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Shown above are Zachary Albright (left) and Paul Sanders (right) working in the digital fabrication lab at Shoals School.

Shoals School collaboration receives \$10,000 GM grant

COSMOS, the collaboration of Shoals, Mitchell, and Orleans Schools, partnering with the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council, is pleased to announce it received a \$10,000 grant from General Motors Foundation to increase capacity at three digital fabrication labs and accessibility to over 750 students.

COSMOS currently has a digital fabrication lab in each district that was funded in 2020 by the Regional Opportunities Initiatives (ROI) Digital Fabrication Lab Pilot Program Grant. Additional donors, HD Graphix and Lawrence County STEAM, continue to support the lab's operations. A fabrication lab is a dedicated space that empowers students to create functional solutions to authentic problems using computer-controlled tools like 3D printers, microelectronics, laser cutters, and CNC routers. Students will be engaged in experiential learning that

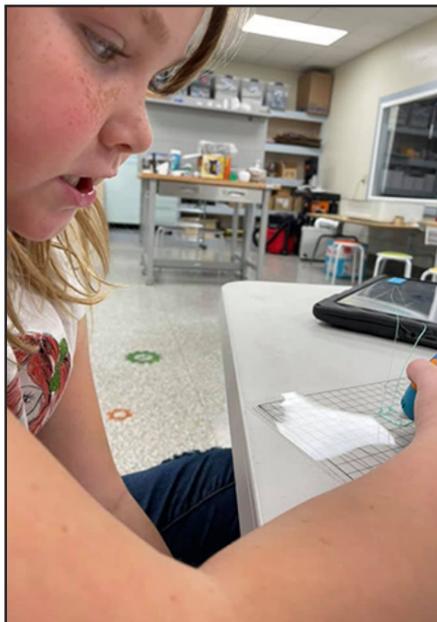
Semiconductor maker to open research space at WestGate Tech Park

Minnesota-based SkyWater Technology (Nasdaq: SKYT), a manufacturer of semiconductors, has announced plans to open research space at the WestGate@Crane Technology Park. The company says it is a U.S. Department of Defense-accredited supplier, which prompted it to open a facility near the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division.

In July, Skywater executives met with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to discuss its ongoing collaboration with the U.S. government and opportunities in Indiana to support increased domestic semiconductor manufacturing.

"SkyWater is well-suited to meet the critical needs of the U.S. government as well as commercial customers requiring U.S.-based manufacturing operations," said Skywater President and Chief Executive Officer Thomas Sonderman. "In addition, we are excited to engage with top universities located in Indiana and access their pipeline of high-quality talent to de-

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Shown is Shoals student Hannah Nelson utilizing the fabrication lab.

allows them to develop the skills of collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, communication, and adaptability. Fabrication lab teachers will collaborate with grade-level and content-area teachers to embed digital fabrication and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) into their instruction.

Joe Timbrook, Director of Career Development at the Lawrence County Economic Growth Council, stated, "Our nation, state, and communities face a growing need for talent. To meet that need, many more people must earn technical certificates, college degrees, and industry-recognized certifications." Apryl Kidd, Director of Initiatives at COSMOS, added, "To improve post-secondary attainment, students need relevant pathways to success and opportunities to develop and grow their employability skills. Without generous funding from the General Motors Foundation, we would not be able to continue to provide students with opportunities to create functional solutions to authentic problems and increase their exposure to careers within the STEM sector."

Shoals Library wants to expand tax base

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, November 16. The Shoals Library has requested to expand their tax base to include Halbert, Center, Mitcheltree and Lost River townships. The commissioners are responsible for deciding if they can do that. Attorney Lett recommended the commissioners wait to make a decision until they get public feedback.

The current tax rate for residents in the Town of Shoals, who are the only ones who pay a property tax rate to the library, is .1977. If the property tax area is expanded to include the four townships, the rate would drop to .0745 cents for every \$100 in assessed property valuation. This would increase the property tax levy to the library from \$29,000 to \$140,000 per year. The taxes for a property worth \$60,000 would be \$44 per year going to the library. Sylvia Albaugh, with the Shoals Library, said they need the extra funds to provide more services to the public and also make improvements to the building, which is historic. She said they do apply for any grants they qualify for, but it's not enough to keep up with what is needed.

Currently, the library receives funds from townships in the form of a contract annually. That money is also collected as a property tax levy but is minimal. As of last year, Lost River paid nothing to the library but did not collect a levy, Mitcheltree Township paid \$3,500, Center Township paid \$6,100 per year and Halbert Township paid \$5,000. Each township (except Lost River) had funds left over in the library line item of their budget in 2020. The payments from townships has been the compensation the library receives for providing services to residents

in each of the townships. If the tax base is expanded, the townships will no longer need to collect a library levy.

The commissioners will discuss the issue at their next meeting once they hear feedback from the public.

The commissioners asked Tiffany Whaley, with the ambulance service, if they could provide notice to the sheriff's department about how many staff are on each shift because there are times an ambulance is not available. Commissioner Paul George said updates needs to be on a regular basis, or more specifically on the start of each shift, so the dispatchers know if they need to contact another county for an ambulance.

Whaley said there is a national EMS shortage right now and it will be worse once they are required to get the COVID vaccine. She said they always have at least one ambulance available. She said she would get the word out to her staff to make sure to keep the sheriff's department updated.

Sheriff Travis Roush gave the commissioners a check for \$135,975 for housing Vigo County inmates. Roush thanked the commissioners for the focus on maintenance at the jail. It was also reported there are currently 54 total inmates in the jail with 18 from Vigo County

Clerk Gerald Montgomery talked to the commissioners about new scanning machines that scan driver's licenses when a person comes into the precinct to vote instead of it being written down in the registered voter book. The \$51,015 for the scanners will be paid for by the Indiana Secretary of State. He said that after the first year, the county will have to pay the maintenance fee and software charge and he is not certain but believes the cost would be around \$200 per machine and there are 18 machines. The commissioners approved the scanners.

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Board member steps down

The Shoals School Board met November 11. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Jenell Hoffman, Eva George, and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Kindra Hovis, and Shannon Wagoner. No patrons were in attendance.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

- Sam Boyd resigned effective November 12, 2021, from the board member position.
- Apryl Kidd as the COSMOS Director.
- Jeff Jones as varsity softball head coach
- Brittany Jones and Rebecca Rollins as junior high softball coaches
- Nicole Wade and Caitlin Sanders as junior high softball volunteers
- Mike Steiner as softball volunteer
- Kacey Jones as high school female attendant/varsity assistant/bus
- Jim Potts as high school softball JV/varsity assistant
- Emma Hert as volunteer cheer coach
- Dylan Erwin as boys' volunteer basketball coach
- Lisa Taylor to resign effective November 19, 2021.
- Stacey Fox requested FMLA beginning

December 6 and returning tentatively on January 10, 2022.

The Superintendent recommended eliminating the current pay scale and increasing the current pay of non-certified employees by \$1 per hour effective November 8, 2021. Shannon Wagoner and Kindra Hovis to receive \$5,000 and Lisa Elliot to receive a \$1,000 stipend for managing all the additional federal Covid grants. Non-certified employees on salary will receive the equivalent of \$1 per hour and an official policy will be presented at the December board meeting. Future increases will be set by the board on an annual basis. The board approved.

The board approved the junior high cheerleaders to have a bake sale on November 3.

Elementary Principal Shannon Wagoner started with a visit from WTHI TV. News reporter Gary Brian interviewed students and observed them in action in the FAB Lab. They were programming and creating items, such as key chains, on the Glow Forge and 3-D printers. They staff are so proud of Mrs. McNabb and the students.

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Library grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County Community Foundation recently presented a \$1,875 grant to the Shoals Public Library. The grant came from the "donor advised" Paul (Gene) and Ann Shaw Fund. Terry Shaw, Steve Deckard, Dale Brown, and Don Bowling were the founding donors for this endowment fund created in memory of Gene and Ann. Pictured on the left, MCCF Board member Laura Albertson watches as Library Director Sylvia Albaugh receives the check from Terry Shaw.

BOARD

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The fundraiser was a huge success. The money is due next week. Field trips are back this year. The latest field trip was to Marengo Caves and the students had a wonderful time. Thank you to the board for allowing staff to attend them. Ms. Hickman has been preparing for the annual Christmas Program which is scheduled for December 7 at 1:30 p.m. The 1st, 2nd, and 4th-grade students will perform. Elementary will be attending the National Beta Convention on November 18 in Evansville. They have 30 elementary students attending. Good Luck to all the students. Elementary basketball kicked off on the home court. They appreciate all the fans and the cheerleaders who were so supportive with their cheers. The Student Council collected money and purchased items to partner with the Family Fellowship on packing Operation Christmas Boxes. They earned enough money to pay for the shipping. Red Ribbon Week was a huge success. A special shout out to Mimi Hawkins for organizing the events and competitions. The staff appreciate the generosity of Dutch and Lana Allen, they are a blessing to the school. They will be holding a fundraiser this Saturday, November 13 from 1-5 p.m. 100 percent of the proceeds go to purchasing books for the Inchy Book Vending Machine. Dutch is firing up the smoker and providing smoked pork chops and baked potatoes. They are accepting donations of salads and desserts. Fire Chief Jim Hamby took time out of his busy schedule to bring the fire trucks and other firemen out to the school. Students were taught fire safety and a question/answer session was given.

A written report from Middle School Principal Josh Mullis was read. October students and teacher of the month were honored just recently. They enjoyed lunch from the Jug Rock Cafe and appreciate their partnership to help provide meals for the school. The middle school is participating in the Booster Clubs food drive this week. They have started a new program in the middle school entitled Fun Friday. If the students can go the whole week without a tardy, missed assignment, or a zero on any assignment, and not accumulate any discipline issues then they will be eligible to participate in fun Friday. First-term report cards are being mailed out. They held the annual Veterans' Day program. The beta convention will be this upcoming Thursday in Evansville with 38 students going to represent Shoals. Kudos to Miss Troutman, the MS Beta Clubs Sponsor, for spending countless hours helping the students prepare for their various competitions. Good luck to our Quiz Bowl Beta club participants for advancing past the preliminary round of competition and will now compete in the in-person round at the convention. Also, to the students and coaches who are involved with the Robotics team at their competition this Saturday at Center Grove Middle School.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis began with Mr. Gee's "Hobbit Hike", which was a huge success. Students in grades K-12 enjoyed hiking through the interactive skit. Everyone loved it. Mrs. Perry's culinary classes are always busy with fun projects such as Halloween treat contests, Rox Cafe, Veteran's Day program entree, and so forth. Mrs. Holt's healthcare classes enjoyed a hands-on career fair hosted by Vincennes University at the end of October. Students raved about it and are hoping to go again next year. The student ambassadors gave a tour to a team from Rural Early College Network. Students discussed the different pathways that Shoals offers and explained various projects that are currently going on. The siding and windows are on one side of the animal barn and are gorgeous. School spirit is back in the halls and at games as students dress up for various theme days in support of the basketball teams. The pep section has been filled at every ball game. Thank you to Charlene Breidenbaugh for all of her work with the Veteran's Day program this year. Thank you to all of our veterans who have served. Thank you to SPA for providing teachers with dinner during parent teacher conferences and for a fun filled craft show last Saturday. The craft show was a huge success. Upcoming events are ISTEP the week of November 15, State BETA convention November 19 and 20, Evansville, Seniors will be traveling to Indy November 23 to watch Charles Dickens, "A Christmas Carol", Thanksgiving break November 24-26, picture retake day December 2, and FTC event at Shoals December 3.

Dr. Roush wished all of the veterans a Happy Veterans Day and thanked those involved in helping with the school's Veterans Day program. She wished the robotics teams good luck this weekend at their competition. She informed the board about a Farm 2 School grant that will be coming up in December that the school plans to apply for. Dr. Roush will be presenting on Friday, November 12 at a national conference in Indianapolis on the COSMOS collaboration with Mitchell and Orleans schools. Finally, she notified the board about the process of hiring a new board member and offered to set up an executive meeting before the next board meeting to allow the board time to interview and select a new board candidate.

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velop new and disruptive technologies." The tech company many of NSWC Crane's efforts focus on advancing DOD-unique capabilities in radiation hardened electronics and radio-frequency technology was an additional draw.

Radiation hardening is a process of making electronic components resistant to radiation, whether it is in outer space, near nuclear reactors or nuclear warfare



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District forester Janet Eger (shown above in the black hat) discusses invasive species with local woodland owners.

Local forester honored with statewide award

Janet Eger, of Shoals, received the John F. Datena Distinguished Forester Award at the recent Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association annual conference. Eger has been working with Indiana Division of Forestry for nearly 43 years. Her primary work consists of educating private woodland owners on how to manage the natural resources on their property.

This award recognizes Eger's career as a leader in forest conservation and her support for Indiana woodland owners. She has received numerous excellence awards in the past and continues to volunteer for Society of American Foresters, White River Forestry Committee, Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation

and Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association.

"Janet not only supports woodland owners in their stewardship, she goes above and beyond every day to make the forests of Indiana better," said Liz Jackson, executive director of IFWOA.

The award recognizes individuals who have spent their careers making significant and sustained contributions for forestry. Additional honorees for the 2021 class of the John F. Datena award were Bill Hoover of West Lafayette and John Seifert of North Vernon.

This award was presented by the Indiana Hardwoods Lumbermen's Association, Indiana Association of Consulting Foresters, Indiana Society of American Foresters, and Indiana Forestry & Woodland Owners Association.



JANET EGER

LIBRARY

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The commissioners voted to have Thompson Insurance be the county's agent of record for health, life and optional insurance. Kern's Insurance, ISU Insurance, and Thompson Insurance gave presentations at the last meeting. Bridget Redmond, with ISU Insurance, asked if they were changing the agent of record now because they are contracted through the end of the year. She wanted to know who they want to do the open enrollment. Auditor Bobbie Abel said this issue was not brought to her attention until five minutes before the meeting started. Redmond also noted they brought a renewal

contract to the meeting as they assumed they would be continuing on as the county's agent. The other ISU representative, Ky Yearling, said he was shocked that they were not renewed. After discussion, the commissioners re-voted to change agent of record January 1. Marilyn McCullough, with Thompson, said she would be happy to handle the open enrollment and work alongside ISU Insurance, if needed.

Commissioner Cody Roush said he wanted a smooth transition to the new agent for the employees and didn't want any grudges being held that would affect them.

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OBITUARIES

LYNN HARSHAW

Lynn Harshaw passed away Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Loogootee, she was 53.

She was born April 11, 1968, in Washington; son of the late Donald "Dutch" Lannan and Lois (Davis) Lannan.

Lynn was a caring and compassionate

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mother and friend. Her daughters were her pride and joy. She had a great love for her family. Lynn enjoyed shopping and going on motorcycle rides. She loved to attend car shows and concerts.

She was a member of the Dover Hill Christian Church and sang in the choir. She was previously employed by DF Crane Construction from 1988-2004. She was currently employed at NSW Crane and worked for various government contractors over the years.

Lynn was preceded in death by her parents, Donald "Dutch" Lannan and Lois Steffe and brother, Charlie Lannan.

She is survived by her daughters, Heather Harshaw and fiancé, Jonathan Newby, of Fort Wayne and Hannah Harshaw of Loogootee;

siblings, Gary (Debbie) Lannan and Beth (Dave) Milligan, both of Loogootee; sister-in-law, Denise Lannan; friend, Mark Robbins of Shoals; and step-father, Tom Steffe of Jasper.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 15 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Martin Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a fund will be established for Lynn's daughters. Please make checks payable to Beth Milligan. Donations can also be made to the Dover Hill Christian Church.

Condolences may be made online at

www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Lynn Harshaw.

DARREL SALMON

Darrel Edward Salmon passed away November 12, 2021. He was 40.

He was born October 24, 1981, in Washington; son of Roy and Debra (Webster) Salmon.

Darrel was of Christian faith and graduated from Shoals High School in 2000 and Wyoming Technical Institute in 2001. He will be remembered for his quick wit, amazing sense of humor and generous spirit. He was a talented singer, song writer and musician. He was also a very creative wood worker. Above all, he cherished the moments with his son, Cole, who he affectionately called Pup, the most. He was his pride and joy.

He was preceded in death by his pa-

ternal grandparents, Robert and Fern Salmon and maternal grandmother, Betty Workman.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his parents, Roy and Debra Salmon of Shoals; a son, Cole Salmon of Lutz, Florida; sisters, Jonie (Jason) Roach of Shoals and Janelle (Scott) Howard of Bedford; nephews, Aiden and Alex Smith and Niece Kaylee Howard; grandpa, Robert Webster-Odon and several aunts, uncles and cousins and many friends.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 20, at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, with Pastor Jim Lilly officiating.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. until the service hour on Saturday at the Queen-Lee Chapel.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard north of Shoals. Major Keller was notified.

11:26 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a cat complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:22 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:35 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:59 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of debris on the highway west of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth responded.

10:46 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

10:06 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:27 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

10:49 a.m. - Received a report of a landlord dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

1:38 p.m. - Received several accidental 911 calls.

1:58 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:00 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

2:29 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

5:58 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:28 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth and Major Keller responded.

8:18 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

8:22 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

8:29 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:08 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Wells responded.

9:14 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Wells assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

11:08 a.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:25 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

1:58 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

2:07 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one

inmate to court.

3:21 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person southeast of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, ISP Master Trooper Lents, and Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:30 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

5:11 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:13 p.m. - Received a report of a re-possession south of Loogootee.

5:54 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:53 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

1:39 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn west of Shoals.

4:09 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:57 a.m. - Received a report of a limb in the roadway south of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

10:46 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

11:30 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. All Martin County units were notified.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of property damage south of Shoals. Deputy Wells was notified.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of landlord dispute north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

7:59 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Deputy Shaw, Town Marshal Eckert, Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth and Martin County Ambulance responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

5:36 a.m. - Received a water outage complaint south of Shoals.

9:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:21 a.m. - Received a report of property damage southwest of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene was notified.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm northeast of Shoals. They keyholder was located.

4:59 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. ISP Trooper Wilson, Shoals Fire Department, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Wells, Loogootee Chief Means, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:01 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Wells, Shoals Fire Chief Hamby and Martin County Ambulance responded.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

2:33 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:23 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident northeast of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

10:27 a.m. - Received a report of reck-

less driver. Chief Greene and Deputy Wells were notified.

11:52 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person northeast of Shoals. Deputy Wells and ICO Mann were notified.

2:00 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a report of possible theft. Deputy Wells was notified.

5:38 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Wells was notified.

6:24 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:01 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Deputy Wells, and Corporal Seymour responded.

7:47 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person east of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Hawkins, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Bedford IU Health.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7:02 a.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle un-

Real estate transfers

Wayne L. Ritchey and Tammy L. Ritchey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Reuben D. Ritchey**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the east side of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, making 28 acres which lies north and west of the Old Loogootee and Burns City Road and containing 4 acres, more or less, except sections containing 2.2 acres and 1 acre, more or less.

Linda Long to Amy Watson-White and Bradley White, 94.75 acres, more or less, in Section 35, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, except a section containing 5.75 acres, more or less.

Garrett W. Arvin, Diane M. Dillon, Paul J. Arvin, Brenda Carrico, Karen S. Mathias, Brian G. Arvin, Ronald B. Arvin and the Jeffrey S. Arvin Special Needs Trust; and Corey J. Arvin, trustee of the Richard D. Arvin and Phyllis L. Arvin Irr. MAP Trust to **Derrick M. Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 40.218 acres, more or less.

lock.

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of a car accident southeast of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

11:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Daviess County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:03 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:01 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

3:08 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:32 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 dial.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Deputy Wells was notified.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Deputy Wells responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a report of a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:28 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

9:05 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:47 p.m. - Lindsey Hawkins, 31, of Montgomery, was arrested by ISP Master Trooper Lents and charged with driving while suspended, false informing, and possession of marijuana, bond was set at \$15,000 10%.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7:10 a.m. - Marty Peek, 37, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine, reckless driving, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - refusal, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - prior. He is being held without bond.

9:28 p.m. - Blaine Laughlin, 32, of Odon, was arrested by ISP Trooper Brummett on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

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CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCING

November 3

Manuel Hernandez, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

November 4

Kimberly L. Harder, convicted of criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 122 days with 120 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 4 months of probation.

William Garrett Chase Bratton, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor and public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 246 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 123 actual days previously served plus 123 Class A credit days.

November 8

Storm L. Bradley, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 522 days and 365 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 261 actual days previously served plus 261 Class A credit days.

Derrick A. Archer, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 698 days suspended and credit for 16 actual days previously served plus 16 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

November 9

Troy A. Pate, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 32 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 16 actual days previously served plus 16 Class A credit days.

Elijah M. Stoll, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 912 days with 797 days suspended and credit for 6 actual days previously served plus 6 Class A credit days. Plus credit for 83 actual days through Martin County Community Corrections Pretrial Electronically Monitored Home Detention Program plus 20 Class P credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

Larry E. Gilbert, convicted of illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 60 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Jeremie A. Tharp, convicted of domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 726 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 20 months of probation.

Austin Alexander Hinton, convicted of theft, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced

to serve 42 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 21 actual days previously served plus 21 Class A credit days.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 3

Manuel Hernandez, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 4

Kimberly L. Harder, theft, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Charlie D. Davis, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Tonya M. Summers, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

William Garrett Chase Bratton, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 8

Storm L. Bradley, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; no valid driver's license, a Class C Infraction, dismissed.

Derrick A. Archer, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 9

Troy A. Pate, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Elijah M. Stoll, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

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

CIVIL COURT

November 4

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Caitlin Holt, civil collection.

Bethany Robinson vs. Tyree Robinson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

November 9

Steven R. Rangai vs. Cynthia D. Rangai, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

November 9

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Dina Ferguson, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

November 9

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Makayla Hill in the amount of \$4,416.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the de-

fendant William Hopkins in the amount of \$3,203.52.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Amber R. Cramer in the amount of \$7,945.36.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the de-

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30 a.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check on East Broadway Street.

3:45 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a request to assist Dubois County in pursuit of a vehicle on US 231 South.

6:51 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Shoals Police Department with a call.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

12:08 a.m. - Caller requested an ambulance on Nolley Lane.

9:08 a.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a caller about a domestic situation.

11:48 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Sycamore Street.

2:28 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle at a local business.

2:44 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 231 North.

7:05 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a vehicle driving in the wrong lane on West Broadway Street.

9:05 p.m. - Officer Means spoke with an individual regarding what is allowed to be burned in city limits.

10:02 p.m. - Officer Means took a report of a runaway juvenile.

10:08 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Redbud Street.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

9:40 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a hit-and-run accident on Main Street and JFK Avenue.

1:50 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with an individual regarding harassment.

6:09 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a minor property damage accident on Vincennes Street and JFK Avenue.

7:50 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth checked on a report of smoke on North Street.

9:45 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a possible prowler.

10:13 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a residential burglar alarm.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

3:03 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a welfare check.

9:57 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

10:41 a.m. - Officer Wells responded to a report of an erratic driver on US 231 North.

4:52 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to an accident on East Broadway Street.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

5:19 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Doyle Avenue.

6:43 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a reckless driver on US 231 North.

7:22 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding a phone scam.

8:54 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an unwanted person refusing to leave at a local business.

9:31 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of trespassing.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

2:51 a.m. - Chief Means responded to retrieve items from an individual's residence that were left behind by someone that had been at their residence.

fendant Matthew S. Clark in the amount of \$5,876.95.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

November 3

Rebecca M. Turpin of Odon and Stephen Thomas Shout of Shoals.

Terry Edward Wells of Loogootee and Melissa Dawn Wisley of Loogootee.

6:19 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on a domestic dispute.

6:55 a.m. - Loogootee First Responders and Officer Seymour responded to a medical call on SR 550.

10:20 a.m. - Officer Seymour took a report of a battery.

7:03 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on a report of a possible break-in at a residence on Haw Creek Road.

8:28 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a welfare check.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

1:07 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of a car alarm sounding in the area of a local business.

1:28 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department in locating an individual for a welfare check.

3:45 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a welfare check.

12:50 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a residential burglar alarm.

6:23 p.m. - Chief Means completed a check of a residence in reference to possible trespassing.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:20 a.m. - School Resource Officer Rayhill and Chief Means completed a welfare check.

1:35 p.m. - Chief Means assisted Martin County Ambulance and Indiana State Police with a medical call on Queen Street.

6:09 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a property damage accident on Mill Street.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7:28 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a residential burglar alarm.

8:22 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding an issue with a neighbor.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:58 a.m. - Officer Wells completed a vehicle check.

11:37 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth spoke with a complainant regarding the noise ordinance in town.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:04 a.m. - Chief Means responded to an active alarm at a local business.

10:01 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a traffic complaint at US 50 and Pine Street.

11:59 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a suspicious person at a local business.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a semi on US 231 North with doors open.

6:45 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to an alarm at a local business.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

4:01 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a property damage accident on US 50 East.

5:39 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a vehicle check.

9:13 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth completed a welfare check.

Saturday, November 13

12:03 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth received a report of possible illegal drug activity.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

11:12 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 North.

7:17 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of harassment at a local business.



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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



Mr. Smith was conducting a lecture on the proper use of punctuation marks. To ensure that his students have effectively learned a thing or two from his lessons, he conducted a brief exercise for them.

He went to the blackboard and wrote, "Woman without her man is useless." He called on two students – a boy and a girl – to place the proper punctuations in the given phrase. To his amusement, the two had different answers.

The boy wrote, "Woman, without her man, is useless."

Whereas, the girl wrote, "Woman! Without her, man is useless."

THOUGHTS

*I have an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other. I'm also deaf in one ear.

*You know all those things people think, but don't say them? I say them.

*One of the shortest wills ever written: "Being of sound mind, I spent all my money."

*I always carry a pebble with me to throw at people who sing Christmas songs in October. I call it my jingle bell rock.

*Guess who is all caught up on housework? Not me, but if you find that person, send them to my house.

*I was wondering why music was coming from my printer...Apparently the paper was jamming.

RIDDLES:

1. What's a dog's favorite kind of pizza?

za?

2. Why aren't dogs good dancers?

3. What do trees and dogs have in common?

4. What dog keeps the best time?

5. Why did the snowman name his dog Frost?

6. Why are dogs like phones?

7. What do you call a dog in winter?

8. Why did the dog cross the road?

SERIOUSISMS

*When life is difficult and when everything turns bad, always remember that even a turtle can finish a race as long as he never gives up.

*The work of local artists is not sitting on cargo ships.

*One of the happiest moments in life is when you find the courage to let go of what you can't change.

*Biggest Lesson in Life: Don't ever think it can't happen to you.

*A smart person knows what to say. A wise person knows whether or not to say it.

ANSWERS:

1. Pupperoni

2. Because they have two left feet

3. They both have a lot of bark

4. A watch dog

5. Because Frost bites

6. Because they have collar IDs

7. A chili dog

8. To get to the barking lot

Make someone smile today!

Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association holds meeting

The Daviess/Martin Indiana Retired Teachers Association met at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant on Friday, November 12. President Alice Jones led the members in the pledge and conducted the meeting. The minutes from the September meeting, submitted by Nancy Adams, and the treasurer's report, submitted by David Lennen, were read and approved.

Lawana Hand presented the Community Service Report and reminded members to continue to keep track of their volunteer hours.

David Lennen, President Elect of the State IRTA, gave a report on attending the Clay County IRTA meeting. He announced that there will be an IRTA Board of Directors meeting on December 1 to work on strategic planning. Also, there will be virtual workshops on January 19, 2022. David is state membership chair and passed out packages of M&M's to each attendee. They are to remind us that 'membership matters' and to recruit 'more members.'

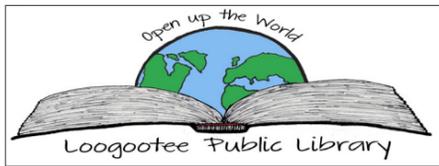
Pennies From Heaven donations were collected and will go to the Power House this year. Member Pat Brochin will be delivering the supplies brought by members for the Power House. It was decided that Washington Community Schools will be the next corporation to receive appreciation gifts from the Daviess/Martin IRTA.

The program was presented by Sandra McLin, from AMBA. She told the members about the various insurance plans that are offered.

Door prizes were provided by Vicki Bauernfiend and Rosie Winger and were won by Ken Macy, Pat Brochin, and Donna Keller. Members attending were Aggie Cooper, Ken Macy, Lawana Hand, David Lennen, Donna Keller, Ramona Len-

nen, Janice Riley, Linda Strosnider, Alice Jones, Carol Olsen, Pat Brochin, and guest, Sandra McLin.

The next meeting will be January 14, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. at the Gasthof Restaurant in Montgomery. Members were reminded to bring bags of candy to the January meeting. All Daviess and Martin County retired teachers are invited to attend. After the blessing, the meeting was adjourned for lunch.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Thursday, November 25, Friday, November 26, and Saturday, November 27.

Friends of Loogootee Library and the Library Board Members will have a Soup Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, December 5 from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at the previous library building on 106 N. Line St., Loogootee. There will be a variety of soups, hot dogs, and baked goods available to purchase-eat in-house or to go. In addition, a few baskets for silent auction will be available.

Carolyn's Book Club will meet on Thursday, December 9 at 6 p.m.

New Books:

DVDs: "12 Mighty Orphans", "Disney's Cruella", "Queen Bees", "The Secret Scripture" and "Respect".

Library hours: Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-7, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Board of Works special meeting

The Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety will hold a special meeting this evening, Wednesday, November 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the city council meeting room in the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to approve hiring two new full-time police officers and one reserve officer. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, November 16 at 4 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

Shoals School Board executive meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet in executive session on Wednesday, November 17 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a list of prospective appointees to fill a vacancy on the school board. The meeting is closed to the public pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1.

Martin County ARPA meeting

The Martin County ARPA Committee will conduct a public meeting Thursday, November 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse to review the plan for expenditure of American Rescue Plan Funds designated for Martin County and such other business as the committee shall deem necessary.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

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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 or call at 295-3149.

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I am thankful for my garden. It is my place of release and relaxation, even though most of the time I spend there I am working very hard. It is my place of exercise and my place of wonder. It does not matter how many times I see the sun set from the top of the cliff, I marvel at the beauty. The colors of autumn in the gulf below make sunsets particularly beautiful this time of the year.

Sandhill Gardens is a place of great diversity, and that results in great fall color. I have several different types of maple trees, with fall foliage from yellow to deep red to a rosy mauve. The Japanese maples add even more color options. Burgundy and orange leaves shine above stems that turn bright pink for the winter. There are about a dozen different types of dogwoods in the gardens, and each variety has a different hue in the leaves. While most are in the red range, they run the gamut from a deep wine to bright cherry red. Of course, the osier dogwoods, such as the red and yellow twiggid types, produce even more vivid colors on the young twigs. If your osier dogwood is not as bright as it used to be, you may want to prune it back severely before spring to promote new growth next year. To maintain shrubs with good color, cut the older brown stems to the ground. If you cut out a third of the stems each year, the shrub will always produce color for the cool months.

Perhaps my favorite shrub for autumn color is the oak-leaf hydrangea. It is hard to really describe the color of the relatively-large leaves. They retain much of their deep green of summer but are streaked with a deep burgundy and some deep brown. They retain the leaves much longer than most trees, and even when they lose the leaves, the exfoliating bark beneath continues to create interest in the bleakness of winter. Most of them retain their dried flower panicles, which are rather large. The papery brown hue stands out against the foliage and the bark and make

great additions to dried-flower bouquets.

Other trees at Sandhill Gardens that add autumn interest include serviceberry, quaking aspen, river birch, and Franklinia. A few years ago, most of those trees were hard to find in nurseries, but, in recent years, they have become more widely available. Look for them at nurseries in the spring to add to your garden for many future years.

Green is still a color, even in fall. The many evergreens that I have been planting at Sandhill Gardens add a lot of color at all times. The colors of fall look even brighter when they are in front of a deep green background. The very term "evergreen" is a little misleading. The greens range from pea-green to emerald, but others have a decidedly blue cast. Some have yellow accents and others are almost completely gold. Even some of the green trees get a rusty overtone during the winter. That adds up to a lot of diversity and color interest.

The berries also provide color and interest in the fall and winter landscape. The purple of beautyberry will last as long as the birds leave some on the shrubs. Firethorns produce berries in shades of yellow and orange. They are often mistaken for bittersweet, which, unfortunately, is not found at Sandhill Gardens.

Perhaps the most attractive berries are from the many types of holly found in the gardens. Everyone associates red berries with holly, and, indeed, those boughs of holly with red berries are classic decorations at Christmas. The red berries of winterberry or deciduous holly also stick around for much of winter. However, not all holly berries are red. Some are yellow, orange and even black, and all bring some color to the garden.

As you see, I have a lot for which to be thankful. Come out and enjoy the diversity of Sandhill Gardens or take my advice and add something colorful to your garden in the spring.

Copies of 2022 Indiana State Parks special events calendar available

Advance copies of the 2022 Indiana State Parks special events calendar are available in PDF format by emailing speialevents@dnr.IN.gov. You can request a hard copy by calling 317-232-4140.

This calendar offers a high-level listing of events and dates for the entire year for those who are planning vacations and weekend trips to coincide with their favorite activities.

Events on the 2022 calendar range from winter bald eagle watches and full moon hikes in several locations to dates for Easter egg hunts, paddling events, fireworks, organized runs and walks like Volksmarches, holiday buffets at inns, and fall festival weekends at DNR properties across the state.

Individual events with additional details will also be posted by properties on the DNR calendar, which you can see at calendar.dnr.IN.gov or by visiting interpretiveservices.IN.gov. Events are also posted at nature centers and park gates.

Some state parks also offer periodic electronic newsletters with event details. A list of these is at [Subscribe at public.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDNR/subscriber/topics](http://Subscribeatpublic.govdelivery.com/accounts/INDNR/subscriber/topics), where you can select individual parks under State Parks.

"In addition to these special events, our interpretive naturalists offer a wide range of daily hikes, talks, and other outdoor experiences to introduce and connect Hoosiers to our natural and cultural resources throughout the year," said Ginger Murphy, deputy director of Indiana State Parks.

For camping reservations, visit Camp.IN.gov (available 24 hours) or call 1-866-6CAMPIN (1-866-622-6746) between noon and 8 p.m. Reservations can now be made year-round up to six months in advance to ensure that you have your favorite campsite.

For reservations at Indiana State Park Inns, visit IndianaInns.com or call 1-877-LODGES1 (1-877-563-4371).

Forest Service seeks applicants for fire grants

The USDA Forest Service Eastern Region is requesting applications for the 2022 Cohesive Fire Strategy grant program. These competitive grants support local wildfire management initiatives on non-federal land in the 20 Northeast and Midwest states. Over the past six years, the region has distributed nearly \$18 million through these grants and anticipates awarding approximately \$4 million in 2022.

Through this announcement, the Eastern Region will award funding in three categories: Wildfire Risk Reduction; Wildfire Preparedness; and Cross-Boundary Hazardous Fuels Reduction. Eligible applicants vary by grant, but include state forestry agencies, sovereign tribal nations, non-profit organizations, forest fire compacts and academic institutions. This year, the maximum funding that an organization can request per project is doubling to up

to \$300,000 for Wildfire Risk Reduction and \$100,000 for Wildfire Preparedness grants.

"Through the Cohesive Fire Strategy competitive grant program, we are supporting our partners and their work of protecting homes and property, developing resilient, fire-adapted landscapes and improving wildfire preparedness benefiting local communities and forests," said Steve Goldman, Forest Service Eastern Region Fire and Aviation Management Deputy Director. "These efforts show that the commitment to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires doesn't end at jurisdictional or property boundaries."

The final submission deadline into Grants.gov is January 14, 2022. More information on eligibility and qualifying projects is available at www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r9/workingtogether/grants/?cid=FSEPRD898823.

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