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## Ballpark playground

-Photos provided

The new playground at the Shoals Ballpark is now complete. The install crew finished up the installation that started on December 20. The new playground is for preschool children 2-5 years of age. The playground will be completely fenced in and is located behind the main bleachers at the big field. The play set system offers two climbing panels, two slides and more. A caterpillar crawl tube and ADA adaptive swings complete the new playground all in red, white and blue. A canopy sunshade spans over the top of the play set system. The playground is just one part of the \$140,000 Phase II Revitalization Grant made possible by the Martin County Community Foundation with support from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its \$100,000 leadership grant from Lilly Endowments Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT) VII Initiative.

## Attorney General invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov to kick off 2023

After ringing in the new year, Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov) to see if they have some extra money waiting for them in 2023.

"Our hardworking Hoosiers deserve to have their money returned," Attorney General Rokita said. "My office is committed to serving the people of Indiana and protecting their individual liberty. Getting unclaimed property back in the hands of its rightful owner is crucial."

### Kettle Campaign raises \$5,000

\$5,000 was donated to Salvation Army to help the people of Martin County during the recent Red Kettle Campaign conducted in Loogootee and Shoals.

The following churches and organizations rang bells at IGA: Redemption Christian Church, Loogootee Methodist Church, Martin County Junior Leaders, New Beginnings Church, Loogootee School, St. John's Lutheran Church, Redeeming Grace CWM, and St. John's Catholic Church. Kettles were placed at the following businesses to collect money: Dollar General in Loogootee and Shoals, R.J.'s, Marathon, Bauer Family Coffee Shop, Corner Cafe, and Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant.

A big thank you to all who made this Red Kettle Campaign a success.

With the new year rolling in, let's celebrate together with newly discovered cash.

In 2022, Attorney General Rokita's office returned over \$62 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners. This is in addition to the \$48 million returned in unclaimed property in 2021.

While you're spending time with family and friends over the holidays, be sure to also ask loved ones about assets and send them to our website.

Unclaimed property is any financial asset with no activity by its owner for an extended period of time. This can include once unclaimed property in its custody. The Unclaimed Property Division at Attorney General Rokita's office conducts outreach efforts to locate the rightful owners or heirs.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Over \$700 million remains to be claimed, and it can be returned to its rightful owners in 2023. Visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov) or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family, or business.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or [updmail@atg.in.gov](mailto:updmail@atg.in.gov).

You may also like and/or follow the Unclaimed Property Division on Facebook.

## Tri Kappa offers several scholarships

The state organization of Tri Kappa will award a variety of scholarships to college students throughout Indiana in the spring. Tri Kappa has provided scholarship awards since 1914, recognizing students on the local, province, and state levels. Chapters, provinces and the state organization combined gave more than \$1.5 million in 2021 to honor academic achievement.

Scholarship chair Samantha Nelson, of Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter, is currently seeking applicants for the following:

Twelve+ \$1,000 Academic Scholarships

To apply students must be currently enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program, be listed on the transcript as at least a sophomore (refers to credit hours completed) or be in second year of a community or junior college and transferring to a four-year program. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee are academic achievement, strong goals and extracurricular and work experiences.

Two \$1,000 Key/Vocational Scholarships

Key scholarships are directed to those students who have no previous degree beyond high school and have had a lapse in their education for at least five years. Those students enrolled in an accredited school offering an associate or baccalaureate degree who have completed one semester may apply.

Vocational applicants should be students who will be enrolled in a post-high school accredited vocational, technical or trade certification program this fall.

Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee for these two scholarships are academic achievement, strong goals and community and work experiences.

Three+ \$1,000 Fine Arts Scholarships

Students majoring in art, dance, drama or music are eligible. To apply, students must be currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program, be listed on the transcript as at least a sophomore (refers to credit hours completed).

One \$1,000 Twanette Nutter Fleming Music Award

Applicants for this award must be enrolled in a fully accredited course of study leading to a degree to teach music in a private, public or parochial school. They must be listed on the transcript as at least a sophomore (refers to credit hours completed).

Scholarship chair Samantha Nelson stated, "Our area boasts numerous college students who are talented and would qualify for these scholarships. We are hopeful that we can identify those students so we may begin the process of submitting an application for State Tri Kappa scholarships."

Students wishing to apply for any of these scholarships are encouraged to contact Samantha at 812-296-1395 or [bscenin@hotmail.com](mailto:bscenin@hotmail.com).

The state scholarship committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients.

In addition to the state scholarships, the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa also provides two local scholarships in the amount of \$500 each; one to a graduating Loogootee High School student and one to a graduating Shoals High School student. Proof of college enrollment for the 2023-2024 Fall Semester is required. Applications for those High School Scholarships can be obtained from your local High School Counselor or by contacting Samantha Nelson (812) 296-1395 or by email at [bscenin@hotmail.com](mailto:bscenin@hotmail.com) (See 'TRI KAPPA' on page 3)



## Shoals Robotics competition invite

-Photo provided

The Shoals FTC robotics teams 9864 Jug Rox Robotics and 22871 Rox-Paper-Scissors would like to invite the community to watch them compete on January 7 and January 14 at Shoals High School. The teams will be competing in several matches on those dates between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. against other Southern Indiana teams. The matches will determine their ranking as they work toward the league championship on February 11 at WestGate Academy. The teams would like to thank their sponsors Duke Energy, Martin County Community Foundation, Shoals Community Schools, Kimball Electronics, Jasper Engines, USG, Loughmiller Machine Tool & Design, Bauer Family, Bo-Mac's, Toyota, Queen-Lee Chapel of the George Funeral Care, Loogootee Eye Center, Crane Credit Union, Hawkins Health Center, German American Bank and National Gypsum.





Service recognized

-Photo provided

Outgoing Shoals Town Council Members Cecil L. Ragsdale and Clint D. Hoffman were presented plaques of recognition at the council's year-end meeting held at the Shoals Town Hall on Friday, December 30. Both councilmen were thanked for their many years of dedicated service and work to the community of Shoals. Shown from left to right are Council President Cary D. Albright, Councilman Cecil L Ragsdale, Council Vice President Clint D Hoffman, and Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge.



Councilman's Corner

By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

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

It's been a very busy time at the Town of Shoals putting together money so we can update our wastewater infrastructure.

In late November, we had a pre-bond closing meeting. Most people would say 'what's that mean?! Well, it's like when you take out a mortgage on your home, and everybody gets together and makes sure the paperwork is in order. The big difference here is we have several organizations involved in order to generate the money for the project - the Indiana State Revolving Loan Fund, Ice Miller bond lawyers out of Indianapolis, our financial consultant, our town clerk-treasurer, and our deputy clerk-treasurer for the town. Also, myself your councilman, town attorney, our Southern Indiana Development Corporation representative, and the Indiana Finance Authority. That's a lot of checks and balances to match and make sure everybody has their i's dotted and t's crossed. We've been working four years to get to this point.

So, what does that mean for the Town of Shoals?

This means we can move forward with the much-needed updates to our wastewater system. We had an outstanding loan (at a higher interest rate with the USDA) the town borrowed over 19 years ago, \$690,000 toward our wastewater system that is due in 2042. This money was used for testing to show problems and not for updates or improvements. We took the remaining balance of that loan (\$522,000) and combined it with the amount we're borrowing for this project and were able to come in at a lower interest rate, and a better bond deal. Your council pursued and was awarded \$852,000 in grant money that does not have to be paid back. Because we went through the state to borrow this money, we were able to capitalize on their ability to borrow money at a low interest rate. This is because the State of Indiana has an excellent credit rating, and we paid a lot down with grants that your town aggressively went after. Just

like when you get a loan for your home, the better credit rating you have and the more you put down, the lower your payments will be. The following numbers I am giving out are approximate numbers. It makes it easier to understand the overall picture. Four years ago, the project cost was estimated at 1.5 million dollars. This was all before the word COVID was ever heard of! Then it went to 1.9 million dollars and kept rising. Your council and clerk-treasurer went to work applying and searching for ways to fund the wastewater update program. Then everything went in very slow motion due to COVID. Yet we pushed forward. The bottom line, four years later the projected cost is now 2.4 million dollars plus the \$522,000 we now owe, brings project costs to 2.9 million dollars. I could go on and on! The bottom line is COVID's massive labor and material shortages, also IF we can even get the special materials required.

The Town of Shoals combines the old loan with the USDA and the new amount to do the project. The timing of this was before interest went up the grant money, also using the State of Indiana borrowing power along with your town clerk-treasurer and town council has saved the town of Shoals utility customers in excess of over 2 million additional dollars we would have had to pay back on this 35-year loan. The easy way to do this would to have had cost estimates and went to a bank to borrow the money! Yes, we could have done that. Costing an excess of 2 million dollars more. Ok that's a lot of numbers!

So, what does that mean to the Town of Shoals utility customer?

We have to pay that 35-year loan back from collecting wastewater processing bills. Our basic wastewater rate will go up!

A very true statement is the rate COULD have gone up MULTIPLE X's 10 if the town was not smart with your money!

Please, if it does not come off a five-inch roll do not put it in your toilet bowl! Shop Shoals Toy's NAPA parts store.

Advertisement for Queen-Lee Chapel featuring a quote from Admiral Grace Hopper: "The most dangerous phrase in our language is, 'We've always done it this way.'" and a photo of Derek George, Owner & Funeral Director.

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# OBITUARIES

## ROBERT JONES

Robert Earl Jones entered into eternal rest on December 24, 2022, at his home. A resident of Roann, he was 64.



ROBERT JONES

He was born April 4, 1958, in Jasper; son of Hilbert Earl Jones and Ida (Emmons) Jones.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, maternal grandparents, Oliver and Thelma Emmons; and paternal grandparents, Herman and Oma Jones.

He was a truck driver and enjoyed fishing, hunting, video games and flying drones.

Robert is survived by four daughters, Kelly, Angie, Heather and Tiffany; two brothers, Ronnie Jones of Florence, Kentucky and Daniel Jones of North Manchester, Indiana; three sisters, Connie Hart (Joe) of Loogootee, Donna Salmon of Washington, and Michelle Jones of Roann.

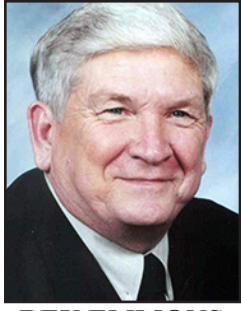
A graveside ceremony was conducted by Mike Barrett on Friday, December 30 at Crystal Community Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick. Condolences may be made at [www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com](http://www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com).

## LOUIS REX EMMONS

Louis Rex Emmons entered into eternal rest on December 28, 2022, at his home. A resident of French Lick, he was 80.

He was born in Martin County on January 14, 1942; son of Delbert Hiram and Mayme Ruth (Collins) Emmons.



REX EMMONS

Rex married Brenda Purkhiser on June 6, 1964, and she preceded him in death on October 2, 2020.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Marcy Dyann Emmons; and two brothers, Clifford and Clarence Emmons.

Rex proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1966, where he served aboard USS Forrestal Aircraft Carrier during the Vietnam War and at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia. He retired from NSWC Crane after 27 years as an inspector.

He was member of Moores Ridge Church where he had been a trustee and song leader; The Church at Powell Valley, where he was a superintendent and youth leader; Lions Club; and West Baden American Legion Post 149.

Rex enjoyed going to church, eating out, watching ballgames on TV and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by two sons, Douglas Rex Emmons (Nancy) of Dalton, Georgia and James Nathan Emmons of Jasper; sister, Mary Henry of Shoals; three grandchildren, Ian McKittrick Emmons, Alexis Marcy Emmons, and Anistyn Tyanna Emmons; one great grandchild, Eden Elizabeth Emmons and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral ceremony was conducted by Rev. Rodney Shelton on Tuesday, January 3 at the Moores Ridge Church Celebration Center with burial following at Ames Chapel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial contributions be made to Moores Ridge Church c/o Building Fund, 3109 S. County Road 500W, French Lick, IN 47432

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick. Condolences may be made at [www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com](http://www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com).

## KYLE COX

Nathan "Kyle" Cox entered into eternal rest on December 20, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent Evansville in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 41.

He was born on April 24, 1981, in Bedford; son of Jackie Phillips and Michelle (Cox) Patton.



KYLE COX

Kyle married Jessica Elkins on November 10, 2018, and she survives.

He was preceded in death by his father; twin brother, Brandon Dean Cox; paternal grandparents, Frank Phillips and Juanita Lee; and maternal grandparents, Donald Cox and Alta Hardin.

Kyle was a 1999 graduate of Springs Valley High School and had worked at JSI.

He enjoyed playing video games and hanging out with his kids.

Kyle is survived by his wife, Jessica Cox of Shoals; four sons, Isaac Cox of West Baden Springs and Caden Millspaugh, Remington Winingger and Deacon Winingger, all of Shoals; brother, Tyler Cox of French Lick; sister, Erica Meredith of Evansville; nephew, Jory Patton and niece, Hadley Meredith.

Cremation was chosen. Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick. Condolences may be made at [www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com](http://www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com).

## GREGORY BOUGH

Gregory Bough passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 70.

He was born July 19, 1952, in Washington; son of the late Donald and Geraldine (Hotz) Bough.



GREGORY BOUGH

Gregory was of the Methodist faith and enjoyed fishing. He worked as a veneer specialist at Jasper Seating Inc. for 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Geraldine Bough and sister, Rebecca Bullock.

Gregory is survived by his son, Trevor (Leslie) Guy of Loogootee; brother, Troy (Ellen) Bough of Jasper; grandsons, Trevor S. Guy and Luke Guy; brother-in-law, Ed Bullock of Loogootee; nephews, Donald Bough, Scott Bullock and Ryan (Bobby) Bullock; and niece, Jennifer (Mark) Guinn.

Gregory wished to be cremated and no services will be held.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Gregory Bough.

## FRANCES BEAL

Frances Beal passed away Thursday, December 29, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her family. A resident of Shoals, she was 70.

She was born June 16, 1952, in Evansville; daughter of Roy and Eva (Hill) Durham. She married Joe Beal in 2004 and he survives.

Frances graduated from Shoals High School and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Shoals American Legion, Shoals VFW, and the Shoals Eagles Lodge.

Frances loved fishing with her sister, Joyce. They called them Thelma and Louise as they were always getting into something, they were very close.

Surviving are her husband Joe; children, David Hartley, Sherry Gibson, Jodi Jones, Michael (Micki) Burton, Casey Morgan, and Stacy Jo Adams; grandchildren, Nicholas India Arvin, Kestin Jones, Kirstin Jones, Holly Dresden, Kendra Hartley, Aisha Burton, Ally Burton, and Levi Burton; great-grandson, Brexton Rude; siblings, Carrie May, Connie Louise, Doris June, Joyce Ann, Lora Faye, Victoria Jean, and Norman Lee; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Richard Hartley; twin granddaughter's, Christina and Kayla Sherfick in infancy; and siblings, Patricia Ilene, Robert Estel, Edward Ray, John Sumner, and Roy Bart.

Funeral services were held at noon today, Wednesday, January 4, at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

The family would like to express a special thank you to Tom French, Nicholas Lett Arvin, and Melissa Carnahan for all the love and support through her last day with them and to her husband, friends, and neighbors for all the love and support.

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

## EDWARD SIMS

Edward Eugene Sims, formerly of Shoals, passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at the Blue Ridge Christian Home in Raphine. A resident of Raphine, Virginia, he was 89.



EDWARD SIMS

He was born February 2, 1933, in Shoals; son of Jasper Newton Sims and Lillian Sargent Hagerty. He married Shirlene Bacacus Simson February 13, 1954, and she preceded him in death on April 14, 2003.

Eddie served 23 years in the United States Navy retiring in 1972 in Pensacola, Florida. He then worked and retired from the US Postal Service in 1996. Edward was a fun-loving, charismatic, witty, sociable, and never meeting a stranger kind of guy. He loved talking, eating, playing cards, and sometimes having a drink or two. He was very loved and will be missed by many.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his two daughters, Susan (Diane) Perkins and her husband, Barry, and Dawn Michelle Smith and her husband, Will; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Shirlene; sons, David Ivan Sims and Douglas Brian Sims; daughter, Donita Lee Overend; and brother, Tony Sims.

Visitation was held Saturday, December 31 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care in Shoals. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery

The family of Edward Sims would like to express a sincere thank you to all at St. Charles in Jasper and Blue Ridge Christian Home in Virginia during his last few years for making it the most comfortable it

## TRI KAPPA

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mail.com.

Local deadline to submit scholarship applications to Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa, is Friday, February 11, 2023. That will provide the committee time to vote on applications, put the packages together and submit to state scholarship committee by the state deadline of February 28, 2023.

The Tri Kappa Local Scholarship Committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients of the above-mentioned scholarships.

could have been. He went through Heaven's Gates with comfort, peace, and grace.

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

## DARRELL ISAACS

Darrell Isaacs passed away Friday, December 30, 2022 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, he was 70.



DARRELL ISAACS

He was born December 30, 1952, in Christopher, Illinois; son of Donald and Juanita (Barnfield) Isaacs.

Darrell was the Pastor of the Faith Holiness Church in Loogootee for over 20 years and worked at the family-owned sawmill in Loogootee.

He married Theresa New on October 7, 1980, and she survives.

Darrell had a hobby farm that he enjoyed working on, enjoyed drag racing, and pastoring his church.

Surviving are his wife, Theresa; children, Stacey Isaacs, Jamie (Jared) Welker, Lisa (Greg) Overfield, and William Isaacs; grandchildren, Bryce Lane, Brandon Lane, Bethany (Dylan) Sturgeon, Emilia Welker and fiancé Antonio Bault, Isabella Welker, Hailey Overfield, and Wyatt Overfield; one great-grandson due in the next few weeks, Oliver Lee Sturgeon; siblings, Kathryn "Kay" Venters, Robert "Bob" (Selena) Isaacs, Jim (Sandy) Isaacs, Debbie Terry, Judy Isaacs, Tom (Rhonda) Isaacs, and Deanna (Carl) Porter; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Darrell in death are his parents; siblings in infancy; brothers-in-law, John Terry and Ed Venters; sister-in-law, Linda Nelson; and two nephews, Donald Venters, and David Nelson.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, January 6 at the Queen-Lee Chapel of George Funeral Care with Pastor Donnie Vaughn officiating. Burial will be in the Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the Queen-Lee Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Queen-Lee Chapel in lieu of flowers.

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

## PUBLIC MEETING

West Boggs Lake Watershed  
Diagnostic Study  
Sponsored by Daviess-Martin  
Joint County Parks and  
Recreation Department  
West Boggs Park

**JANUARY 10, 2023**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Dinkys Auction Center  
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Montgomery, Indiana 47558**

Featured Speaker:  
Dr. Jerry Sweeten  
Ecosystems Connections  
Institute

All residents of the West Boggs  
Lake Watershed  
are encouraged to attend

For additional information  
Contact the West Boggs  
Park Office  
812-295-3421, Menu Option 4



## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:06 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident southeast of Shoals. Corporal Wells, Deputy Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:53 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

12:39 p.m. - Received a report of a stalled vehicle north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

12:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S heading north. Indiana State Police were notified.

2:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Corporal Wells and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:07 p.m. - Received a call reporting a truck in a ditch northeast of Shoals. No tow was needed.

3:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident northwest of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident without injuries south of Shoals. Corporal Wells and Big John's Towing responded.

5:20 p.m. - Received a call reporting a busted water line in Shoals. Shoals Water Department was notified.

5:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver east of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious noise at a residence in Loogootee. Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

8:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded.

8:59 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries south of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

1:19 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:35 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:08 a.m. - Received a transferred 911 call from Dubois County requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with a Dubois County Medic on board.

7:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a traffic hazard on US 50 east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:21 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1 and Corporal Wells responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Medic 2 responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:22 p.m. - Received a call reporting very slick county roads in the area. Martin County Highway was notified.

1:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Animal Control Deputy Hughett were notified.

1:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:31 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:49 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded. No one was transported.

4:56 p.m. - Received a call reporting a stalled vehicle on US 50 heading west. Corporal Wells responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received a call reporting a stalled vehicle on US 50 heading west. Corporal Wells responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a jackknifed semi-south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells and Haysville Fire Department responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

8:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Dispatch with the information.

10:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

3:48 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

4:49 a.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

6:30 a.m. - Received a call from Crane advising their Central Dispatch is down.

7:23 a.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check south of Shoals.

10:02 a.m. - Received a call reporting slick county roadways. Martin County Highway was notified.

1:51 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2 and Martin County Coroner responded.

2:28 p.m. - Received an animal complaint

2:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down south of Shoals. The tree was removed.

4:04 p.m. - Received a call wanting to report a car being accidentally towed.

10:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Hawkins and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. No one was transported.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

2:06 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Daviess County. Gave caller information to Daviess County Sheriff's department.

8:07 a.m. - Received multiple landline calls reporting an accident in Shoals. Sheriff Greene, Chief Deputy Keller, Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

11:39 a.m. - Received a report of a com-

mmercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Dispatch.

1:15 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:02 p.m. - Received a call from Orange County Dispatch requesting an ambulance in Paoli. Martin County Medic 1 responded.

2:07 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:24 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:19 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

5:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

8:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting covers off water meters. Shoals Water was notified.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

1:00 a.m. - Received a call from Orange County asking if our EMS could do an active run in Orleans. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to IU Health Paoli.

3:03 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist only in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Martin County Medic 1 responded.

6:15 a.m. - Received a call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins and Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

6:39 a.m. - Received a call from Convergent Alarm Company reporting a panel alarm in Crane. Keyholder was notified.

7:14 a.m. - Received a 2<sup>nd</sup> call from Convergent advising of panel alarm. Advised that keyholder was notified.

10:33 a.m. - Received a report of someone shooting southeast of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn north of Shoals.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a dog-car accident east of Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

1:58 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

2:20 p.m. - Received a call from an alarm company in Crane. Advised keyholder.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Brumett responded.

5:59 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Officer Erwin, Corporal Wells, Deputy Pressley, ISP Trooper Beaver, Daviess County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital with Daviess County Paramedic on board.

6:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:34 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Shoals. Corporal Wells, Loogootee Officer Erwin, Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

9:20p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

11:27 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

11:50 p.m. - Received multiple 911 and landline calls reporting a tree down south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense, Loogootee Officer Erwin and Deputy Branham responded.

11:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call re-

questing an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:02 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries north of Shoals. Loogootee Officer Erwin, Loogootee Reserve Officer Shaw, Deputy Branham and Big John's Towing responded.

2:06 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Big John's Towing responded.

3:01 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. The Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:05 a.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn in Shoals.

10:02 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:01 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Deputy Long responded.

1:09 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

3:27 p.m. - Received a call from Convergent Technologies Alarm Company advising of a panel alarm in Crane. Left message with keyholder.

4:30 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Long and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 2 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person north of Shoals. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

7:06 a.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn in Shoals.

9:15 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Long and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:34 a.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Shoals.

9:56 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm going off in Crane. Deputy Long responded.

1:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. No transport was needed.

4:33 p.m. - Received a report of some stolen items in Shoals. Deputy Long was notified.

5:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Long responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

10:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down southeast of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.



# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed December 1

Laura L. Henninger, two counts of invasion of privacy, Level 6 Felonies; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### December 2

Matthew J. Wagler, minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jeffrey D. Clark, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Silas Reid Bauer, violation of rule adopted by director, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jordan W. Gosciniak, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Westly R. Coleman, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### December 6

Jason R. Strong, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Gregory A. Machmer, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### December 12

Eric J. Jones, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kevin P. Lindsey, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James D. Raber, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 Felony.

Tony Lee Boes, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### December 13

Peggy R. Stoll, auto theft, a Level 6 Felony.

### December 15

David Marshall, 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.

### December 16

Mahkai T. Pelzer, 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; minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Charles T. Kline, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class A Infraction.

### December 19

Shawn D. Robertson, driving while suspended, prior conviction within 10 years, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jon L. Perry, intimidation, a Level 5 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### December 20

Mark Alan Alexander, fraud, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### December 27

Matthew J. Newkirk, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE equivalent to at least .08 but less than .15, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Gregory S. Stroud, operating a vehicle

with an ACE of .08 or more, a Level 6 Felony.

James D. Colson, II, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING December 21

Nathan R. Jones, convicted of resisting law enforcement, 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 23 months of probation.

Randall Lee Cornelius, convicted of leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor and 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.

Patrick Glynn Ballard, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 56 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Sixto Reyes Antonio, convicted of knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 0 days.

Brian E. Clifton, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 1 day with 0 days suspended.

### December 22

Steven J. Davidson, convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 70 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 35 actual days previously served plus 35 Class A credit days.

Tonya M. Summers, convicted of judgment of conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 54 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 27 actual days previously served plus 27 Class A credit days. Also convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 24 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 12 actual days previously served plus 12 Class A credit days.

Larry A. Rose, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 58 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 60 months of probation.

Jason R. Strong, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 112 days with 90 days suspended and credit for 11 actual days previously served plus 11 Class A credit days. Defendant received 3 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED December 21

Shawn M. Horock, theft, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Patrick Glynn Ballard, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Nathan R. Jones, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### December 22

Steven J. Davidson, theft, a Level 6

Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Tonya M. Summers, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Larry A. Rose, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS December 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Dis-

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:28 p.m. - Caller on North Oak Street requested water to be shut off at the meter.

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of two dogs running loose on East Main Street.

6:03 p.m. - Received a request for first responders on Redbud Street.

6:18 p.m. - Medic 1 requested assistance. Officer Erwin responded.

8:33 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to a noise complaint in Redwing Trailer Court.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

11:14 a.m. - First responders were requested on Bellbrook Road.

11:37 a.m. - First responders were on station at the request of a deputy.

12:08 p.m. - Caller requested an ambulance on Vine Street.

1:47 p.m. - Caller requested an ambulance at the Loogootee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

3:02 p.m. - Caller requests Officer Seymour at the Dollar General.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:03 a.m. - Chief Means performed a welfare check at the laundromat.

12:30 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a vehicle unlock on East Main Street.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Means performed a welfare check on Southwest Second Street.

2:15 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a vehicle unlock on East Broadway Street.

10:10 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to an alarm on West Broadway Street.

10:30 p.m. - Officer Sims was requested by the ambulance service for a lift assist.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:45 a.m. - Chief Means investigated a report of a wire down on Butcher Boulevard.

10:46 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a vehicle unlock in Sunset Trailer Court.

11:34 a.m. - Chief Means responded to an active alarm on Industrial Lane.

4:24 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a lost child on Mulberry Street.

10:20 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to an active alarm on West Broadway Street.

11:38 p.m. - Officer Sims responded

## Real estate transfers

Jack E. Divine and Lisa D. Divine, of Martin County, Indiana to Justin A. Carrico, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing .40 acre, more or less.

cover Bank and against the defendant Kathleen Whitesell in the amount of \$13,227.35.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED December 22

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Tara J. Cronin, complaint, dismissed.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Thomas G. Hudson, complaint, dismissed.

### December 27

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Twila F. Coldiron, complaint, dismissed.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### December 22

Jolene Mae Sitzman of Loogootee and Van Christopher Byrd of Loogootee.

to suspicious activity on East Broadway Street.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:22 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a vehicle unlock at the El Dorado.

2:26 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a vehicle unlock on East Main Street.

5:53 p.m. - Officer Erwin assisted first responders on Isaacs Road.

7:31 p.m. - Officer Erwin was advised of a possible intoxicated driver.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

11:14 a.m. - Received a request for the on-call worker to shut off water on North Oak Street.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of a dog problem on Cooper Street. Advised Animal Control.

4:40 p.m. - Received a request for first responders on Bloomfield Road.

8:34 p.m. - Officer Erwin responded to an active alarm on West Broadway Street.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

9:09 a.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street.

4:33 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to calls of a toddler in the street.

7:37 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrols on Southwest Third Street.

11:01 p.m. - Officer Erwin investigated a truck broken down in Redwing Trailer Court.

# ARRESTS

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

3:48 p.m. - John Hill, 60, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Seymour and charged with theft. He is being held on \$20,000 10% bond.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:56 a.m. - Lucas Hildenbrand, 42, of Holland, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

3:38 p.m. - Michael Sluder, 46, of Mitchell, was arrested on a petition to revoke probation. He is being held without bond.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:27 p.m. - Brian McKibben, 64, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

2:27 a.m. - Brayden Souerdikey, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Branham and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

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## PURE COUNTRY *Throwback* By Dan Gregory

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There is something about changing out the calendar at the end of the previous year and the beginning of the New Year that may mean more than just having the new dates. If most old calendars are like ours, they have places, times and other relevant information scattered throughout the months. They serve as a diary of sorts without many details beyond where and when. In flipping through the previous year's calendars, we can sort of capture the highs and maybe a few lows of the year just passed. A birthday here and there, meetings of all types, maybe that vacation or two make up most of the scribbling on our calendars. Barb and I both have our own little abbreviations we use on the calendar, which mostly serve only to confuse the other. There are just a few days with nothing written on them at all.... signs of a not quite completely hectic and busy life I suppose or things that come up at the last minute, so no real need to record them on a calendar.

Barb and I have three calendars we use, with the master calendar being on the side of our kitchen refrigerator, next to the phone and our back door. The others are in our home office and then the one I use on the farm. I haven't quite mastered using the one on my cell phone yet, and so far, a "blackberry" is still a thing my mom makes an occasional cobbler with and grows be-

hind her garage. For now, I would prefer to keep it that way. I have added a day planner back into my group of calendars, after abandoning one for a year following my departure from the Community Foundation. With a new role as a County Commissioner, the day planner is once again back in my lineup as my mobile calendar.

My favorite calendar is the one that Tri-Kappa puts out with many birthdays and anniversaries listed of people in our community. I usually check it sometime during the week and try and make mental notes of who we know that is celebrating a special day. Also, the calendar has many local business sponsors, and it points out one of the great advantages of living in a small community such as ours, as there really are not too many services that can't be accessed locally, and it is nice to see all of the entrepreneurs that exist in our small community as well as personally know most of the owners or operators.

We posted the new 2009 calendars this morning, and as would be expected it is almost totally blank. It is guaranteed to begin having more places, times and notes scribbled in before the day is over as we start a brand-New Year once again. While what will be written on it by this time next year is best left to the unknown, it too will have a small share of our recorded history and memories.

Happy New Year to all!

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Free community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community on Thursday, January 5 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. This month they will be having sandwiches, finger foods, desserts and drinks. All members of the community are invited to attend.

#### Dog/cat Wellness Clinic

The Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic hosts a wellness clinic on the third Friday of each month from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, nail trims, etc. No appointment is required.

#### Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email [echristmas@youthfirst.org](mailto:echristmas@youthfirst.org) or [toddamy@iu.edu](mailto:toddamy@iu.edu).

#### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

#### St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

#### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St,

Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

#### SOAR Tutoring

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#### 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.

#### Solid waste board

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

#### Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit [www.martinswcd.com](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

#### 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.

## DCS releases 2021 fatality report

The Indiana Department of Child Services investigated 271 child deaths in 2021 and determined 60 were a result of abuse and neglect. The Annual Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities in Indiana details the circumstances leading to each fatality and highlights the risk factors that put children in danger.

"The death of any child is a great loss for the families and communities," DCS Director Terry Stigdon said. "We need to be able to learn from this report and make meaningful and lasting change to increase awareness of the risk factors that lead to these tragedies."

Improper sleeping arrangements, in-

cluding co-sleeping, remain a leading contributor to infant fatalities. Other common risk factors listed in the report were substance abuse, failure to supervise a child (especially near a body of water) and driving while intoxicated.

DCS is legally required to review all child fatalities that fit under the following circumstances:

For children under 3 years of age: the death is sudden, unexpected or unexplained, or involves allegations of abuse and neglect.

For children age 3 or older: the death involves allegations of abuse or neglect.

The full report can be found [here](#).

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A new year has arrived, and most gardeners are looking forward to spring. These cold winter days are a great time for planning. Of course, that means looking through the various seed and nursery catalogues, looking for the seeds and plants that one wants to order for the spring. In coming weeks, I will be writing about some of the award-winning varieties for 2023, but do not let the lure of the new varieties sway your choices too much. The tried-and-true favorites still deserve space in your vegetable and ornamental gardens.

It is also a wonderful time to consider changes to your hardscape. With the bareness of winter, it is easier to see where adjustments are needed. It is obvious now where a garden could benefit from adding height or depth. It is also easy to see the pathways through a garden now and decide if changes to be made. A different paving surface can make a lot of difference during these bare months. In summer, when plants spill over the paths, those pathway materials are not seen as much. You will also see where more winter interest is needed. If there is nothing worth viewing in your garden, make plans to add some structures or plants that will improve that status in future years. A strategically placed evergreen can make a huge difference in winter curb appeal and general garden interest. Of course, I heartily recommend winterberry for adding interest during the winter. The stems covered with berries really made a garden pop. Like all hollies, winterberries are dioecious and must have a male plant for the female plants to set berries. Happily, I have found that one male plant planted in an out-of-the-way location will pollinate several females and it will pollinate females of different cultivars. That allows me to have different colors in the gardens. They also will provide food for the birds during the winter.

That brings to mind one of my favorite winter garden activities—feeding and watching the birds. The price of bird seed has increased a lot since last year, so I may have to ration the seeds a little more this winter. Feeding the birds is more for bringing the birds to my garden than contributing to the survival of the birds.

While they will come to feeders, if there are enough wild areas around, the birds will find food for survival. Do not feel obligated to feed the birds but doing so will provide a lot of entertainment. For that reason, I am repeating an appeal I made a few years ago in this column. Check with the people in charge of nursing homes, group homes and senior citizen apartments to see if they allow bird feeders. If they do, get people to help buy feeders to place outside the windows of each unit, or at least outside the common areas. Volunteer to fill the feeders a couple of times a week. Add a heated birdbath to really draw in the birds. The avian activity will entertain the residents for hours.

Finally, this is a good time to increase your education on garden issues. With the availability of the internet and the collection of good books in public libraries, you should be able to find information about almost any topic. There are many free webinars, and you may assemble a group to share the cost of a program that requires fees. Learn something new every day. Spring is coming when you can put the new knowledge to work.

## Outdoor Indiana features oak trees

Outdoor Indiana magazine's January/February issue features a cover article on oaks, from acorn to seedling, to mighty tree, and how they benefit wildlife.

The issue also includes features on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Cagles Mill Lake and the many uses and types of bug antennae.

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## Farmer sentiment rebounds at year end on stronger 2022 income

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Following a two-month decline and a year of weak sentiment, the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer closed out the year on a more positive note, rallying 24 points in December to a reading of 126. U.S. farmers were more optimistic about both their current situation and expectations for the future. The Current Conditions Index jumped 37 points to a reading of 135, while the Future Expectations Index increased 18 points to a reading of 122. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted Dec. 5-9.

"The improvement in current sentiment was motivated by producers' stronger perception of current financial conditions on their farms and could be attributed to producers taking time to estimate their farms' 2022 income following the completion of the fall harvest," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The Farm Financial Performance Index climbed 18 points to a reading of 109 in December. Notably, this was the only time in 2022 that the index was above 100. The turnaround was driven by a sharp increase in the percentage of producers who expect better performance than last year, which jumped from 23% to 35% of respondents, and is consistent with USDA's forecast for strong net farm income in 2022.

The Farm Capital Investment Index climbed 9 points this month to 40, the highest reading for the index since February; yet, it remains 9 points lower than a year earlier. Among the nearly three-quarters of respondents who said it was a bad time for large investments, the most commonly cited reason was high prices for farm machinery and new construction (41%), followed by rising interest rates (28%).

Despite the improvement in farmers' perceptions of their financial situations, both the short- and long-term farmland value indices continued to drift lower in

December. The short-term index fell 5 points to 124, while the long-term index declined 4 points to 140. When examined over the course of the last year, it's clear that sentiment among producers about farmland values has shifted. For example, compared to a year ago, the percentage of respondents who expect to see farmland values decline in the upcoming year increased from 6% to 15%, while the percentage expecting to see values rise declined from 59% to 39%. Among producers who expect farmland values to rise over the next 5 years, just over three-fourths of them said that a combination of nonfarm investor demand and inflation are the main reasons they expect to see values rise.

Looking to the year ahead, the December survey asked producers to compare their expectations for their farm's financial performance in 2023 to 2022. Producers indicated they expect lower financial performance in 2023 and cited rising costs and narrowing margins as key reasons. Concerns about costs continue to be top of mind for producers. Nearly half (47%) of crop producers said they expect farmland cash rental rates in 2023 to rise above the previous year. Other top concerns for 2023 include higher input costs (45% of respondents), rising interest rates (22% of respondents) and lower crop or livestock prices (13% of respondents).

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECEBARO, AGECECURC and AGECECFTEX.

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The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 30th, 2023, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for North Rutherford, Lost River, West Perry and South Center townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

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