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State 7th place

The Shoals Roxbots Team represented Shoals at the State FLL Lego Competition at the University of Indianapolis on December 11. Out of 36 teams, the Roxbots ended up 7th in the Robot Games. Shown above are the members of the team. From left to right are Landon Douglas, Brooklyn Greene, Bryson Keller, Colton Downey, Elizabeth Douglas, Dayson Bauerfiend, Jasmine Jones, and Alexis Greene.

Headlines of 2021

JANUARY

County council reorganizes with one new member
Child fatality report shows one child died in Martin County
Health department now administering COVID vaccine
Shoals Town Council discusses drainage issues, appointments
First snowfall, new year
Shoals School Board approves staff, policy change
Allegations against community corrections director investigated
Sheriff ready to upgrade county communications system
Martin County jobless rate at 3 percent for December

FEBRUARY

NSWC Crane announces its first female Technical Director
County council approves hiring another highway employee
13 residents have died from COVID-19
Martin County man arrested on child molesting charges
Quarter million dollar grant to launch cancer support for Martin, 10 other counties
Commissioners discuss Pineview Road, road paving
City planning to replace downtown fountain
Shoals Town Council goes over multiple topics
The Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Team Regional Champs
Shoals School Board approves several athletic positions
Crane Town Board President asks for county's help with road patching
Council, mayor debate cost of downtown fountain
Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Team wins Class 1A Semi-State
Collins let go as county community corrections director
Approximately an ounce of meth seized during trafficking attempt

MARCH

Townships hold close to \$1.1 million in

unused funds

County council defends position on paying the bills
Police chief makes several requests at council meeting
Highway issues top commissioners' meeting
Martin County families honored with Hoosier Homestead Award
Two arrested on meth charges
Wells graduates academy
Shoals School ready to go back full time
Martin County's jobless rate bumps to 3.4 percent in January
Shoals Town Council opens bids, discusses town beautification
Welfare check leads to multiple drug arrests

Arrest of wanted man leads to additional meth charges
Commissioners faced with questions regarding legal fees
WestGate Authority Board welcomes four new members
Equipment violation leads to four arrested on drug charges
Martin County man arrested on warrant for rape
Martin County jobless rate at 3.5 percent for February
COVID-19 vaccines now open to any resident 16 and older
Second Martin County man arrested on a warrant for rape

APRIL

Sheriff recommends buying lot next to the jail
Shoals man arrested in Spencer County
Commissioners approve buying mower, property
Commissioners go back to Strawn Insurance
Shoals part of first-ever state dual credit programs through DWD
Resident angry with city for telling her to get rid of her rabbits
Danielle Murphy hired as new county community corrections director
County receives \$250,000 to help business
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Gone but not forgotten DEATHS OF 2021

Kenneth E. Deininger Sr. (10/17/58-1/1/21)
Marilyn Sue (McClintock) Jones (10/21/35-1/1/21)
Rev. Robert G. "Bob" Leach (5/4/44-1/2/21)
Mary R. Walker (9/14/34-1/2/21)
Livia (Maros) "Baba" Gillick (9/8/27-1/3/21)
John W. Lucas (2/8/59-1/4/21)
James "Jim" Edward Murphy (8/6/34-1/5/21)
Edward McCloskey (11/25/57-1/12/21)
Merrill (Sam) Warren Sims (4/17/29-1/12/21)
Thomas E. Robbins (1/6/61-1/13/21)
Helen M. Colvin (2/8/41-1/15/21)
Earnest J. Mullins (11/14/63-1/16/21)
Curtis Ray Sanders (1/4/74-1/17/21)
Kathleen "Kathie" Harrison (1/12/52-1/19/21)
Margaret Burger (8/13/30-1/22/21)
Peggy Anita Burns (1/4/32-1/23/21)
Sonja Hupp (4/12/39-1/24/21)
Robert D. "Bob" Divine (11/12/30-1/26/21)
Evelyn Delight (Stone) Padgett (2/8/59-1/27/21)
Edwin L. Harris (6/11/64-1/28/21)
Dorothy Jane Walker (10/2/24-1/30/21)
Michael W. McDonald (10/1/56-2/3/21)
Susan Strange (12/2/46-2/6/21)
Daniel J. Spears (4/11/52-2/8/21)
Rita J. Divine (9/27/48-2/13/21)
Patricia J. Sult (8/4/34-2/14/21)
Rebecca I. Allen (5/19/61-2/15/21)
Michele (Hopkins) Hinkle (10/20/61-2/15/21)
Paul J. Arvin (4/3/59-2/16/21)
Sharon L. Craig (5/23/51-2/16/21)
Genevieve Brothers (2/17/66-2/20/21)
Sharon H. DeVault (8/1/47-2/22/21)
Gary Evertt Potts (7/2/55-2/24/21)
Donald E. Brown (3/15/32-2/25/21)
Jerry Keith Holmes (5/29/60-3/1/21)
David Grant Qualkenbush (8/25/50-3/1/21)
Harold L. Dyal (9/3/29-3/3/21)
Betty Jo Guthrie (6/22/46-3/10/21)
Linda Lou King (1/16/42-3/10/21)
David R. Smith (7/16/42-3/11/21)
Tommy Edison Roberts (12/12/42-3/12/21)
Von Jay Shake (5/29/32-3/14/21)
Rick Ellis (12/5/59-3/15/21)
Mary Emma Bussinger (10/5/38-3/16/21)
Charles "Charlie" Clyde Brown, Jr. (4/5/55-3/22/21)
Raymond Cleo Truelove (2/21/27-3/22/21)
Gladys E. Traylor (5/18/33-3/23/21)
Judith E. (Johnson) Peavler (7/26/63-3/26/21)
Amos "Curly" Graber (7/22/69-3/27/21)
David Eugene Franklin, Sr. (5/19/47-4/3/21)
Myrna Freyberger (7/6/60-4/5/21)
Harold L. Crouse (2/7/36-4/6/21)

Timothy Gene Taylor (9/1/79-4/6/21)
Gilberta Lucille Harper (12/11/25-4/7/21)
Philip A. Winger (3/22/61-4/7/21)
Alan Dale Allbright (10/3/51-4/10/21)
Robert R. Osborne (1/22/49-4/10/21)
Melvin Leroy Spears Sr. (7/20/38-4/15/21)
Lester K. "Murphy" Wagler (10/7/42-4/17/21)
Larry Stanton Bennett (8/2/38-4/19/21)
Delbert Francis Bullock (5/4/29-4/19/21)
Norma Lee Lannan (9/4/26-4/19/21)
James R. Kidwell (9/15/38-4/20/21)
Imogene Ruth Powell (10/15/27-4/20/21)
Edger C. Venters Jr. (11/3/52-4/20/21)
Michael E. Hovis (12/28/57-4/23/21)
Mildred L. Long (12/7/42-4/25/21)
Charlotte R. Russell (3/2/61-4/30/21)
Jon Patrick Brown (8/1/58-5/1/21)
Victor Crew (9/8/40-5/1/21)
Lynda K. Stoll (9/23/57-5/5/21)
Valerie Ziegler (5/24/74-5/6/21)
John Stephen Bruner (4/5/58-5/8/21)
Deborah E. Harmon (9/2/58-5/11/21)
Annabell Gibson (11/30/31-5/21/21)
Laura Lenora Edwards Stultz (10/22/31-5/22/21)
Robert Earl Boardman (6/25/29-5/25/21)
Matthew Allen Truelove (2/12/88-5/26/21)
T Michael Downs (2/15/67-5/27/21)
Joyce A. Moffatt (8/19/56-5/31/21)
Carolyn Bruce Ryan (10/28/42-6/1/21)
Irene F. Brock (11/19/47-6/5/21)
Morris R. Cornelius (9/15/29-6/7/21)
James Christopher Cox (6/9/50-6/7/21)
David C. Bruner (5/26/47-6/8/21)
William D. Beltz (5/10/63-6/9/21)
Charles E. (Broz) Pruett (4/3/44-6/10/21)
Dale Tedrow (7/8/37-6/15/21)
Kathy M. Hewitt (2/9/60-6/16/21)
Rose E. (Liz) Walker (2/14/22-6/17/21)
Hershel Lynn Graber (11/19/48-6/21/21)
Joyce Maxine Greenwell (5/19/33-6/21/21)
Georgia Ann Ackerman (7/9/42-6/24/21)
Francis Earl Burnett (8/13/34-6/24/21)
Gloria Jean Beatty (2/11/35-6/25/21)
Audrey June Jones (12/13/27-6/25/21)
Debbie F. Gibson (7/8/58-6/27/21)
John Knepp (4/23/48-6/27/21)
Nathan Kane Enlow (5/18/80-7/1/21)
Keith Tedrow (11/28/36-7/5/21)
Dan J. Wallisa (5/31/60-7/5/21)
Brandon Scott Pendley (7/10/96-7/9/21)
Patricia "Patsy" Bruner (8/11/44-7/13/21)
Doris L. Winkle (3/3/30-7/13/21)
Donald E. McCrary (3/15/43-7/14/21)
Mary Renee Tedrow (2/20/61-7/17/21)
Elizabeth "Beth Ann" Grafton (7/27/51-7/18/21)
Viola Summers (2/7/27-7/19/21)
Daniel Brian Dean King (7/20/21-7/20/21)
Sarah L. Barrera (7/12/64-7/21/21)
Kenneth C. Taylor (8/2/58-7/21/21)
Walter Horsting (11/13/44-7/24/21)
Dustin Joel Seals (12/22/85-7/29/21)
Eddalou Smith (5/9/45-8/1/21)
Melissa "Missy" Anne (Guthrie) Wagler (7/21/82-8/3/21)
James "Reid" Armstrong (10/16/30-8/4/21)
Mary L. Padgett (12/20/36-8/5/21)

(See 'DEATHS' on page 2)

CORRECTION

In last week's story about the Martin County Commissioners' meeting, it was incorrectly reported that the county is responsible for cleaning culverts on residents' properties. The county is actually NOT responsible. *The Journal* apologizes for not hearing this information correctly.

DEATHS

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Elizabeth "Jane" Crowe (5/13/58-8/6/21)
 Robert Wayne Mullins (2/25/55-8/6/21)
 Roy Hubert Pielemeier (10/18/30-8/6/21)
 Anthony William Downey (6/14/60-8/8/21)
 Janet Sue (Hert) French (11/30/44-8/12/21)
 Terry Marley (11/19/56-8/13/21)
 Gene Marneal "Neal" Jones (1/26/39-8/14/21)
 Mary Jane (Ison) Fields (10/25/47-8/15/21)
 Allen Keith Swayze (4/24/50-8/18/21)
 Pete Lawrence Bauer (6/26/34-8/19/21)
 Roy Lee "Wheatie" Brock (11/18/36-8/19/21)
 George O. Opel Sr. (9/30/31-8/19/21)
 Betty Lou Schultz (5/5/30-8/21/21)
 Terry Lee Hall (11/11/45-8/22/21)
 Jeremi Lee Jones (2/8/82-8/23/21)
 Rebecca Jean Holt (10/7/49-8/26/21)
 Shirley Bratton (12/8/39-8/27/21)
 Richard L. "Dick" Carnegie (3/21/47-8/27/21)
 Vaughn Eldon Garrett (4/13/34-8/28/21)
 Duane J. "Co-op" Eckerle (6/11/58-8/30/21)
 Janice Sue "Susie" Brann (7/30/43-9/1/21)
 Fred L. Woods (2/26/21-9/2/21)
 Barbara Nell Schmucker (4/1/55-9/4/21)
 Virginia R. Cooper (1/3/33-9/5/21)
 Joseph Eugene Earl (6/13/79-9/7/21)
 Theresa Ellen Roach (8/21/50-9/8/21)
 Lacy Ann Williams (5/15/85-9/10/21)
 Carl Dean "Red" Combs (10/6/62-9/12/21)
 Tammy "Hammer" Hensley (4/7/65-9/13/21)
 Charles Wallace Peoples Jr. (6/27/34-9/15/21)
 Edna Ruth Wildman (3/8/26-9/15/21)
 Dennis Stepanek (7/6/48-9/17/21)
 Joseph Charles Earl (12/3/50-9/21/21)
 Paul Rodgers (8/19/48-9/24/21)
 Gregory Ivan Sims (6/14/63-9/24/21)
 James H. Ellis (12/13/27-9/28/21)
 Karl E. Hoffman (10/11/47-9/28/21)
 Rachel Mary Holt (9/19/46-9/28/21)
 Billy Dean Howell (7/3/39-9/28/21)
 Roy Dale Grafton (9/25/52-9/29/21)
 Denise A. Loudermilk (4/22/69-9/30/21)
 Carl Max Cooper (9/1/32-10/1/21)
 Eldena East (7/23/35-10/3/21)
 Carolyn S. (Sutton) Howell (4/20/38-10/4/21)
 Dorothy Ilene (Morgan) Everman (3/15/24-10/7/21)
 Beverly Ann Abel (8/29/40-10/12/21)
 Reverend William "Lester" Howard (8/23/29-10/16/21)
 Brenda Fay Wells (5/1/47-10/18/21)
 Margaret A. Neukam (12/11/22-10/20/21)
 Robert D. Anderson (2/6/28-10/21/21)
 Warren "Brett" Richardson (7/18/62-10/22/21)
 Edna M. Hembree (3/27/40-10/24/21)
 Michael A. (Tony) Lentz (3/10/46-10/25/21)
 Martha "Sue" Winingier (2/17/38-10/25/21)
 Luther O. Fuhrman (11/10/31-10/26/21)
 Terry Singer (3/23/59-10/29/21)
 Martha Hamilton (7/12/55-10/31/21)
 Larry Dean Fisher (5/30/46-11/3/21)
 Janice Arlene Peoples (7/20/39-11/4/21)
 Ann Wallace (3/5/31-11/5/21)
 Tammy Jo Hembree (6/5/61-11/6/21)
 George Thomas Mudd (2/8/50-11/6/21)
 Lynn Harshaw (4/11/68-11/10/21)
 Darrel Edward Salmon (10/24/81-11/12/21)
 Randall Baker (6/12/48-11/14/21)
 Alma May Henson (4/17/30-11/17/21)
 Harry G. Ellis (3/22/24-11/19/21)
 Gerald Lee Wilcoxon Jr. (4/24/54-11/19/21)
 Lydia Alice Braun (5/14/30-11/20/21)
 Terry L. Terrell (5/22/44-11/24/21)

Linda Marcella (Hoyt) Smith (9/18/49-11/25/21)
 Phyllis Fern Cundiff (9/28/38-11/26/21)
 Jeffrey Dennis Hembree (9/21/58-11/26/21)
 Jaqueline "Jackie" Davis (1/16/64-11/29/21)
 Debra "Debbie" Fields (7/19/54-11/30/21)
 Calvin Gibson (2/1/56-11/30/21)
 Ernest Earl Boyd, Jr. (8/29/42-12/1/21)
 Dorlisa Ann Quinn (2/14/55-12/1/21)
 William L. "Yacky" Adams (4/16/57-12/2/21)
 George W. Doyle (11/17/43-12/3/21)
 Jerry D. Schnarr (7/23/64-12/5/21)
 Agnes Janet "Jan Jan" (Redmond) Wittmer (2/25/36-12/8/21)
 Michael "Mike" Newton (1/9/43-12/9/21)
 Gloria M. Ray (10/10/33-12/9/21)
 Sally A. (Carr) Markel (7/18/44-12/13/21)
 Robert Perkins (1/29/47-12/14/21)
 Loren "Greasy" Dale Sorrells (5/4/39-12/14/21)
 Marcella F. Stevens (8/15/60-12/16/21)
 Glenn C. Spaulding (12/31/55-12/17/21)
 Norman Lee Holt (6/28/62-12/18/21)
 Marcia Ann (Buzzard) Lewis (4/4/56-12/19/21)
 Lisa S. Engleman (9/27/61-12/22/21)
 Arby L. Huff (6/22/38-12/22/21)
 Louis "Roger" Cooper (4/29/44-12/24/21)
 Robert M. Lannan (3/8/41-12/24/21)
 Anna L. Craney (7/22/51-12/25/21)
 Rose Faye Clark (8/17/30-12/29/21)
 Dorothy Jo Howell (6/29/39-12/31/21)
 Alfred "Dean" Radcliff (4/30/68-12/31/21)

HEADLINES

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nesses affected by COVID
 Martin County unemployment rate at 3.3 percent for March
 Jug Rox Robotix qualify for state championship
 Loogootee High School back to virtual learning

MAY
 Martin County awarded almost \$1 million for roads
 Museum restores old clerk's office, now veterans' room
 County council again answers questions from taxpayers
 Commissioners stand by hiring financial advisor for the county
 Lt. Governor visits Loogootee to discuss state budget highlights
 Martin County man arrested on numerous charges
 Loogootee Elementary approved as Stem Certified School
 Loogootee man arrested for child molestation
 Kaley Roush signed to play volleyball with Vincennes University
 Hindostan Days coming back
 Jug Rox Robotix compete at state
 Shoals School losing middle school principal
 Alecia Wagner has become Martin County's newest probation officer
 Loogootee to graduate 63, Shoals 49
 Shoals Council discusses raising water, sewer rates
 Martin County's unemployment rate at 2.9 percent for April
 Lady Lions Tennis win sectional

JUNE

Commissioners discuss grants along with other county business
 Loogootee Lady Lions Softball Team wins Regional
 Sheriff wants bonus structure to help with staffing
 Loogootee High School Softball Team runners up in the Class 1A semi-state
 City council approves spending, discusses resident complaints

A total of 20 Martin County residents have died due to COVID-19

There were a total of 1,052 COVID-19 cases reported to the Martin County Health Department in 2021. The total, since the start of the pandemic, is 1,628. To date, more than 5,956 people have been tested for COVID-19 from Martin County. A total of 20 Martin County residents have died due to complications with COVID-19.

In the past week, the number of new COVID-19 cases has increased significantly. The Indiana Department of Health map currently shows Martin County as an ORANGE county based on cases the week ending December 27. Since the vaccine became available locally, the health department has given over 5,400 vaccinations.

The Martin County Health Department administers COVID-19 vaccine to anyone age 12 and up on Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and one Saturday each month from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Vaccine appointments for those ages 5-18 can be made on Tuesdays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled at <https://ourshot.in.gov> or by calling 812-247-3303. There is no cost to the individual, but insurance may be charged an administration fee. Individuals should bring an insurance card if they have one. The health department has both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccine. These vaccines require two doses administered 21 to 28 days apart depending on the brand of vaccine.

Booster doses are available for those 18 and up who completed two doses of Pfizer or Moderna at least six months ago or received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least two months ago.

As a reminder, PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK or if you have been told to isolate or quarantine! If someone in your household is symptomatic for COVID-19, all household members should stay at home until the symptomatic person is tested or receives an alternate diagnosis from their doctor. If someone in your household has recently been tested for COVID-19, all household members should stay at home until they receive their results. The symptomatic person should isolate away from the rest of the household until results are received or until they see their doctor. Examples of alternate diagnosis could include strep throat, flu, etc. If the household member's COVID-19 test is negative or they receive an alternate diagnosis, asymptomatic household members can return to normal activities. For the sake of your family, friends and loved ones, we must take precautions to protect those around us! You can be infectious to others up to 48 hours before your symptoms begin. Quarantine and isolation guidelines have recently been updated. To review updated guidelines, please visit [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) or [coronavirus.in.gov](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov)

The best ways to protect yourself and others are to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you're sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Commissioners discuss road work, open bids

Shoals hires Josh Mullis as middle school principal

Updates coming for U.S. 231 in Martin, Dubois counties

New community action group bringing back farmers' market

36th Catfish Festival starts tomorrow

Martin County's jobless rate at 3 percent for May

Commissioners hire Milestone for next round of road paving

JULY

County council approves sheriff's hiring policies, salary increases

Martin County Humane Society has completed their spay/neuter surgery suite

Loogootee's Esch attends Space Academy

Shoals School Board preps for new year

Tempers flare more than once at city council meeting

COVID testing site closes due to lack of funding

Commissioners discuss OCRA grant, meeting streaming, dog issue

RTC fiber broadband expanding into Loogootee

Martin County unemployment rate at 3.2 percent for June

Community hosting memorial service for beloved teacher Ed Hamilton

Commissioners give okay for \$248,900 to upgrade communications system

Shoals Town Council approves sewer, water rate changes

AUGUST

County council discusses next year salary increases, income tax decrease

Man wanted out of Michigan for prison escape apprehended in Martin County

City council approves raises for employees

Loogootee woman wins Indiana Agriculture photo contest

COVID cases ticking back up

County's population drops by 522 residents

Doane retires after 28 years of service

Shoals Community Schools enrollment up 52 students

Mosquito in Shoals tests positive for West Nile virus

Martin County man arrested for child exploitation

Magazine recognizes Loogootee as a best city for retirees

Shoals Council discusses grants, water issues

One dead after shooting in Shoals

Martin County's jobless rate drops to 2.8 percent in July

SEPTEMBER

Commissioners discuss vaccine, bridge issues

Celebrating the history of Hindostan

Underground tank leak on Red School Road

Commissioners contemplate what to do with bridge

Indiana State Police Lieutenant, Martin County native announces retirement (Mark Tow)

Two juveniles injured in ORV accident in Martin County

White River Co-Op and Premier Ag merge

County council facing another budget shortage

County council facing another budget shortage

Shoals School Board approves staff changes

Additional resident dies of COVID

County council discusses budget, eliminating positions

Prosecutor defends her office

Shoals Town Board goes over ordinances, blighted properties

Another resident dies due to COVID

Traffic stop leads to heroin arrest

Hindostan Days this Saturday

Memorial Hospital partners to expand mental health services to Martin County

Martin County's jobless rate at 2.8 percent for August

Two more residents die due to COVID (See 'HEADLINES' on page 9)

DOROTHY HOWELL

Dorothy Jo Howell passed December 31, 2021, at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, she was 82.

She was born June 29, 1939, in Marmet, West Virginia; daughter of Howard and Glenna (Canterbury) Berry. She married Richard T. Howell on October 25, 1994, and he survives.

She graduated high school in Eastbank, West Virginia and came to Indiana

in 1994. She was a nursing aid and enjoyed gardening and sewing.

Survivors include her husband, Richard "Dick" Howell; three daughters, Dorothy McCullin, Suzan McCullin and Debbie Yarbrough; and one son, Richard Bailey.

Cremation was chosen and no services are planned at this time.

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

DEAN RADCLIFF

Alfred "Dean" Radcliff passed December 31, 2021, at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 53.

He was born April 30, 1968, in Washington; son of Lucine Holt Sheets. He married Christine Lundy and she survives.

Dean attended Shoals Schools, worked as a mechanic, a maintenance technician at Kimball and loved to tinker.

He is survived by his wife, Christine "Chris" Radcliff; one daughter, Jasmine Jones; and three sons, Chris Radcliff, Chance Radcliff, and Tyler Jones.

Cremation was chosen and no services are planned at this time.

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



FAYE CLARK

ert Hand, Donald Hand, Edith Dillion, Beulah White, Ruth Watkins and William O. "Bud" Hand; and granddaughter, Emily Clark.

She is survived by her children,

Bill (Stephanie) Clark of Montgomery, Brent Clark of Shoals and Shannon (Doug) Wagoner of Shoals; grandchildren, Stacy Mormon, Amy Clark, Hannah Estrada, Chad Clark, Nathan L. Clark, Joshua Clark, Aaron Clark, Justin Clark, and Evan Wagoner; 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren and 10 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 4 at Weisbach Community Church in Shoals. Burial followed in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Shoals Public Library.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Rose Faye Clark.

FAYE CLARK

Rose Faye Clark went into her Heavenly home with her family by her side at 11:40 a.m. Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at Loogootee Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 91.

She was born August 17, 1930, in Washington; daughter of the late William O. and Rosie Ella (Grove) Hand.

Faye graduated from Washington High School in 1948 and Vincennes University in 1979 as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She then worked at Eastgate Manor in Washington and retired in 1998. Faye loved baking, cooking and was an avid reader. Her family was her world. She attended the Weisbach Community Church.

She was preceded in death by siblings, Wilmer Hand, Wilbert Hand, Rob-

Health Forward

Helping you with your health
By Melissa Ray,
Family Nurse Practitioner

Take Charge of Your Health

Let's be honest. Thinking about health can be unsettling. Why? For one thing, it can represent the "great unknown," especially in this time of Covid 19. When we start having an odd pain, feel unusually tired, or see a bump that wasn't there before, we naturally wonder whether everything in our body is working the way it should.

Sometimes we might compare our situation to a car's check-engine light. We hear a funny noise, and the dashboard light comes on. The challenge? There's no clear-cut signal telling us what the problem actually is or how much it will cost to fix it. Do we keep driving until something breaks down? Or see a mechanic now?

Sometimes the same is true of our personal health. We have an unexplained ache or pain or general feeling of not being up to par. Do we ignore it and hope it goes away?

The fact is that delaying seeing a doctor or provider can result in much higher costs of care and complicated outcomes.

But despite that fact, large numbers of people bypass seeing a medical professional, even if they're sick or injured. Those situations typically don't have good outcomes.

In some areas of southern Indiana, where economic and family conditions may complicate things, it's easy to put off doing the right thing. If one is facing a tight budget, one can try to justify putting off medical care because they're worried about cost or value.

Still reading? There is good news.

Let's go back to our "check engine light." Many people know that preventive maintenance - regularly checking the oil, keeping filters up to date, and fixing minor issues as they come up - makes a car last longer. An occasional visit with a mechanic can alert you to potential issues before they become major ones.

Your body - and your life -- benefits from similar attention. And it's also true that when preventative upkeep is ignored, problems can advance. A big one that people famously ignore is high blood pressure (hypertension).

High blood pressure doesn't typically show any open obvious symptoms in its early stages. But its "silent" nature masks the damage the condition may inflicting.

Untreated high blood pressure can lead to kidney damage and disease and increases risks for later heart problems (including heart failure) and stroke. Nobody wants those kinds of conditions.

Pre-diabetes and related stages of diabetes also rank high in the "ignore" category. Effective treatments (including simple changes in diet) exist. If we don't get checked out, untreated diabetes can also produce bad outcomes like heart disease, kidney and other issues, and even loss of vision.

This is where some attention to regular "preventive maintenance" - scheduling (and showing up) for routine annual physicals, age-appropriate screenings or other preventive health care actions can help you avoid advanced conditions that can be costly - both from money and lifestyle perspectives.

The bottom line? Taking charge of your health and completing just a few preventive steps can establish a pattern of wellness that can result in higher energy, better sleep and overall feelings of good health for you.

Don't wait until the "check engine light" comes on with nagging pains or uncomfortable conditions. A simple plan of awareness, acceptance, and action (sometimes called the 3 A's) can help. Seek out the information you need to be informed and aware, accept the truth of your situation honestly - and take action to address the situation.

Here's more good news - you don't have to go it alone! Medical professionals and providers - like those at SICHC - are available in our region to help make your life better, including helping you find answers to questions about COVID-19 or other medical issues of all kinds. Find a provider who will meet you where you are in life and work together to elevate your health. Good health - at an affordable cost - can be just a phone call or online click away. Take your health off "ignore" and reap the benefits!

A board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP), Melissa Ray has well over two decades of professional medical experience throughout a spectrum of healthcare. She offers primary and obstetrics care, pregnancy, well-baby and well-woman services at SICHC offices, including SICHC's locations in Shoals and Salem.

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THANK YOU

The family of Earl Boyd Jr. wish to thank everyone for the love and kindness you have shown us during Jr.'s recent death. The prayers, phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, food and memories shown and shared will not be forgotten.

A special thank you to the staff at Daviess Community Hospital for the kindness, love and care you showed Jr. and his family throughout his stay. Thank you to the Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Home for everything you did to make this as easy as possible, and the beautiful service you provided. Thank you to Pastor John Ziegler and Mark Hamaker for officiating the service and Judith Montgomery for singing Jr.'s favorite song "One Day at a Time" at the service. Thank you to Shoals Nazarene Church for providing a meal for the family after the service. Thank you to the Shoals Town Marshal and Martin County Sheriff's Department for the police escort to Albright Cemetery. That was very special to all of us. A special thank you to his grandsons Robert Boyd, Justin Boyd, Matt Taylor, Scotty Boyd, Mike Taylor, and Aiden Taylor for being pallbearers. Our hearts are all broken but we know he is no longer in pain and reunited with his beautiful wife.

Wesley Boyd & Family
Kevin Boyd & Family
Becky Taylor & Family
Brian Boyd & Family
Kevin Cornett & Family
Kecia Taylor & Family

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 31st, 2022, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for East Perry and Mitcheltree townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

1:18 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:26 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard near Shoals Community School. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:37 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department was notified.

12:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health Bedford.

2:04 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

8:37 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:05 a.m. - Received a report of noise complaint in Crane. Major Keller responded.

5:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:36 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

12:34 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:11 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism east of Shoals. ISP was notified.

11:43 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Loogootee. All Martin County law enforcement were notified.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and Sergeant Gibson responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

3:21 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:45 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist north of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

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

8:11 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driver east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

9:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

6:42 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:02 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:45 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Major Keller was notified.

11:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Major Keller, Deputy Wells, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:14 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 dial.

7:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:22 p.m. - Deputy Wells assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Deputy Shaw, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. Property owner was contacted.

8:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:49 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check.

3:39 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Dog owner was notified.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

5:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Wells, Town Marshal Eckert and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:33 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department, Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, Deputy Wells and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

7:54 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Daviess County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

12:24 a.m. - Received a complaint of fireworks in Loogootee. Deputy Shaw was notified.

12:44 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

1:00 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Shaw and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person west of Shoals. Deputy Shaw was notified.

5:22 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:12 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of a tree

Real estate transfers

Michael J. Hopkins and Karen A. Hopkins, of Martin County, Indiana to **The Town of Shoals Indiana**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east fractional of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.56 acres, more or less.

Timothy A. Wathen to Paul G. Taylor and Linda Warwick Taylor, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.44 acre, more or less. Being Lot Number 19 in Country Court Tract II. Also, a portion of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.50 acre, more or less.

Shari Lynn Hulsman and Beverly Kay Hedrick, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christine E. Marley**, of Greene County, Indiana, Lot Number 31 in Rischer's First Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:12 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Deputy Wells, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:26 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

6:48 p.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department, Deputy Shaw and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:33 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Shaw responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

1:59 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Shaw responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:21 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

10:02 a.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers west of Shoals. Deputy Wells was notified.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of a dead deer west of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

4:25 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:23 p.m. - Received a report of high-water north of Shoals. The county highway department was notified.

5:54 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw was notified.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed November 30

Nicholas R. Wathen, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Frank T. Winger, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

December 1

Trisel N. Davis, two counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors.

December 7

Jakob B. Graber, 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.

Curtis D. Brown, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 9

Trinity R. Benton, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kimberly S. Spurgeon, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony.

Courtney J. Aynes, possession of a controlled substance, a Level 6 Felony; carrying a handgun without a license, 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 15

Jeremy J. Harlan, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dale E. Jones, Jr., failure of a sex offender to possess identification, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 16

Joby Shaw, illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor performing taxidermy without a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 17

Mark A. Parker, escape, a Level 6 Felony.

December 20

Issac D. Davis, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony; kidnapping, a Level 6 Felony; two counts of domestic battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, Level 6 Felonies.

December 23

Jessica J. Allen, to counts of failure to appear, Level 6 Felonies.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS December 22

Michael D. Elliott, Jr., convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 720 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days.

December 23

Brian D. Hawkins, convicted of domestic battery by means of a deadly weapon, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 355 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Nicholas R. Wathen, convicted of disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 164 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED December 22

Michael D. Elliott, Jr., operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

December 23

Brian D. Hawkins, domestic battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Nicholas R. Wathen, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed December 22

Crane Credit Union vs. Cassie Carroll, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS December 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC and against the defendant Staci Waid in the amount of \$621.62.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the defendant Dawn Taylor in the amount of \$4,444.11.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED December 22

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Sheila R. Hudson, complaint, dismissed.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Teresa M. Harder, complaint, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES December 22

Damon Meek of Loogootee and Cecora Holt of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

11:25 a.m. - A complainant came on station to report a property damage accident. Captain Rayhill took the report.

1:54 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on West Broadway Street.

7:12 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walker Street.

9:50 p.m. - A caller reported two motorcycles traveling at a high rate of speed from JFK Avenue and is now headed north on US 231.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

11:28 a.m. - A caller reported his door found open and a neighbor's pet inside. Nothing was found missing.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

11:37 a.m. - Chief Means completed a vehicle check on Elm Street.

4:41 p.m. - Chief Means and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on JFK Avenue.

9:15 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a flatbed nearing Loogootee with a loose load of hay.

4:28 p.m. - A caller reported an erratic driver in the area of Truelove Drive and Reason Avenue.

6:35 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted a complainant in retrieving personal property.

7:30 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Kentucky Avenue.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:41 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Oak Street.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

1:59 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a reported of possible illegal drug activity.

6:38 p.m. - Caller reported erratic driving in the parking lot of a local business.

7:57 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a residential burglar alarm.

10:50 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of individuals in the city park after hours.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

10:39 a.m. - Shawn Purdy, 49, of Bloomfield, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond. Jail Officer Norman assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

1:12 a.m. - Silas Bauer, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, minor consumption and endangerment. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond and no driving.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:49 a.m. - Brian McBride, 34, of Evansville, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins on a Vanderburgh County warrant. He is being held without bond.

5:51 p.m. - Aden Almedina, 18, of French Lick, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance and being held on \$10,000 10% bond and no driving.



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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 to be held Thursday, January 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. If covid restrictions do not change, food will be served in the basement. All members of the community are invited 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 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

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

Mental Health Task Force
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

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

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

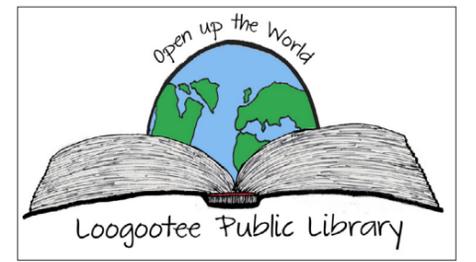
Free lunch for kids
New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school

age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

SOAR Tutoring
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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 or call at 295-3149.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed on Monday, January 17 for Martin Luther King, Jr Day.

Jonathan Cropp will be offering free guitar lessons at the library. If interested, call the library for more information. There is limit of 10 and is available for ages 10-18. You must pre-register to attend.

Yoga for Seniors will be held on Mondays from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Pre-registration is required. There is a \$10 donation.

The library was awarded an \$18,000 ARPA grant recently. Items the library will be purchasing are a new color copier/scanner, 22 children's Launchpad tablets, security cameras and backup DVR, outside seating, and air purifiers for all the rooms.

New Books:
Inspirational Fiction: "Trace of Doubt" by Diann Mills.

The library inclement weather policy states that if Loogootee School is closed then we are as well. Staff will notify WWBL and WAMW radio stations plus post on Facebook.

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

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More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman

8 THINGS TO QUIT IN 2022

1. trying to please everyone
2. fearing change
3. living in the past
4. overthinking
5. being afraid to be different
6. sacrificing your happiness for others
7. thinking you're not good enough
8. thinking you have no purpose

105-year-old lady's advice to us all:
"For better digestion, I drink beer. In case of appetite loss, I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure, I drink red wine. In case of high blood pressure, I drink scotch. When I have a cold, I drink Schnapps."

"When do you drink water?"
"I've never been that sick!"

TOO GOOD TO NOT SHARE

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.
2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 p.m. is the new midnight.
4. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
5. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
6. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.

Primary Election candidates can file now

The Martin County Primary Election will be held May 3, 2022. The following local offices will appear on the ballot:

- County Assessor
- County Clerk
- County Council Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4
- County Commissioner District 2
- Circuit Court Judge
- County Prosecutor
- County Sheriff
- All Township Trustees
- All Township Board Members
- Shoals Town Council – 3 members
- Shoals Clerk/Treasurer
- Crane Town Council – 3 members
- Crane Clerk/Treasurer
- Democrat Precinct Committeemen (only on ballot if there is a contest)
- Democrat and Republican State Convention Delegates (only on ballot if there is a contest)

The first day to file for candidacy is January 5, 2022 and the last day to file is February 4, 2022 at noon. You can pick

8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
11. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
12. I run like the winded.
13. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
14. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
15. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
16. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east."
17. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
18. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
19. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

Make someone smile today!

up necessary paperwork at the Martin County Clerk's Office any time after December 17, 2021. If you have any questions about filing for candidacy or any other election questions, please contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

Memorial Hospital medical scholarship opportunities

The Memorial Hospital Foundation is offering over \$70,000 in medical scholarship opportunities for current high school seniors or students currently enrolled in post-secondary education. A scholarship application must be completed by applicants and submitted online by March 15, 2022. For additional scholarship information, or to apply visit www.mhhcc.org/giving and click on "Scholarship Opportunities."

For more information regarding these scholarship opportunities, please contact Deidra Church: dchurch@mhhcc.org or call 812-996-8426



Christmas play

Mrs. Hawkins' 2nd Grade Class at Shoals performed a Christmas play for their families before break. Shown in the front row are Eyan Hovis, Brayden Douglas, Jared McGuire, Wyatt Montgomery, Novalee Robinson, Silas Sanders, Azailya Kelsey, and Gabrielle Stevens. In the middle row are Lucas Neideffer, Lucy Erwin, Lynlee Lents, Bell Moffitt, and Annabelle Watson. In the back row are Matthew Wilson (Santa), Wes Troutman, Kyndall French (Mrs. Clause), Mayson Sanders, Kennedy Coulter, Brynlee Albrecht, Von Riggins, Adi Brown, Nick Harding, Bentley Witt, and Nova Purdue.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

The end of a year and the beginning of a new one is generally a time to reflect on what the old year held and to make plans for the new. I doubt that anyone is sorry to see the end of 2021, and it is undoubtedly a universal hope that 2022 will see the end of the pandemic and prosperity for all. However, at least in the garden, 2021 was not a terrible year. There were no extended droughts or floods in our corner of the world and while we endured the 17-year cicada swarm, I heard from no one whose garden was adversely affected. I actually missed their hum in the garden when their cycle was completed, and they dug into the soil for another 17 years.

A cool spring resulted in a longer bloom period for many spring flowers, while causing some delays in the vegetable garden. However, all-in-all, it was a good year for vegetables. The start may have been delayed, but the growing season was long, with a killing frost waiting until late autumn. Actually, this past week, I have picked leaf lettuce from the garden and could harvest mustard, kale, bok choy and parsnips.

I made some great advances at Sandhill Gardens, with the installation of the moon gate and other progress in the moon garden. The lack of a mulch supply and some personal health concerns caused some delays last spring, but I have a mountain of mulch now and am doing much better. I have mulch to protect newly-planted shrubs, trees and perennials from the heaving effects of the freeze-thaw cycles that usually wreak havoc in southern Indiana gardens at this time of the year. We have probably had enough cold weather to allow the addition of protective mulch on any day when the garden is accessible. Remember that the purpose of this mulch is not to keep the ground from freezing, but to keep the frozen ground from thawing rapidly and displacing the roots of newly-planted specimens. If you have the constitution, it is perfectly acceptable to

spread mulch on days when the temperatures are below freezing.

On my garden walks, I have noticed the appearance of some foliage of spring bulbs that has already erupted. This is nothing to excite anyone. That foliage may also be protected by some mulch, and it is pretty hardy, so it will take a lot of cold. Other than some mulch, there is really nothing that you can do about it, so do not worry about it. You may lose some spring blooms, but most of the plants will survive and will come back the following year. Many bulbs will re-set themselves at a proper depth, so just relax and let nature take its course.

I am making plans for the new gardening season. I want to add more evergreens to the landscape, using different shapes, colors and textures to fill some space. Over time, some perennials may be displaced, but the addition of the evergreens will result in less maintenance, and as I grow older, that will be important. I do plan to retire from my secular vocation in July and hope that will result in more time in the garden and more time for other avocations, including some crafting of new garden art pieces. I hope to get some work done on outbuildings to make them more presentable and more usable. I would like to find a home for my collection of antique gardening tools and accessories, creating a gardening museum to show to gardeners who come to visit. I also hope to make better defined pathways in the gardens and keep ahead of the weeds. I added several new rhododendrons to the rhodo-ramble this year. I pray they will survive and will be putting on a show in the spring. That path is pretty rough and needs a lot of work. There will be no shortage of projects for my retirement years. I pray God will allow me several years to work in this little piece of Heaven in southern Indiana.

Happy New Year!!! Start thumbing through the catalogues. Spring is not far away!



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

It might not seem like it much yet, but every day we are starting to get a bit more daylight. I like heading this direction again, but we are still a long way from spring. I like to use cold January days to catch up on reading and planning for the upcoming season.

One of the bigger challenges for this season is going to be fertilizer costs. If you have “stockpiled” some soil fertility in your pastures and hay fields, then you certainly look pretty smart right now.

Banking some fertility is easier to do on pastures than it is on hay fields. The majority of nutrients on pastures are returned to the soil for new plant growth with good grazing management. If hay is removed from a site, those nutrients in the forage leave the field – mechanical harvest of forages does deplete nutrients over time if not replaced.

Dr. Chris Teutsch of UK Research and Education Center recently released a short YouTube video with John Grove - “Ten Tips to Help Livestock Producers Weather High Fertilizer Prices.” Chris had ten really good points on the topic. I’ll provide a quick synopsis of those bullets and a few of my own thoughts. Ironically, I had already been thinking about concerns with increased fertilizer prices before I saw the video and, after watching it, decided to not to completely reinvent the wheel but just run with it.

1. There are no silver bullets: There are a lot of products out there now that promise a lot of things, and some allude to no fertilizer required. It is certainly possible to improve soil health with the microbial life of the soil to where some unobtainable nutrients are made more available, but it doesn’t happen overnight, and it isn’t a given. Good management of the forages is always key. Maintain good live cover, adequate rest between grazing events, and appropriate stop grazing heights.

2. Soil sample pasture and hay fields: Though some may argue that soil tests are not that beneficial, I disagree. A soil test provides a baseline to work from. If you don’t know where you are presently, then it is harder to figure out what direction you need to go!

3. Add lime first: The first priority item to address from your soil test is the pH. The pH indicates how sweet or sour the soil is. Most grasses prefer to be in the range of 6.0 to 6.4. A few legumes, like alfalfa for example, prefer a sweeter soil between 6.5 to 7.0. Lime is usually the best money first spent because if the pH is off too much, critical macro nutrients like phosphorus won’t be as available. If the pH is below 5.8, I’d recommend correcting the pH first and retesting after at least six months to assess everything else.

4. Don’t apply P & K if in medium soil test range: At moderate levels, you can maintain sufficient levels for a long time if only grazing. If you are taking hay off, especially multiple harvests during the growing season, then levels will reflect that and decline accordingly. If phosphorus and potassium are below the medium test range, then additional nutrients are beneficial for nutrition and yield.

5. Rotate stocking: The more livestock are rotated, or more precisely managed in such a way to get even distribution of manure and urine across the entire pasture, the better the redistribution of nutrients back into the soil and plants from where they came. Livestock that are allowed to roam bigger areas are much more likely to move nutrients from one part of the field to another. This is particularly true if water and mineral are a long walking distance. When this is the case, animals will tend to graze those distant locations for shorter periods and will then tend to ruminate and return nutrients

closer to the water source, thus moving nutrients and creating low and hot spots in the process.

6. Capitalize on nutrients in hay: There are a lot of nutrients in a bale of hay, especially good quality hay. If we can feed some of this hay where nutrients are needed, then we can save on replacement nutrients. Feeding it where it is needed also reduces the amount of manure that needs to be hauled, saving time and fuel. Manure can be a very good source of nutrients for both pastures and hay fields. If using manure from confinement buildings or lagoons, treat it like you are putting on commercial fertilizer, get the manure tested and apply according to soil tests and yield goals. If you are buying hay, then you are not only buying feed for the livestock, but you are also buying nutrients for the farm that should be taken advantage of.

7. Add legumes: The addition of legumes to both pastures and hay fields has several economic benefits. They add additional digestible protein and nutrients, and when mixed with grasses, provide valuable nitrogen to the system that boosts both yield and overall quality. The addition of legumes is usually the second-best dollar spent after lime. Legumes fix nitrogen in root nodules. Rhizobia bacteria in the soil enter the root. The correct rhizobium bacteria must be present for the species, thus the reason for making sure that you inoculate seed prior to planting legumes. Most legumes are fairly pH sensitive, therefore, the pH needs to be corrected prior to planting for best results.

8. Frost seed clover: Frost seeding is one of the least expensive ways to enhance the stand of legumes in your pastures. It is basically the process of broadcasting the legume seed onto the soil’s surface during the winter dormant months. I usually say the ideal time is somewhere between Christmas and Valentine’s Day. When I really have my choosing, I’ll wait until there is a light snow on the ground and then do the sowing. The snow serves two good purposes. One, it helps “catch” the seed and transport it to the ground and two, it serves as a great marker for the tractor or ATV.

9. Manage Nitrogen applications: When nitrogen fertilizer prices are high, we need to be as efficient as possible with applications. Early applications of nitrogen can boost the yield of the first cutting of hay, but with long wet springs, it can also throw fuel on the fire and create stands of forages that are not only hard to dry if you are wanting dry hay, but also may be too competitive with legumes we want to maintain. Nitrogen applications are sometimes better utilized for secondary cuttings to boost yield and quality and or for stockpiled forage for fall and winter grazing. Apply any nitrogen when it can be utilized the most efficiently. If you have high amounts of legumes in the sward, then you may not need much or any additional nitrogen depending on your goals.

10. Monitor Hayfields Closely: Like mentioned already, hay removes a lot of nutrients that will have to be replaced eventually to maintain future yields. When nutrients fall into the low category, forage yield and quality both suffer and there can also be a shift in the sward to plants that are more adaptable to low levels of some nutrients. Broomsedge, yellow bluestem, is a good example of a low nutrient soil increaser. Fields used only for hay should be treated like a regular crop field and fertilized as needed to maintain at least a moderate fertility level.

May the rains sweep gently across your fields, may the sun warm the land, may every good seed you have planted grow abundantly and by late summer find you standing in fields of plenty – Happy New Year!



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Farmer sentiment rises on strengthening current financial position

BY KAMI GOODWIN

Purdue University News Service

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer rose for only the second time since May, up 9 points to a reading of 125 in December. The Index of Current Conditions and the Index of Future Expectations also rose this month with a stronger current conditions index primarily responsible for the barometer's rise. The December's Index of Current Conditions rose 18 points to a reading of 146, while the Index of Future Expectations rose 4 points to a reading of 114. 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 December 8-14.

December marked the second month in a row that farmers reported a stronger financial performance for their farms. The Farm Financial Performance Index rose 7 points to 113 in December which is the index's highest reading since May and is 21 percent higher than readings obtained just before the pandemic's onset.

"Excellent crop yields this fall, combined with strong crop prices, provided many producers with their most positive cash flow in recent years. That combination helps explain the year-end rise in the financial index as well as the barometer overall," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Even as supply chain issues continue to hamper producers' capital investment plans, the Farm Capital Investment Index rose in December, up 10 points to a reading of 49. This marks the most positive value for the investment index since August, but remains 47 percent lower than in December. The investment index's improvement was primarily the result of fewer producers in December saying they planned to reduce their machinery purchases in the upcoming year, responding instead that they plan to hold their investments steady with the prior year. This month, 45 percent of survey participants said that low farm machinery inventory levels impacted their farm machinery purchase plans.

Farmers expressed concern about rising production costs and the availability of production inputs. When asked what their biggest concerns are for their farming operation in the upcoming year, 47 percent of respondents selected higher input cost from a list that included lower crop and/or livestock prices, environmental policy, farm policy, climate policy and COVID's impact. Over half (57 percent) of producers said they expect farm input prices in the upcoming year to rise by more than 20 percent compared with a year earlier, and nearly four

out of 10 respondents said they expect input prices to rise by more than 30 percent.

This month's survey also asked crop producers if they have had any difficulty purchasing crop inputs from their suppliers for the 2022 crop season. Nearly four out of 10 (39 percent) of respondents said they've experienced some difficulties. In a follow-up question, producers who indicated that they were experiencing difficulties in making purchases were asked which crop inputs they've had trouble purchasing. Responses were varied, which could be an indication of problems across the supply chain and included difficulties in purchasing fertilizer (31 percent), herbicides (28 percent), farm machinery parts (24 percent) and insecticides (17 percent).

Both the short-term and long-term farmland value indices declined slightly in December. The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectation Index declined 4 points to 153, while the long-term index declined 6 points to 152. Although both indices declined in December, they remain near their all-time highs. Producers who indicated they expect farmland values to rise over the next five years were asked a follow-up question asking them about the main reason they expect farmland values to rise. Producers indicated nonfarm investor demand (61 percent), low interest rates (13 percent), and strong farm cash flows (11%) were their primary reasons for expecting values to rise.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://ag.purdue.edu/commercialag/ageconomybarometer/>. 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.

Hunting and trapping seasons ending soon

Multiple hunting and trapping seasons close within the next month:

Deer Reduction Zone: Ends January 31
Raccoon & Opossum (hunting, trapping): Ends January 31

Gray & Fox Squirrel: Ends January 31
Quail (South of I-74): Ends January 10
Mink, Muskrat, & Long-tailed Weasel: Ends January 31

Red & Gray Fox (trapping): Ends January 31

Central Zone Duck: Ends January 9
South Zone Duck: Ends January 23

Public hearing and comment deadline rescheduled

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) has given preliminary adoption to the rule changes governing fishing tournament licenses/permits, trapping wild animals, and registering to be an organ donor through the DNR's license system. The deadline for submitting comments has been rescheduled to Friday, January 21. For more information about the proposed changes, visit www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/rule-regulation-changes/.

Public comments can be [submitted online](#) to the NRC. Click on "Comment on this Rule" next to the "Fish & Wildlife and Law Enforcement Miscellaneous Rule Amendments."

The rescheduled virtual public hearing will occur on Thursday, January 20 at 7

p.m. ET. Individuals may join the hearing in two ways:

To join by phone using only audio, please dial 1-240-454-0887. When prompted, enter access code 23034329797##.

To join using video, visit <https://indiana.webex.com/webappng/sites/indiana/meeting/download/11b272f6780247e8861c1e9f89ealeba?siteurl=indiana&MTID=m4d8c87a1e19a26bd69e8b3e90e563097>, enter the meeting number (2303 432 9797), and password (5RPF753W4Zp). Please note: If you have never used WebEx, we suggest that you begin the process at least 10 minutes early because you will be prompted to download WebEx before joining the meeting.

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The City of Loogootee is accepting "Request for Quotation (RFQ)" for website proposals for the City of Loogootee website. Quotes need to be delivered to City Hall Mayor's Office by the deadline of January 28, 2022 at 4 p.m. Quotes will be discussed at the February 14 City Council meeting.

Project requirements are as follows:

- Compatible with user-friendly content management system (CMS) editor
- Up to 25-35 static pages
- Dynamically created pages for news stories, events, job postings, and bid opportunities
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October
 County council split on tax cuts, spending
 Commissioners discuss small business grant, ADA policy, social media posts
 Loogootee Boys' Tennis win Sectional, fall at Regional
 Young resident concerned about business owner in Loogootee
 Group of taxpayers sign petition against

approval of the 2022 county budget
 Shoals Council goes over grant proposal for wastewater improvements
 Town of Shoals Municipal Manager Kevin Crecelius receives award
 Commissioners go over list of roads to be included in CCMG application
 Lady Lions win Volleyball Sectional
 Residents speak out against 2022 budget
 Martin County jobless rate edges down

to 2.4 percent
 Shoals School Board makes staff changes, gets administrator updates
 Martin County resident's poems in state archive

NOVEMBER

Sheriff wants raises for rest of jail staff
 Commissioners approve policies, discuss insurance
 Loogootee staff no longer have to live in city limits
 Request for police assistance leads to foot pursuit downtown
 Multi-agency effort results in escape and firearm charges for Loogootee man
 Historical society working on veteran book
 Shoals awarded \$276,699 in grant funds for roads
 Shoals Library wants to expand tax base
 Shoals School collaboration receives \$10,000 GM grant
 Shoals School Board member steps down
 Local forester honored with statewide award
 Shoals Library proposed tax base expansion in detail

Martin County jobless rate stood at 1.7 percent for October
 CALL planning Loogootee Christmas Stroll this year
 Erratic behavior leads to OWI and meth charges for Shoals man

DECEMBER

Commissioners discuss bridge issue, bids
 Fugitive captured after hiding under bridge near Shoals
 Local Tri Kappa chapter celebrates 80th birthday
 Local businessman to pay for deputy raises council denied
 Debate at council meeting on use of ARPA funds
 Haley Fischer named 2022 Lilly Scholar
 Loogootee boards approve cameras, new officers
 Commissioners vote 2-1 for Shoals Public Library to proceed with tax base expansion
 Shoals School Board welcomes new member, approves staff changes
 Lt. Governor checks in with Martin County

Shoals man captured for felony battery and kidnapping charges
 Shoals Council approves purchasing property
 Martin County's unemployment rate falls to 1.5 percent in November
 Another Martin County resident dies of COVID

351 kids receive toys from annual Martin County Toy Store
 Commissioners approve contracts, officially purchase property
 NSWC Crane, USI graduate first cohort of Tech to Engineer students

DCS releases 2020 child fatality report

The number of children who died from abuse or neglect decreased by 18 percent from 2019 to 2020, according to data released in the 2020 Annual Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities in Indiana. The Indiana Department of Child Services was called to investigate 281 child fatalities. Fifty were determined to be a result of abuse or neglect, down from 61 in 2019.

"The decrease is a step in the right direction, yet I caution that this is not a reason to celebrate," DCS Director Terry Stigdon said. "The loss of any child is traumatic for the family and the community. We hope the information in this report will help us collaborate better with parents, our providers, stakeholders, and community leaders to increase awareness of the risk factors that lead to these tragic incidents."

Failure to provide medical care was a leading factor in neglect-related deaths documented last year. The annual report details 14 medical care-related deaths in which a caregiver was neglectful.

DCS is legally required to review all child fatalities that fit the following circumstances: For children under 3 years of age: the death is sudden, unexpected or unexplained, or involves allegations of abuse or neglect.

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

The full report can be found at www.in.gov/dcs/files/2020_Annual_Report_of_Child_Abuse_and_Neglect_Fatalities_in_Indiana.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery.



Keeping classmates warm

-Photo provided

The Shoals High School Student Council is working on community service projects. Every year they give coats to the nurse for students who do not have a coat. Shown above with the coats are students Gage Gilbert, Lillie Bauer, Lydia Cook, Logan Davis, and Ava Perry.



The Lion King

-Photo provided

SOAR, the county's literacy group, visited the second graders at Shoals Elementary before Christmas break. They gave every student an early Christmas gift - a Lion King book. Shown are Jaylynn Justus, Eli Boswell, Easton Newland, Lyla Sexton, Bentlee Witt, Eyan Hovis, Gabrielle Stevens, and Brynlee Albrecht along with SOAR Members Vernita Williams and Karen Slaven.

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