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Commissioners debate COVID leave policy

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, January 11 and COVID paid leave topped the discussion. Currently, the county policy states that employees exposed to COVID have up to 10 days of paid leave. At the last commissioners' meeting, Commissioner Cody Roush said he thinks that needs to be reduced. At Monday night's meeting, Teresa Winger, with the auditor's office, asked the commissioners what they want to do. She said the new CDC guidelines say that those exposed to COVID should quarantine for five days and then go back to work and be masked for five days. This

is for exposure without symptoms.

Commissioner Roush said he talked to the City of Huntingburg, and they eliminated any policy related to COVID. He recommended Martin County do the same. He said employees can just use their paid time off if they are sick.

Winger said she feared people would come to work while sick to avoid using their vacation time.

Commissioner Aaron Summers said he had COVID and took off work for a week. He said employees would use up their vacation time. He asked Roush if he was basically saying that COVID was the same as the flu or any other sickness.

Commissioner Paul George asked what would happen if an employee used up all

their vacation days and then late in the year got COVID.

"That's a chance you take if you get the flu," said Commissioner Roush. "That's a gamble you make."

Winger said some people can work from home too if they get COVID.

Commissioner Summers said he agreed with Commissioner Roush to eliminate the policy completely. They voted to that affect. Commissioner George voted against.

Public Health Nurse Julia Albright reported there have been 81 confirmed cases of COVID in the county in January. The county will move to "red" status starting Wednesday. She said they are (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)



The following Martin County offices are on the ballot this year. The filings for the offices are as of Monday morning, January 10. Deadline to file to run for an office is February 4, 2022, at noon. You can pick up necessary paperwork at the clerk's office in the courthouse.

For more info, contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

County Assessor - No filings to date

County Clerk - Julie Fithian (R)

County Council District 1 - No filings to date

County Council District 2 - Jim Hamby (R)

County Council District 3 - No filings to date

County Council District 4 - No filings to date

County Commissioner District 2 - Paul George (D)

Circuit Court Judge - No filings to date

County Prosecutor - No filings to date

County Sheriff - Josh Greene (R)

Perry Township Trustee - No filings to date

Halbert Township Trustee - Stephanie (Stevie) J. Horton

Mitcheltree Township Trustee - Tammy Jo Gore (D)

Center Township Trustee - No filings to date

Rutherford Township Trustee - No filings to date

Lost River Township Trustee - No filings to date

Perry Township Advisory Board - No filings to date

Halbert Township Advisory Board - No filings to date

Mitcheltree Township Advisory Board - Becky Sellers (R)

Center Township Advisory Board - No filings to date

Rutherford Township Advisory Board - No filings to date

Lost River Township Advisory Board - No filings to date

Shoals Town Council (3 members) - Cary D. Albright (R)

Shoals Clerk/Treasurer - No filings to date

Crane Town Council (3 members) - No filings to date

Crane Clerk/Treasurer - No filings to date

Democrat Precinct Committeemen (only on ballot if there is a contest) - No filings to date

Democrat and Republican State Convention Delegates (only on ballot if there is a contest) - No filings to date

The 2022 Primary Election will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2022. The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 8.

Register to vote at <https://www.in.gov/sos/elections/voter-information/register-to-vote/>

City council approves new firearms, body cams

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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, January 10.

The board of public works and safety and council both approved the police department purchasing three body cameras and nine mounts for \$2,378.70.

Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey noted that more than one quote is needed when making purchases. Police Chief Aaron Means said they just went with the company they have used in the past.

The council also approved the police department purchasing six new Next Generation firearms for \$3,294. Chief Means

said he called around to local vendors but was unable to find what they needed. He did find a company from Seymour, who is a government dealer, and this is where the guns will be purchased.

Board of Works and Council Member Rick Norris asked what the department will get for trading in their current firearms. Chief Means said he plans to keep the ones they have so there will be no trade in.

Chief Means also presented a quote to purchase six handheld radios for \$16,263.88. The council decided to table making a decision until the chief called other vendors.

Mayor Noel Harty reported that Baker

Tilly, the city's utility advisors, recommended the council not act on the recommendation to reduce or eliminate sewer fees for West Boggs customers who used their homes for vacation or are not living in the home. They also recommended waiting to decide on Daviess County Rural Water rate changes.

Building Inspector Tim Hudson talked to the council about ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements. The state is cracking down on counties, cities and towns about making sure they are ADA compliant. Mayor Harty asked if the city is required to just have a plan in place or if they are required to start (See 'CITY' on page 2)

County council discusses financial advisor need

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The Martin County Council met Monday night, January 10.

During reorganization, the council voted to re-appoint Warren Albright as the president and to make Barb McFeaters the vice president.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy requested a \$4,000 additional appropriation to purchase a field

officer radio. The council approved.

Murphy also talked about a recent \$25,000 grant and her discussion with Loogootee Schools to possibly use any leftover funds to do convocations at the school on substance abuse. Community Corrections already works with Shoals Schools.

The community corrections department currently has 15 clients on home detention or GPS monitoring, two of whom are juveniles and one client on remote monitor-

ing.

Alliance Director Angie Risacher reported that her board approved hiring a part-time assistant for her office. She is not ready to release the name of who was hired, however, this person will be working with housing projects, grants, etc. and putting in 25-30 hours per week. Risacher said she is very excited to have this extra help and requested that the council consider funding the position for 2023.

Council Member Adam Greene made a motion to not retain the financial advisor from FSG after his contract ends. Council Member Randy Winger made the second. Prior to a vote, Auditor Bobbie Abel asked the council to consider the fact that the cumulative capital fund needs to be re-established and she can't do that on her own. She also noted that American Recovery Act Plan (ARPA) funds come with statutory guidelines that must be followed and she would like help navigating those. She said her information, including her personal social security number, was used when filing for ARPA funds and if the money is not spent per statute, it will come down on her. "There are advantages to having another set of eyes," she said. She added that she would be happy to have one of the council members help her if they preferred to do it that way.

Council Member Greene replied that he would be in favor of having the financial advisor help with the cumulative capital fund and the ARPA money but that is all.

Council Member Warren Albright said the voters told the council to hire a financial advisor when they raised taxes a few years ago. He added that the county may (See 'ADVISOR' on page 2)



Vision grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County Community Foundation recently presented a \$7,500 Vision Grant to help the Lost River Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) with needs such as air bottles, turnout gear, etc. Shown from left to right are MCCF Board Secretary Angie Risacher, Lost River VFD Captain Kyle Turpin, and MCCF Director Curt Johnson.

ADVISOR

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not need an advisor forever, but he doesn't feel that now is the time to let him go.

Auditor Abel requested the council at least review the new agreement with FSG before they made a decision. The council agreed to table the issue and no vote was made after Greene and Winingers' motions.

The council approved the following appointments for 2022:

Alcoholic Beverage Board- Kenny Inman

Good Samaritan Advisory Board- Barb McFeaters

SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission)- Randy Winingers

Economic Development Commission- Warren Albright

PTABOA (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals)- August Bauer and Roger Downey

Martin County Park Board -Mitch Green and Donna Hawkins

Martin County Redevelopment Commission- Warren Albright and Keith Gibson

Community Corrections Advisory Board- Warren Albright - By statute not council vote

Martin County Alliance Board - Adam Greene

Shoals Public Library Board- Barb Loomis

CITY

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updating things like sidewalks and crosswalks. Hudson said he believes the city just needs to commit to a plan to become compliant. The mayor said they will have to get clarification and it was noted that there is nothing in this year's budget to pay for the upgrades and it is going to cost a lot of money.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Ethan Mathies, Jamey VanMeter, Trenton Scott, Logan and Jacki Dant who all travelled to Kentucky after they were hit by tornados, to help with the cleanup.

The council discussed coming up with an ordinance to prevent semi-trucks from parking on city streets, which obstructs drivers' views. They also want to create an ordinance to prevent trucks from park-

ing on the city-owned lot at the corner of JFK Avenue and Church Street. Superintendent Bo Wilson said gravel is left up and down the streets due to these trucks. The council decided to vote on both at their February meeting.

A resident in the audience asked if the city was required to have a permit to put up the Christmas tree in the "triangle" area on the square. Mayor Harty said they did not. The resident said he would like to decorate for Pride Month in June and wanted to know if he could do that on the square. The mayor replied that the city owns the property so permission would be required to do that. He said he will double check to make sure none of the property there is owned by the state and can report back at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONERS

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still holding clinics for vaccinations two or three days a week and they are mostly seeing residents getting booster shots. She noted, along the lines of the COVID leave discussion, that there may be times when people have to take additional leave if sickness goes through a whole family. She said most people are seeing milder symptoms with what is going around however some are still getting very ill and hospitals are still overrun with sick people. She said they are seeing strep throat, the regular flu and stomach flu along with COVID so some families are getting hit with all of it.

Alliance Director Angie Risacher talked to the commissioners about increasing the redevelopment commission meetings from quarterly to monthly. She noted that meetings will also have to be done for ARPA funds and the READI grant.

The commissioners discussed holding the redevelopment commission meetings on the second Thursday of each month and discussed having it during the day. No decision was made however Risacher said she will send out an email with information.

Commissioner Roush asked when the first ARPA meeting and subsequent meetings would be held. The first meeting, originally scheduled this Thursday, has now been cancelled. Auditor Bobbie Abel said they will be figuring out when to hold the first meeting, when everyone is available, and the financial advisor for the county will be at the first meeting. She said future meeting dates can also be established at that first meeting.

Commissioner Aaron Summers wanted it noted that he is in favor of retaining the financial advisor for the county for at least three years before considering not having him help anymore.

The commissioners approved a bid from Stanley Security to upgrade the doors at the jail for \$176,855. They also approved a bid from VEI for communication systems upgrades for the sheriff's department for \$249,720.

A member of the audience asked who was paying the payroll taxes that come with the raises given to the sheriff's department deputies after the Loughmillers donated \$54,000. Auditor Abel said the county would pay those taxes as part of the normal payroll. The person in the audience asked how much that would be. Abel said it would be 18.85 percent.

The commissioners approved purchasing a new security camera for the back door of the courthouse for \$609.15.

Auditor Abel presented the 2022 paid holidays for county employees for the commissioners' approval. Commissioner Roush said he was against approving Friday, December 30 as a paid day off because it's not a holiday and employees are off the following Monday for New Year's Day.

Someone in the audience asked how many paid holidays county employees receive. Commissioner George said 17 including the one in dispute. The member of the audience said that employees don't get raises so the paid holidays make up for that.

Commissioner Roush said the county could afford to give raises if they were not paying for the extra days off.

Commissioner George said the extra paid days are a perk county employees receive because they are not paid enough money.

Commissioner Summers agreed and made a motion to approve all 17 holidays. Commissioner George made the second and Commissioner Roush went ahead and approved it as well.

The commissioners discussed the need to replace Paul McFeaters on the WestGate Authority board, because he has resigned his seat. They decided to wait and see if anyone shows interest.

The commissioners made the following appointments for 2022:

SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission) -Cody Roush

Alcohol Beverage Board -Bill Shaw

Redevelopment Commission -all three commissioners

Regional Mental Health Advisory Council- Danielle Murphy

County Attorney -Dave Lett

Veteran Service Officer-Linda Evans Dillon

Highway Superintendent - Scott Seals

White River Coordination Alliance - Dena Held

PTABOA (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals)- Lois Brett, Larry Fellers Kenneth Fuhrman

Local Economic Development Commission -Cody Roush

Solid Waste Board- all three commissioners

District Oversight Planning Committee -Paul George

Emergency Management Agency Director -Monte Wolf

EMA Assistant Directors -Andy Ringwald and Mike Ringwald

Community Corrections Advisory Board- Paul George (by statute now, no vote needed)

County Health Board -Theresa Holt and Victor Wallace

Shoals Public Library -Mary Smith Daviess-Martin Park Board - Chris Baugh

Four River RC&D Council - Aaron Summers

Disaster Planning Council - Casey Dearwester

South Central 8 Region Workforce Board- Paul George

Auditor Abel reported that county meetings will be on YouTube after tonight and Zoom will no longer be available.

Lindauer legislation would prohibit registered sex offenders from working near children

To keep children safe from possible predators, State Rep. Shane Lindauer (R-Jasper) authored legislation to prohibit registered sex offenders from working within 1,000 feet of a school property, a public park or a licensed day care.

Lindauer said these dangerous criminals are already not allowed to live near these properties, so it makes sense to extend that restriction to their place of employment.

"Many people spend more waking hours at their jobs than their homes," Lindauer said. "Our number one goal is to keep our children safe."

If passed, sex offenders would also be prohibited to work within 1 mile of the residence of the victim of the offender. If passed into law, the penalty for a violation would be a Level 6 felony, which is punishable by up to 30 months in prison.

House Bill 1227 is assigned to the House Courts and Criminal Code Committee for consideration. To learn more and watch legislative proceedings, visit iga.in.gov.

WestGate Authority 2022 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the WestGate@Crane Academy Building 13598 East WestGate Drive, Odon, IN 47562.

Tuesday, January 11	Tuesday, July 12
Tuesday, February 8	Tuesday, August 9
Tuesday, March 8	Tuesday, September 13
Tuesday, April 12	Tuesday, October 11
Tuesday, May 10	Tuesday, November 8
Tuesday, June 14	Tuesday, December 13

Loogootee City Council 2022 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting, starting with the Board of Public Works & Safety, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the Loogootee Municipal Building

Monday, January 10	Monday, July 11
Monday, February 14	Monday, August 8
Monday, March 14	Monday, September 12
Monday, April 11	Tuesday, October 11
Monday, May 9	Monday, November 14
Monday, June 13	Monday, December 12

Martin County Council 2022 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the Martin County Courthouse, 129 Main Street, Shoals.

Monday, January 10	August budget workshops to be determined
Monday, February 7	Monday, September 12 (Budget public hearing)
Monday, March 7	Monday, October 3 (Budget adoption)
Monday, April 4	Monday, November 7
Monday, May 2	Monday, December 5
Monday, June 6	
Monday, July 11	
Monday, August 1	

Martin County Commissioners' 2022 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in the commissioners' meeting room of the Martin County Courthouse, 129 Main Street, Shoals.

Tuesday, January 11	Tuesday, May 17	Tuesday, September 6
Tuesday, January 25	Tuesday, May 31	Tuesday, September 20
Tuesday, February 8	Tuesday, June 14	Tuesday, October 4
Tuesday, February 22	Tuesday, June 28	Tuesday, October 18
Tuesday, March 8	Wednesday, July 12	Tuesday, November 1
Tuesday, March 22	Tuesday, July 26	Tuesday, November 15
Tuesday, April 5	Tuesday, August 9	Tuesday, November 29
Tuesday, April 19	Tuesday, August 23	Tuesday, December 13
Wednesday, May 4		Tuesday, December 27

SIDC (Southern Indiana Development Commission) 2022 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

Each meeting will be held at noon at 405 JFK Avenue, Loogootee IN 47553.

Wednesday, February 16
Wednesday, May 18
Wednesday, August 17
Wednesday, November 16

OBITUARIES

ZACHARY ARVIN

Zachary Thompson Arvin passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at his home.



ZACHARY ARVIN

A resident of Memphis, Tennessee, he was 25.

He was born October 13, 1996, in Kokomo; son of Phillip and Gayla (Kemp).

After Zachary graduated high school, he worked various odd jobs but settled on learning different trades to further his career in construction. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

Zachary was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Jerry Kemp and his paternal grandparents, Matthew and Carolyn Arvin.

He is survived by his parents, Phillip and Gayla Arvin of Memphis, Tennessee; sister, Lindsay Arvin; grandmother, Betty Kemp, several aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted this morning, Wednesday January 12, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tunnel to Towers 2361 Hylan Blvd, Staten Island, NY 10306 or the Travis Manion Foundation 164 E. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Zachary Thompson Arvin.

THOMAS LAYTON

Thomas E. Layton went to his heavenly home Friday, January 7, 2022, at the Villages of Oak Ridge in Washington. He was 85.

He was born October 10, 1936, in Leavenworth Kansas; son of Milton and Eleanor (Felix) Layton. Thomas married the love of his life, Leah J. (Ferguson) Layton on March 25, 1967, and she survives.

Thomas was a faithful member of the Elnora and Washington Churches of Christ. He served honorably in the United States Navy from 1956-1966 and retired from NWSC Crane in May 1992. Thomas enjoyed fishing for catfish, leather work, and making knives. He was an excellent handyman; but, most importantly, he loved spending time with his family.

Family left to cherish Tom's memory include his wife, Leah J. Layton; four daughters, Carla (Steve) Swartzentruber of Odon, Paula (James) Gingerich of Washington, Pamela (Richard) Gluck of Scottsburg, and Susan (Christopher) Huelsman of Loogootee; one son, Matthew Layton of Pendleton; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Coming from a large family, Tom leaves four sisters and two brothers.

During his lifetime, Tom mourned the loss of his parents, Milton and Eleanor Layton; three brothers; and one sister.

Visitation for Thomas Layton will be held 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, at the Ed L. Lee Mortuary, North Chapel, 620 East Viola Avenue, Washington, Indiana. Military services will be held following the visitation at 8 p.m. by the Washington American Legion and VFW.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to either the Washington Church of Christ, or the Elnora Church of Christ, and sent in care of Leah J. Layton, 1694 Troy Road, Villa 606, Washington, Indiana 47501

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

NEAL CATT

Neal Emery Catt passed away January 9, 2022 in his home with his wife by his side. He was 78.



NEAL CATT

Neal was a Science Professor at Vincennes University for 32 years. After graduating from Decker High School in 1961, he earned his bachelor's degree from Oakland City College and his master's degree from Indiana State University. During college, he was the Youth County Agent for Vigo County.

Neal was a kind and gentle soul who enjoyed farming, playing his guitar, jigsaw puzzles and later in life, attending auctions to procure and recycle scrap metals.

He was a member of the Hoosier Harmonizers, played baseball, coached women's softball, was a loyal Cardinals baseball fan, and was an ace bowler of a 299 game.

Surviving Neal are his wife of 35 years, Jane (Zeabart) Catt; son and best buddy, Terry Zeabart (Gina); daughters, Mary Wagoner and Katie Cawood (Clint). He was a proud grandfather of Makenzie, Madison, Caylin and Avery Wagoner; Holden Cawood, Jackson Zeabart, Mackenzie and Macy Gentry and beloved godchild and niece, Amy Janese Catt; loving siblings, John Catt of Newburgh, Paul Catt (Linda) of Newburgh, Jerry Catt (Sarah) of Darmstaudt, and Susie Johnson (Richard) of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Fern Catt.

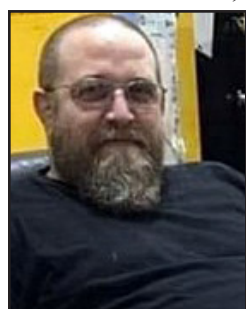
There will be an open house Wednesday, January 12 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Fredrick and Son McClure-Utt Funeral Homes Vincennes Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made in Neal's memory to the Good Samaritan Hospice.

Online condolences may be left at www.fredrickandson.com. The staff at Fredrick and Son McClure-Utt Funeral Homes is honored to assist the Catt family with arrangements.

KEARY LUNDY

Keary Len Lundy passed away from COVID on January 3, 2022, at Union Hospital surrounded by his family. A resident of Greencastle, he was 48.



KEARY LUNDY

Keary was born in Daviess County on January 18, 1973; son of Leland (Lee) and Betty (Janette) Lundy.

He attended Barr Reeve School in Montgomery until his sophomore year when he began school at Northview High School in Brazil. He graduated from Northview High School in 1992.

Keary graduated from Ivy Tech with a degree in maintenance. He was a maintenance Journeyman at IAC in Greencastle for 20 years before recently going to work at Allison Transmission in Indianapolis.

He loved spending time with his children and family playing games and cooking for them.

Keary was an assistant coach for his daughter's softball team. He loved deer hunting, fishing and working in his garage.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leland (Lee) Lundy and grandparents,

Woodrow and Martha Lundy and Edward and Betty Melton.

Keary leaves his two children, Colin and Annabelle Lundy, who he loved dearly. Also, his mother, Betty Janette Lundy; brother, Gary Lundy; one sister, Sherry Bengé; uncles, Steve Lundy (Lori), Bob Melton (Anita) and Jim Melton, Joe Melton (Margaret); one aunt, Sue Baker; several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 10 at the Hopkins-Rector Funeral Home, Greencastle.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 11 at the St. John's Cemetery in Loogootee.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.hopkins-rector.com for the Lundy family.

AURORA SHAW

Aurora Belle Shaw, infant, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus at 1:28 p.m.,



January 7, 2022, at the Daviess Community Hospital in Washington. Her parents are Alyssa Fithian and Daniel Shaw.

She is survived by her parents, maternal grand-

parents, Bruce and Julie (Kasper) Fithian of Shoals; paternal grandparents, Eric and Tina (Case) Shaw of Shoals; aunts and uncles, Raquel (Cole) Osborne, Ericka (Zach) Brown, Alexa Shaw, David Shaw; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandmother, Marilyn Bassett and paternal great-grandparents, Ray and Eleanor Shaw.

Private services will be held at the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

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

JEANNE EDWARDS

Velma Jeanne Edwards died at 11:02 a.m. Friday, January 7, 2022, at IU Health Bedford Hospital. A resident of Bedford, she was 96.

She was born September 5, 1925, in Martin County; daughter of Oscar and Bernice (Harner) Sorrells. Jeanne mar-

Limited rapid COVID tests at regional site

Due to the limited supply of test kits the Indiana Department of Health is allocating to local testing sites, the criteria to obtain a rapid test has changed once again. Rapid Covid-19 testing is now available if you meet all three of the following criteria:

- Available to individuals 18 and younger and individuals 50 and older
- You must have symptoms directly related to Covid-19
- You must schedule an appointment at the website below or call the phone number if no internet access is available.

If there are no appointments available, the testing site is either out of rapid test kits or the schedule is full for that day. The health department apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and will continue to work with IDOH to increase the supply if possible.

The regional testing site is located at the former Ruxer's golf course building at 400 South Clay Street, Jasper, IN 47546. The phone number is 812-675-5084. Hours are Sunday and Monday: Closed; Tuesday and Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. **Closed from 1-2 p.m. for lunch.**

PCR COVID -19 test - please visit <https://scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov/>. You will have to click "I don't have an



JEANNE EDWARDS

ried Robert L. Edwards on January 8, 1944, and he preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Shoals.

Survivors include two daughters, Sandra (Jerry) Waldron of

Bedford and Connie Jones of Jasper; one son, Bob (Renita Brown) Edwards of Bedford; 10 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren; six great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Wilma Qualkenbush of Shoals and Marilyn Hardwick of Shoals; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother and sister in infancy, and two grandsons, Bryan Edwards and Josh Waldron.

Funeral services were conducted today, Wednesday, January 12 at 1 p.m. in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary. Burial followed in Huron Cemetery.

GEORGE CARRICO

George W. Carrico passed away at 4:42 a.m. Sunday, January 9, 2022, at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 79.

He was born April 16, 1942, in Washington; son of the late George W. Sr. and Mildred (Love) Carrico.

George was a United States Air Force veteran. He served his country for four years and was a Load Master on 747 Aircraft.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George W. Sr. and Mildred Carrico.

George is survived by his wife, Jane (McGuire) Carrico of Loogootee; children, Bill (Michelle) Carrico and Sheila Chambers, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Cody and Kaitlin Carrico and Stephanie Chambers; and one great-grandchild, Zoey Greene.

George wishes were to be cremated and services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences can be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of George W. Carrico Jr.

invitation code". If you do not have internet, you can call the phone number above, if no one answers please leave a message and they will call you back. Results should be available within 2-3 business days.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

2:36 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Captain Reed responded.

9:09 a.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.

9:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Bloomington.

1:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Daviess County Ambulance responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:59 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard north of Shoals. Major Keller was notified.

3:14 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist north of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth responded.

7:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:33 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Loogootee Fire Department were notified.

8:58 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

2:50 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:50 a.m. - Received a dog complaint northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene was notified.

9:32 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:33 a.m. - Deputy Flanagan took three inmates to court.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check. Daviess County was notified.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took one inmate to court.

2:18 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took one inmate to court.

2:32 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

2:58 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took three inmates to court.

3:26 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:11 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person southeast of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:46 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

1:52 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

10:34 a.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:58 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took one inmate to court.

1:33 p.m. - Received a report of a fire west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Civil Defense, Sheriff Roush, Major Keller, Deputy Wells, Deputy Flanagan, Jail Commander Pressley and Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:56 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

3:00 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took one inmate to court.

3:29 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan took one inmate to court.

3:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department, Deputy Wells, Deputy Shaw and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

9:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:11 a.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:45 a.m. - Received a dog complaint northeast of Shoals. Animal Control Of-

icer Hughett was notified.

12:17 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

2:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Major Keller, Deputy Flanagan and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

4:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance Southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department, Martin County Ambulance and Dubois County Ambulance responded. Dubois County Ambulance transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

1:40 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Shaw responded.

4:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire Department, Loogootee Fire Department, Deputy Shaw and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Shaw, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:16 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:02 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious package at Shoals Post Office. Deputy Wells responded.

12:15 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.

12:16 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:51 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism west of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

1:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Deputy Wells

Consumer alert: Products recalled in December

Attorney General Todd Rokita is encouraging all Hoosiers who purchased consumer products that were recalled in December to take advantage of the remedies available to them.

"With ongoing supply chain issues, Hoosiers should not have to tolerate products that don't work," Attorney General Todd Rokita said. "If you purchased an item in December that has been recalled, then you should immediately stop using the product and see what forms of reimbursement the company that sold or manufactured the product is offering."

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division (CPD) serves to safeguard Hoosiers from predatory business practices and will take legal action in response to violations of the Deceptive Consumer Sales Act, and other consumer-related statutes.

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in December:

American Angler Electric Fillet Knives from American Angler

Polaris RZR and GENERAL Recreational Off-Road Vehicles from Polaris

Royal Sovereign/Royal Centurian Portable Air Conditioners from Royal Sovereign

DEWALT® Jobsite Pro Wireless Earphones from DEWALT

Bed Assist Handles and Bed Assist Rail from Drive DeVilbiss Healthcare

was notified.

2:07 p.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Loogootee Fire Department were notified.

5:29 p.m. - Received a report of slick roadway northeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

5:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Wells, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

2:03 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

7:44 a.m. - Received several accidental 911 calls.

11:05 a.m. - Received a raccoon complaint west of Shoals. South Region Conservation was notified.

11:24 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

2:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint southwest of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Wells responded.

4:39 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Crane. Crane Fire Department and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

10:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

11:31 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

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Hisun 250cc Utility Vehicles from Hisun Motors

Harbor Breeze Belleisle Bay and Honeywell Rio Ceiling Fans from Hong Kong China Electric Appliance Manufacture Company

Infant Bath Seats from Karmas Far

Endurance® Hand Bed Rails from Essential Medical Supply

Angel Line Bunk Beds with angled ladders from Angel Line

If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice (linked above for all aforementioned products). Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website at www.cpsc.gov/Recalls.

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COURT NEWS

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 4

Charles Hanson vs. Kristin Hanson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS December 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff LVNV Funding, LLC and against the defendant Lila Allen in the amount of \$1,016.95.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Steve McCauley in the amount of \$55,742.39.

December 30

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Nwrez, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage

Servicing and against the defendants Dewey N. Hawkins and Collegiate Student Loan Trust for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$74,959.28.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS December 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Brenda K. Dorsey in the amount of \$4,696.17.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Audrey Elizabeth Sorrells of Shoals and Shannon Tyler Price of Shoals.

Shawn M. Vincz of Williams and Aureola S. Wright of Williams.

John Anthony Staats of Loogootee and Anabel Padilla Camposano of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Indiana Timber and Veneer, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **MAF Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 24.75 acres, more or less.

Claude L. Hatfield, Sr. and Betsy C. Hatfield, of Martin County, Indiana to **Justin Scott Hilligoss**, of Hardin County, Kentucky, Lots Numbered 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 149, 150 and 151 in Tract B, a Subdivision, in the original Town of Crane, Indiana.

William C. Qualkenbush and Glenda L. Qualkenbush, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jennifer D. Qualkenbush**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 29.7 acres, more or less.

Corby Brassett, of Sonoma County, California to **Vernon Duane Dollens and Paula Diane Dollens**, of Oklahoma County, Oklahoma, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.348 acres, more or less.

Steven E. Moffatt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven L. Moffatt and Sawyer D. Moffatt**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter, Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Second Principal Meridian, Lost River Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.37 acres, more or less.

Brian Asher, of Martin County, Indiana

to **Jessica Asher**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Lost River Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.644 acres, more or less.

Nathan D. Hoffman and Katherine L. Hoffman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Joshua D. Tinkle and Kelly N. Tinkle**, of Martin County, Indiana, 1.8 acres in Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

12:04 a.m. - Braxton Blevins, 19, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Shaw and charged with minor consumption and disorderly conduct. He is being held on a \$5,000 10% bond.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

11:30 a.m. - Angel Hibbs, 23, of Evansville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

5:07 p.m. - Jasmine Harner, 26, of Bedford, was arrested on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$1,000 bond.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

5:50 a.m. - Dylan Bruner, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Hawkins and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated controlled substance and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held on \$15,000 10% after a 15 day hold with no driving.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 3

2:36 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a suspicious person behind a local business.

9:52 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Lincoln Avenue.

11:19 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North First Street.

3:50 p.m. - Officer Wells responded to a call about a vehicle coming into Loogootee onus 50 East that is smoking.

7:39 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Queen Street.

9:47 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to Wood School Road to check for a carbon monoxide leak.

10:17 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on a report of possible gunfire in the area of Clark Cemetery and Stiles Road.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5

9:49 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

11:05 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a possible wanted subject.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

1:52 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a local business for a person there asking to speak to an officer.

10:36 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a call from a local business that ended up being an electrical issue.

10:58 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

11:26 a.m. - A caller reported reckless driving on West Washington Street and requested extra patrol.

1:50 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a fire at a local business.

2:50 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

4:27 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

11:18 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a domestic dispute on North Line Street.

12:21 p.m. - Chief Means checked on a suspicious vehicle parked in a local church parking lot.

11:19 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on a traffic stop.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

1:40 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

4:26 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Second Road.

5:31 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Oak Street.

5:46 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local church.

10:30 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an alarm at a local business.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

11:26 a.m. - Officer Wells spoke with a clerk at a local business regarding harassment by a customer.

8:01 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on William Daily Drive.

8:33 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a fire in Crane.

10:54 p.m. - Officer Sims completed a welfare check on a child in Redwing Trailer Court.



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By Ann Ackerman



THOUGHTS
 *Went to the grocery store today. Had to pay for food and then prepare and cook it myself. Zero stars. Would not recommend.

*People don't have a strong intuitive sense of how much bigger 1 billion is than 1 million. 1 million seconds is 11 days. 1 billion seconds is 31.5 years.

*I just dumped a pack of Skittles into my mask at work and I am slowly eating them like a horse.

*I always knew I'd get old. How fast it happened as a bit of a surprise, though.

*I'm giving up drinking until Easter. Sorry wrong punctuation. I'm giving up. Drinking until Easter.

*My problem is I always think I can get ready in 15 minutes when I have repeatedly proven that I can't.

FIVE STAGES OF A WOMAN'S LIFE

- *To grow up.
- *To fill out.
- *To slim down.
- *To hold it in.
- *To heck with it.

Wife: I'm heading to the store do you want anything?

Husband: I want a sense of meaning and purpose in my life...I seek fulfillment and completeness within my soul...I want to connect to God and discover the spiritual side of me.

Wife: Be more specific, Beer or Vodka?

RIDDLES:

1. What do you call a boomerang that does not come back?
2. What kind of exercise do lazy people do?
3. What do you call a person who is happy on Monday?
4. How much did Santa pay to park his sleigh?

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year-old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

ANSWERS:

1. A stick
2. Diddly squats
3. Retired
4. Nothing, it's on the house.

Make someone smile today!

Loogootee School Board meeting
 The Loogootee School Board will hold their annual reorganizational meeting Wednesday, January 12 at 4 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting will be open to the public.

Shoals School Board meeting
 The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, January 13 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Merit Board meetings
 The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet in executive session beginning at 5:30 p.m. (EST) Thursday, January 13, at the Martin County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the executive meeting is to discuss job performance evaluation of one or more individual employees as authorized under I.C. §5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) and to receive information about and interview prospective employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (5). This meeting is closed to the public. The merit board will meet in open session at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 13, following the executive session.

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
 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!

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.

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Street's Accounting Service, Inc. recently moved to their new location at 123 Cooper Street in Loogootee. Shown above, from left to right, are Loogootee Mayor Noel Hardy along with Terry Street, Kyle Street, Marsha Street and Holly Street of Street's Accounting Service Inc. The company welcomes all past, present, and future clients looking for bookkeeping, payroll and tax preparation services.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

At this time of the year, when there is little to do in the garden, this column is usually filled with information about plants to consider for the new growing season. Several organizations give awards for new plant selections or name “plants of the year”, and I try to get that information out to you. This week is no exception, but it is something new. For the first time ever, the National Garden Bureau has added a houseplant category to their “Year of” program. 2022 has been named the “Year of the Peperomia”.

It is a great choice for the first in the series. Peperomias are often the first plant which comes into the home of a new gardener. There are many varieties, so there is probably one that would catch any plant-lover’s eye. They are, in general, easy-care plants and have relatively few pest problems.

Peperomia is a genus with over 1000 species and many hybrids. They are classed as tender perennials, but cannot take temperatures below freezing, so they are generally kept as houseplants in most areas. Like most houseplants, however, they do seem to enjoy a sojourn outdoors in the summer. Peperomias have thick leaves with a waxy coating, which means they will retain water. However, they are not succulents. Peperomias may not need to be watered often, but they actually prefer to exist in a more humid environment, so they do well sitting on evaporation trays filled with pebbles and water. The pebbles keep the drainage holes of the pots from being in the water, but the evaporation of water from the tray increases the humidity around the plant.

Peperomias are actually epiphytes and the roots may take moisture and nutrients from the air. Like orchids, they are often found growing in the crotches of trees in their native areas of Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean. Orchid soil is a suitable potting mix for planting peperomias and they may be put in orchid pots or any pot with good drainage. They do not mind being root-bound and are slow-growing, so re-potting is not necessary very often.

As houseplants, peperomias rarely bloom. The blooms are rather nondescript anyway, but the foliage is the real star in these plants. The leaves may have many shapes, sizes and colors. They may look like the waxy leaves of many succulents or have ruffled or crinkled leaves with attractive variegations. The variety of leaves give the plants some fun common names, including radiator plant, baby rubber plant, trailing rubber plant, string of turtles, trailing jade, hope plant, watermelon plant, parallel plant, ruby glow and even jelly plant.

Propagating peperomias is easy. Take a leaf with about an inch of stem. Put

the stem in moist, sterile potting mix and place the pot in a plastic bag to keep the humidity high. Within a couple of weeks, the plant should develop roots. At this point, remove it from the bag, but continue to keep it in an area with high humidity. Propagation may be done at any time, but the success rate is generally higher in the early spring, when the plant enters its active growth stage.

Peperomias are not prone to many diseases, but may be attacked by mealybugs, thrips and other pathogens common in other houseplants. Insecticidal soap is generally the best remedy for infestations. When one sees leaves turning yellow and dropping off plants, check to see if the soil is soggy. They do not do well with wet soil. If you have a humidifier in the room, one may not have to water the plant when it is inside during cold weather.

With the variety of growth habits, there is likely a peperomia for every use from upright specimen plants to trailing selections in hanging baskets. You may combine peperomias in mixed container gardens but be sure the other plants have similar moisture requirements. They are generally inexpensive and easy to find in garden centers or from florists. If you are just getting started with houseplants, peperomias make great starter plants. I warn you, though, that you cannot grow just one.

Hoosier National Forest 2022 trail use permits now available

Visitors ages 17 and older, who wish to ride a bike or horse on the Hoosier National Forest are required to have a trail use permit. Permits are available for daily use at \$5 per person, or annual use at \$35 per person. There are a variety of options to purchase a trail use permit – at forest offices, at local vendors, order by phone or mail, or online at recreation.gov. To purchase in person, contact your local forest office to schedule an appointment – Bedford 812-275-5987, or Tell City 812-547-7051.

Visitors may purchase digital trail use permits for day or annual use online at recreation.gov/activitypass/hoosier-trails via a mobile device at the site or in advance. Established in 2021, this public service allows for mobile transactions on site, if cell service is available, or in advance if service is unavailable. 95 percent of the income from these permits is used to maintain trails, enhance trailheads, and improve visitor services on the Hoosier National Forest. Visit <https://go.usa.gov/xeuV7> for more information.

Public hearing on proposed wildlife rule changes set for January 20

The Natural Resources Commission’s Division of Hearings has scheduled a virtual public hearing to accept public comments on proposed rule changes governing fishing tournament licenses/permits, trapping wild animals, and registering to be an organ donor through the DNR’s license system. More information about the proposed changes is at wildlife.IN.gov/rule-regulation-changes/.

The virtual public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. ET on January 20, using WebEx.

Individuals may join the public 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, use this website address, meeting number and password: <https://indiana.webex.com/indiana/j.php?MTID=m4d8c87a1e19a26bd69e8b3e90e563097>

Meeting number (access code): 2303 432 9797, Meeting password: 5RPF-753W4Zp

DNR Forestry to hold virtual open house

The DNR Division of Forestry will host a virtual open house January 13 from 6-8 p.m.

This event will be much like past in-person open houses, but on Microsoft Teams. Division personnel will deliver a brief state forest overview of 2021 and what to expect in 2022. Those attending will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on ideas and issues. Written comments can be submitted at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/state-forest-management/public-comment/submit.

“These open house events provide Hoosiers with a chance to receive firsthand information about how the state forests are working to provide diverse wildlife habitat, forest products and recreational opportunities,” State Forester John Seifert said. “They also allow us to receive valuable feedback from our neighbors and users about state forest management — I encourage everyone who has an interest to participate.”

The virtual open house can be attended by using the information below:

- Join on your computer or mobile app: <https://teams.microsoft.com/>
 - Join with a video conferencing device: indiana@m.webex.com
 - Video Conference ID: 119 441 731 6
 - Alternate VTC instructions: www.webex.com/msteams?confid=1194417316&tenantkey=indiana&domain=m.webex.com
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Public comments must be submitted to the NRC no later than January 21, via www.IN.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket. Click on “Comment on this Rule” next to the “Fish & Wildlife and Law Enforcement Miscellaneous Rule Amendments.”

Comments can also be mailed to: Natural Resources Commission Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Ave., Room N103, Indianapolis, IN 46204

The NRC will review the public comments before voting on final adoption of the changes in March. Rule changes that are given final adoption by the NRC must still be approved by the Attorney General’s office and Governor’s office and filed with the Indiana Register before taking effect.

available during normal business hours, which are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. See dnr.IN.gov/forestry/properties for contact information.

The DNR Division of Forestry promotes and practices good stewardship of natural, recreational and cultural resources on Indiana’s public and private forest lands. This stewardship produces continuing benefits, both tangible and intangible, for present and future generations.

Patoka Lake hosts full moon hike February 18

Join an interpretive naturalist on Friday, February 18 at 8 p.m. at the Beach 2 Shelter House at Patoka Lake for a ¾-mile guided hike along a paved trail overlooking the lake.

The journey will begin with a talk about the moon and nature at night. Hiking will begin at 8:35 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. Plan to wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring refreshments. There will be stone benches to rest on.

Participation is limited, and advance registration is required by phone at 812-685-2447 by 2 p.m. February 17.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

Patoka Lake (on IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

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.

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National unemployment rate declines to 3.9 percent

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 199,000 in December, and the unemployment rate declined to 3.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment continued to trend up in leisure and hospitality, in professional and business services, in manufacturing, in construction, and in transportation and warehousing.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate declined by 0.3 percentage point to 3.9 percent in December, and the number of unemployed persons decreased by 483,000 to 6.3 million. Over the year, these measures are down by 2.8 percentage points and 4.5 million, respectively. In February 2020, prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the unemployment rate was 3.5 percent, and unemployed persons numbered 5.7 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.6 percent), adult women (3.6 percent), and Whites (3.2 percent) declined in December. The jobless rates for teenagers (10.9 percent), Blacks (7.1 percent), Asians (3.8 percent), and Hispanics (4.9 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of permanent job losers, at 1.7 million in December, declined by 202,000 over the month and is down by 1.8 million over the year. The number of persons on temporary layoff was little changed at 812,000 in December but is down by 2.3 million over the year. The number of permanent job losers in December is 408,000 higher than in February 2020, while the number on temporary layoff has essentially returned to its February 2020 level.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) declined by 185,000 to 2.0 million in December. This measure is down from 4.0 million a year earlier but is 887,000 higher than in February 2020. The long-term unemployed accounted for 31.7 percent of the total unemployed in December.

The labor force participation rate was unchanged at 61.9 percent in December but remains 1.5 percentage points lower than in February 2020. The employment-population ratio increased by 0.2 percentage point to 59.5 percent in December but is 1.7 percentage points below its February 2020 level. Over the year, these measures have increased by 0.4 percentage point and 2.1 percentage points, respectively.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 3.9 million in December, decreased by 337,000 over the month. The over-the-year decline of 2.2 million brings this measure to 461,000 below its February 2020 level. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was little changed at 5.7 million in December. This measure decreased by 1.6 million over the year but is 717,000 higher than in February 2020. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who wanted a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force was essentially unchanged at 1.6 million in December. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The num-

ber of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, was also essentially unchanged over the month, at 463,000.

Household Survey Supplemental Data

In December, the share of employed persons who teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic was 11.1 percent, little different from November. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey specifically because of the pandemic.

In December, 3.1 million persons reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic--that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey due to the pandemic. This measure was down from the level of 3.6 million in November. Among those who reported in December that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 15.9 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, little changed from the prior month.

Among those not in the labor force in December, 1.1 million persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, little changed from November. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must be either actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey beginning in May 2020 to help gauge the effects of the pandemic on the labor market. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Tables with estimates from the supplemental questions for all months are available online at www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 199,000 in December. Job growth averaged 537,000 per month in 2021. Nonfarm employment has increased by 18.8 million since April 2020 but is down by 3.6 million, or 2.3 percent, from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. In December, employment continued to trend up in leisure and hospitality, in professional and business services, in manufacturing, in construction, and in transportation and warehousing.

Employment in leisure and hospitality continued to trend up in December (+53,000). Leisure and hospitality has added 2.6 million jobs in 2021, but employment in the industry is down by 1.2 million, or 7.2 percent, since February 2020. Employment in food services and drinking places rose by 43,000 in December but is down by 653,000 since February 2020.

Employment in professional and business services continued its upward trend in December (+43,000). Over the month, job gains occurred in computer systems design and related services (+10,000), in architectural and engineering services (+9,000), and in scientific research and development services (+6,000). Employment in professional and business services overall is slightly below (-35,000) its level in February 2020.

Manufacturing added 26,000 jobs in December, primarily in durable goods industries. A job gain in machinery (+8,000) reflected the return of workers from a strike. Manufacturing employment is down by 219,000 since February 2020.

Construction employment rose by 22,000 in December, following monthly gains averaging 38,000 over the prior 3 months. In December, job gains occurred in nonresidential specialty trade contractors (+13,000) and in heavy and civil engineering construction (+10,000). Construction employment is 88,000 below its February 2020 level.

Employment in transportation and ware-

housing increased by 19,000 in December. Job gains occurred in support activities for transportation (+7,000), in air transportation (+6,000), and in warehousing and storage (+5,000). Employment in couriers and messengers was essentially unchanged. Since February 2020, employment in transportation and warehousing is up by 218,000, reflecting job growth in couriers and messengers (+202,000) and in warehousing and storage (+181,000).

Employment in wholesale trade increased by 14,000 in December but is 129,000 lower than in February 2020.

Mining employment rose by 7,000 in December. Employment in the industry is down by 81,000 from a peak in January 2019.

In December, employment showed little or no change in other major industries, including retail trade, information, financial activities, health care, other services, and government.

In December, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 19 cents to \$31.31. Over the past 12 months, average hourly

earnings have increased by 4.7 percent. In December, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 18 cents to \$26.61.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.7 hours in December. In manufacturing, the average workweek edged down by 0.1 hour to 40.3 hours, and overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 3.2 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 0.1 hour to 34.2 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for October was revised up by 102,000, from +546,000 to +648,000, and the change for November was revised up by 39,000, from +210,000 to +249,000. With these revisions, employment in October and November combined is 141,000 higher than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.)

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Website Proposals Wanted

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
- Include blog functionality for news releases
- Include job board with "quick apply" custom webforms
- Include events calendar
- "Report an issue" webform



I-READI Challenge

-Photos provided

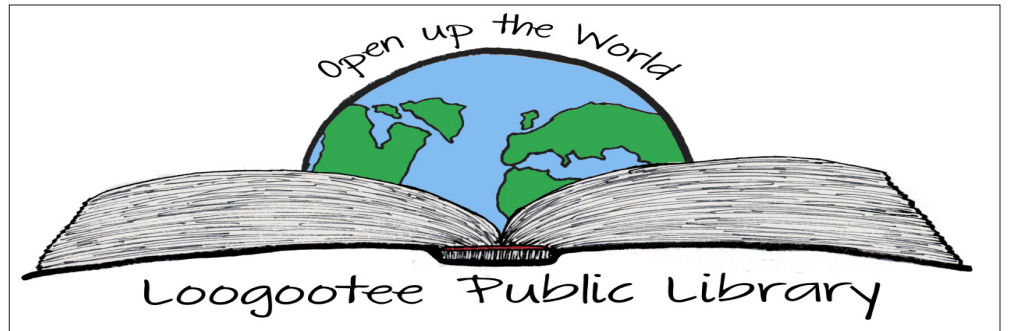
The Shoals Elementary Students are working hard on the i-Ready Challenge. When the students pass lessons, they earn prizes for their success. Shown above, nine students received an ice cream party for completing 100 lessons. Those pictured are Carter Thomas, Lyla Sexton, Nova Purdue, Liam Wright, Paul Sanders, Rachel Sanders, Josiah Sullivan, Wyatt Davis, and Easton Newland. Shown below are the students who were entered into a basketball game drawing. When the student's name is drawn, they are the Math Whiz Kid at a basketball game. Students are introduced at the game, get to meet the team, give the basketball to the referees, and receive free popcorn. The following students received this honor for the first semester: Kandyn Lents, Brynlee Albrecht, Josiah Sullivan, Easton Newland, Blazeden Clifton, Chandley Archer, Asher Johnson, and Levi Holt.



Baskets for seniors

-Photo provided

The Shoals High School Student Council collected items to make baskets for senior citizens through the Build A Basket Program. Shown above are Lillie Bauer, Lydia Cook, Gage Gilbert, Logan Davis, and Ava Perry.



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 a limit of 10 and is available for ages 10-18. You must pre-register to attend.

Carolyn's Book Club will meet on February 15 at 6 p.m. and the book selection is "Just Mercy" by Bryan Stevenson.

Friends of Loogootee Library will be having a Soup-To-Go fundraiser on February 11 from 3-6 p.m. or until the soup is all gone. Various homemade soups and desserts will be available for purchase and take home. Stay tuned for more details.

New Books:

Fiction: "Invisible" by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: "Much Ado About a Latte" by Kathleen Fuller and "A Stranger's Game" by Colleen Coble.

Children's: "Valenslime" by Joy Keller, Lego: "I love You To Pieces" by Nicole Johnson, "A Unicorn Named Sparkle and The Perfect Valentine" by Amy Young and "The House of Love" by Adriana Trigiani.

DVDs: "Cry Macho", "Every Breath You Take", "The Boss Baby Family Business", and "The Eight Hundred".

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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