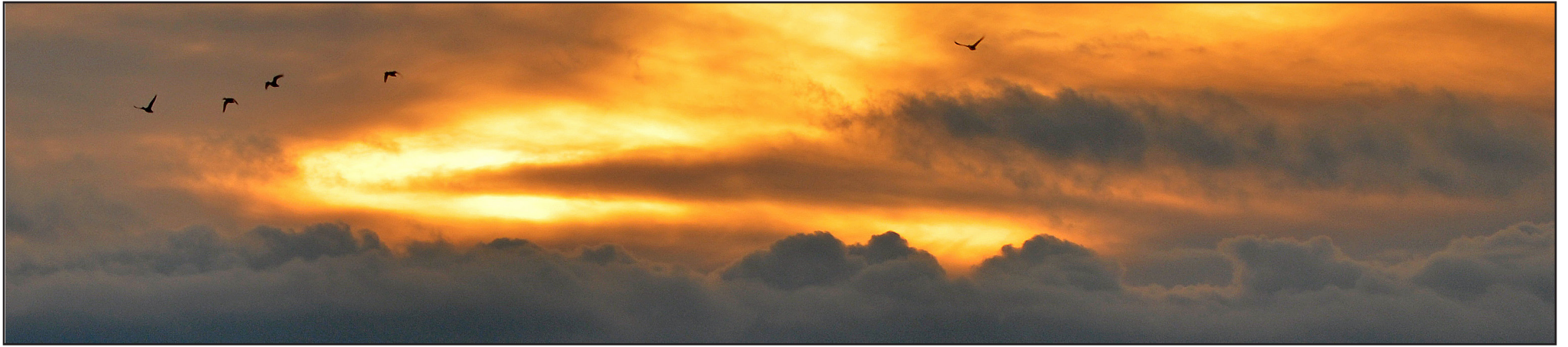


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Beautiful sky

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Photographer Bill Whorrall captured this magnificent shot of the winter sky in Martin County. Temperatures have been unusually mild for December and will continue to be the high 40s and low 50s for the next week-plus.

County council makes 2020 appointments, reorganizes

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council held their first meeting of the year Monday night, January 7.

Council Member Randy Winger motioned to reappoint Rich Summers as president of the council with Council Member Warren Albright making the second. The vote passed unanimously.

Council Member Keith Gibson made a motion to reappoint Randy Winger as vice president of the council. Council Member Albright made the second and all

were in favor.

Dena Held, with the Purdue Extension, updated the council on the status of 4-H. She stated that signups are going on now. Different this year, they are passing out fliers to all students in both county schools with information on 4-H and skills that are learned through the program. Jamie Cronin, a one year 4-H participant, talked about his experience with the program and how it has helped his future.

Held added that no child is turned away from the 4-H program due to cost. Accommodations can be made. Anyone with questions can contact the Martin County

Extension Office at 812-295-2412. The deadline to sign up for 4-H is January 15.

Josh Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, presented the council with the animal shelter's annual report for 2019. The shelter took in 404 dogs and cats last year. 265 dogs and cats were adopted, 35 dogs were claimed by their owner, 28 feral cats were trapped/neutered/released, and 18 kittens and cats and 11 puppies and dogs died due to illness or injury that could not be fixed. The shelter transferred out 47 of the puppies and dogs that came from the Rutherford Township puppy mill in January to other Indiana rescues. \$38,480.91 was spent on vet bills last year which included close to \$9,000 spent from a Hoosier Uplands grant to fix

owned Martin County cats for free. The grant has \$3,000 remaining and it will be used up by the end of January. The shelter fixed 226 dogs and cats for Martin County residents at no cost to them.

The council approved the following additional appropriations:

-\$30,760 for community corrections project income to cover a shortfall in a department of corrections grant they applied for, for \$100,000, but did not receive. Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins explained that they do not know how much they will receive when applying for a grant, if any, however they have to come up with the remaining money from their existing funds.

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Shoals Town Council discusses fund balances, repairs to bathrooms, truck

The Shoals Town Council met in a special session Monday, December 30 for their year-end meeting. Those in attendance were Council Members Cecil Ragsdale, Cary D. Albright, and Clint Hoffman; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney Paul Vogler, Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crececius, and Tim Kinder, with Martin County Alliance.

On the agenda was the reorganization of the council for the 2020 year. Councilman Albright made a motion to appoint councilman Cecil Ragsdale as president with councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to appoint councilman Cary D. Albright as vice president with councilman Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor.

Next on the agenda was the appointment for the 2020 calendar year member of the Martin County Solid Waste Board. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to appoint Council Member Albright as the designated member with Councilman Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Council Member Ragsdale presented a quote that had been received from Meyer Trucking for a bed replacement on the dump truck. The quote came in at \$7,500. A quote was also provided from Randall Blakenbaker for repair of the bed in the amount of \$435. After a brief discussion, Councilman Albright made a motion to repair the bed with Randall Blakenbaker for a maximum amount of up to \$650 total. Councilman Hoffman made the sec-

ond and all were in favor.

Council Member Albright stated he would like for some repair to be done on the bathrooms located in the garage area of the Town Hall. Albright stated he would like cost-friendly repair done at this time and discussed details with Utilities Manager Kevin Crececius.

Clerk Treasurer Rutledge presented the current fund balances to the council for the water, sewage and general accounts. Rutledge also presented the list of 2020 regular session meeting dates. Council Member Albright made a motion to approve the 2020 meeting date with Councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor. The council will meet in regular session the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Rutledge presented the 2020 Salary and Wage Ordinance. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve the Salary & Wage Ordinance with councilman Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge then presented an invoice for the 2020 membership due for AIM in the amount of \$1,010. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the invoice with councilman Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge presented two meter deposit apply/returns for J. Campbell and J. Carter. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to accept the meter deposit apply/returns with councilman Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor.

The clerk-treasurer presented a penalty waiver for four accounts that belong (See 'SHOALS' on page two)



Angel Tree/Ryan's Hope

-Photo provided

The Shoals Dollar General store took up a toy collection from their patrons through the month of November for the Angel Tree/Ryan's Hope program, to provide Christmas gifts for underprivileged children in the Shoals area. Shown above are Mason Lake, a fourth grader at Shoals Elementary, and the Dollar Store's manager Dominia Truelove. Organizers said that the program was extra special this year thanks to an increase in community involvement.



COUNTY COUNCIL

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-\$974 for the community corrections jail treatment grant. The money needed to be shifted from one fund to another.

-\$1,089 for the sheriff's department for the jail treatment program. Jail Commander Josh Brulla explained that the money request was, in part, from a grant they received from the Martin County Community Foundation to purchase chairs. Martin County Community Corrections was jointly a part of the grant. The remainder of the funds, around \$300, will come from both agencies. The fire-retardant institutional chairs will be used to offer programs to inmates, including GED classes, religious programs and tutoring.

The jail commander reported that there are currently 84 inmates in the jail and 26 of them are from Vigo County.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked if department heads are required to come to a meeting when they are asking for an additional appropriation. Auditor Bobbie Abel said a reminder email went out last week. Stiles said it is only required if they are asking for additional money, not if they just need to transfer funds. He said he doesn't want the department heads "dumping it on Bobbie."

The council approved the following appointments for 2020:

- Kenneth Inman to the Alcoholic Beverage Board
- Barb McFeaters to the Good Samaritan Advisory Board, the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the Martin

County Alliance for Economic Growth Board

-Randy Winger to the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC)

-Richard Summers to the Solid Waste Management District Board

-Warren Albright to the Economic Development Commission

-Susan Brewer, August Bauer and Roger Downey to the PTABOA (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals)

-Mitch Green and Donna Hawkins to the Martin County Park Board

-Keith Gibson and Warren Albright to the Martin County Redevelopment Commission

Auditor Abel reported that as of December 27, the 2020 budget was approved by the state.

The courthouse will be closed Monday, January 20 in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

SHOALS

(Continued from page one)

to Martin County. Rutledge stated the county mailed a check for their payment, but the town never received it. Rutledge stated when she notified the county, they immediately brought another form of payment for the accounts. Councilman Albright made a motion to waive the penalty in the amount of \$190.12 with councilman Ragsdale making the second.

Council Member Albright stated he would like to let the board know he had been appointed to the Radius Indiana Board.

Kevin Crecelius stated that he would like to look into doing some trading on the current equipment. Councilman Albright told Crecelius to get with a couple of equipment companies and gather information and pricing to present to the board.

Tim Kinder, with Martin County Alliance, stated that the Martin County Tourism Council just released money to publish the Indiana Recreation Guide with Martin County being a part of it. Kinder stated he looked forward to working with Shoals in 2020.

The board presented Town Attorney Vogler with a certificate of recognition for his many years of service to the town.

-- ARISTOTLE --

"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." So, what does a quote from an ancient Greek philosopher and scientist have to do with you and I here in Martin County in 2020? You've probably seen it used before to make a point about working together to accomplish something good, something more than could have been done individually. So, you bet, here's another time to see it.

-- SMALL FOR BIG --

And I've said it before that we are a small county. Nothing new there. But as we've seen more than once, our residents come together to make our county better. So many times, people volunteer their time and talent to help pull together that important event, to improve the quality of life in some way for someone in our community. People from a small county can make a big difference when they work together.

-- YOUR GIVING PLAN --

This same thought also applies when you start thinking about your giving plan for the year. You'll need to decide how much you can donate to a charity to have some kind of an impact on a concern that is important to you. Some people donate money whenever there's an event or celebration. Sometimes instead of buying gifts, they donate in honor of a loved one. Some can donate a significant amount of money, but the majority of us are not that fortunate.

-- LITTLE BITS ADD UP --

But there is an amount this is right for each of us. Pick some percentage of your income or a specific amount that you want to donate and how often. And it can be a small amount. Whatever or however you do it is fine; just stay committed to your cause. Over the year it adds up. And if many people commit to donating what they can, together it adds up to make a big difference. It's "strength in numbers."

-- YOUR MCCF --

The MCCF is here to help you put your

giving plan into practice. We start every new year with board members that give us good representation across the county. Please contact any of them to start that conversation about how you can be a part of something bigger.

The 2020 MCCF Board of Directors are:

- Alan Lagree, President
- Garry Smith, Vice-President
- Jenell Hoffman, Secretary
- Jerry Braun
- Melissa Courter
- Dan Gregory
- Angie Risacher
- Candace Roush
- Phillip Smith
- Annette Taylor

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

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

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OBITUARIES

RUBY STAGGS

Ruby Louise (Cundiff) Staggs passed away on December 31, 2019 at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 67.

She was born November 23, 1952 in Martin County; daughter of Loyal and Gladys (Honeycutt) Cundiff.

She was a graduate of Shoals High School, was employed by Kimball International and was employed twenty-six years at RCA Bloomington. She attended both the Trinity Springs and Fairview Baptist Churches.

Survivors include one daughter, Julia Jackson of Shoals; two sons, Clayton (Bridget) Staggs of Louisville, Kentucky and Dustin (Sarah) Staggs of Trinity Springs; seven grandchildren, Clayton Snapp, Austen Staggs, Raleigh Staggs, Taylor Staggs, Samuel Staggs, Eliza Staggs and Henry Staggs; sisters, Patricia (Dale) Boyd of Trinity Springs and Nancy and Gary Sexton; one brother, James and Elizabeth Cundiff of Williams; one sister-in-law, Donna Cundiff of Bedford and several nieces and nephews also survive.

She is preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Wayne Cundiff and Leslie Cundiff; and two nieces, Christa Boyd and Amanda (Horsting) Lee.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 4 at the Fairview Baptist Church in Shoals with burial in the Mt. Olive Cemetery. Pastors Dustin Staggs and Martin Jones officiated.

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

ROBERTA WILLIAMS

Roberta Ann (Toy) Williams passed away on Saturday January 4, 2020 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born on September 12, 1947 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Robert and Virginia (Williams) Toy.

Roberta was a member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Loogootee. She was a member of Tri-Kappa, Loogootee Women's Club, St. John's Altar Society, and President of the Daughters of Isabella. Roberta earned a bachelor's degree at Indiana State University, and a master's degree at Oakland City University. She taught religion classes at St. John Parish. Roberta also taught elementary education classes for 42 years at Washington Catholic Elementary School, Rutherford Elementary, and Loogootee East Elementary. She married Gary W. Williams on July 18, 1969 and he preceded her in death on September 18, 2014.

Roberta loved her family and grandkids and attending their school events. She was a Purdue athletics fan. Roberta was lovingly known as, "An Honorary Queen of Queen Street."

She is preceded in death by her husband, Gary W. Williams; her parents, Robert and Virginia Toy; and her in-laws, Walter G. and Vera (Thorne) Williams.

She is survived by her children, Brian (Jennifer) Williams of Loogootee, Jacqueline (Brian) Esch of Loogootee, and Brent (Carrie) Williams of Loogootee; her grandchildren, Abbie Elise Williams, Garrett Andrew Williams, Cassidy Anne Esch, Drew Thomas Williams, Madison Elizabeth Esch, Luke Michael Williams, Noah Robert Esch, Evan James Williams, Lila Marie Williams, and Bailey Marie Esch; her siblings, Mike (Carol) Toy of Huntingburg, Bill (Gina) Toy of Loogootee, Kay (Mike) Summers of Loogootee, and Bob

(Penny) Toy of Loogootee; her special friends, Dave (Linda) Lett, and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker this morning, Wednesday January 8 at St. John The Evangelist Church in Loogootee. Burial followed St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Youth Programs at St. John Parish. Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

ROBERTA GRABER

Roberta Joyce "Bert" Graber passed away at 7:07 p.m. Tuesday, December 31, 2019 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Cannelburg, she was 69.



ROBERTA GRABER

Bert was a member of Providence Mennonite Church. She was a youth sponsor for 10 years and took many mission trips with the Providence youth.

She was an IHSAA volleyball official for 30 years and was awarded "Official of the Year" in 1993. She had the privilege of officiating three state final volleyball games. She organized and ran co-ed volleyball leagues at Barr-Reeve High School. She also coordinated and participated in the Women's Softball League in Washington for many years.

Bert retired from German American Bank in Washington on January 20, 2017. She was employed for 38 years as a loan officer. Although she had retired, she continued to work part-time at German American Bank Odon/Cannelburg branch.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ervin and Rosa (Wittmer) Graber.

Bert is survived by her siblings, Annetta Graber of Montgomery, Royden (Donna) Graber of Loogootee and Kenny (Connie) Graber of Cannelburg; nieces and nephews, Amber (Phillip) Smith, Adam (Allison) Graber, Kameran (Zac) Frantz and Kendra (Chad) Stoll; great-nieces and great-nephews, Jaxon and Emersyn Smith, Elliot, Fallyn and Willow Graber, Kyah, Zane and Kade Frantz, and Keaton Stoll.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, January 4 at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

CLIFFORD LANNAN

Clifford Lannan passed away at 8 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2020 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 89.

He was born June 8, 1930 in Daviess County; son of the late Joseph and Mary Leola (Melton) Lannan.

He was a United States Army veteran and spent time overseas in Germany. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion. He was also a member of the St. Martin Men's Club and a past member of St. Vincent De Paul.

Clifford's lifelong farming career was devoted to Lannan Farms Incorporated. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed gardening.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rita Mae Lannan; parents, Joseph and Mary Leola Lannan; brothers, Donald, Paul, Dan, Tom, Jimmy and Bill Lannan; and sisters, Kate Gilley, Carolyn



CLIFFORD LANNAN

Clements, Rose Butler-Arney, Mary Arney. He is survived by his children, Kenny (Jennifer) Lannan of Loogootee, Karen (Tom) Johnson of Largo, Florida, Janet (Larry) Haag of Terre Haute, Greg (Denise) Lannan of Castle Rock, Colorado, Kathy (Don) Collison of Washington and Sharon Lannan of Loogootee; grandchildren, Brian Lannan, Eric Lannan, Kevin Lannan, Amy Gentry, Kristin Miles, Erin Collison, Alexandria Shake, Jordan Davis and Colten Davis; 14 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Robert Lannan, John Lannan and Wilma Sinnott.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 9 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

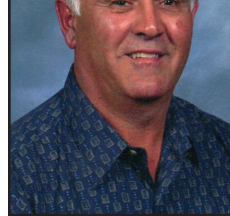
Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 8 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Thursday, January 9 from 9 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Martin Cemetery Association.

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

JOHN WAGLER

John Elmer Wagler passed away at 6:21 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2020 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 74.



JOHN WAGLER

He was born May 17, 1945 in Daviess County; son of the late Fred D. and Martha (Graber) Wagler. Elmer was a member of Providence Mennonite Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carolyn Kay Wagler; son, Bradley Wagler; grandson, Brandon Wagler; and brother-in-law, Elmer Knepp.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Sylvia (Gingerich) Wagler; sons, Randy (Marla) Wagler and Nolan (Lynn) Wagler, both of Loogootee; step-children, Janet (Brian) Bechtel of Crawfordsville, Marilyn (Kelly) McCullough of Washington and Doug (Tina) Wagler of Katy, Texas; grandchildren, Megan, Jacob and Maranda Wagler and Kaylynn, Hayden and Madisyn Wagler; step-grandchildren, Brandon McCullough, Kaylee (Trey) Ramsey, Darren (Kylie) Bechtel, Dalton (Morgan) Bechtel, Abby and Olivia Wagler; four step-great-grandchildren; siblings, Fannie Knepp, Ervin (Mary) Wagler, Clara (Alva) Yoder, Fred (Rita) Wagler, Laura (Don) Swartzentruber, Rudy Wagler and Jeannie (Mike) Guinn; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 6 at Providence Mennonite Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in Berea Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Barr-Reeve High School Scholarship Foundation in memory of Brandon Wagler.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

DAWN RUSH

Dawn Annette Rush passed away at her home on Saturday, January 4, 2020. A resident of Dover Hill, Shoals, she as 60.

She was born on October 21, 1959; daughter of James and Faye (Harris) Rush in Jasper.

Dawn was previously employed by Red Door Industries in Loogootee and attended Dover Hill United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her mother and her sister, Scheliah Rush of Dover Hill.

She was preceded in death by her father, James, in 2008 and one sister, Justine Sheetz.

Dawn loved all of her family members including her aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 9 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Steve Sims officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 9 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Steve Sims officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

12:10 a.m. - Received multiple calls of a low hanging tree on US 231, south of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense removed the tree.

2:50 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Deputy Wells and Shoals Fire responded.

3:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

4:11 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

5:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:38 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

12:42 p.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to court.

1:16 p.m. - Major Keller took one in-

mate to court.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

2:20 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen and Deputy Wells responded. All was secure.

3:39 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen and Deputy Wells responded.

4:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Deputy Wells, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:27 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

1:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Barnett, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:47 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Loogootee. Major Keller, Deputy Barnett, Sheriff Roush, Loogootee

Officer McBeth, Deputy Gibson, K9 Officer Spike, Reserve Deputy Ochs, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

2:11 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Wells, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:11 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all was secure.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

6:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

8:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 a.m. - Major Keller took two inmates to court.

2:21 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and Deputy Wright responded.

5:49 p.m. - Received a report of an accident west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Wright, Town Marshall Eckert, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:04 p.m. - Received a noise complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

3:26 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, just East of Shoals. Deputy Seymour, Shoals Fire, and INDOT responded.

6:37 a.m. - Received A report of a tree blocking the road East of Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

6:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Captain Hennette, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:30 a.m. - Deputy Wright performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

10:50 a.m. - Deputy Wright took one inmate to court.

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

6:56 p.m. - Deputy Gibson assisted a motorist with a disabled vehicle near Shoals.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:12 p.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Deputy Gibson responded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

9:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

10:42 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all

was secure.

11:54 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Wells, Deputy Gibson, Reserve Deputy Ochs, Loogootee Officer Cummings, Martin County Ambulance, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

4:18 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

3:18 p.m. - Delbert Salmon, 34, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with theft, criminal mischief, and criminal trespass. He is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush was assisted by Loogootee Officer McBeth, Major Keller, Deputy Barnett, Deputy Gibson, K-9 Officer Spike, Reserve Deputy Ochs and ISP Trooper Beaver.

3:18 p.m. - Travis Salmon, 27, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with intimidation, criminal trespass, and criminal mischief. He is being held without bond. He was assisted by Loogootee Officer McBeth, Major Keller, Deputy Barnett, Deputy Gibson, K-9 Officer Spike, Reserve Deputy Ochs and ISP Trooper Beaver.

7:12 p.m. - Mark Sturdivant, 44, of Williams, was arrested by ISP Trooper Johnson and charged with operating while intoxicated and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

12:54 a.m. - James Kies, 52, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with operating while intoxicated and operating while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

4:00 p.m. - Johnathan Graham, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Major Keller and Reserve Deputy Commander Gammon.

6:05 p.m. - Donald Nugent, 57, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

12:02 a.m. - Isabella Goodpaster, 52, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Seymour and charged with operating while intoxicated endangerment and possession of marijuana. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Gibson and K9 Officer Spike.

9:38 p.m. - Brook Hawkins, 27, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with burglary, theft, and invasion of privacy. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Seymour and ISP Trooper Johnson.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

2:02 a.m. - Larae Nunn, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, and driving while suspended prior. Her bond has been set at \$25,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Seymour, K9 Officer Spike and Reserve Deputy Ochs.

OBITUARIES

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Facebook page at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home or at their website, www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.

BILL WILSON

William "Bill" O. Wilson passed away at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 74.

He was born February 25, 1945 in Washington; son of the late George Marvin Wilson and Jean Louise (Armstrong) Riney.

Bill was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and St. Martin Catholic Church. He was active in the St. Martin Men's Club. He was a proud member of the Martin County Historical Society and West Baden Historical Society.

He loved to talk and specifically loved to talk about tractors, especially John Deere. He owned many different John Deere tractors throughout the years. Bill was very knowledgeable and listened very intently to the many people he spoke with. He enjoyed learning about history and genealogy.

Bill boarded horses for many years while in Michigan. He loved spending time outdoors and taking care of his garden and tomato plants. He also liked canning his homegrown tomatoes.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Jean Louise and John Riney; father, George Marvin Wilson; granddaughter, Kay Lee Waldroop; brother, John George Wilson.

Bill is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dianna (Fleck) Wilson of Loogootee; children, Charles William Wilson and Holly Kay (John) Waldroop, both of Belleville, Michigan; a nephew that they helped raise, John Stanford Wilson; grandchildren, Cheyenne, Kurtis and Elijah Wilson and Madison, Kimberly, Georgia and Amelia Waldroop; honorary grandchildren, Jessica Wilson and John Alvin Wilson; and sisters, Ila (Jim) Schierenberg and Jackie Mills.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Friday, January 10 at St. Martin Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 9 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Blake

Funeral Home in Loogootee and Friday, January 10 from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Historical Society or the St. Martin Men's Club.

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

BEVERLY HOWELL

Beverly Ann Howell, formerly of Shoals, Indiana entered into eternal rest on January 2, 2020 at Springs Valley Meadows in French Lick. A resident of French Lick, she was 72.

She was born in Springfield, Illinois on January 1, 1948; the daughter of Barnett and Lora Evelyn (Wingfield) Gregory.

Beverly married John Howell on August 27, 1966 and she survives.

Beverly was a graduate of Loogootee High School, a member of The Church of the Cross in Shoals, the Hanson Mcfee American Legion Post 61 Women's Auxiliary in Shoals and the Shoals VFW Post 8589 Women's Auxiliary.

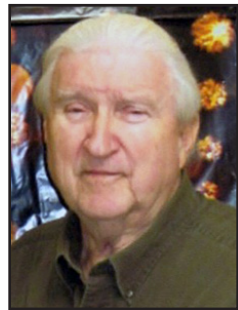
She was self-employed, enjoyed fishing and reading.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one foster son, Kirk Sanders; one brother, Robert Rowland and one sister, Martha Gregory.

Beverly is survived by her husband, John Howell of French Lick, formerly of Shoals; one daughter, Michelle Galloway (Brooks) of French Lick; three sisters, Patsy Andersen of French Lick, Marilyn Stanford (Bill) of New Mexico and Kathleen Kirkland (Ron) of Kansas; two grandchildren, Ryan Burkhardt of California and Morgan Burkhardt of French Lick; and two great-grandchildren, Sawyer and Sidney Smoot.

Cremation was chosen and a private service will be held at a later date at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Service in French Lick, Indiana 47432. Condolences may be made on their Facebook page at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home or at their website, www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.



COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed

November 27

Thomas J. Ehrman, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Erin Kate Hawkins (Persinger), check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James McGuire, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Judy J. Martin, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jerry J. Betz, 13 counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors.

December 2

Yeimi Perez Santibanez, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Robert W. Goldsberry, failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Level 6 Felony.

Devon Michael Payne, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Ashten Lenae Carnegie, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 3

Darin M. Jones, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christopher A. Forker, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Candace B. Jones, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 5

Jennifer L. Bauernfiend, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor; battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Mark H. Miller, criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Donna M. Jones, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

John Randall James Johnson, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 10

Kayla M. Conley, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Wayone Shane Winger, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 16

Nathan R. Jones, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

December 17

Melissa D. Gibson-Winger, two

counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors.

Michael E. Bakerian, two counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors.

Robert E. Blanton, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

December 19

Waylon S. Winger, two counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors.

Evan C. Helms, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 20

Lige Micah Sizemore, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

Autumn L. Roberts, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony.

James Marion Osbourne, Jr., possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

December 23

Catherine J. Ziegler, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Erik K. Tosti, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

December 27

Tony Tinkle vs. Kylee (Stone) Conlee, complaint.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

December 19

Capital One Bank vs. Tracy L. Stoll, civil collection.

December 20

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Joshua Hopkins, civil collection.

December 23

Discover Bank vs. Kerry M. Sims, civil collection.

SLM Private Credit Student Loan Trust vs. Edward E. Sims, civil collection.

December 26

Discover Bank vs. Connie Shipman, civil collections.

December 30

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Brandon Grimes, civil collection.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

December 26

Caleb M. Sanders of Shoals and Taylor M. Davis of Shoals.

December 31

Michael D. Westhafer of Shoals and Dianna L. Thomas of Jasper.

January 2

Dustin M. Holt of Shoals and Amy K. Qualkenbush of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:38 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident behind the K of C.

8:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

12:30 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd and Captain Hennessee assisted the county with a fight at the jail.

7:25 p.m. - Male reported a controlled burn.

9:23 p.m. - Officer Allen assisted child protective services.

10:34 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

2:20 a.m. - Officer Allen responded to a business alarm.

2:39 a.m. - Officer Allen assisted the county with a suspicious person call.

3:39 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person in Redwing Trailer Court.

5:31 a.m. - Officer Allen assisted the ambulance service.

3:03 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with an arrest.

6:38 p.m. - Caller reported hearing gunshots on the west side of town.

7:45 p.m. - Female reported a theft.

10:05 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

4:11 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted a motorist.

11:09 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:10 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

6:20 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

8:11 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

7:58 a.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on US 231.

12:15 p.m. - Male caller reported harassment.

Martin County real estate transfers

Bob Tedrow, a/k/a Bob W. Tedrow and Vicky Tedrow a/k/a Vicky J. Tedrow, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tedrow Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 8.8 acres, more or less. Tract II: Lots 1, 2 and 9 in Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals.

Angela C. Risacher, f/k/a Angela C. Boyd, of Martin County, Indiana to **James S. Mersinger and Megan Mersinger**, of Martin County, Indiana, 4.35 acres and 4.038 acres in Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

Cheryl A. Maman, of Lake County, Indiana; **Anthony Joseph Berry**, of Daviess County, Indiana; **Janell L. Berry**, of Martin County, Indiana; **Julia A. Berry**, of Daviess County, Indiana; and **Jeffrey Berry**, of Madison County, Indiana to **Jason Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the

1:00 p.m. - Female caller reported a civil complaint.

2:21 p.m. - Male caller reported a dispute on JFK Avenue.

2:25 p.m. - Female caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:00 p.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on Walnut Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

6:51 a.m. - First responders were requested on Church Street for a medical call.

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

8:47 a.m. - Captain Hennessee assisted the county with a security check at a residence.

12:10 p.m. - Male caller requested a welfare check.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

8:09 p.m. - Male caller requested a welfare check on a male.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported property damage.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

10:00 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

8:14 p.m. - First responders were requested on Queen Street for a medical call.

8:52 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Walnut Street.

9:58 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

11:10 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:49 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle in the high school parking.

6:48 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

8:12 p.m. - Caller reported speeding vehicle on Park Street.

9:27 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

west half of the southeast quarter and a part of the east half of the southwest quarter, the northeast part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter and a part of the west half of the southeast quarter, all in Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, containing 48.9 acres.

Mark A. Fields and Mary E. Fields, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jarrod Rose and Melinda Rose**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.28 acres, more or less.

Carlton J. Courtright, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Michael Sexton and Sarah Rose Sexton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 19, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 39.74 acres, more or less.

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More Neat Stuff!



By Ann Ackerman



Hard of hearing:

An elderly couple was driving across the country. The wife was driving when she got pulled over by the highway patrol.

The officer said, "Ma'am did you know you were speeding?"

The woman, hard of hearing, turns to her husband and asks, "What did he say?"

The old man yells, "He says you were speeding!"

The patrolman says, "May I see your license?"

The woman turns to her husband and asks again, "What did he say?"

The old man yells, "He wants to see your license!"

The woman gave the officer her license.

The patrolman says, "I see you are from Arkansas. I spent some time there once and went on a blind date with the ugliest woman I've ever seen."

The woman turned to her husband and asked, "What did he say?"

And the old man yells, "He said he thinks knows you!"

THOUGHTS

*People who know me think I'm quiet. People who do know me wish I were.

*Every time I decide to go on a diet, the lettuce is contaminated.

*I'm at the age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my humor suggests I'm 12, while my body mostly keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

*Professor: What inspired you to write this essay?

Me: The due date.

SERIOUSISMS

*Sometimes the littlest things take up the most room in your heart. -Winnie the Pooh

*There are three ways to ultimate success. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. The third is to be kind. -Mr. Rogers

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning, "Windows frozen, won't open."

Husband texts back, "Gently pour some lukewarm water on it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

Wife texts back ten minutes later, "Computer really messed up now!"

Safety tips for driving in the snow:

1. Install winter tires.
2. Drive south.
3. Continue until you see palm trees.
4. Apply brakes and sunscreen.

I was sitting with my cell phone and my wife watching her show. I asked her for a beer, and she said no.

Then her cell phone rang in the kitchen and she quickly got up to answer it.

My message said, "Since you're in the kitchen, bring me a beer." I don't remember anything else.

Hardest 3 things to say:

1. I was wrong.
2. I need help.
3. Worcestershire sauce.

Make someone smile today!

On The Home Front



By Linda Evans-Dillon
Martin County Veteran Service Officer

The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martin-countyvso2013@yahoo.com.

During the month of December, the veteran service officer assisted seven veterans and had two meetings. The veterans' van took three trips transporting three veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the driver's directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program, it is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

If you have hearing issues and would be interested in a CapTel captioned telephone, please call the office at 812-247-2210. You DO NOT have to be a veteran to receive this phone.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

Notes from the WIC Nutritionist

BY ELIZABETH WHITE
Martin County WIC Nutritionist

Happy New Year from all of us at the Martin Co WIC clinic. We hope all of you and your families had a good holiday season.

It seems like there are a lot of bacteria and viruses running around right now. Remember, as pregnant and breastfeeding moms we have to be careful about what medications we take. Even over the counter medicine can be bad for a mom who is pregnant or breastfeeding. Always ask your health care provider about a medicine before taking it. If you have a stuffy or runny nose, a great alternative to over the counter drugs is nasal strips. When you wear them, they open your na-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Free community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, January 9 from 6-8 p.m. in the church basement. All members of the community are invited.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold their reorganizational meeting Thursday, January 9 at 4 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Shoals School Board meetings

The Shoals School Board will hold an executive meeting on Thursday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the central administration office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees. The meeting is closed to the public. The school board will also meet Wednesday, January 22 at 6 p.m. in the Mitchell Auditorium, along with the Mitchell and Orleans school boards. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ROI grant and collaboration with Mitchell and Orleans schools. This meeting is open to the public.

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.

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

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets quarterly, on the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee.

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.



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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 27, 2020, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for North Rutherford, Lost River, West Perry and South Center townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

The 2020 seed and nursery catalogues are pouring in. Every year, I try to convince myself to ignore them, but the allure of new plants is just too much for me. After all, I owe it you, my readers, to keep up on the new plant offerings. As the catalogues roll in, I pile them up, but there always comes an evening when I have nothing pressing to do and the stack of catalogues calls out to me until I pick one up and begin thumbing through it. I am an experienced gardener and most of the offerings are plants that are already growing at Sandhill Gardens, but I eventually turn a page and see a plant description that captivates my attention. From there, I either pull out the order form, call their toll-free order line or go to the company's website to place an order.

This year's resolve-breaking plant was a red-blooming autumnal witch hazel. The yellow-blooming witch hazels are blooming right now at Sandhill Gardens! How can one turn away from a plant that offers blooms in January—and in red to boot? The blooms are tiny and would hardly be noticed if they arrived in April, but those tiny flecks of color are so precious in winter that they are captivating. This new cultivar, known as "Diane", is touted in the Spring Hill circular as "the best red witch hazel". It promises not only winter flowers, but also that the flowers will be scented. It is also said to have great red-orange foliage in autumn. Now, I just have to figure out where it will fit in. It needs a spot in the sun where the soil is good and with good drainage.

If you decide to do some mail-order plant searching, there are some things you need to know. First and foremost, you need to know what to expect. The pictures in the catalogue are of mature specimens and you will be receiving seedlings or, at best, young transplants. Even in the case of perennials, it will likely take two to three years to get a clump that comes close to matching the catalogue pictures. The catalogue de-

scription will normally tell you if the specimen is potted or bare-root. Take note of the size of pot. A three-inch pot will not hold a very big specimen, so do not expect a large plant if that is what the description promises. Even in bare-root plants, the description will give a size range. If the description calls for a two-foot bare-root specimen and the plant grows to ten feet tall, you will know that it will not reach that height in one season.

It is exactly this reason that I advise gardeners to look for the plants they want at local garden centers, where you see exactly what you are buying. However, sometimes the unusual plants and new cultivars are not available in the nurseries. If you really want those, you may have to buy the mail-order specimens and be willing to wait for the plant to mature.

Seeds are a different story. Whether bought locally or ordered, you go in knowing that the plant will have to grow into the described plant. Most annuals will mature in a matter of months. Perennials grown from seed often take a couple of years to reach blooming size. Still, seeds are usually relatively inexpensive, and a packet of seeds often contains enough seeds to satisfy your needs with some extra plants to trade or give to friends. If you are looking for something specific, you are much more likely to find it in a mail-order catalogue than in a store. The seed suppliers that have store displays do not offer great variety and you will find the same seeds at about every store you visit. Catalogues often specialize, so you can search for a supplier that carries what you want. Whether you want heirloom plants or the latest hybrids, you can find it in a catalogue.

Looking through the catalogues is a good way to spend a wintery day, but beware, it can be hard on the bank account. Enjoy dreaming of the 2020 best garden ever!

Farmers optimistic about future even as their perception of current economic conditions drops

BY KAMI GOODWIN

Purdue University News Service

Producer sentiment regarding current economic conditions of the agricultural economy dropped 12 points in December, according to the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. The Index of Current Conditions registered a reading of 141, down from 153 in November. Meanwhile, the Index of Future Expectations remained strong, up 2 points in December, to a reading of 155.

The Ag Economy Barometer, which encompasses results from both indices and is based on a mid-month survey of 400 U.S. crop and livestock producers,

dropped 3 points in December to a reading of 150, down from 153 in November.

"Agricultural producers in December were less optimistic about current economic conditions on their farms than a month earlier but remained optimistic about future economic conditions," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

In the December survey, producers were asked whether their farm's 2019 financial performance was better, as expected, or worse than their initial budget projections. Just over half (52 percent) stated that their initial projections matched their

Applying for reserved spring turkey hunts started January 6

Hunters can apply online for a reserved turkey hunt by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt and clicking on the "Reserved Hunt Info" link. The application period is January 6 through February 19. No late entries will be accepted. The online method is the only way to apply. Applicants must possess a valid hunting license for the species they wish to hunt.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with licenses, Check-In Game and HIP registration. An online account is not required to apply, so there is no need to log in.

Please note that in this new system, hunts without a registration fee will follow the same process as those with a fee. For hunts with no fee required to register, you will be asked to "Add to Cart," "Proceed to Checkout," and "Place Order." If the transaction total is \$0, you will not be asked to enter credit card information.

For draw hunt results, there is a "Click Here" link on the home page, or you can log in to your online services account. The link from the home page will only show hunts that you registered for when the date of the hunt is still upcoming. Logging in to your account online is required for you to see the full history of your past hunt registrations (previous years).

Properties hosting turkey hunts include:

- Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10
- Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge: April 22-24, April 25-27
- Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26
- Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26

-Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26

-Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26

-Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26

-J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10

-Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10

-Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10

-LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10

-Mississinewa Lake: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10

-Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: April 22-23, April 24-25, April 26-27 (Youth only: April 18-19)

-Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10

-Salamonie Lake: April 22-24, April 25-27, April 28-30, May 1-May 3, May 4-6, May 7-10

-Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 28-29

-Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area: April 22-24, April 25-26, April 27-29, April 30-May 2, May 3-5, May 6-8, May 9-10

Only one application is allowed per license holder. No changes can be made once the application is submitted.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized random drawing. Drawing results will be available online within two weeks after application deadlines, and an email will be sent to applicants when results are posted.

For more information and to apply, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

farm's financial performance; 30 percent stated it was worse, and 19 percent stated it was better than expected.

"These results are indicative of the variability in economic conditions on U.S. farm operations, with some farms performing better than expected and others worse than expected," Mintert said.

To better assess the level of financial stress among U.S. farms, producers were asked in both the November and December surveys whether they expected their farm's 2020 operating loan to be larger, about the same, or smaller than in 2019. In a follow-up, those who expected a larger loan were asked why. Approximately 1 of 5 farmers on the two surveys indicated that they expect to have a larger operating loan in 2020 compared to 2019 and, of those, 3 of 10 indicated that the reason is unpaid operating debt from 2019. Carrying over unpaid operating debt from year to year is an indicator of financial stress, and these results suggest that about 6 percent of farms surveyed for the Ag Barometer in late 2019 were experiencing financial stress.

Most producers surveyed said they expect stable cash rental rates in 2020. From October through December, producers were asked whether they expect changes in rental rates in the coming year. More than three-quarters of survey respondents did not expect a change; between 8-9 percent expected a rise, and between 13-14 percent expected a de-

cline.

Producers remained relatively optimistic that a resolution to the ongoing trade dispute with China will take place soon and that the outcome of the dispute will benefit U.S. agriculture. In December, 54 percent of respondents stated they expect a resolution soon. Although this is down from 57 percent in November, it was still the second most positive response to this question since last March. The percentage of producers who expect the outcome will ultimately favor U.S. agriculture dropped to 72 percent, down from 80 percent in November. Since this question was first posed in March 2019, over 70 percent of respondents have, on average, indicated they expect a favorable outcome to the trade dispute for U.S. agriculture.

Read the full December Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/ag-barometer>. This month's report also looks at producers' views on future farmland values, both 1 and 5 years out, as well as whether they think now is a good time to make large capital expenditures on farm machinery and buildings. 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, available at <https://purdue.ag/barometervideo>.

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