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Headlines of 2017

JANUARY

Sheriff's department gets donations; commissioners against railway trail Council wary about changing salaries of some departments and not others

Loogootee Council moves to the legal aspect of zoning the city

New fire chief (New Loogootee Fire Chief JD Flynn was sworn in last week. Flynn took over for outgoing chief Morgan Huebner.)

Members sought to raise money to fix old courthouse

Commissioners hear department reports, approve housing grant

Loogootee Schools still working on technology

Public's assistance sought after officer involved shooting

Trooper spots wanted Loogootee man, finds additional drugs

First place (The Shoals High School Band recently received first place in AA division and People's Choice at the Orleans Pep Band Invitational.)

FEBRUARY

County's jobless rate stays at 3.7 percent for December

NSWC Crane Commanding Officer named Laboratory Director of the Year

County council okays salary change for prosecutor's employee

Commissioners hear about issues in Town of Crane

Loogootee Fire Department topic of council meeting

Commissioners discuss payroll, courthouse upgrades, parking

Bateman Schoolhouse sold for \$8,400

NSWC Crane hosts Vice Adm. Moore for first visit to Southern Indiana

Black bear in southern Indiana to wake from hibernation soon

Martin County Salvation Army lacking in funds, volunteers

Loogootee Officer suspended without pay

City of Loogootee to conduct income survey

MARCH

Township accounts hold \$904,405

Commissioners discuss time clock upgrades, parking

NSWC Crane honored at the Annual Combined Federal Campaign Awards Ceremony

How to get help from your township trustee

County hires first-ever animal control officer

City spends \$93,000 on updates to wastewater treatment plant

Martin County's jobless rate at 4.3 percent for January

Shoals School Board makes staff changes, picks graduation date

More than 350 attend 21st Martin County Ag Day

Loogootee Schools concerned about Impact Aid, receive \$73,000 technology grant

Humane society receives grant to help Martin County residents

Loogootee man jailed on multiple charges

Butcher Scholarship still looking for applicants

Mathias thriving as CFC Coordinator at NSWC Crane

More than 13 grams of meth seized, eight arrested

Commissioners talk courthouse renovations, bridge repairs

County's jobless rate stays at 4.3 percent for February

Traffic stop leads to double arrest

APRIL

Library looking to raise taxes for new building

LUMC to raise money to "Flush Out Hunger"

Residents respond to proposed new library

Group wants county to save historic Mt. Olive Road bridge

City council okays downtown light upgrades, discusses drainage issues

County's roads in deplorable condition

Mosby takes over West Boggs Park Foundation

Shoals School Board makes staff changes, accepts donations

Sheriff's department arrests three out-of-county suspects on meth charges

Residents question library on proposed new building

Martin County's jobless rate at 3.5 percent for March

Frontier wants county to pay for line damages

MAY

Carter's Legacy, Family Fun Day this Saturday

Highway department salaries top council meeting agenda

Investigation leads to multiple arrests for dealing methamphetamine

Undercover operation leads to arrest

Two arrested on meth charges

Loogootee gives Shoals their old fire truck

Commissioners hold first meeting of the new year, reorganize

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners held their first meeting of the year Tuesday night, January 2. Commissioner Kevin Boyd was not present due to work obligations however Commissioners Dan Gregory and Paul George did the reorganization. They voted for George to stay on as president of the commissioners and Gregory to remain as vice president.

Auditor January Roush reported that the state has pre-approved the 2018 budget and they should be receiving the budget order in the next 10 days.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, provided the commissioners with the animal shelter's annual report. The animal shelter took in 269 dogs and cats last year and adopted out 219. No animals were euthanized for space or length of stay at the shelter however 20 kittens or cats died due to sickness or diseases that couldn't be treated and two puppies passed with parvo. 22 dogs were

Commissioners discuss roads, cemeteries, insurance

Commissioners choose roads for upcoming grant

Shoals School Board makes staff changes, preps for year-end events

Loogootee to graduate 60, Shoals 46

County's unemployment stood at 2.5 percent in April

Commissioners discuss road grant, adding more jail beds

Shoals School changing up grade levels, staff

Mayor's Youth Council learning the ropes of being community leaders

Martin County girl suffers head injury in ATV accident

Sheriff's office helps in arrest of six

Local conservation officers honored at awards ceremony

JUNE

Superintendent, council argue salaries

Sheriff looking to increase jail capacity

Commissioners say no to two-mile zoning buffer around the city

Loogootee Summerfest starts tomorrow night

Library wants emergency landing zone for new building

Purdue, WestGate, Crane joins forces for educational, technology research, commercialization advancements

Commissioners discuss bridge inspection contract, dust control

Summerfest Royalty was crowned last Thursday night, on the opening night of the festival. From left to right are Tiny Tot Aubri Gilbertson, Little Miss Montana Shoultz, Junior Miss Cammie Sanders and Queen Mallory Berry.

Martin County's unemployment rate at 2.4 percent for May

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claimed by their owners and one cat. The shelter spent \$24,772.19 on vet bills which included, in part, grant money spent to help Martin County residents with vet bills. They also spent \$4,566.14 on gas, electric, telephone, water, and trash pick-up for the year. The shelter spent zero money on paying staff but did have volunteers put in more than 2,000 hours. The shelter helped residents get 84 cats fixed and 20 dogs, through the Pets Alive Spay/Neuter transport. This year, the shelter will start having microchip clinics for residents at a cost of \$5 each.

Along with Loogootee and Shoals, the animal shelter adopted out dogs and cats to people in 55 other Indiana cities, three Illinois and Kentucky cities and one person in Michigan.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett talked briefly to the commissioners about work being done or needing to be done on county bridges. He also asked permission to look into purchasing battery packs for machinery. The commissioners gave him the

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Gone but not forgotten

Deaths of 2017

Ronald Joseph Butcher (7/16/58-1/2/17)

Marvin Graber (10/25/52-1/2/17)

Rita J. Hudson (8/1/33-1/2/17)

Robert Dean Stuckey (10/14/31-1/3/17)

Gertrude Juanita Gronlund (2/26/26-1/6/17)

Agnes I. Bledsoe (3/8/20-1/11/17)

Richard C. (Buck) Green (10/21/45-1/11/17)

David R. Johnson (3/24/46-1/12/17)

Ray Dean Davis (7/6/39-1/15/17)

Michael H. Enlow (11/13/51-1/15/17)

Janet Sue (Wildman) Jackson (11/27/46-1/17/17)

Robert E. Ader (9/7/61-1/19/17)

Vivian Beard (9/21/32-1/22/17)

Michael "Taz" Taylor (6/9/55-1/23/17)

Richard Duane Landers (11/8/31-1/29/17)

Sandra Sue Lents (8/16/43-1/30/17)

Mary R. Larkin (1/18/29-2/1/17)

Ruby Sue Josephine Campbell (8/10/53-2/3/17)

Margie Ann Clark (2/1/36-2/8/17)

Karl O. Harder (12/24/26-2/8/17)

Rev. Cleon "Bud" Ramsey (1/31/31-2/8/17)

Mary Ellen (Thompson) Ledgerwood (7/12/26-2/10/17)

Helen Mae (Clifton) Moore (3/22/18-2/10/17)

James Leroy Haycox (7/22/32-2/12/17)

Katherine Guy-Pendleton (6/10/22-2/12/17)

Joyce Darlene Christmas (10/18/54-2/16/17)

Ruth Alene (Montgomery) Hasler (8/1/32-2/16/17)

Alexander Matthew Leonhard (9/25/94-2/19/17)

Bettye F. Norris (11/21/34-2/23/17)

Ann M. Bratton (2/4/71-2/27/17)

Alma Jean Spruell (12/17/42-3/4/17)

Michael E. Chambers (12/28/54-3/6/17)

Lillian Poindexter (8/2/30-3/8/17)

Shirley Ann Byers (1/13/36-3/9/17)

Ronald D. Gibson (9/19/43-3/10/17)

Steven L. Long (2/21/47-3/10/17)

Ezra P. Beachy (12/20/27-3/12/17)

Juanita House (6/19/27-3/14/17)

Donald S. Lannan (6/23/24-3/14/17)

John A. Osborn (5/6/46-3/15/17)

Norma Jean Tishner (10/11/31-3/16/17)

Lethe O. Bradley (12/28/29-3/18/17)

Eldean T. Gibbs (6/22/27-3/22/17)

Gerald Lee Wilcoxon Sr. (8/15/34-3/23/17)

Judy Dickey (1/24/43-3/24/17)

John Sanders (11/26/60-3/24/17)

Martha Wagler (4/29/18-3/31/17)

Tamra Hampton (1/16/63-4/2/17)

Wanda Hellums (9/8/31-4/4/17)

Julia M. Elliott (9/30/34-4/11/17)

Martin Richard Meyer (12/29/29-4/11/17)

Shirley M. Miller (4/9/59-4/16/17)

Mildred B. Cox (12/17/22-4/17/17)

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HEADLINES

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One year old fights to live after multiple transplants

MCHS Animal Shelter nears 1,000 animals saved in four years

JULY

Historical Society receives \$50,000 for museum

Three counties join to offer for LAP training

Wanted Dubois County man found in woods in Martin County

County gives \$150,000 for Shoals Ball Park

City to sell water to Daviess County

Commissioners discuss Bellgrade, animal ordinance, other business

NSWC Crane Team recognized by U.S. Secretary of Defense for producing \$31.2 million in cost savings

Miss Martin County (Miss Martin County was crowned at the 4-H Fair last Friday night. Shown in the center, Emily Bateman, received that title. On the left, Lindsey Lukens was first runner up and Miss Congeniality and on the right, Kayla Abel was named second runner up.)

NSWC Crane holds Change of Command Ceremony

Commissioners discuss highway equipment, culvert issue, repairs

County's unemployment rate edges to 2.7 percent in June

Martin County 4-H Livestock Auction sells 45 animals

Rural, volunteer fire departments receive \$250,000 in DNR grants

Meet NSWC Crane's new commanding officer Capt. Mark Oesterreich

AUGUST

Commissioners approve two new boilers for jail

Martin County gears up for State Fair

Highway department still without a mechanic

NSWC Crane is actively shaping the next generation of engineers

Martin County teams up with WTWO for Clear the Shelters event

City discusses 2018 budget, salaries Eclipse: Who? What? Where? When? and How?

Shoals School makes staff changes

Local students travel to Spain

Commissioners seek public input on voting site change

Martin County's unemployment rate at 3.1 percent for July

County to sell tax liens on delinquent properties

Report of unruly subject at local restaurant leads to several felony charges

Loogootee employees' salaries compared to same-sized cities

Commissioners vote to leave polling site at St. John's

SEPTEMBER

Additional money requests top county council's agenda

Traffic stop south of Shoals leads to drug arrest

Tempers flare at budget hearings

Historic place (Two signs were recently erected in Shoals to signify the town's distinction on the National Register of Historic Places.)

City discusses giving tax money to housing project

Council to hold public hearing about raising income taxes

County's unemployment rate stood at 3.5 percent for August

Credit card skimmer found in Loogootee; what to do to protect yourself

County receives \$670,000 grant for roads

Narcotics buy leads to two arrests in Shoals

Year-long investigation nets 37 suspects on drug charges

OCTOBER

Golf outing to raise funds for COTA in honor of local teen Brittany Walker

Chamber office in new location

Off duty trooper jails man for reckless driving

Vehicle pursuit leads to arrest of Bloomington woman on several charges

Man arrested in Loogootee on multiple charges

Shop and Taste of Martin County to be held Monday

Commissioners discuss timber money, road paving

City talks stormwater issues; pool takes another loss

Commissioners chose insurance agent

County council approves income tax increase

Mistake forces 18 elected officials to repay 2014 raises

Shoals School Board makes staff changes; accepts donations, teacher contract

NSWC Crane hosts Marine Corps Commandant for first time in 75-year history

Salvation Army needs bell ringers, coordinator

Treffinger wins first place in Tri Kappa art competition

Loogootee Mayor's raise prompts debate

County's jobless rate ticks down to 3.1 percent

Accident results in death of Shoals man

NOVEMBER

Council changes salaries of mechanic, sheriff's part-time help

Commissioners go over highway department business

Library has new plan for building

Highway department has mechanic after eight-month search, pay hike

Bedford man killed in single-vehicle crash on US 50

Shoals School Board makes staff changes, accepts donations

Loogootee Police to start wearing body cameras

Community foundation awards \$70,415 for Martin County

Crane continues partnership efforts, promotes state and regional growth

Commissioners talk health insurance, phone line issues

Martin County's jobless rate at 3 percent for October

Vehicle and foot pursuit leads to arrest in Shoals

Two-vehicle crash north of Loogootee kills two

Man arrested on multiple charges of deer poaching in Martin County

Dr. Candace Roush awarded IAC-CAC Advisory Board Member of the Year

DECEMBER

Library holds hearing on building plans

Commissioners discuss bridge, insurance

Council approves raises for next year

Continuing renovations (Work is continuing on the Martin County Museum bell tower.)

Shoals STEM teams advance to State Tournament in first Lego League Competition

Council spends \$132,000 on new vehicles, repairs

Kristin Norris named 2018 Lilly Scholar

Shoals Robotics teams compete at state level

Lost River Township saturation patrol results in arrest

Search warrant leads to vehicle pursuit and arrest of Shoals man

Martin County's jobless rate stays at 3 percent for November

DEATHS

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Everett "Junior" Atkison Jr. (3/25/25-4/18/17)

Carrie Lynn "Coby" Payne (9/15/51-4/18/17)

Luwanna Kaye Bollin (6/15/47-4/23/17)

Anna L. Baker (2/10/28-4/25/17)

Tandy Gibson (4/4/50-4/29/17)

Dennis Huff (11/3/53-4/29/17)

Virginia Rose Pankey (9/27/23-4/29/17)

Douglas Eugene Sheetz (10/31/41-4/29/17)

Nina Rose (Barnes) Emmons (7/20/40-5/1/17)

John Stephen Schrock (12/10/64-5/5/17)

Joanne Risacher (1/29/42-5/9/17)

Lesley P. Cox (7/22/30-5/11/17)

James F. Lannan (11/21/42-5/11/17)

Robert Edward Trego (2/28/36-5/11/17)

Judith Kay "Katie" Yarnell (4/3/60-5/14/17)

Enos J. Stutzman (10/7/47-5/15/17)

Donald L. Willyard (3/4/34-5/16/17)

Cindy Horsting Brashear (8/25/60-5/18/17)

Linda Sue "Susie" Bresh (5/29/54-5/18/17)

Esther L. Dennis (1/30/49-5/20/17)

Charles R. "Bob" Mills (2/26/38-5/20/17)

Henry K. Sanders (1/30/34-5/21/17)

Harold H. "Joe" Haubrich, Jr. (2/10/34-5/25/17)

Conrad Dale Kalb (6/22/25-5/26/17)

Mary Alice (Milligan) Miller (7/17/41-5/26/17)

Vernon "Tim" Kemp (5/27/37-6/2/17)

Jonathon Markus Jones (8/21/14-6/7/17)

Judith Ruth Cochran (12/27/26-6/13/17)

Rosa Marie Tedrow (1/8/23-6/17/17)

Phyllis A. Norris (1/23/36-6/18/17)

Katie Stoll (6/1/21-6/20/17)

Bruce Berry (8/9/57-6/25/17)

Rosabelle Queen (3/25/23-6/25/17)

Bruce Poindexter (7/29/26-6/29/17)

Virginia Craney (7/4/36-7/2/17)

Linda L. Tedrow (8/29/41-7/3/17)

William L. Tinkle (5/5/37-7/4/17)

Dennis Nelson (7/20/25-7/5/17)

Bradley Kent Huebner (9/19/63-7/6/17)

Margaret Ilene Pielemeier (7/2/43-7/6/17)

James C. Sanders (6/23/36-7/9/17)

Mary Jewell Ivey (1/15/31-7/12/17)

Edith Ziegler (9/21/23-7/12/17)

Paul Kenneth "Kenny" Evinger (7/4/54-7/16/17)

Goldie Clark (12/4/49-7/21/17)

Robert "Ed" Colvin (3/1/36-7/24/17)

Deborah Ann Padgett-Holt (1/30/51-7/24/17)

Ralph "Neal" Williams (12/16/49-7/25/17)

George "Tony" Sims (12/9/34-7/27/17)

Virginia "Ginny" R. Butcher (5/30/33-8/3/17)

Sue Ann Garner (8/1/50-8/3/17)

Delilah (Knepp) Stoll (3/3/49-8/3/17)

Mary C. Taylor (11/6/22-8/3/17)

Beulah May Howell (8/24/22-8/11/17)

Mary Wease (1/3/68-8/14/17)

Laura Helen (Anderson) Brown (2/18/32-8/15/17)

Charles Freeman "Charlie" Sorrells (2/5/28-8/16/17)

Mary Lou Jones (2/14/34-8/17/17)

Wilma E. Mason (2/4/27-8/19/17)

Dorothy Louise Lukomski (9/24/29-8/22/17)

Virginia Carol Moffatt (2/10/52-8/23/17)

Robert L. Carrico (2/8/46-8/26/17)

Warren D. Porter (10/11/37-8/28/17)

Russell Hager (3/20/23-9/1/17)

Darlene Napier (7/31/34-9/6/17)

Vivian Rose O'Brian (6/21/27-9/6/17)

James Lee Tinchler (10/15/40-9/6/17)

Linda L. Rickenbaugh (6/27/44-9/9/17)

Eugene "Gene" Fields (3/8/40-9/10/17)

Mary Kay Patterson (6/14/37-9/12/17)

Linda Trambaugh (4/24/51-9/15/17)

Ida Mae Swartzentruber (3/22/31-9/16/17)

Terry Bowling (4/9/51-9/17/17)

Dr. James H. Grace (4/29/53-9/17/17)

Linda L. Pennington (1/17/44-9/20/17)

Barbara Jean Jones (3/30/31-9/22/17)

Roma S. Bateman (2/20/31-9/27/17)

Lettie (Wheeler) York (8/21/44-9/27/17)

James P. Bradley (12/28/37-10/1/17)

Robert E. Sloan (10/27/32-10/1/17)

Lowell Ray Chandler (7/23/34-10/4/17)

Janet Louise Deckard (5/11/39-10/7/17)

Joanna R. (Hawkins) Williams (1/5/29-10/12/17)

William W. Parke (12/24/39-10/14/17)

Irene B. Summers (1/3/23-10/14/17)

Brenda J. Porter (7/5/45-10/17/17)

Delbert W. Stoll (4/17/45-10/17/17)

Steven Eugene Bledsoe (4/9/66-10/20/17)

Jean Ellis (1/12/28-10/21/17)

Rosa Miller (10/29/28-10/22/17)

Betty J. Lewis (2/20/38-10/27/17)

Donna J. Stallings (7/21/52-10/27/17)

Marlin E. Kelso (12/11/32-10/29/17)

Robert Wayne Brett (8/7/49-11/1/17)

Jo Ann (Harris) Nonte (5/3/43-11/1/17)

Ellen A. Smith (4/15/56-11/4/17)

Francis E. 'Gene' Porter (2/3/30-11/7/17)

Oscar Lowell Moss (8/25/36-11/9/17)

Kendall James Murphy (5/10/90-11/10/17)

John Robert Brett (1/1/82-11/15/17)

Barbara B. Truelove (3/31/43-11/21/17)

Linda L. Troutman (5/30/43-11/30/17)

Ramona "Sue" Upton (5/25/43-12/2/17)

Wilmer Stoll (8/26/33-12/8/17)

Beverly Sue Sipes (3/6/43-12/10/17)

Judith Ann Rasico (2/19/44-12/11/17)

Della Sue (Beyers) Wildman (3/3/33-12/11/17)

Betty Jean Salmon (9/30/39-12/13/17)

Wilma Mae Warne (1/3/44-12/16/17)

Lynn Drew (12/23/45-12/22/17)

Rose Mary Wilcoxon (3/18/40-12/24/17)

COMMISSIONERS

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go ahead to purchase items of insignificant value without asking their permission.

County Attorney Dave Lett reported that the insurance company for Roger's Group is sending the county the money to repair the highway department building that they damaged several months ago delivering gravel.

The commissioners tabled one bid for reassessment until it could be looked at by the county assessor.

Obituaries

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EMILY LEE

Emily B. Lee passed away January 1, 2018 from complications from a fall she suffered on November 7, 2017. A resident of Shoals, she was 87.

She was born December 7, 1930 in Shoals; daughter of Frank and Hattie (Beard) Lindley.

She married William J. (Bill) Lee on October 13, 1950 at the United Methodist Church in Bedford. He preceded her in death on July 23, 2012.

She was employed at NWS Crane, RCA and the Loogootee Textile, was a member of Samson Hill Church and was a graduate of Shoals High School Class of 1948.

She loved to read, do puzzles and play cards.

Survivors include three daughters, Diana Key of Bedford, Kay (Bruce) Terwiske of Ireland, Shelley (Ronald) Allbright of French Lick; three grandsons, Brent Terry, Bryant Trambaugh and Barrett Allbright; seven great-grandchildren, Cassie and Nicole Terry, Kayla, Carson and Coen Trambaugh, David and Daniel Allbright.

She was the last surviving member of her family and was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Warren, John, Taylor, Coleman and Jacob Lindley; sisters, Ethel Fitch, Geneva Merrit, Virginia Duncan, Clone Qualkenbush, Barbara Marsh; and one son in law, Roy E. Key

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 6 at 1 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel with Rev. Larry Stoll officiating. Burial will be in the Wagonner Chapel Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of service. Pallbearers are Brent Terry, Bryant Trambaugh, Barrett Allbright, David Allbright, Daniel Allbright, Pat Troutman and Jim Marsh.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

DOLORES LEINENBACH

Dolores M. Leinenbach passed away at 3:35 a.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Loogootee. A resident of Ireland, Indiana, she was 96.

She was born in Jasper on April 25, 1921; daughter of Valentine and Suzanna (Keller) Vonderschmitt. She married Eugene Leinenbach on May 1, 1943. He preceded her in death on August 20, 1982.

She was a homemaker, helped on the farm, worked in numerous homes in the Jasper area, and worked for Leed's Selling Tools in Ireland.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana and their St. Anne's Sodality and the Christian Mother's Society.

She was an avid gardener, quilted numerous quilts for the church, and was a marvelous cook, making her own doughnuts and angel food cake from scratch.

Surviving is one daughter, Sue Mathies (Gary) of Loogootee; four sons, Allen Leinenbach (Judy) of Mishawaka, Steve Leinenbach (Kathy) of Windsor, Colorado, and Mark Leinenbach, and Dan Leinenbach (Diane) both of Ireland, Indiana; 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death beside her husband was one son, John Leinenbach who died in infancy; one daughter-in-law, Joyce Leinenbach, and she was the last surviving member of her family with three sisters, Adel Hopf, Alberta Pfaff, Genevieve Schmidt, and six brothers, Louis, Gene, Arnold, Ralph, Rudy, and Bernard Vonderschmitt preceding her in death. A Mass of Christian Burial for Dolores M. Leinenbach will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 4 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 3 at the



DOLORES LEINENBACH

Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. The St. Mary's St. Anne's Society will pray the rosary at 1:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

DON MILLER

Donald Odie 'Don' Miller went home to be with the Lord at 10:50 a.m. Sunday December 31, 2017. A resident of Cannelburg, he was 74.

He was born in Martin County on June 7, 1943; son of Odie and Clyta May (Stanley) Miller. He attended Alfordville High School and retired from K and K industries. To most of his friends and family he was known as Mr. Fixit. Being Mr. Fixit he had a great passion for tractors working on his own or other family and friends' tractors, and just going to tractor shows. Being a great lover of the outdoors, he

loved hunting, fishing, camping, and just spending time with family and friends around a good campfire laugh and telling stories. He was a member of Maranatha Tabernacle Assembly of God Church in Loogootee where he enjoyed going to Bible study. He was a strong man in his faith in Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret E. (O'Brien) Miller whom he married October 3, 1962; two daughters, Shelly R. (Kenny) Humbert and Cherish O. Miller (Robert E. Gibson) of Washington; one son, Donald Richard Miller (Patty Johnson) of French Lick; ten grandchildren; and 23 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Virginia Hovis and Vera Carrico; and one brother, Glenn Miller.

Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. Thursday, January 4 at the Maranatha Tabernacle Assembly of God Church in Loogootee with Pastor Duane Smith officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 till 11:30 on Thursday at the church.

Memorial donations may be given to the Tabernacle Assembly of God Church 18880 US 231 North Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

7:50 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:58 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:58 a.m. - Received a noise complaint south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:16 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Norris assisted with child-custody exchange in Loogootee.

4:10 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

8:09 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

5:38 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:28 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:10 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

8:50 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:07 a.m. - Received a report of stolen vehicle in Crane. ISP Trooper Miller responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a report of tree limbs down on US 50, east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Lents responded and removed the tree limbs.

11:27 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check east of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded. Everything checked out okay.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

6:02 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded. Everything checked out okay.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:26 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:27 a.m. - Received a report of burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. Everything checked out okay.

8:55 a.m. - Received a request for gun lock assistance. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:50 a.m. - Received animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:57 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist on US Hwy 50, east of Shoals.

11:21 a.m. - Received a report of tree fire in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and

Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:41 a.m. - Received report of scam phone calls in Shoals.

4:20 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:56 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check north of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. Everything checked out okay.

9:01 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Shoals.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

11:47 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

12:08 a.m. - Received a report of burglary alarm in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded. Everything checked out okay.

1:24 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Deputy Reed, Deputy Reed, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

3:12 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department, and Martin County Civil Defense responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:00 a.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist south of Loogootee.

7:14 a.m. - Received a report of accident east of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:14 a.m. - Received an animal complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:43 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Shoals.

12:09 p.m. - Received a report of accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:14 p.m. - Received a report of uncontrolled burn south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Crane. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:30 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:24 a.m. - Received a request for extra patrols in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

3:10 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded. Everything checked out okay.

5:34 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check north of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded. Everything checked out okay.

6:49 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:08 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:48 a.m. - Received a request for assistance in property dispute south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

1:08 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Hwy 50, east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:39 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:47 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:01 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving west of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

5:19 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Deputy Shinn responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:35 p.m. - Received animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident in Crane. Greene County Sheriff's Office responded.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving west of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright responded.

11:22 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

10:18 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrols in Loogootee.

3:20 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with property dispute north of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

3:31 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

5:03 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute south of Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

8:59 p.m. - Received report of trespassing in Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright responded.

8:59 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

10:36 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

2:55 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:26 a.m. - Received a report of kitchen fire north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense and Lawrence County Fire Department responded.

1:20 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Gammon assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

1:30 p.m. - Reserve Deputy Gammon assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

2:04 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:53 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:46 p.m. - Received a report of van-

dalism in Burns City. Reserve Deputy Gammon responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident west of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Gammon responded.

9:00 p.m. - Received a report of custody dispute south of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

10:11 p.m. - Received a noise complaint south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

11:08 p.m. - Received a report of burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

3:22 p.m. - Cecorra Holt, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with possession of methamphetamine and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held without bond. ISP Trooper Lents assisted with the arrest.

3:42 p.m. - Dylan Bruner, 24, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with possession of methamphetamine, escape, maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

4:45 p.m. - Seth Nimal-Hill, 27, of Petersburg, was arrested on a Martin County warrant for domestic battery and intimidation. He is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:02 p.m. - Steven Truelove, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, operating a vehicle while intoxicated-refusal, and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:32 p.m. - Jacqueline Mattingly, 34, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with auto theft, unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle, possession of a controlled substance, resisting law enforcement (x2), neglect of a dependent, and disorderly conduct. She is being held without bond.

Real estate transfers

Christopher S. Himes and Faylynn G. Himes, of Martin County, Indiana to Thomas William Tiffany, of Lake County, Indiana, the west half of Lots Numbered 77 in Keck's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jonna D. Gerkin, of Martin County, Indiana to NBCC, Inc., of Martin County, Indiana, 43 feet and six inches of even width off the east side of Lot No. 15 and six inches of even width off the west side of Lot No. 14 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Francine A. Schmidt, of Dubois County, Indiana to Jason McCoy, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 30 acres, more or less.

Wade Arvin and Andrew Haggard, of Martin County, Indiana to Charles W. Smith and Keri L. Smith, Lot Number 5 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana, commonly known as 704 N. Line Street, Loogootee IN 47553.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed November 28

Isabella E. Goodpaster, two counts of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, Class A Misdemeanors; failure to remain at the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; three counts of operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, Class 6 Felonies; two counts of habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dylan S. Strange, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony; contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kevin G. Ervin, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class 6 Felony; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement.

November 30

Brandon A. Crowder, battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Class 5 Felony; battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Class 6 Felony; battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Rick D. Crowder, battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Class 5 Felony; battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Class 6 Felony.

Hunter W. Davis, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 1

Brandon A. Crowder, battery against a public safety official, a Class 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Michael Hert, escape, a Class 6 Felony.

December 4

Christopher J. Wilson, unlawful sale of legend drugs, a Class 6 Felony.

December 8

David A. Brinker, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Robert G. Roach II, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

December 11

Andrew J. Stone, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James M. Nelson, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Keith A. Schuler, hunting deer with the aid of bait, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sheldon J. Troutt, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kyle J. Tarr, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Rodney R. Miller, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, 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.

Samantha C. Gammon, battery by bodily waste, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 14

Cary L. Clifton, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; habitual offender sentence enhancement.

Billy J. Craft, auto theft, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 15

Charles E. O'Connor, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Richard O'Connor, operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class 6 Felony.

December 18

Lisa L. Love, leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Travis M. Hagan, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sherry L. Young, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; theft, a Class 6 Felony.

Krista R. Bridgeman, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

December 20

John M. Mattingly, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Lindsey T. Potts, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Crystal A. Kane, auto theft, a Class 6 Felony; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

December 21

Brian M. Padgett, nonsupport of a dependent child, a Class 6 Felony.

December 22

Nicholas A Conrad, battery by bodily waste, a Class 6 Felony; two counts of resisting law enforcement, Class A Misdemeanors.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

November 21

Nickolai Dean, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony and operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 628 days suspended and credit for 51 actual days previously served plus 51 Class A credit days. Defendant received 20 months of probation.

November 28

Alex Bauernfiend, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 361 suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Russell E. Cook, convicted of operat-

ing a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 543 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

Isaiah T. Frye, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 327 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

Corey J. Wathen, convicted of operating while intoxicated, 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 11 months of probation.

December 14

Autumn L. Roberts, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 327 days suspended and credit for 19 actual days previously served plus 19 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

December 21

Tyler J. Tinkle, convicted of maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 475 days suspended and credit for 36 actual days previously served plus 36 Class A credit days. Defendant received 15 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 21

Nickolai Dean, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:58 a.m. - Caller reported a possible suspicious person near Lincoln Avenue.

1:16 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

5:05 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on East Broadway Street.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

10:15 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:23 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

5:55 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

8:06 p.m. - Caller requested a security check at a residence.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

9:43 a.m. - Female reported a property damage accident near St. John.

4:30 p.m. - Fire Chief Flynn was requested to check a smoke detector.

8:25 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported phone harassment.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:15 a.m. - Caller reported shoplifters at Marathon.

12:03 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

12:10 p.m. - Received a report of

Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

November 28

Dominique S. Davis, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Alex Bauernfiend, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Russell E. Cook, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Infraction, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Isaiah T. Frye, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Corey J. Wathen, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 14

Autumn L. Roberts, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 20

Josi D. Hobson, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 21

Tyler J. Tinkle, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

property damage at McDonalds.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle without headlights.

9:35 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

10:02 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:24 a.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

8:08 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle all over the road on US 231.

2:47 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

6:45 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

9:47 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

11:22 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Redwing Trailer Court.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

1:46 p.m. - Caller requested a security check at a business.

4:10 p.m. - Caller requested assistance in removing a male from her residence.

5:40 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street.

8:27 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from his vehicle.

9:30 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

2:53 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

10:51 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted with an underage party.

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

As the cold temperatures continue, it is hard to think about gardening. If you have not already done so, you may want to put some insulated covers over outdoor spigots. This cold snap will certainly be a challenge for any marginally-hardy plants in the garden. If you wish to try to provide extra cover, please be careful when working outdoors for long periods. Saving a plant is not worth risking your well-being.

However, this is Indiana and the weather will certainly change. We are bound to have some more moderate temperatures eventually. When that happens, get out and inspect your landscape for damage and for heaving. Push any roots that have been forced to the surface back into the soil. I usually just step on them and hope for the best. If they have already been damaged, there really is nothing that you can do but replace the plant come spring.

When we do get those days when temperatures are above freezing, there are some chores that may be done that will help save some time during the busy spring gardening period. This really is a good time to get rid of unwanted trees. While there are some invasive exotic species, like Tree of Heaven, most of the trees that come up as volunteers in the landscape are native trees that just happened to take root in the wrong place. At Sandhill Gardens, my most likely volunteers are soft maples, red cedars, sycamores, black walnuts and tulip poplars. The seeds just seem to get deposited in places where I do not want those trees. Very small seedlings may be pulled, and may even be re-planted in some more desirable place. In some cases, pulling would disturb neighboring plants or hardscape. While red

cedars do not re-sprout after cutting, many other trees will simply come up from the stump or root and continue to be a problem.

A two-fold approach is needed, and this must be done on a day when temperatures are above freezing. When you go out, have your loppers sharp and take along some brush killer. Cut the tree off as close to the ground as possible and paint the stump immediately with the brush killer. I recommend using the sponge-type paint brushes, as they are less likely to drip brush killer onto plants you do not want to kill. Even at this time of the year, the cut will immediately start to heal, so it is necessary to paint the cuts within three or four minutes to be effective. Even doing this, some of them will survive and you will need to repeat the process again in the spring.

Make sure the trees you cut are seedlings and not suckers from ornamental trees. Painting the cut suckers would funnel the brush killer to the root zone of the tree and could kill the tree. I have some ornamental crabapples that have a lot of suckers that I need to prune. I will do that, but will not paint those cuts with brush killer. There are some specific chemicals that are used to prevent suckers from re-sprouting, but those are more effective when used in warmer weather.

Even in the freezing weather, birds and other wildlife need water. If a flowing water source is not near-by, you may wish to install a heated bird-bath to ensure the birds have access to water. Another option is to put out shallow pans of water a couple of times a day and bringing them in to thaw when they freeze.

Stay warm!!!!



Red-tailed Hawk

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, www.billwhorrallart.com

Courting Red-tailed Hawks put on a display in which they soar in wide circles at a great height. The male dives steeply, then shoots up again at an angle nearly as steep. After several of these swoops he approaches the female from above, extends his legs, and touches her briefly. Sometimes, the pair grab onto one other, clasp talons, and plummet in spirals toward the ground before pulling away.

Spring Mill SP hosts needle felting workshop

Learn advanced techniques in needle felting at a Spring Mill State Park workshop on January 25. The workshop runs from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Spring Mill Inn. It also includes lunch buffet at the inn's Mill Stone dining room.

You will receive felting needles, a dense foam block, a tea cup and saucer along with a bag of wool in various colors for felting. The bag contains

enough wool to create multiple items. Only 15 spots are available, and advance registration is required by January 22 by calling Spring Mill Inn at (812) 849-4508. The cost is \$40 per person.

For more information, email springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



I don't know how you celebrated this new year, but my Uncle Leo brought his tradition to our family when he married Aunt Mil. I'm pretty sure it's a German tradition - everyone was supposed to eat sauerkraut or cabbage on New Year's Day and that was supposed to bring good fortune for the rest of the year. I thought you might enjoy reading about what people in other areas do to bring in the big day. So here goes:

1. The New Year in Scotland is called Hogmanay. Some people in Scotland follow a ritual that appears quite strange, but it actually has a great significance. One can find barrels of tar set on fire and gradually rolled down the streets in the villages of Scotland. This ritual symbolizes that the old year is burned up and New Year is going to begin.

2. Late on the evening of December 31st, people from Japan might eat a bowl of buckwheat noodles called "to-shikoshisoba" [year-crossing noodles] and listen for the sound of the Buddhist temple bells, which are rung 108 times at midnight. The sound of these bells is said to purify the listeners of the 108 sins or evil passions that 'plague every human being'.

3. In Greece, children leave their shoes by the fireside on New Year's Day, which, incidentally, is also the Festival of Saint Basil in Greece, with the hope that Saint Basil, who was famous for his kindness, will come and fill their shoes with gifts.

4. In Venezuela, Argentina, Bolivia, and Mexico, those with hopes of travelling in the New Year carry a suitcase around the house at midnight. Some people may even carry it around the block to ensure travelling at greater distances.

5. Many parts of the USA celebrate the new year by consuming black-eyed peas. These legumes are typically accompanied by either hog jowls or ham. Black-eyed peas and other legumes have been considered good luck in many cultures.

6. Jewish New Year - is known as Rosh Hashanah. It is a holy time when Jews recall the things they have done wrong in the past, and then promise to do better in the future. Special services

are held in the synagogues, children are given new clothes and New Year loaves are baked to remind people of harvest time.

7. Japanese New Year - On New Year's Day in Japan, everyone gets dressed in their new clothes. Homes are decorated with pine branches and bamboo, both of which are considered to be the symbols of long life.

8. Rings - Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," or completing a year's cycle.

9. Foods - It was thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. It is still held, for example, in some regions that special New Year foods are the harbingers of luck. For that reason, the Dutch believe that eating donuts on New Year's Day will bring good fortune. The hog, and its meat, is considered lucky because it symbolizes prosperity. Cabbage is another "good luck" vegetable that is consumed on New Year's Day by many. Cabbage leaves are also considered a sign of prosperity, being representative of paper currency. In some regions, rice is a lucky food that is eaten on New Year's Day.

DIET TO START THE NEW YEAR - This is a specially formulated diet designed to help WOMEN cope with the stress that builds during the day. I have found that this really works!!

BREAKFAST - * 1 Grapefruit, * 1 slice whole-wheat toast, * 1 cup skim milk

LUNCH - * 1 small portion lean, steamed chicken with a cup of spinach, * 1 cup herbal tea, * 1 Penguin Biscuit

AFTERNOON TEA - * The rest of the Penguins from the packet, * 1 tub of Gino Ginelli ice cream with chocolate topping

DINNER - * 4 bottles of wine (red or white), * 2 loaves garlic bread, * 1 family size Supreme pizza, * 3 snickers bars

LATE NIGHT SNACK - * 1 whole cheesecake (eaten directly from the freezer)

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Democrat meeting

The Martin County Democrat Party will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. in City Hall in Loogootee. They will be discussing the upcoming election this year and the candidates that plan to run on the Democratic Party ticket. Anyone interested in running please attend.

Food pantry hours

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

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

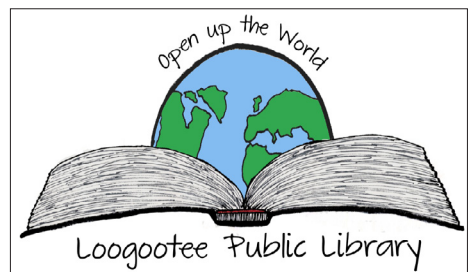
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Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Humane society meetings



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018 for Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

This is a reminder that library policy states that when Loogootee Schools are closed the library will be closed. If closed, patron materials will be checked in using the last opening date and not the due date. In case of severe weather, I will contact WWBL, WAMW and The Razor radio stations and post on library Facebook page.

NEW BOOKS:

Mystery Fiction: "Unbound" by Stuart Woods and "Robicheaux" by James Lee Burke, and "The Wanted" by Robert Crais.

Fiction: "Promise Not to Tell" by Jayne Ann Krentz.

Inspirational Fiction: "Daring Escape" by Tricia Goyer, "Judah's Wife" by Angela Elwell Hunt, "Firefly Cove" by Davis Bunn, "Song Unheard" by Roseanna White, Under a Cloudless Sky" by Chris Fabry.

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

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 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.

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.

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