage accident on US 231 South.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on Williams Street.

5:43 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd spoke with a complainant in regard to a stolen cellphone.

7:36 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of harassment and loud music from a vehicle in Redwing Trailer Court.

7:53 p.m. - Officer Seymour checked the area of North Line and Queen streets due to a report of a large amount of smoke in the area.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:06 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

8:30 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to take a deer accident report from a resident on South Kentucky Avenue.

8:41 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to an alarm on Church Street.

4:37 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd and first responders were dispatched to a personal injury accident at US 50/US 231.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

1:33 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a domestic disturbance on Vincennes Street.

10:38 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to an alarm at a local business.

7:33 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a civil disturbance at Country Place Apartments.

7:42 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

9:12 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a report of a possible stranded motorist or abandoned vehicle on US 50 East.

Real estate transfers

Stanley L. Gibbs, of Pierce County, Washington to **Richard Gibbs**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of Lots Numbered 99 and 100 in the Town of Shoals, being 30 feet in a strip of even width.
Karen L. Lee, of Washington County, Indiana; **Renee A. Street**, of Martin County, Indiana; **Amy J. Kaeck**, of Pike County, Indiana; and **Angel Riggle**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Angel Riggle**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a tract of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Kenneth F. Hollaway and **Diana S. Hollaway** to the **Hollaway Family Irrevocable Trust**, part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing .52 acres, more or less.

James D. Townsend, of Greene County, Indiana to **Ethan Dyer** and **Erika Dyer**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, containing 3 acres.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



One of my friends who has crossed 70 and pushing 80 was asked what changes he was feeling in himself? I thought the following lines were interesting, so I thought I'd share.

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children, my friends, now I have started loving myself.

2. I just realized that I am not an "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

3. I now stopped bargaining with vegetables and fruits vendors. A few pennies more is not going to burn a hole in my pocket, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.

4. I pay my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than me.

5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down the memory lane and relive the past.

6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

7. I give compliments freely and generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You"!

8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

9. I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my

worth, but I do.

10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat and neither am I in any race.

11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.

12. I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships I will never be alone.

13. I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.

14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

I decided to share this to all the readers. Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age....?

THOUGHTS

*If you eat well...get lots of sleep...do exercise...and drink lots of water...you'll die anyway! Open the wine.

*I could start my day without coffee, but I like being able to do things like saying words and putting pants on.

*I'm not an early bird or a night owl, I'm just some form of permanently exhausted pigeon.

*I'm about to pull these steaks off the grill. It's my neighbor's grill, but he went inside, and I don't think he can see me.

*The fridge is a perfect example of what matters is on the inside.

Make someone smile today!

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Happy Fall from all of us at the Martin Co WIC clinic. We hope all of you and your families had a good summer. Continue to practice good hand hygiene as we enter the flu season months.

To our wonderful WIC clients: We are now back to face to face appointments. We do ask that you wear a mask and use hand sanitizer when in the building. We will wear our masks and practice good hand hygiene for your safety. If at all possible, only one adult and the child/children that needs to be seen should be present. As we have always asked, please call if you are sick or a member of your household is sick to reschedule your appointment. In the event of another change in face to face vs. phone appointments occurs, you will be notified.

A special note to breastfeeding moms about COVID-19: It is recommended to continue breastfeeding when you are having COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19. Wash your hands before pumping or allowing baby to latch and wear a mask while baby is breastfeeding. This information comes from Indiana State WIC and other qualified resources.

The WIC program provides supplemental nutritional foods, referrals, breastfeeding support, and nutrition education for pregnant women, nursing women, infants, and children 1-5 years. The Martin Co WIC clinic is open Monday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 247-3303 to make an appointment. To contact the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, text or call 812-675-1083.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, November 12 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Recycling holiday closings

The Loogootee Recycling Center will be closed on the following dates for the holidays: November 11, November 26-27, December 24-25, and December 31-January 1.

Food Box Program

Loogootee United Methodist Church will host a Farmers to Families Food Box Program on Tuesday, November 24 from 4-6:30 p.m. or until quantities run out. Participants are to enter on Wood Street and cars are NOT to line up early as this will interfere with school traffic.

Approximately 1,600 families will be served. The church is located at 208 West Main Street in Loogootee. Food is free regardless of income or need.

Rib dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council #732 Loogootee will have a rib dinner Saturday November 14 at the council hall beginning at 4 p.m. until sold out. The dinner is takeout/pickup/curbside only. Call 812-295-2815 or stop by.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 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

Cops & Kids accepting donations

with the decisions made.

Gift cards will be purchased by FOP and utilized by the parents to buy specifically for the child, with the assistance of the FOP representative. When the gifts are purchased, they will be left in layaway at Walmart until December 17. The cops, firemen, and other volunteers will then be a part of the giving by assisting with the distribution of the packages.

Donations for Cops & Kids will be accepted in person or by mail at the police and sheriff's departments in Martin and Daviess counties. Donations may also be dropped by or mailed to Cops & Kids/Head Start, 401 South Oak Street, Loogootee IN 47553. Make checks payable to FOP Cops & Kids.

For more information, contact Steve Riney at 812-698-3254.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser, Purdue University Master Gardener

The freeze last week brought an end to the growing season. There is still plenty of work to be done at Sandhill Gardens to clean up and get the garden ready for next spring, but it is also time to take a step back and look at this growing season with a critical eye.

COVID-19 affected every aspect of our lives, and the garden was no exception. Prior to the active gardening season each year is the garden show season. It was disappointing to see one show after another cancelled. As we adjusted, some of the later shows went virtual, and I was able to attend some west coast shows that I had never been able to attend before.

While many industries suffered because of the virus and resulting lockdown, garden centers prospered. Many people were home on COVID furloughs and took advantage of the extra time on their hands to do some gardening. Mother Nature pitched in and a late spring frost nipped some of the plants that over-eager gardeners had planted, so many went back to the garden centers to purchase bedding plants again. The result was that many garden centers sold out of bedding plants early in the season and business was brisk throughout the summer. For some, it was a new experience and I hope they got hooked on their own fresh tomatoes and will join the rank of gardeners. For others, it was a return to a way of life from earlier years. I hope it brought some good memories and the discovery of the healthy lifestyle found in the garden.

For me, summertime means a succession of fairs to judge. Most of the fairs were virtual this year, including the Indiana State Fair. It was a different experience altogether to judge horticulture projects virtually, but we did it. I pray we do not have to do the same next year.

Personally, I had more time to spend in the garden, but I also lacked any help in the garden, so I had to concentrate

on projects I could do by myself. Some turned out well and others were not so great.

Perhaps the biggest success was the new "moon garden". This niche garden was established at the top of the cliff, overlooking the valley below. This is the perfect spot to watch a sunset and planting a wide assortment of white flowers there meant enjoying the garden after watching the sunset. The light fountain added to the evening mystique. As with all gardens, one is never finished. I have purchased the materials for a moon gate, but still do not have that installed at the site. Next year, I hope to add even more white flowers to the area. It has become one of my favorite spots in the gardens.

The gift of a couple of rusted-out stock tanks resulted in more raised beds in the vegetable garden. I did not get them early enough to actually fill with soil and plant, but they have been a great place to compost in place. Next spring, I will top them off with soil and plant them with root crops. In general, it was a good year in the vegetable garden. I did not put things out early, so I did not lose anything to the late frost. My tomatoes were late, but plentiful and I had a wide variety of salad greens. Luffa gourds shared the tunnel arch with morning glories, and I harvested several, to dry for sponges. Of course, as the summer progressed, other demands on my time resulted in less time to garden and weeds got ahead of me, but that seems to be an annual occurrence.

I ordered a lot of wildflower seeds to plant in the meadow. However, I did not have great success with germination. Many wildflowers require a cold treatment to germinate, so I am hopeful that some of the seed is still there and will come to life next spring.

Even for master gardeners, each season presents challenges. Hope springs eternal. I am already planning for next year.

State park properties to temporarily close for deer hunts

Select Indiana state park properties will temporarily close in the coming weeks so controlled deer management hunts can take place. Each hunt runs two days. The first is on Monday, November 16, and Tuesday, November 17. The second is on Monday, November 30, and Tuesday, December 1. Participating state park properties will close to the general public on the evening before each of the two hunts.

Participating state park properties are: Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charles-town, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Spring Mill, Turkey Run, Versailles, and Whitewater Memorial state parks, as well as Trine State Recreation Area.

These state park properties will re-open the morning after each two-day hunt. All Indiana state park properties not mentioned will be operating under normal hours.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

Nominations for new directors for North Center, South Rutherford and Halbert townships will be accepted before December 4th at the East Fork office located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Fifteen or more members may make nominations for new directors in writing, by certified mail, or personal delivery. The annual meeting will be held January 25th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. and nominees will be voted upon at that meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Deer firearms season begins November 14

The deer firearms season is from November 14-29. Remember, the deer firearms license allows a hunter to take only one buck. Hunters can harvest an antlerless deer during the firearms season with a firearm if they possess a deer bundle license, bonus antlerless license, resident youth consolidated hunting and trapping license, or comprehensive lifetime hunting license. Antlerless deer taken with a firearm during the firearms season would count toward the bonus antlerless quota, unless you are hunting in a deer reduction zone with the appropriate license and count the deer toward the deer reduction zone bag limit. Bonus antlerless deer cannot be taken on all DNR properties; find information about restrictions. Bonus antlerless deer cannot be taken in Benton or Tipton counties until November 26.

Introduce the next generation to hunting on free youth hunting days. The second set of dates falls on November 28-29. Free youth hunting days are a great chance for youth to harvest a deer, try waterfowl hunting, or take to the fields or forest in search of other game.

Youth must be accompanied by an adult who is at least 18 years of age, and the adult must possess a valid hunting license. During free youth hunting days, resident youth and nonresident youth do not need a hunting license, a State migratory waterfowl stamp, or a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number to hunt waterfowl or other migratory birds. All

persons 16 years old or older must possess a federal duck stamp.

Hunting

Deer Firearms: November 14-November 29

Dove: November 1-November 15

Pheasant (Cock only): November 1-December 15

Rabbit: November 1-February 28, 2021

Raccoon, Opossum: November 8-January 31, 2021

Quail:

– (north of Interstate 74): November 1-December 15

– (south of Interstate 74): November 1-January 10, 2021

Canada Geese:

– North Zone: November 21-February 14, 2021

Central Zone:

– November 21-February 14, 2021

South Zone:

– November 7-22, November 28-February 14, 2021

Ducks:

– Central Zone: November 21-January 10, 2021

– South Zone: November 7-8, November 28-January 24, 2021

Trapping

Beaver: November 15-March 15, 2021

Mink, Muskrat, Weasel: November 15-January 31, 2021

Raccoon, Opossum: November 8-January 31, 2020

River Otter: November 15-March 15, 2020 (or until quota is met)

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Red-shouldered hawk

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

In the winter, the red shouldered hawk focus their hunger on small mammals and the occasional small bird. They typically hunt these warmblooded creatures from a perch. They build their nests high in the trees during the winter or early spring and often decorate their nests with various green plants.

DNR evaluates effectiveness of bass stocking at Patoka Lake

Through a partnership with Indiana Bass Federation (IBF), DNR fisheries biologists are starting a research project to evaluate survival rates of stocked largemouth bass in Patoka Lake.

The IBF solicited donations to purchase 3,200 advanced fingerling largemouth bass. More than 900 were stocked in May, and 2,300 are being stocked early this month. All of the stocked bass are tagged with an internal passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag, allowing each fish to be uniquely identifiable by using a scanner.

Research across the central United

States has shown stocking fingerling size (2-4 inch) largemouth bass into lakes with self-sustaining bass populations has had limited to no success at improving bass populations. This project is using advanced fingerlings (6-9 inches) to test if these larger fish will survive and grow to the legal minimum length of 15 inches at Patoka Lake.

"Thanks goes out to the Indiana Bass Federation for their fundraising efforts and making this research project possible," said Dan Carnahan, south region fisheries supervisor. "We look forward to evaluating the results of this survival study."

DNR will conduct spring and fall electrofishing surveys over the next three years to monitor the stocked and naturally reproduced bass populations to determine if they differ in growth, catch rates, and condition factor. Starting in 2023, DNR will search for PIT tagged bass while monitoring bass tournaments to help determine if the stocking was successful.

For more information about fisheries research and fishing opportunities, visit fishing.IN.gov.

Wanted: Hunters to help hungry Hoosiers

Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry would like to remind ALL hunters and landowners about their deer donation program. After you've filled your freezer, please help them feed those in need in your area by donating to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry's "Meat" the Need initiative. Just take your deer in to your local, participating meat processor and tell them you would like to donate it to Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry. There is NO charge to you. Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry partners with 85 meat processors statewide and encourages the donation of large game and

DNR holiday gift packs are available

Cross those hard-to-buy-for people off your shopping list by giving them a holiday gift pack from the DNR.

The DNR gift pack saves you up to \$31 over buying the items individually.

A gift pack is a gift the recipient can use the whole year, whether that person enjoys camping or sleeping in the comfort of one of seven Indiana State Park Inns.

The \$99 gift pack includes a 2021 resident annual entrance permit, a one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana magazine and calendar, and one of two \$65 gift card options. One gift card option can be used at the campgrounds — another gift card option, for those who like to enjoy nature from the indoors, is a \$65 State Park Inns gift card. You also have the option of upgrading either of those gift cards to \$100 by paying \$35 more. Various pack types are available.

Orders ship within three to five business days. Orders received by December 6 will ship by December 14. The offer is available through December 31. Packs can be purchased online only at shopIN-stateparks.com.

Indiana has 32 state parks and reservoirs throughout the state. The entrance permit grants gate entrance for all of 2021 for all state park properties beginning January 1.

Monroe Lake offers Holiday Hiking Challenge

Skip the shopping and holiday stress on Thanksgiving weekend and spend your time outside exploring the beauty of the outdoors with Monroe Lake's Holiday Hiking Challenge, which will take place from Thursday, November 26 through Sunday, November 29.

The Holiday Hiking Challenge consists of hiking all of Monroe Lake's trails over the four-day period, a total distance of about 9.5 miles, and completing specified activities.

Each trail will have one or more posted stations at which you will need to take a photo to prove you completed the activity.

All hikers who complete the challenge and submit their photos before midnight on November 29 will be entered into a prize drawing. Prizes include a 2021 Indiana State Parks Annual Entrance Pass, a private bald eagle winter hike in January or February 2021 for up to 10 people, and a guided kayak trip on the lake in summer 2021 for up to 8 people (kayaks for the trip included).

To participate, download the challenge trail map to see where the stations are located on the Facebook Event page for the Holiday Hiking Challenge, bit.ly/2020MonroeHikingChallenge. The map will be posted November 25. You can also have a copy of the challenge trail map sent to you by emailing jvance@dnr.IN.gov by no later than 5 p.m. on November 25.

Questions should be directed to Jill Vance at 812-837-9967 or jvance@dnr.IN.gov.

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National unemployment stands at 6.9 percent for October

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 638,000 in October, and the unemployment rate declined to 6.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. These improvements in the labor market reflect the continued resumption of economic activity that had been curtailed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it. In October, notable job gains occurred in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, retail trade, and construction. Employment in government declined.

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

Household Survey Data

In October, the unemployment rate declined by 1.0 percentage point to 6.9 percent, and the number of unemployed persons fell by 1.5 million to 11.1 million. Both measures have declined for 6 consecutive months but are nearly twice their February levels (3.5 percent and 5.8 million, respectively).

Unemployment rates declined among all major worker groups in October. The rate was 6.7 percent for adult men, 6.5 percent for adult women, 13.9 percent for teenagers, 6.0 percent for Whites, 10.8 percent for Blacks, 7.6 percent for Asians, and 8.8 percent for Hispanics.

Among the unemployed, the number of persons on temporary layoff fell by 1.4 million to 3.2 million. This measure is down considerably from the high of 18.1 million in April but is 2.4 million higher than in February. The number of permanent job losers, at 3.7 million in October, changed little over the month but is 2.4 million higher than in February.

In October, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) increased by 1.2 million to 3.6 million, accounting for 32.5 percent of the total unemployed. By contrast, the number of unemployed persons jobless 15 to 26 weeks decreased by 2.3 million to 2.6 million, and the number of persons jobless 5 to 14 weeks decreased by 457,000 to 2.3 million. The number of persons who were jobless less than 5 weeks was about unchanged at 2.5 million.

The labor force participation rate increased by 0.3 percentage point to 61.7 percent in October; this is 1.7 percentage points below the February level. The employment-population ratio increased by 0.8 percentage point to 57.4 percent in October but is 3.7 percentage points lower than in February.

In October, the number of persons who usually work full time rose by 1.2 million to 123.6 million, and the number who usually work part time increased by 1.0 million to 26.2 million.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons increased by 383,000 to 6.7 million in October, after declines totaling 4.6 million over the prior 5 months. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs. This group includes persons who usually work full time and persons who usually work part time.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job decreased by 539,000 to 6.7 million in October; this measure is 1.7 million higher than in February. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who currently want a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 2.0 million, was about

unchanged in October. These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, was 588,000 in October, essentially unchanged from the previous month.

Household Survey Supplemental Data

In October, 21.2 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, down from 22.7 percent in September. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the last 4 weeks specifically because of the pandemic.

In October, 15.1 million persons reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic—that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the last 4 weeks due to the pandemic. This measure is down from 19.4 million in September. Among those who reported in October that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 11.7 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, up from 10.3 percent in September.

About 3.6 million persons not in the labor force in October were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic. This is down from 4.5 million in September. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must either be actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

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

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 638,000 in October and has increased for 6 consecutive months. In October, nonfarm employment was below its February level by 10.1 million, or 6.6 percent. Notable job gains occurred over the month in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, retail trade, and construction. Employment in government declined.

Employment in leisure and hospitality increased by 271,000 in October, with gains in food services and drinking places (+192,000); arts, entertainment, and recreation (+44,000); and accommodation (+34,000). Leisure and hospitality has added 4.8 million jobs since April, but employment in the industry is down by 3.5 million since February.

Professional and business services added 208,000 jobs in October, with temporary help services (+109,000) accounting for about half of the gain. Employment also increased in services to buildings and dwellings (+19,000), computer systems design and related services (+16,000), and management and technical consulting services (+15,000). Employment in professional and business services is 1.1 million below its February level.

In October, retail trade added 104,000 jobs, with almost one-third of the gain in electronics and appliance stores (+31,000). Employment also rose in motor vehicle and parts dealers (+23,000), furniture and home furnishings stores (+14,000), clothing and clothing accessories stores (+13,000), general merchandise stores (+10,000), and nonstore retailers (+9,000). Employment in retail trade has risen by 1.9 million since April but is 499,000 below its February level.

Construction added 84,000 jobs in October. Specialty trade contractors added jobs, both in the nonresidential (+28,000) and residential (+18,000) components. Employment also rose in heavy and civil engineering construction and in construction of buildings (+19,000 each). Construction has added 789,000 jobs in the last 6 months, but employment is down by 294,000 since February.

Employment in health care and social assistance rose by 79,000 in October

In October, health care employment increased by 58,000, with the largest gains occurring in hospitals (+16,000), offices of physicians (+14,000), offices of dentists (+11,000), and outpatient care centers (+10,000). These increases were partially offset by a decline of 9,000 in nursing and residential care facilities. Social assistance added 21,000 jobs over the month.

Employment in transportation and warehousing increased by 63,000 in October, with gains occurring in warehousing and storage (+28,000), transit and ground passenger transportation (+25,000), and truck transportation (+10,000). By contrast, air transportation shed 18,000 jobs. Employment in transportation and warehousing is 271,000 below its February level.

The other services industry added 47,000 jobs in October, with gains occurring in personal and laundry services (+27,000) and in repair and maintenance (+18,000). Employment in other services is 436,000 below its February level.

Manufacturing employment rose by 38,000 in October but is 621,000 lower than in February. Gains occurred in fabricated metal products (+7,000), primary metals (+6,000), and wood products (+4,000). Employment continued to trend up in food manufacturing (+6,000) and in plastics and rubber products (+4,000).

Employment in financial activities rose

by 31,000 in October but is 129,000 lower than in February. Over-the-month job gains occurred in finance and insurance (+17,000) and real estate (+10,000).

In October, government employment fell by 268,000. A decrease of 138,000 in federal government was driven by a loss of 147,000 temporary 2020 Census workers. Job losses also occurred in local government education and state government education (-98,000 and -61,000, respectively).

Employment in other major industries, including mining, wholesale trade, and information, changed little in October.

In October, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 4 cents to \$29.50. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 5 cents to \$24.82. The large employment fluctuations over the past several months—especially in industries with lower-paid workers—complicate the analysis of recent trends in average hourly earnings.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.8 hours in October. In manufacturing, the workweek increased by 0.3 hour to 40.5 hours, and overtime rose by 0.2 hour to 3.2 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 0.1 hour to 34.2 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for August was revised up by 4,000 from +1,489,000 to +1,493,000, and the change for September was revised up by 11,000 from +661,000 to +672,000. With these revisions, employment in August and September combined was 15,000 higher than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.)

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Martin County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications to fill open PART-TIME JAIL OFFICERS AND DISPATCHER POSITIONS

Applications:

To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581.

Requirements:

1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. Be at least 18 years of age
3. Have a high school diploma or GED
4. Cannot have any Felony, Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence convictions
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Compensation:

Part-time Jail Officers: up to \$12.50 per hour

Part-time Dispatchers: up to \$12.00 per hour

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Police stepping up seat belt enforcement in November

Indiana State Police Jasper Post will be increasing seat belt enforcement patrols now through the end of November as part of the national Click It or Ticket mobilization. The department will be joined by more than 250 law enforcement agencies around the state that will be working overtime to reduce motor vehicle deaths and injuries in Indiana.

The patrols are supported with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

"Over the years, we've had a number of incidents where someone wasn't wearing their seat belt and was either injured or ejected that could have been prevented," said Lieutenant Jason Allen, Jasper Post Commander. "Buckling up matters. It saves lives and is your best defense against injury or death. Don't skip this simple step and pay for it later."

Last year, out of the total number of motorists involved in passenger vehicle crashes, 90 percent were wearing a seat belt. Despite this, unrestrained motorists accounted for over half of all vehicle fatalities in 2019 (308 out of 565), according to data from the criminal justice institute.

Drivers under the age 34, particularly young male drivers, were more likely to be found not wearing a seat belt. Additionally, individuals not buckled up in crashes were three times more likely to get injured when the driver was speed-

ISP, federal and local government agencies collect more than 39,000 pounds of unwanted medications

On Saturday, October 24, Hoosiers participated in the 19th nationwide "Prescription Drug Take Back Day" by visiting Indiana State Police Posts, locations sponsored by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA) and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy, and other sites across the state.

"Prescription Drug Take Back Day is the perfect opportunity for Hoosiers to clean out their medicine cabinets and safely dispose of any unused medication," said Indiana Executive Director for Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement Douglas Huntsinger. "No matter if it's one prescription or 10, each prescription we properly dispose of makes Indiana's communities safer places for all."

ing and seven times more likely when the driver was impaired.

Indiana has a primary seat belt law, which allows law enforcement officers to stop and cite drivers and passengers for failing to wear a seat belt. Drivers can also be cited for each unbuckled passenger under the age of 16.

"Every time you go somewhere in a vehicle, whether you're a driver or passenger, you should always wear a seat belt," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "Not only is it the law, but it's the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself on the road."

When it comes to seat belt safety, the department recommends making sure the lap belt is properly secured across the hip and pelvis, below the stomach. The shoulder belt should be positioned across the middle of the chest and away from the neck – never behind the back or under an arm.

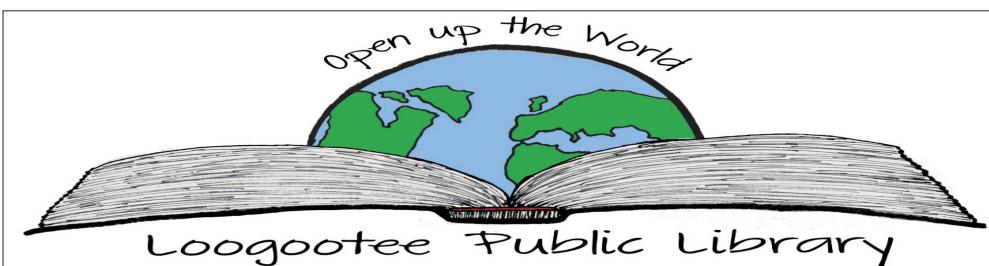
If the seat belt doesn't fit, or the car is older and only has lap belts, ask the car dealer or vehicle manufacturer about seat belt adjusters, extenders or retrofits.

Additionally, children under eight must be properly restrained in a federally approved child or booster seat. Parents and caregivers can choose the safest car seat for their child by visiting TheRightSeat.com, or to find a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, who can inspect and assist with the installation of a car seat, visit www.childseat.in.gov.

In partnership with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the drug take back initiative seeks to prevent prescription drug abuse and theft through proper disposal of prescription drugs.

During the one-day event, the DEA reports that Hoosiers safely disposed of more than 39,000 pounds of unused medication. Collectively the Indiana State Police received 2,130 pounds of unused, expired or unwanted medications for proper disposal. Our partners from the IPLA and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy received 1,194 pounds of prescription medications.

For more information about the bi-annual "Prescription Drug Take Back Day" or to find year round disposal locations visit <https://takebackday.dea.gov/>.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Dave Treffinger, from Loogootee, gifted the library thirteen new books on rocks and minerals to add to the collection. The Library Book Grant Outreach Program sponsored by the members of the Lawrence County Rock Club paid for the books. Each book has a book plate with LCRC information on the inside cover.

New Books:

"DK Smithsonian Handbooks: Gemstones" by Cally Hall, "DK Smithsonian Handbooks: Fossils" by Cyril Walker & David Ward, "DK Smithsonian Handbooks: Rocks and Minerals" by Chris Pellant, "Rock Collecting for Kids" by

Dan Lynch, "My Awesome Field Guide to Rocks & Minerals" by Gary Lewis, "Geology Lab for Kids" by Garret Romaine, "Indiana Rocks: A Guide to Geologic Sites in the Hoosier Site" by Indiana Geological and Water Survey, "My Little Book of Rocks, Minerals, and Gems" by Claudia Martin, "National Geographic Kids Rocks and Minerals", "My Best Book of Rocks and Fossils" by Chris Pellant, "Let's Go Rock Collecting" by Roma Gans, "Fossils Tell of Long Ago" by Aliki, and "Rocks, Minerals, and Gems" by Sean Callery.

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