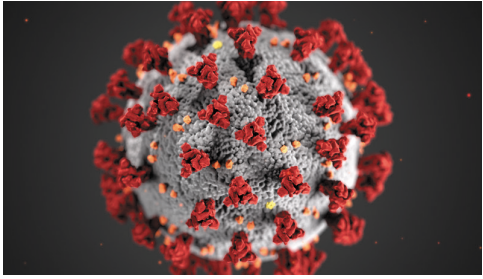


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## Health department now administering COVID vaccine

The Martin County Health Department began administering COVID-19 vaccines to eligible recipients beginning on Tuesday, January 12. Clinic times will be available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Saturday for the month of January.

Due to limited supply, vaccine is available by appointment only to those currently eligible as determined by the Indiana Department of Health. That complete list is posted to <https://ourshot.in.gov>, and appointments can also be scheduled at that website. There is no cost to the individual, but insurance may be charged an administration fee. Individuals should bring a photo ID and an insurance card if they have one.

The vaccine will be available to individuals age 80 and older, as well as to licensed and unlicensed healthcare workers and first responders who have face-to-face interactions with patients or infectious material or work in a public-facing position that requires in-person contact. A photo ID, proof of age, or verification of current employment as a healthcare worker or first responder in Indiana will be required. Those who need assistance registering for an appointment can contact their local Agency on Aging. Hoosier Uplands is offering assistance with registration by calling 812-849-4447 and asking for vaccine registration.

The Moderna vaccine is what will be available locally. It requires two doses administered at least 28 days apart. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it typically takes a few weeks for the body to build immunity after the second vaccination.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the vaccines under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), meaning the vaccines must be proven safe and effective in the same way that all medications and devices must be. The vaccines have been found in trials to be 94 percent to 95 percent effective in preventing COVID-19 infections in participants. Side effects are temporary and are generally mild, including fatigue, headache and sometimes fever.

People who have been vaccinated may still be able to infect others, so even those who are vaccinated should continue wearing a mask and quarantining if they are a close contact of a positive case.

The best ways to protect yourself and others are to:

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

## City council hears year-end reports

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council held their first meeting of the year Monday night, January 11. New Chief of Police Jim Floyd presented the year end report. In 2020, the city police department had 243 cases opened, 83 criminal arrests, 115 traffic arrests, 2,105 calls for service, issued 62 handgun permits and 56 golf cart registrations, had 21 K9 searches with 19 arrests, did two school searches and three K9 demonstrations. Chief Floyd also reported the officers had 40,112 in mileage driven in 2020.

Fire Chief JD Flynn said his department had 111 fire runs in 2020 and 174 medical runs.

Chief Floyd requested permission to purchase an all-in-one printer for the po-

lice department for \$1,875. He said the current printer is outdated and inefficient. He said the new printer will eliminate the need for multiple pieces of equipment and is also wireless so it can be used by other offices, if needed. The council approved the purchase with the money coming from the general fund.

Daviess County Rural Water, who acquired Perry Water in 2019, sent a letter to the city requesting the council approve combining the Daviess County Rural Water and Perry Water agreements and giving them the lower of the two rates. The contract with Daviess County Rural Water is set for renewal in March of next year. The Daviess County Rural Water contract is \$2.70 per 1,000 gallons and the Perry Water contract is \$2.98 per 1,000 gallons. Mayor Harty said that since they have until next March to make a decision, they

will table discussion until the council has time to look over the information.

Mayor Harty wanted to know if the council approved providing two weeks of paid leave for employees who test positive for COVID-19 or have been directly exposed to it. Council Member Rick Norris felt that if the employee was going to get paid based on being exposed, they need to be tested immediately after the exposure. If they test positive, they could take the two weeks. If they test negative, they can return to work. Mayor Harty said that the current employee who was exposed was sent home by him but this person didn't want to get tested. The person has agreed to get tested now but didn't want to. Council Members agreed that if the employee wants to get COVID relief pay, they have to agree to be tested.

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## Commissioners get grant updates, make appointments

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Michelle Carrico, with SIDC, told the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, January 12 about a phase three grant through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs to help with COVID relief. The grant, with a maximum award of \$250,000, would go to help small businesses impacted by COVID. Carrico said other counties have given \$5,000 to each business approved through the application process. She said those businesses used the funds for payroll, rent, utilities, etc. The money is not required to be paid back however anyone who utilized PPP funds cannot apply. Matching funds are not required by the county however SIDC would be paid \$6,250 for administration fees. This could be paid out of the grant or from the county. The commissioners

## Shoals Town Council discusses drainage issues, appointments

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, January 11. Those in attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney Dave Lett, Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby, Patricia Keefe, Audra P. Deckard, with The Shoals News; and Angie Risacher, with Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth.

Patricia Keefe came before the council with a storm water drainage issue in front of her home. Ms. Keefe presented pictures and a document outlining issues, her concerns and things she has done to try and resolve the issue. After discussion, the council told Ms. Keefe they would reach out to the town engineer along with the adjacent property owner and would see what they could do to help resolve the issue.

Next on the agenda was a park board appointment. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge advised the council that the park board made a recommendation of appointing Kaylee Diamond to the open position the board currently has. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to accept the recommendation with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

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decided to go ahead with the grant application. More information will be available if the grant is awarded in April. Carrico said the grant will be very competitive as they have opened up phase three to more entities.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, reported he is ready to turn in the Community Crossings grant application which includes 16 miles of roads to be paved. No bridges are included in the application this round.

Tiffany Whaley, with the Martin County Ambulance service, gave their quarterly report. They had 280 ambulance runs the last quarter with a 10 minute and 14 second average response time.

Julia Albright, public health nurse, told the commissioners that the health department administered 60 COVID-19 vaccines on Tuesday, the first day vaccines were offered. She said they have 70 more appointments scheduled this week. They are hoping to have additional categories of people to vaccinate in the next two weeks. She said the county will remain in red status for this week due to the high number

of positive cases. The commissioners decided to keep the courthouse closed to the public until the county is out of the red.

The commissioners discussed whether to hire a company to maintain the generator at the fairgrounds or install an automatic starter. They decided to table a decision.

The commissioners made the following appointments:

- SIDC Board – Aaron Summers
  - Alcoholic Beverage Board – Bill Shaw
  - Redevelopment Commission – Paul George, Aaron Summers and Cody Roush
  - Regional Mental Health Board – Kathy Collins
  - County Attorney – Dave Lett
  - Veteran Service Officer – Linda Evans-Dillon
  - Custodian – John Jones
  - Highway Superintendent – Scott Seals
  - Highway Clerk – Terri Alcorn
  - WestGate Authority – Dana T. Strange
  - PTABOA – Lois Brett, Kenneth Fuhrman and Larry Fellers
  - Local Economic Development Commission – Cody Roush
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## Veterans' room renovations

-Photo provided

The Martin County Historical Society needs the public's help. They are working on major repairs to the ceiling to the future veterans' room at the Martin County Museum. Their plans are to have the needed repairs and painting complete before they can set up the military displays to honor local heroes. If they get the needed funding, they plan to have the display ready when they re-open in May. The historical society has received around \$1,000 from memorial contributions and \$600 from the REMC Operation Roundup Fund to help with this project. They need to raise \$2,500 more to be able to complete the goal. Send donations to the Martin County Historical Society PO Box 564 Shoals IN 47581. Mark the donation for the veterans' room.

# SHOALS

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Angie Risacher, with Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, introduced herself as the new Executive Director. Risacher stated she was excited to begin working with the communities in Martin County and had already met with Council Member Cary Albright to get information concerning the Town of Shoals.

Rutledge presented a Memorandum of Understanding between the Martin County Sheriff's Office and the Town for dispatching and IDACS services in the amount of \$3,127 annually. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to accept the MOU with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Council Member Albright stated he had been contacted by Jug Rock Cafe concerning parking spots in front of their establishment. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to designate two parking spaces in front of the cafe for their customers and Councilman Hoffman made the second with all in favor.

Albright stated he would like to make a change to the 2021 meeting schedule with the meetings to start at 5:59 p.m. rather than 6 p.m. as previously approved. Councilman Ragsdale and Councilman Hoffman had no objection to the change. Rutledge stated she would resubmit a schedule to be published.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented a sewer break request for Main Street Laundry. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve the break to remain in place as is with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge requested a new line item in the 2021 budget in the general fund for part-time clerical. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Rutledge also requested a new line item in the 2021 budget for municipal manager salary and wages in the MVH Fund. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to approve with Councilman Hoffman making the second all were in favor. Rutledge requested a new fund "Wayfinding Grant" be created for a grant the town had received. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to create the fund with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented Amended Salary & Wage Ordinance #1 with Councilman Ragsdale making a motion to approve and Councilman Hoffman making the second all were in favor.

The clerk-treasurer asked the council if they wanted to advertise for mowing bids for the upcoming mowing season for Spring Hill Cemetery. The council stated to advertise for a two-year contract.

Rutledge presented a quote she had received from Area 1 Protection for a security system installation for the town hall in the amount of \$5506.50. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to move forward with the quote with Councilman Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby told the council the fire department was getting quotes for a new bed for the rescue truck as the current one was in bad shape.

Council Member Hoffman stated the Beautification Board wanted to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the Christmas decoration with a special thank you to Annette Taylor. Hoffman stated the beautification board did not have a meeting this month.

With no further business, Councilman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. with Councilman Ragsdale making the second.

The council will meet in regular session on Monday, February 8 at 5:59 p.m.

## COMMISSIONERS

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District Oversight Planning Committee – Paul George

EMA Civil Defense Director – Cameron Wolf

Assistant Civil Defense Director – Andy Ringwald and Mike Ringwald

County Health Board – Theresa Holt and Vic Wallace

Shoals Public Library Board – Mary Smith

Martin County Park Board - Chris Baugh

Hoosier Uplands Board – tabled

Four Rivers RC&D Council – Aaron Summers

Disaster Planning Council – Casey Dearwester

South Central Region 8 Workforce Board – Paul George

# COUNCIL

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If they refuse, they can use their own paid sick days.

Council Member Teresa Nolley questioned why the utility office has hired a replacement for the utility clerk when she is not retiring until April. Mayor Harty replied that the new clerk will need training. Nolley said that her fear is that adding the position to the salary ordinance will create the position and it will never go away. The mayor replied that the position is not funded for 2022. Nolley said that she feels before someone is hired and added to the salary ordinance, it should be brought to the council for approval, since they are the fiscal body of the city.

The council approved \$10,000 for the Perry Township fire agreement that contracts the city fire department to provide services to residents in Perry Township but outside city limits.

Representatives with eSolve Solutions presented information to the council regarding work planned for the property at the corner of JFK Avenue and Church Street, known as the "railroad property". The city, who owns the property, had submitted an ROI grant to have the area renovated into a park-like space. That grant was not approved. eSolve said that with the current grant from the community foundation and \$80,000 from the city's EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) fund, they can get the area into a green space for now. They have applied for another grant, through the state, to get a phase two done on the property to include a stage area designed to look like a train station with historical placards regarding the history of the city. The space could then be used to host concerts or farmers' markets.

They also have a phase three outlined that would include a long-term plan for the property if the railroad would ever cease to operate.

Council Member Nolley questioned whether the city had enough in the EDIT fund to pay for the project. Mayor Harty replied that there is more than \$500,000 in the fund with \$30,000 slated to pay on the pool bond this year. He said he will be requesting, at next month's meeting, the \$80,000 for the railroad property project and \$20,000 for work being planned

for the fountain on the square, both from EDIT.

The following appointments were submitted by the mayor, council and Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey:

Deputy Clerk-Treasurers - Barb Ringham and Sherri Hellums

Board of Public Works and Safety – Mayor Noel Harty, Rick Norris and Danny Clark

Mayor's Secretary – Phyllis Panko  
Public Works Superintendent – Bo Wilson

Utilities Clerks – Nancy Spaulding, Rae Greene and Teresa George

Chief of Police – Jim Floyd  
Assistant Chief of Police – Kelly Rayhill

Fire Chief – JD Flynn  
City Attorney – Isha Wright-Ryan

Custodians – Mary Davis and Cindy Clark

Storm Water Utility Board – Bo Wilson, Martin Tarrh and Gianna Armstrong

Oversight Committee – Rick Norris and Ann Wagler

Martin County Solid Waste Board – Mayor Noel Harty and Teresa Nolley

Land Use Policy Council – JD Flynn, Jim Floyd, Chris Bledsoe and Danny Clark

Land Use Policy Council Appointments – Rick Norris, Ron Gilbert and Tim Lawrence

SIDC Council Appointment – Noel Harty

Building Commissioner – Tim Hudson  
Zoning Appeals Board – Mike Engleman, Judith Blackwell and Elaine Renoire

Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Board – Floyd Lonnie Hawkins

Park and Recreation Board – Karen Slaven, Don Greene, Justin Clark, Gary Arvin, Lynette Arvin, Ron Gilbert and Trenton Scott

Beautification Board – Amber Gilbertson, Brandi Judd, Christina Ziegler, Amanda Campbell, Katie Kidwell, Miranda Beaver, Kristi Thomas, Jessica Sheetz, Michelle Thompson, Ashley Fisher, Renee Street, Macy McAtee, and Trenton Scott

Festival and Special Events Committee – Jolene McAtee, Don Greene, Alexandra Wathen, Adam Graber, Lyndzee Hart, Sherri Bowling, Brenda Coulter, Jacqueline Harner, and Phyllis Panko

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## MARILYN JONES

Marilyn Sue (McClintock) Jones, age 84, died at 11:30 p.m. Friday, January 1, 2021 while residing at Mitchell Manor nursing facility in Mitchell. She was 84.

She was born October 21, 1935; daughter of Samuel Manson and Hazel Pearl McClintock of Orleans.

Marilyn married Marvin Keith Jones on September 27, 1953. They had one child, Timothy Keith Jones (died in March of 2004). He married Sherre Borders of Loogootee. Sherre, her children and grandchildren survive her including, Aaron Jones and wife, Tina, of Bedford;

Alexis Jones Hall and Kevin Hall of Bend, Oregon; and Brady Jones of New Albany; and grandchildren, Gavan Jones, Maleigha Hall, Liam Hall, Kollier Hall, Makenna Hall, Hendrick Hall and Ezekiel Hall.

Marilyn was very well known in her community. She was a business operator and owned her own flower shop, Marilyn's Flowers. She was a part of the Psi Iota Xi sorority, was a beloved bus driver for Shoals Community Schools, was a member of Shoals United Methodist Church, and served as a substitute teacher in Shoals later in her life.



MARILYN JONES

Marilyn was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters, Beahulah McClintock Freed, Bill (William) McClintock, Violet McClintock Magner, Carl McClintock, Maggie (Margaret) McClintock Jeans, Bonnie McClintock Busick, Juanita McClintock Trinkle Gromer, and Madge McClintock Child.

She is also survived by her brother, Donald B. McClintock; sister in law, several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday, January 11 at Queen Lee Chapel in Shoals. She was buried beside her husband at the Spring Hill Cemetery. Marilyn will be dearly missed by all that knew her, but we are so thankful she is in Heaven with her Lord and Savior.

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

## National unemployment stands at 6.7 percent for December

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined by 140,000 in December, and the unemployment rate was unchanged at 6.7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. The decline in payroll employment reflects the recent increase in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases and efforts to contain the pandemic. In December, job losses in leisure and hospitality and in private education were partially offset by gains in professional and business services, retail trade, and construction.

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

In December, both the unemployment rate, at 6.7 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 10.7 million, were unchanged. Although both measures are much lower than their April highs, they are nearly twice their pre-pandemic levels in February (3.5 percent and 5.7 million, respectively).

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for teenagers (16.0 percent) and Hispanics (9.3 percent) increased in December. The jobless rates for adult men (6.4 percent), adult women (6.3 percent), Whites (6.0 percent), Blacks (9.9 percent), and Asians (5.9 percent) showed little change.

Among the unemployed, the number of persons on temporary layoff increased by 277,000 in December to 3.0 million. This measure is down considerably from the high of 18.0 million in April but is 2.3 million higher than in February. The number of permanent job losers declined by 348,000 to 3.4 million in December but is up by 2.1 million since February. The number of unemployed reentrants increased by 282,000 to 2.3 million over the month, 452,000 higher than in February.

In December, the number of persons jobless less than 5 weeks increased by 449,000 to 2.9 million, while the number of persons jobless 15 to 26 weeks declined by 303,000 to 1.6 million. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 4.0 million, was essentially unchanged in December but has increased by 2.8 million since February. The number of those jobless for 27 weeks or more accounted for 37.1 percent of total unemployed in December.

The labor force participation rate and the employment-population ratio were both unchanged over the month, at 61.5 percent and 57.4 percent, respectively. These measures are up from their recent April lows but are lower than in February by 1.8 percentage points and 3.7 percentage points, respectively.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 6.2 million, decreased by 471,000 over the month. This measure is down from its April high of 10.9 million but is 1.8 million higher than the February level. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time em-

ployment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In December, the number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job, at 7.3 million, was little changed over the month but is 2.3 million higher than in February. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who currently want a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 2.2 million, changed little in December but is up by 749,000 since February. 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 number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, was essentially unchanged at 663,000 in December but is up by 262,000 since February.

### Household Survey Supplemental Data

In December, 23.7 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, up from 21.8 percent in November. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the last 4 weeks specifically because of the pandemic.

In December, 15.8 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 last 4 weeks due to the pandemic. This measure is 1.0 million higher than in November. Among those who reported in December that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 12.8 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, little changed from November.

Among those not in the labor force in December, 4.6 million persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic. This measure is up from 3.9 million in 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 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](http://www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm).

### Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment declined by 140,000 in December. Employment declines in leisure and hospitality, private education, and government were partially offset by gains in professional and business services, retail trade, construction, and transportation and warehousing. In December, nonfarm employ-

ment was below its February level by 9.8 million, or 6.5 percent.

In December, employment in leisure and hospitality declined by 498,000, with three-quarters of the decrease in food services and drinking places (-372,000). Employment also fell in the amusements, gambling, and recreation industry (-92,000) and in the accommodation industry (-24,000). Since February, employment in leisure and hospitality is down by 3.9 million, or 23.2 percent.

Employment in private education decreased by 63,000 in December. Employment in the industry is down by 450,000 since February.

Government employment declined by 45,000 in December. Employment in the component of local government that excludes education declined by 32,000, and state government education lost 20,000 jobs. Federal government employment increased by 6,000. Since February, government employment overall is down by 1.3 million.

Other services lost 22,000 jobs in December, with over half of the loss in personal and laundry services (-12,000). Employment in the other services industry is down by 453,000 since February.

In December, employment in professional and business services increased by 161,000, with a large gain in temporary help services (+68,000). Job growth also occurred in computer systems design and related services (+20,000), other professional and technical services (+11,000), management of companies and enterprises (+11,000), and business support services (+7,000). Employment in professional and business services is down by 858,000 since February.

Retail trade added 121,000 jobs in December, with nearly half of the growth occurring in the component of general merchandise stores that includes warehouse clubs and supercenters (+59,000). Job gains also occurred in nonstore retailers (+14,000), automobile dealers (+13,000), health and personal care stores (+10,000), and food and beverage stores (+8,000). Employment in retail trade is 411,000 lower than in February.

Construction added 51,000 jobs in December, but employment in the industry is 226,000 below its February level. In December, employment rose in residential specialty trade contractors (+14,000) and residential building (+9,000), two industries that have gained back the jobs lost in March and April. In December, employment also increased in nonresidential specialty trade contractors (+18,000) and in heavy and civil engineering construction (+15,000).

Employment in transportation and warehousing rose by 47,000 in December, largely in couriers and messengers (+37,000). While employment in transportation and warehousing overall is 89,000 lower than in February, employment in couriers and messengers has increased by 222,000 over the same period. In December, employment also grew in warehousing and storage (+8,000) and in truck

transportation (+7,000), while transit and ground passenger transportation lost 9,000 jobs.

In December, health care added 39,000 jobs. Employment growth in hospitals (+32,000) and ambulatory health care services (+21,000) was partially offset by declines in nursing care facilities (-6,000) and community care facilities for the elderly (-5,000). Health care employment is 502,000 lower than in February.

In December, manufacturing employment increased by 38,000, with gains in motor vehicles and parts (+7,000), plastics and rubber products (+7,000), and nonmetallic mineral products (+6,000). By contrast, miscellaneous nondurable goods manufacturing lost 11,000 jobs over the month. Despite gains over the past 8 months, employment in manufacturing is 543,000 below its February level.

Wholesale trade employment rose by 25,000 in December but is down by 251,000 since February. In December, job gains occurred in durable goods (+11,000) and nondurable goods (+11,000).

In December, employment changed little in other major industries, including mining, information, and financial activities.

In December, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 23 cents to \$29.81. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 20 cents to \$25.09. These increases largely reflect the disproportionate number of lower-paid workers in leisure and hospitality who went off payrolls, which put upward pressure on the average hourly earnings estimates.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls declined by 0.1 hour to 34.7 hours in December. In manufacturing, the workweek was unchanged at 40.2 hours, and overtime increased by 0.1 hour to 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.2 hours.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

10:44 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. No one was transported.

11:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

1:43 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert assisted motorists with vehicle identification checks in Shoals.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:45 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

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

4:01 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Shoals. Corporal Barnett, Deputy Seymour, and Captain Reed responded.

4:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:06 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:49 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Major Keller, Loogootee Chief Floyd, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of smoke in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

4:50 p.m. - Corporal Barnett assisted a motorist west of Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

5:05 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Corporal Barnett responded. No one was transported.

7:34 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Loogootee. Corporal Barnett and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

8:04 p.m. - Received an alarm call south of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett, ICO Doane, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

8:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

12:18 a.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

1:39 a.m. - Received report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. LPD Sergeant McBeth and Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:05 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Lents, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

5:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:42 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:50 a.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

10:24 a.m. - Received a report of smoke in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

11:48 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Seymour responded.

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

2:29 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

2:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

7:08 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Shoals. Deputy Lents and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

8:39 p.m. - Received a report of threats near Shoals. Deputy Lents and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a street sign torn down southeast of Shoals. Martin County Highway was notified.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of smoke near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

1:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:37 p.m. - Received a report of an attempted break-in east of Shoals. Major Keller and Deputy Seymour responded.

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee on US 231. Major Keller, Deputy Seymour, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:26 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

11:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

11:26 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. ISP responded.

12:20 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:55 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

1:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:22 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

9:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 4

11:23 a.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant about telephone harassment.

1:50 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

7:45 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident on East Broadway Street.

12:54 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a residential burglar alarm.

2:30 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of smoke in a residence on West Main Street.

6:44 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

8:06 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of breaking and entering at a residence.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

12:18 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a possible impaired driver.

1:38 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of harassment.

9:25 a.m. - Chief Floyd received a report of theft.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

10:26 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a report of smoke in a residence on Church Street.

10:59 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a possible impaired driver entering Loogootee on US 231 North.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check.

12:48 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette completed a vehicle check.

2:50 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Martin County EMS on a medical call on US 231 North.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

12:45 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a residence on Bellbrook Road in reference to smoke in the residence.

3:48 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a residential burglar alarm.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

10:02 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Vine Street.

1:28 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

4:21 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill received a report of a possible illegal drug activity.

4:52 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a suspicious person outside a local business.

10:15 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a residence to take a report of an accident

Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

10:22 a.m. - Corporal Barnett assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

8:27 p.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

involving a deer that occurred on State Road 550.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:37 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Church Street.

12:57 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a report of vandalism on North Line Street.

6:25 p.m. - A caller in Daviess County requested an ambulance and the information was given to Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

8:30 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle in the caller's driveway.

8:12 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

8:46 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a possible impaired pedestrian near a local business.

## Real estate transfers

**Alexis N. Bales f/k/a Alexis N. Clifton**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Carissa S. Krause and Cameron M. Krause**, of Owen County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 3.3 acres, more or less.

**Aaron T. Hudson and Kristen E. Hudson, a/k/a Kristen E. Waggoner**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory S. Stutzman and June R. Stutzman**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.87 acres, more or less.

**David M. Jones and Shirley J. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert L. Eilar and Jody A. Eilar**, three tracts containing .34 acre, 1.33 acres and 2.33 acres, more or less, in Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana.

**Carlton J. Courtright**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark A. Fields and Mary E. Fields**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of fractional Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.37 acre, more or less.

**Marla D. Dages, a/k/a Marla D. Sutton n/k/a Marla D. Combs**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gregory and Sons Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 16 in Joseph D. Gooatee's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed November 25

Terry W. Winger, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### November 30

Robert Aaron Holt, failure to return to lawful detention, a Level 6 Felony; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Michael R. Hert, unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, a Level 4 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; alteration of a firearm's identifying marks, a Level 5 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; battery against a public safety official, a Level 6 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### December 2

Jennifer N. Butler, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Shane A. Enlow, false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### December 3

Christopher M. Manning, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Taylor Alan Kavanaugh, check deception, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jason C. Grow, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Christopher L. Bearden, forgery, a Level 6 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Johnathon Chace Allstott, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

### December 4

Peggy R. Stoll, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor; refusal to identify self, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### December 15

Johnathan W. Dant, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Aaron W. Qualkenbush, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### December 16

Victor Joshua Thomas, violation of rule adopted by director, a Class B Misdemeanor; hunting wild animals without a license, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jeremiah T. Thomas, violation of rule adopted by director, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Julie E. Lents, operating a vehicle after being habitual traffic offender, a Level 6 Felony.

### December 17

Jerry E. Trinkle, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### December 23

Justin S. Lacey, residential entry, a Level 6 Felony.

### December 29

John Robert Huebner, violation of rule adopted by director, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Marvin D. Graber, use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sylvia Mae Raber, use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Johnathan Lee Marnar, use of private land without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Amos D. Graber, use of private land

without consent, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Corey G. Scammon, hunting wild animals without a license, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor; violation of rule adopted by director, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Larry E. Gilbert, illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jared D. Heideman, violation of rule adopted by director, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal taking of a wild animal, a Class C Misdemeanor; violation of rule adopted by director, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Billie Groff, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony.

### January 4

Gerald B. Emmons, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Honi M. Overton, operating a vehicle white intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Mathew A. Coburn, battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony.

Matthew A. Truelove, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Angel Benjamin Hibbs, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Rick Anthony Hibbs, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Julie E. Lents, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle after being a habitual traffic offender, a Level 6 Felony.

Martin R. Tow, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCINGS

### December 21

Kelly E. Winger, convicted of criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

### December 22

Mathew A. Coburn, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 270 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 135 actual days previously served plus 135 Class A credit days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### December 22

Peggy R. Stoll, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to identify self, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Mathew A. Coburn, unlawful possession of syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

### December 21

Julie Graber vs. Coy L. Graber, petition for dissolution of marriage.

### December 29

Crown Asset Management, LLC vs. Amy Freeman, civil collection.

### December 31

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Logan L. King, civil collection.

### January 5

Nakkisha Renea Shaw vs. David E. Shaw, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

### December 18

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and against the defendant Eldon R. Pursley in the amount of \$1,082.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Professional & Business Collections and against the defendant Adnan Dhahir in the amount of \$10,894.33.

### December 21

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Brittney Steimel in the amount of \$2,147.20.

### December 22

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the de-

endant Brian McNabb in the amount of \$7,015.14.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

#### December 22

SHWS Development, LLC vs. Brian Wildman, complaint.

#### December 31

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Everette E. Hopkins, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Dakota N. Mullins, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

#### December 14

Judgment in favor of the plaintiffs Adrian L. Crim and Roberta K. Crim and against the defendant Robert Waggoner in the amount of 5,270.

## Always assume you are on "thin ice"

With the recent temperature drops across the state, Indiana Conservation Officers are advising Hoosiers across the state of the potential hazards of being on frozen lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.

It's also important to keep a watchful eye for other people who may venture out on neighborhood retention ponds, lakes and other waterways and find themselves in trouble.

Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers safely enjoy fishing, skating, hiking, or just sliding around on frozen ponds and lakes. And every year, people drown after falling through ice.

Just like driving differently on snow versus on clear roads, it's important to adjust your approach to safely have fun on ice.

The best rule of thumb is to put safety first. When you are thinking about getting on the ice, believe it is thin ice unless proven otherwise.

Here are a few tips to remember when considering standing on or walking on a frozen lake or pond:

- Remember that no ice is safe ice.
- If you don't know the thickness of the ice, don't go on it.
- Before going on the ice, leave a note of your whereabouts with a friend or family member.
- Don't test the thickness of ice while alone.
- When testing the thickness of ice, use an ice auger. At least 4 inches of ice is recommended for ice fishing; at least 5 inches is recommended for snowmobiling.
- Wear a life jacket or flotation coat.
- Carry ice hooks and rope gear.

-Wearing a life jacket is especially important when on the ice. If you fall through, a life jacket will keep your head above the water until help arrives.

-Remember that the coatings of snow that Indiana receives can also make for treacherous ice conditions. The snow can insulate the ice, causing it to freeze at a slower rate. When snow and rain freeze into ice, it is never as strong as solid, clear ice.

Some other tips:

If you see a pet or other animal in distress on the ice, do not go on the ice after it. Doing so can often end in tragedy. Instead, contact your local emergency response personnel, who are equipped to make a rescue.

Remember that some bodies of water will appear to be frozen solid but can have thin ice in several potentially unexpected areas.

Flowing water, such as rivers and streams, should be avoided when covered by a layer of ice.

Water that is surrounded by sand may freeze with inconsistencies in the thickness of the ice.

Underground springs, wind, waterfowl and other animals can also keep areas of ice thin.

Enjoy the winter weather but make safety a priority.

## ARRESTS

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

8:51 p.m. - Travis Bauernfiend, 40, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with domestic battery and is being held without bond.

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**More Neat Stuff**  
  
 By Ann Ackerman 

**PUNS**  
 \*Have you noticed “the” and “irs” spells theirs?  
 \*Someone threw a jar of mayo at me and I was like “What the Hellman?”  
 \*A few puns make me numb, but math puns make me number.  
 \*My friend was explaining electricity and I was like “watt.”  
 \*My friend David had his id stolen, now he’s just Dav.  
 \*I wanted to be a monk, but I never got the chants.  
 \*Why can’t you trust an atom? Because they make up everything.  
 \*I was kidnapped by mimes. They did un-speakable things to me.  
 \*If any of you know how to fix broken hinges, my door is always open.  
 \*Man injured in bizarre peek-a-boo accident! He’s in ICU.  
 \*Rocky Mountain Oysters – the original sack lunch.  
 \*New CBD infused toilet paper! Now everyone can calm their butt down.  
 \*Due to the quarantine, I’ll only be doing inside jokes.  
 \*If your guy doesn’t appreciate fresh fruit puns, let that mango!

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**RIDDLES**  
 1. Why do cows wear bells?  
 2. What do you get when you pick a pig’s nose?  
 3. Where did the Terminator find toilet paper?  
 4. Why couldn’t the skeleton go to the Christmas party?  
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**THOUGHTS**

\*Be grateful that no matter how much chocolate you eat, your earrings will still fit.  
 \*Yesterday I wore something from five years ago and it actually fit. So proud of myself! It was a scarf, but still, let’s be positive here.  
 \*Last month I actually saw some flying reindeer. And that’s the last time I put homemade moonshine in my eggnog.  
 \*I am now on my second guardian angel. The first one quit and is now in therapy.  
 \*Two things to make your day better: (1) Do not watch the news, and (2) Stay off the bathroom scale.  
 \*The dumbest thing I did was buy a 2020 planner. I wanted to talk to someone, so I called Jake from State Farm. He asked me what I was wearing.  
 \*I finally did it. I bought a pair of shoes with memory foam insoles. No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.

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**ANSWERS**  
 1. Because their horns don’t work.  
 2. Ham boogers. I know, I know, snot funny!  
 3. Aisle B, back  
 4. Because he had no body to go with.

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 \*A duck, a skunk, and a deer went out to dinner at a restaurant one night. When it came time to pay, the skunk didn’t have a scent, the deer didn’t have a buck, so they put the meal on the duck’s bill.

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 80 horses minus your age, plus 40 dollars give you the year you were born. Does it work?

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 Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Shoals Council special meeting**  
 The Shoals Town Council will meet in a special work session on Tuesday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the Shoals Town Hall with HWC Engineering to discuss 2021 Community Crossing Grant plans and application.

**Loogootee School Board meeting**  
 The Loogootee School Board will hold their reorganizational meeting Thursday, January 14 at 4 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent’s office. The meeting is open to the public.

**Shoals School Board meeting**  
 The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, January 14 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The 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.

**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 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](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.**  
 The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 25th, 2021, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for North Center, South Rutherford, and Halbert townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**Water Tank Cleaning- Outside Surface**  
 BID NUMBER: SMU - Water #1  
 CONTACT: KEVIN CRECELIUS, Municipal Utilities Manager  
 Submissions Must be received by: Friday, February 5, 2021 by 3 p.m. EST  
 The Town of Shoals is requesting formal bids by invitation process from qualified contractors for the cleaning of the outside surface of the water storage tank located on McCormick Street. Work will be expected to be performed and completed in early Spring 2021 and will be set between the contractor and the Town of Shoals after advertisement.  
 Bids will be publicly received at the Clerk Treasurer’s Office during normal business hours until the date listed above or by mail to : PO BOX 1078 Shoals, IN 47581. Bid should include all material , labor and any other associated costs to successfully complete the job. Bid should not include any taxes as the Town of Shoals is a registered tax exempt entity. Bids will be opened at the regular scheduled Town Council monthly meeting on Monday, February 8th at 5:59PM at the Shoals Town Hall.  
 Bids are required to state contactor name and all contact information, bid number, bid date, and bid amount. Bidders shall make all assessments necessary to thoroughly complete the work as requested. Bidders should include a copy of their insurance liability certificate. No bids will be accepted after the submission date listed above.  
*The Town of Shoals reserves the right to deny any bid received.*



**Egg donation**  
 -Photos provided  
 Jack and Harry Richer (J & H Poultry), of Loogootee, donated several dozen eggs to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank to be distributed to those in need. Eggs are an excellent source of protein and the Richer boys are learning all about the benefits of producing food for their family and others.





## Making A Difference



By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Director

-- 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 2021? 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

## Marvin Arvin Memorial Scholarship available

Martin County Right to Life has announced they are offering a \$500 scholarship in honor of Marvin Arvin to a Martin County High School Senior who presents the best essay to the theme "What is happening to America because of abortion".



Marvin Arvin served for many years as President of Martin County Right to Life and served as pastor for various Christian churches in the area. This scholarship is one way the local Right to Life organization would like to see his legacy carried on.

This scholarship is open to all high school seniors in Martin County and they must also be a resident of Martin County and will need to verify the college of their choice for the fall of 2021. Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 9, 2021.

Contestants are to research, write, and present an original pro-life essay developed from the theme: "What is happening to America because of abortion". The essay must be at least 500 words in length and not more than 550.

Applications are available from your local Martin County High School Guidance Counselor or from the Right to Life web site at [www.daviesscountyrto.com](http://www.daviesscountyrto.com).

When completed, applications can be mailed to Martin County Right to Life, P.O. Box 11, Loogootee, Indiana 47553.

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.

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For information about the MCCF, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cf-partner.org](mailto:mccf@cf-partner.org).

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# Scholarship applications available to college students

The state organization of Tri Kappa will award a variety of scholarships to college students throughout Indiana this spring. Each state academic scholarship awarded is in the amount of \$1,500. Key / Vocational Scholarships are given in the amount of \$1,000. Tri Kappa has provided scholarship awards since 1914 acknowledging students on the local, province and state levels. Chapters, provinces and the state organization combined, currently give nearly \$500,000 annually honoring academic achievement.

The state scholarship chair is currently seeking applicants for the following:

Twelve \$1,500 academic scholarships will be awarded throughout the state. Students that apply must currently be enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program, having completed at least one academic year. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee will be academic achievement, strong goals, extracurricular activities, work experience and volunteer service.

Two \$1,000 key / vocational scholarships will be awarded to students throughout the state. These are directed to post high school students enrolled in an accredited vocational, technical or trade certification program. Criteria used by the Tri Kappa selection committee will be strong goals, work experience and volunteer service since high school.

Two \$1000 Fine Arts scholarships will be awarded statewide to students majoring in art, dance, drama or music. Students that apply need to be currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program, having completed at least one academic year.

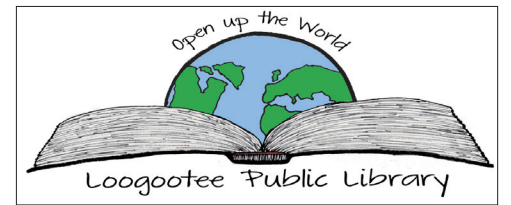
The \$1000 Twanette Nutter Fleming Music Award stipulates that the applicant must be enrolled in a fully accredited course of study leading to a degree to teach music in a private, public or parochial school, hav-

ing completed at least one academic year.

Students wishing to apply for any of these scholarships are encouraged to contact Pam Loughmiller at (812)486-7863 or [ploughmiller@gmail.com](mailto:ploughmiller@gmail.com)

Local deadline to submit scholarship applications to Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa is Friday, February 12, 2021.

In addition to the state scholarships, The Loogootee - Shoals, Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa will provide two local scholarships in the amount of \$500 each: one to a graduating Loogootee High School student and one to a graduating Shoals High School student with proof of college enrollment for the 2020-21 fall semester. Applications for those high school scholarships can be obtained from your high school counselor or by contacting Pam Loughmiller 812-486-7863 or [ploughmiller@gmail.com](mailto:ploughmiller@gmail.com).



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The library is operating on reduced hours for now please call ahead to check on the hours.

New Books:

Mystery: "Spin" by Patricia Cornwell, "The Scorpion's Tail" by Preston & Child, and "The Lost Boys" by Faye Kellerman.

Fiction: "Neighbors" by Danielle Steel.

Inspirational Fiction: "Dreams of Savannah" by Roseanna White and "A Cowboy for Keeps" by Jody Hedlund.

DVDs: "Love and Monsters".

The library phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook.

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## HELP WANTED

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Parkview Village Christian Care, is taking applications for  
**Resident Attendant**

**Janitorial/Caregiver Night Shift Position**

Immediate opening for 10 p.m. - 6 a.m. shift

Must be dependable, honest, service oriented and willing to care for our elderly Parkview family.

Apply online at [www.parkview-village.org](http://www.parkview-village.org).

**Parkview Village**  
Christian Care, Inc.

Interviews will be scheduled by appointment only. This is a permanent part-time/full-time position.

If you are looking for a reliable/stable work environment, please apply!

## BIDS WANTED

The Town of Shoals is taking sealed bids for the following vehicles:

2001 GMC Sonoma  
4 Wheel Drive  
V6  
Automatic  
188,638 Miles

2005 Ford F150  
4 Wheel Drive  
V8  
Automatic  
194,240 Miles

Sealed bids will be accepted until Friday, February 5th, 2021 at 4P.M. Bids will be opened at the regular session meeting on Monday, February 8th, 2021 at 6P.M. Bids are to be separately sealed if bidding on both vehicles. Bid should state the following information: bidder name, address, phone number, truck identification and bid amount.

Trucks can be seen at the Town Hall located at 221 Low Street Shoals, IN 47581. Vehicles will be sold AS IS. Payment will be required to be made in full by Friday, February 12th, 2021. Questions can be directed to the Clerk-Treasurer's office.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser, Purdue University  
Master Gardener

It all began the day after Christmas. My mailbox was stuffed with plant catalogues and envelopes filled with “special” plant offerings. Each day, more arrived and I added them to the stack. I have no time for such distraction. I am a busy person. I think the catalogues are breeding, as the mound grows daily. I consider taking them unopened to be recycled, but I do not have time for that either.

It was shortly after New Year’s Day that the mound began calling out to me. At first it was subtle. One of those postcards hawking some new hellebore hybrids bade me to just take a look. I resisted. I do not want to order plants that I will have to coddle through the cicada swarm (See last week’s column, in which I vowed to delay planting this spring.). “But we offer a free replacement guarantee for any plant that does not grow!” the card shouted. “All you have to do is call us and tell us the cicadas ate your plant, and we will ship them a second course.”

Still, I resisted. I need tires for my car, repairs for my truck and new carpeting for the living room. I do not have the money to buy more plants. Besides, the gardens are teeming with hellebores now. I turned the card face down on the top of the stack. Big mistake!!

The other side of the card had pictures of hellebores, with a promise that the blooms on this new hybrid would stand erect and not droop as the species normally does. It also says that the blooms are twice the size of normal hellebores. Totally unfair tactics!!! This is a plant I do not have. Sure, I have dozens of varieties of hellebores, including three species and numerous hybrids, but I do not

## Purdue Extension offers virtual inheriting farmland workshop

BY ABBY LEEDS

Purdue University News Service

The Purdue Extension Land Lease Team invites those who have inherited or might inherit farmland soon to attend “So You’ve Inherited a Farm, Now What?” The two-session virtual workshop will be offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. (ET) January 21 and January 28.

Adapted from a University of Nebraska Extension program, the series will discuss best strategies for managing farmland and farm assets. Presenters include Purdue Extension educators and Indiana attorney Kent Frandsen, who will discuss legal aspects and decisions to inherit a farm for your family.

The workshop will explore the following:

Property options and financial implications.

Land management.

Legal aspects.

Lease considerations.

Strategies for dealing with family and communication issues.

The registration fee is \$25 per person, household or farm. Register at [www.cvent.com/events/so-you-inherited-a-farm-now-what-january-21-28/event-summary-caa333907ec94556a-54e983a31d64702.aspx](http://www.cvent.com/events/so-you-inherited-a-farm-now-what-january-21-28/event-summary-caa333907ec94556a-54e983a31d64702.aspx) by January 19. For accommodation or more information, contact Kelly Heckaman at 574-372-2340 or [kheckaman@purdue.edu](mailto:kheckaman@purdue.edu).

have this giant hellebore with large upright flowers. It was then I saw the coup de grace. They also have variegated foliage. Even when they are not in bloom, that variegation will shine in the shade gardens at Sandhill Gardens.

Maybe the carpet can wait. The old carpet is only 29 years old and there is hardly enough dust beneath it to grow a crop of lettuce. Besides, I have the promise of a stimulus check. Is it not my patriotic duty to spend it and stimulate the economy? I took a closer look at the card. They made it very easy. I have been a customer of the company for many years. My name and address are already on the card. They have my credit card number on file and will not charge it until the plants are shipped in the spring. It even has pre-paid postage. All I have to do is check the box and indicated the number of offers I wish to order.

Of course, there are also companion plants to be considered. Hellebores of this stature demand one of the new giant hostas to bring balance to the garden. That would be too much leaf texture. I would also need a large silver-frond fern to offer contrast. Now where is that paper with the new giant heuchera?

Since I am sitting on the couch with nothing better to do, I may as well thumb through that new Baker’s Seed catalogue. I did not know there were that many types of greens. There are dozens of heirloom tomato varieties and vegetables of which I have never heard. This is truly educational. I begin making a list of the ones I simply must try. There are also heirloom flower seeds—perfect for the cutting garden. White dandelions? Should one plant dandelions? They are, after all, white and would be something new for the moon garden.

Did someone say there is going to be another stimulus check?

## Celebrate MLK Day of Service by volunteering for DNR

Honor the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. by becoming a volunteer at one of Indiana’s DNR properties this year.

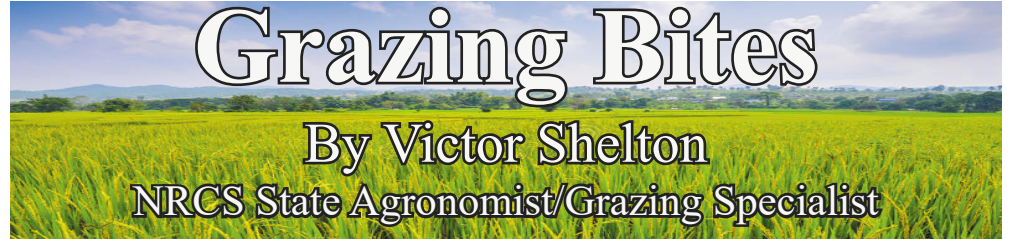
DNR provides a variety of ways for citizens to make a difference in maintaining, improving, and restoring Indiana’s natural and cultural heritage. Several opportunities are available, including maintaining trails, helping in nature centers, and sharing photography or artwork. DNR also welcomes citizens to bring their own unique talents to a volunteer opportunity.

“Volunteering gives you a great sense of accomplishment,” said Jody Heaston, volunteer coordinator for Indiana State Parks. “You know you are helping manage and conserve our natural and cultural resources for future generations to enjoy.”

This is a great time to explore the DNR volunteer website for more information at [on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer](http://on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer) or email [DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:DNRVolunteer@dnr.IN.gov) for questions.

On January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, some properties will have self-directed service opportunities, such as litter pickup along trails. Check the DNR Calendar at [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov) for lists of activities on January 18 or for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Contact your local DNR property to learn more about how to give back in 2021.



## Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

Winter is setting in. The impact of the dry spell in late summer and early fall is now more evident as stockpiled forages that normally would have lasted a bit longer start running short. I’ve walked most of my pastures to do a quick assessment. Hay will come early this year.

That “walkabout” helped me assess a few areas that could use a little attention besides estimating any remaining forage. A couple blackberry patches in one field certainly got my attention. Long, wet springs seem to be to their liking. I will certainly have to put a bit more pressure on them this coming year and probably clip or spray early to get them under control. Small patches where they were denser created too much competition for sunlight and water for the underlying forages and they were set back. When the canopy of perennial or annual weeds start exceeding more than thirty percent, you will have reduced forage growth and I also believe reduced nutritional value to some degree.

When it comes to briars, grazing intake is also going to be reduced and can you blame them? Who would want to have to try and eat around those thorns? It’s bad enough just trying to pick a few berries from them during the summer for a pie!

I have successfully grazed/browsed them out a few times, but you must catch them early when they are immature and there has to be a lot of forage around them to entice the consumption and provide competition for any regrowth. Even then, it’s best paired up with an early clipping and some spraying. It seems a bit odd talking about blackberries in January, but it’s never too early to start planning out a strategy.

I will plan to skip these patches the best I can if I frost-seed any clover in the next month or so. Why? Because if I end up having to spray these patches, most legumes, especially seedling legumes, will not survive that endeavor. If there are not satisfactory perennial grasses left, which should be a minimum of at least six plants per square foot normally, then I may drill in more seed. You want good seed-to-soil contact, especially for larger grass seed.

I’ve also taken the more conservative route and just fed or unrolled some hay on the site and let the cows tread the seeds in some. This takes a bit of thought and care. You certainly don’t want to try and do this under extremely wet or muddy conditions because we don’t want to bury the seed. You also don’t want to leave too much unconsumed material behind, or it can hamper growth come spring. The hay needs to be good enough quality that they want to consume most of it, but also mature enough that it might contain some viable and, ideally, desirable grass seed also.

The short residence of livestock on these sites while consuming and digesting as well as the redistribution of such material not only helps to “plant” seed, but it also adds nutrients, organic matter and food for bacteria, fungi and other organisms in the soil. All are valuable to restoring the site. Either way, you will still need to make sure to repeatedly reassess the site throughout the upcoming year or two for secondary maintenance.

Clipping or mowing to reduce bramble growth and reduce competition should be done as early as possible to get a jump on it and enable you to keep the canopy in check. If time allows and patches are small, spot spraying when plants are young in the spring followed later by a

clipping can really set them back. If you have kept the briars at bay for most of the summer by mowing, then a fall herbicide application with sufficient regrowth can be very controlling. If you have passed them by and let them create a spiny jungle, then you might be better off mowing them close and starting over the next spring. Contact your local extension office or chemical dealer for the appropriate herbicides and rates.

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

Frost seeding relies on the freezing-thawing action of the soil, which is honeycombing the soil surface with ice crystals. This causes the soil surface to expand and contract, allowing the small seed to find a route into the ground. During warmer winters, you might not always get enough action and if you don’t get good seed-to-soil contact and the seed does not get covered; then it is less likely to survive. I doubt that will be the problem this year. Too often, when left lying on the soil surface, the sun can warm the ground and seed enough to initiate germination. It has little chance of surviving if this happens before the occurrence of another killing freeze. The seed that is protected by the soil will not be as likely to be impacted by the sun and is more likely to wait until the proper time period to germinate.

Competition is probably your next worst enemy. Now, I would hope that most would not consider broadcast seeding or frost seeding into a heavy stand of grass, but I have seen it done, usually with less success. If you know you are going to be frost seeding legumes into a pasture then I would recommend waiting until after the forage has become dormant and then graze it down to about 3-4 inches to remove any excess growth (not a problem now) to allow the seed to find its way to the soil surface and wait for that freezing action. Grazing closer to the soil surface also helps to depress early spring growth of the grass which will give the legume seedling a fighting chance. Now that reminds me to mention, don’t hit those newly seeded fields with nitrogen in the spring either. All this does is to promote the grass growth in the sward and reduce those new legume seedlings’ chances. They won’t have the root base or energy stored up to compete with established grass, especially with a boost of nitrogen!

In closing today, you get three things usually for nothing: air, sunlight and water. Pretty much everything else you will pay for one way or another. All three are needed to grow forage. Maximize forage production, be as efficient as possible in grazing and maintaining it, and it will have a positive impact on your bottom line.

Remember, it’s not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!