

# Martin County JOURNAL

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## First snowfall, new year

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

There was a light dusting of snowfall for the first time in 2021 over the weekend. The winter has been extremely mild so far with very little snow accumulating. There is also no snow planned in the immediate forecast.

## Shoals School Board approves staff, policy change

The Shoals School Board met January 14. Board members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Jerry Braun and Sam Boyd. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, Kindra Hovis, Austin Malone, and Shannon Wagoner. No patrons were present.

The board voted to continue meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. through 2021. They also approved keeping the pay for board members at \$109 for regular meetings and \$60 for executive and special meetings.

The new year called for the reappointment of school treasurers. A motion was made by Jerry Braun to reappoint the following treasurers: Lisa Elliott, Corporation Treasurer; Amanda Heckard, Corporation Deputy Treasurer; Deborah Howell, Jr/Sr. High ECA Treasurer; Pamela Doane, Elementary ECA Treasurer; and Tammy Florio, Cafeteria Treasurer. A second was given by Drexel Turpin and the motion passed 5-0. A motion was then given by Eva George to re-bond the approved treasurers for the 2021 calendar year and include a temporary bond for Miranda Beaver. Samantha Boyd seconded this motion and the motion passed 5-0.

The board approved the appointment of Dr. Roush to the Vocational and Special Education Board. Jenell Hoffman motioned to accept this appointment and Eva George seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

The superintendent recommended a policy change to allow department heads the ability to approve 12-month non-certified employees the ability to take off the day before or the day after a holiday and still receive their holiday pay.

The board approved the following personnel recommendations:

-Kim Bridges and Madison Burkhead as substitutes

-Terra Boyd, Mimi Hawkins, Megan Hawkins, and Stacey Fox as homebound instructors for the semester

-Donna Bateman as cafeteria substitute

Superintendent Roush presented the new calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. The board approved.

Danielle Cornett requested FMLA beginning April 12 and returning September 7 and Miranda Albright requested FMLA beginning January 5 and ending January 27. The board approved both requests.

The Anthem vision rate increase was presented and the board approved.

Superintendent Roush recommended a stipend for Terra Boyd to cover training for special education teachers. The board approved.

Administrator updates:

Austin Malone, junior high principal, welcomed back students rejoining in-person learning. NWEA testing round two is finishing up. Cosmos, to help the high school, they are making a push in the middle school to lay the groundwork of exposure to these new opportunities. Displayed in the middle school hallway will be large printed posters so the students will have a visual representation of what is to come. Mrs. Hert did a talk with our 6th-grade students about the no contact agreements and the importance of

social cooperation. Rox request is used multiple times weekly. With that, they are running low on items. Any donations are greatly appreciated. Cass Counselors, they appreciate all your help, anyone interested in being a Cass Counselor please contact the office. A big thank you to Chris Boswell and Reva Troutman. They have been a tremendous help filling in for the teachers out on leave. Mathew Sullivan a huge shoutout for helping with students also. Lorna Troutman and the anonymous donor for the Rox Request items, they cannot thank them enough.

Shannon Wagoner, elementary principal, first wanted to thank the students and staff for the Pink Party Celebration. They are all amazing and wonderful. The digital fab lab training will be provided in February for Lead Teachers. The students and Mrs. McNabb will be creating a small project for the COSMOS team to handout. Professional development for teaching teams, certified and non-certified, will be coming up. Reading recovery, 3rd grade is making outstanding progress. Shoutout and thank you to Catherine (Cat) Hovis for coordinating the letters to Santa and being an honorary elf. Every elementary student received one item that was on their wish list. She and her mother, Sandra, are a huge asset

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## Allegations against community corrections director investigated

The Martin County Commissioners agreed to hire an outside law firm recently to investigate and advise regarding allegations made against Kathy Collins, the Director of the Martin County Community Corrections program. Four employees made allegations at the October 8, 2020, meeting of the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

The law firm found that Ms. Collins' actions relative to those allegations were neither illegal nor unethical. The attorney primarily in charge of the investigation, Dirck Stahl, of the Evansville-based firm Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, specifically found that Collins had not committed any fiscal improprieties regarding the grant funds upon which the program operates.

The community corrections program is funded entirely by grants, principally through the Indiana Department of Corrections, with no local funds being allocated from the county's taxpayers.

Collins has been the director of the community corrections program for approximately ten years.

## Martin County COVID-19 update

In the past week, there have been 39 new Covid-19 cases reported for Martin County, bringing the total for the month of January to 120. The total number of positive cases for Martin County is now at 710. To date over 3,200 people have been tested for Covid-19 from Martin County. 13 residents have died.

The Indiana Department of Health map currently shows Martin County as a RED county based on cases the week ending January 10. The county saw a large increase in the number of positive cases after holiday gatherings, but during the past week the number of new cases has started to slow. It is anticipated that Martin County will be designated as ORANGE on the weekly two-metric score when map updates on Wednesday. Keep in mind, per the Indiana Department of Health and the requirements of the Executive Order, the advisory level map will continue to be RED status for two weeks after the metric status changes to Orange. Under the RED advisory designation, gatherings are limited to 25 people. Restaurants are encouraged to do carry-out meals or curbside service instead of in person dining. Schools will continue in person classes at this time. The health department continue to work with the schools to monitor the number of cases among staff and students on a daily basis.

The health department will continue to administer COVID-19 vaccine to eligible recipients during clinic times on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Saturday. Due to limited supply, vaccine is available by appointment only to those currently eligible as determined by the Indiana Department of Health. The current eligibility requirements include individuals age 70 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. Appointments can be scheduled at <https://ourshot.in.gov> for those who are eligible. 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. 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 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.

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:

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## Walking trail donation

-Photo provided

Hoosier Uplands donated \$10,000 to the Shoals Community Schools to help implement phase two of their community walking trail. This trail will go around the southern part of the school campus behind the track and baseball field and will connect with phase one of the walking trail that goes around the school building.



By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Director



### Making A Difference

-- MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY --

The Martin County Community Foundation always likes to make someone's day. We had some opportunities recently to do just that with \$500 grants to the Martin County 4-H and the Center for Women's Ministries.

-- MARTIN COUNTY 4-H --

The Martin County 4-H is one of those organizations in our county that serve and want to help their community. They are here throughout the year providing educational opportunities for our youth. The 4-H helps them acquire and improve skills involving positive values, honesty, integrity, respect, decision making, leadership, responsibility, conflict resolution, social competencies, and much more. Phillip Smith (MCCF Board member) was happy to award a \$500 grant to the 4-H to help what they do for our community.

-- CENTER FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRIES --

The Redeeming Grace Center for Women's Ministries (CWM) is a rela-

tively new organization in Loogootee. They are located at 300 Williams Street and their mission is to help provide a path to emotional and spiritual healing for women in our community who are facing some of life's difficult issues. CWM is a safe, confidential place to go for help. The CWM is staffed with trained Christian peer counseling volunteers and will refer individuals to professional counselors if needed. The CWM can be reached at 812-709-2397 or RedeemingGrace-CWM@gmail.com. Melissa Courter (MCCF 2020 Board member), knowing the impact of organizations like this, presented a \$500 grant to CWM.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about how the MCCF can help you help our community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at mccf@cfpartner.org or 812-295-1022.

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.



Pictured left to right are Ellen Dant (Martin County 4-H Council member) and Dena Held (Purdue Extension Director and Educator) receiving a \$500 grant from Phillip Smith (MCCF Board member).

## SHOALS

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to the school and community.

Kindra Hovis, high school principal, wanted to congratulate Alyssa Howell for winning the Martin County Lilly Scholarship. She has worked so hard for this and in everything she does. Congratulations to Ty Downy, for being accepted and receiving the University of Montana Academic Achievement Scholarship. Ty will be studying Wildlife Biology. Shout-out to Austin Gilbert and Wyatt Asbell for working to get their Eagle Scout Badge. The computer Science students came back from Christmas break and designed their very own webpage. They are very excited to welcome four new students this semester. COSMOS update: the team has been busy preparing for the joint board meeting which is at the end of this month. To Bryson Abel and his family, they offer their condolences on the loss of his brother, Bart. A continued thanks to the teachers and all staff members for

being flexible during this pandemic and working hard for the students.

Superintendent Dr. Roush thanked Hoosier Uplands for the \$10,000 grant to finish the community walking trail and showed off the trophies that were awarded to the elementary robotics team. She wished condolences to the Bart Abel and Marilyn Jones families. She congratulated Mrs. Wagoner on her last chemo treatment and thanked Amanda Heckard, Tammy Cooper, and Miranda Beaver for their help in the central office while the treasurer was out.

Before adjourning, the board wanted to apologize for the music that was played before the Lighthouse Christian Academy game. They hoped it did not offend anyone. It was addressed immediately, and the situation was rectified.

Also, the board offered their deepest condolences to Bryson Abel and his family as well as the Family of Marilyn Jones.



Pictured left to right are Center for Women's Ministries representatives Renae Keller, Janice Henning and Martha Schitter receiving a \$500 grant from Melissa Courter (MCCF 2020 Board member).

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# OBITUARIES

## THOMAS ROBBINS

Thomas E. Robbins passed away January 13 at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. A resident of Paoli, he was 60.



He was born January 6, 1961 in Paoli; son of Lester and Janet Sue (Beaty) Robbins.

He formerly worked at Bailey Brothers Used Cars and Electricom.

## THOMAS ROBBINS

Thomas was a member of VFW Post #8302 and the Moose Lodge, formerly of Paoli.

Survivors include son, TJ Robbins of Loogootee; daughter, Heather Robbins of Paoli; brothers, Danny Robbins of Millersburg, Toby Wellman (Sara) of Bedford, Todd Robbins (Tina) of Paoli, Richard Wellman (Rebecca) of English, Brian Wellman (Lisa)- French Lick and Dickie Wellman of Paoli; sisters, Kenna Dearborn of English and Rhonda Curtsinger (Rick) of Orleans; nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

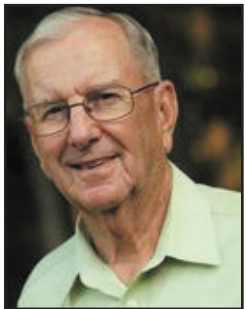
He is preceded in death by his father, Lester Robbins; mother, Janet Sue Brown; step-father, Richard Wellman; sister, Anita Wellman and brother-in-law, Billie Dearborn.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, January 20 at McAdams Mortuary with Bro Harvey McAdams officiating. Burial followed in South Liberty Cemetery.

McAdams Mortuary is following CDC guidelines regarding the Coronavirus pandemic. Attendance will be limited to 25 guests at a time. Guests are required to wear masks and practice social distancing (6 ft).

## MERRILL SIMS

Merrill (Sam) Warren Sims went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 12, 2021. He was 91.



He was born April 17, 1929; son of the late Fred W and Mary Frances Sims.

Wonderful Memories of Merrill will be shared by his four children, Greg (Carol) Sims, Doug (Nancy) Sims, Mike (Marjorie) Sims, and Angie (Doug) Pugh. Merrill was blessed with many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Merrill graduated from Shoals High School in 1947. He moved to Indianapolis and worked at The Times newspaper. He joined the Marine Corps and was called up to proudly serve his country as a Sergeant. Merrill had farm experience, and this benefited him in the Marine Corps as he became a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Fixed Bridge Company, Fleet Marine Force. Merrill drove semi's hauling steel in Yuma, Arizona. After the Marines, Merrill continued work at The Times in Indianapolis. He took his breaks at Huddleston Restaurant in Indianapolis where he met the love of his life Barbara.

Merrill eventually went from the Times News to the Indianapolis Star from which he retired in 1992. After retirement Merrill worked at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Speedway. Merrill has always been a racing enthusiast. In recent years, he lived for going to his Ole Sims Home Place where he was born and raised in Shoals. He would work and tell us stories and our trips home always required a stop at Gray Brothers Cafeteria.

Merrill will be remembered for his sense of humor, his love for God and his love for family. He enjoyed having his

family home for big meals that Barbara loved to cook for everyone.

A private service was held at Conkle Funeral Home Avon. Burial followed in Maple Hill Cemetery.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.conklefuneralhome.com](http://www.conklefuneralhome.com).

## HELEN COLVIN

Helen M. Colvin passed away Friday, January 15, 2021 at Eastgate Manor. A resident of Washington, she was 79.



She was born February 8, 1941; daughter of Virgil J. and Mary "Albertha" (Norris) Burris. She was a loving wife and a loyal caregiver to her husband Gerald.

She loved taking walks in nature, mowing the lawn and she enjoyed babysitting. She was a former member of St. Patrick Catholic Church of Corning and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church. She was extremely strong in her Catholic faith.

She is survived by two daughters, Brenda (Terry) Welch of Petersburg and Kim Fox of Washington; three brothers, Ron "Govie" Burris of Loogootee, Rick Burris of Indianapolis and Gary (Wanda) Burris of Loogootee; sister, Carol (Ron) Boyd of Loogootee; three grandchildren, Matthew Welch of Petersburg, Nathan Welch of Okinawa, Japan and Logan (fiancé Kristie) Fox of Mooresville; three step-grandchildren, Jacob Fox and Gretchen Raetz, both of Loogootee and Heather Fox of Washington; eight step-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Helen Burris and Leona Mathias, both of Loogootee and brother-in-law, Mac McDonald of Columbus.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gerald Colvin who she married on October 14, 1967; mother and father-in-law, Louis and Beulah (Craney) Colvin; two brothers, Joseph Bernard Burris and Mike Burris; two sisters, Betty McDonald and Mary Malinda Burris; son-in-law, Tim Fox; four brothers-in-law, Edward (Wanda) Colvin, Richard Colvin, Billy Colvin and Donald Mathias.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Monday, January 18 with Father Sudhakar Bhasati as celebrant. Burial followed at St. Peter Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com). All arrangements were entrusted to Ed Lee Mortuary.

## EDWARD MCCLOSKEY

Edward McCloskey passed away at 3:28 a.m. January 12, 2021 at IU Health - Bloomington. A resident of Loogootee, he was 63.

He was born November 25, 1957 in Wabash; son of the late Norman and Marthena (Grinstead) McCloskey.

Ed was an avid Indianapolis Colts fan. He enjoyed go-cart racing with his son, Lawson and operating radio control vehicles. Ed loved his five fur babies and watching birds. Ed had high hopes that one day he would be a recipient of a new kidney, but instead, he gave the gift of vision to someone else by donating his corneas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Marthena McCloskey; sister, Lee Ann McCloskey; grandparents, Virgil and Kathryn Grinstead and Raymond and Vivian McCloskey; brother-in-law, David Butts.

Ed is survived by his significant other, Vicki Mullen of Loogootee; children, Andrew McCloskey of Hicksville, Ohio; Rae Ann Rather of Vincennes, Lawson McCloskey of Loogootee and Krystal

Mullen of Vincennes; sisters, Lona Butts and JoEllen (Aaron) Gustin of Garrett; brother, Brent (Kelley) McCloskey of Loogootee; nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Saturday, January 16 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in East Hill Cemetery in Arlington.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Edward McCloskey.

## CURTIS SANDERS

Curtis Ray Sanders passed away January 17, 2021 in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 47.

He was born January 4, 1974 in Washington; son of Kenneth (Dee) Sanders and Monica (Moffitt) Clifton.



## CURTIS SANDERS

He attended Shoals Community Schools, was a factory worker and worked at Sanders Tire Service. He enjoyed fishing and playing golf.

Survivors include his father, Kenneth (Deirdree) Sanders; his mother, Monica Clifton; two brothers Kenneth Sanders Jr. and Scott (Rhonda) Sanders; step-brother, Noel (Amber) Harty and step sister, Dawn (Vinnie) Ferrell of Texas; step father, Bill Clifton; several nieces and nephews; one great nephew; and special friend Dave (Anita) Letterman.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, James and Mary Rosalee Sanders; maternal grandparents, Paul and Dorothy Moffitt; and one niece, Ashley Sanders.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Friday, January 22 at the Queen-Lee Chapel with Pastor Ed Farhar and Father Kenneth Walker officiating. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will 9-11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

## BILLY JOE FOSTER

Billy Joe Foster Sr. passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at his home. A res-

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ident of Petersburg, he was 60.

He was born January 15, 1960 in Washington; son of Billy R. and Ruth (Pride) Foster. He graduated from Washington High School in 1978. He has worked at the Washington Street Department, Red Door and Purdue Farms. He loved to go camping, fishing, watch wrestling and westerns on TV and rock music.

He is survived by his son, Billy Joe Foster Jr. of Rockville; three daughters, Rebecca Jean Foster of Mississippi, April Dawn Killion of Washington and Jessica (Diego) Calderon of Jasper; two sisters, Angie Foster of Washington and Jennette Foster of Florida; five grandchildren and companion, Anna Killion of Loogootee.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three grandchildren and sister, Ramona Foster.

A memorial service was held Monday, January 18 at Ed Lee Mortuary Downtown Chapel with Adam Cissell officiating.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com). All arrangements were entrusted to Ed Lee Mortuary.

## COVID

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- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
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- 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

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

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

6:50 a.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

9:49 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Major Keller responded. The Lawrence County Sheriff's Office assisted, and all was okay.

3:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of road rage near Loogootee. Loogootee Police were advised.

3:54 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

8:11 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson and ICO Doane responded. All was okay.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

12:32 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:02 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

5:20 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:42 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:50 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle identification check.

7:50 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious people near Loogootee. Major Keller, Loogootee Chief Floyd, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

10:03 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd responded.

11:00 a.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

12:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

1:02 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.

2:00 p.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:40 p.m. - Major Keller took two inmates to court.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd, Martin County Ambulance, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:12 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Major Keller responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

10:02 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

2:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

1:20 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:08 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Shoals for a lift assist. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:00 a.m. - Sergeant Gibson assisted with a lift assist in Shoals.

9:58 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:05 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded, and all was okay.

4:36 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 450. Corporal Barnett responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of a person thrown from a car north of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

2:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Flanagan, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded. No one was transported.

9:40 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

10:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:58 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Shoals.

4:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

5:09 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:56 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Loogootee Police responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. ISP responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

5:46 a.m. - Received a report of a fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Lost River Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, Martin County Ambulance, and Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

9:58 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, ISP Trooper Wilson, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

11:39 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bloomington.

11:43 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in north of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

1:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Wendy J. Colglazier to Lynette K. Jones**, Lot Number 6 in Mill Addition to the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis, Indiana.

**Daniel Gingerich and Venita Gingerich, a/k/a Venita J. Gingerich**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Walter Stoll, Samuel Stoll, Frederick Stoll, and Jason Stoll**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 31.799 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of Sections 23 and 24, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 38.322 acres, more or less.

**Caleb James Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Christopher Stone**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.42 acres, more or

4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Officer Means responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

4:01 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, and Loogootee Officer Means responded. No one was transported.

7:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

9:21 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Corporal Barnett, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

11:59 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett responded.

2:31 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 150, east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett, Shoals Fire, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:52 p.m. - Received a report of destruction of property and vandalism near Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:12 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

less. Tract II: A part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 0.3 acres, more or less.

**Patrick W. Ryan and Carolyn B. Ryan**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Greene's Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, one and one fourth acres in Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, except a section containing .23 acre, more or less.

**Caleb J. Stiles**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Caleb J. Stiles and Misty Tharp**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Joshua D. Divine**, of Martin County, Indiana to **William T. Price and Amanda K. Price**, of Martin County, Indiana, 2.085 acres, more or less, in Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL JUDGMENTS AND SENTENCINGS

December 15

Heather L. Waight, convicted of visiting a common nuisance - controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 90 actual days previously served plus 90 Class A credit days.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

December 15

Heather L. Waight, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

January 6

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Patrick

L. Mattingly, civil collection.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Audery Burgess, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

January 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Eagle Finance Company and against the defendant Ami L. Slaubaugh in the amount of \$1,771.15.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

January 12

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Mark A. Floyd in the amount of \$2,271.70.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

January 7

Jessica Courtright of Loogootee and Seth David Kell of Loogootee.

# ARRESTS

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

12:23 p.m. - Frank Kane, 55, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill and charged with criminal mischief and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

8:01 p.m. - Brandon Stone, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Reed on a Martin County warrant and also charged with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond. Town Marshal Eckert assisted with the arrest.

8:31 p.m. - Sherry Gibson, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Dorsey on a Martin County warrant. She was also charged by Captain Reed with possession of methamphetamine, neglect of a dependent, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held without bond.

8:37 p.m. - Storm Bradley, 20, of

Shoals, was arrested by Captain Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. She is being held without bond at this time. Town Marshal Eckert assisted with the arrest.

8:46 p.m. - Calvin Gibson, 64, of Shoals, was arrested by Captain Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine, neglect of a dependent, maintaining a common nuisance, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond at this time. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

10:26 a.m. - Joshua Davis, 37, Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with obstruction of a fire fighter and aggressive driving. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Corporal Barnett and ISP Trooper Beaver.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, JANUARY 11

1:00 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted with debris spilled on the roadway on Broadway Street.

1:58 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill completed a vehicle check.

2:05 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant in reference to harassing phone calls.

3:22 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with a caller in reference to a road rage complaint.

5:12 p.m. - A caller reported vandalism to his vehicle.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

9:35 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on a report of a suspicious vehicle on private property.

10:08 a.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a stranded vehicle on SR 550.

2:50 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Indiana State Police with an accident on SR 550/US 50.

7:23 p.m. - A caller reported that his tires had been cut.

8:02 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a stranded semi on Broadway Street.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

8:48 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette completed a welfare check on a pedestrian.

9:45 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette checked on a reportedly erratic driver.

3:00 p.m. - A complainant called in with an animal issue.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

11:37 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette completed a vehicle check.

12:10 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

4:34 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an animal issue on US 231 North.

7:25 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a

welfare check.

11:32 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth checked for a possible impaired driver on JFK Avenue.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

5:57 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a car fire on US 231 South. Officer Means responded to this personal injury accident and investigation is ongoing.

6:44 p.m. - Officer Means completed a welfare check.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

11:42 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Second Road in Burns City.

1:22 p.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a subject regarding a domestic and custody dispute.

1:32 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a minor property damage accident in a parking lot of a local business.

4:05 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Cedar Street.

4:19 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Walnut Street.

5:17 p.m. - Chief Floyd and Officer Seymour responded to a residential burglar alarm.

6:44 p.m. - Officer Means completed a welfare check.

7:41 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walnut Street.

9:10 p.m. - Officer Means completed a welfare check.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

4:01 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical alarm call on North Street.

7:50 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 North.

9:19 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle outside a residence.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Loogootee School Board meeting**  
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, January 21 at 5 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

**Commissioners executive meetings**  
The Martin County Board of Commissioners will meet in executive session on Wednesday, January 20 at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room at the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7) and to receive information about and interview prospective employees as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(5). They will also hold another executive meeting on Friday, January 22 at 11 a.m. in the commissioners' room for the same purposes. Both meetings are closed to the public.

**City council special meeting**  
The Loogootee City Council will meet in special session on Monday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the city council room of the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to approve claims for January 2021. 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.

**Daviess Community Hospital Foundation accepting scholarship applications**  
The Daviess Community Hospital Foundation has announced that they will be awarding health career scholarships to residents of Daviess, Martin, and Pike counties or dependents of DCH employees from any area. Students attending an accredited educational institution of higher learning who are pursuing a degree in the field of health care are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Applications are available now on the Foundation's web page at [www.dchosp.org](http://www.dchosp.org). The application deadline is Friday, March 5, 2021.

The Foundation annually awards scholarships to aspiring health care professionals in an effort to support and encourage those individuals to return to our community to fulfill our communities' need for dedicated, trained health care providers. Full and part-time students are eligible and both traditional and non-traditional students are encouraged to apply. The DCH Foundation awards scholarships annually through two scholarship programs. Up to \$1,500 may be awarded for each scholarship recipient selected for the Health Careers Scholarships. One \$500 scholarship award will be made to a student pursuing nursing from The Helen Arthur Memorial Scholarship. The Daviess Community Hospital Foundation is a nonprofit organization that exists to enhance the mission of Daviess Community Hospital by providing a means for philanthropic support of the hospital and by strengthening relationships between the hospital and the community. For further information, contact the DCH Foundation Office at 812-254-8858 or email [asteiner@dchosp.org](mailto:asteiner@dchosp.org).



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**More Neat Stuff**  
By Ann Ackerman

When I saw the following story, I knew I would have to change a few words to make it reader-appropriate. You will have to fill in your own substitutions for what I have changed:

My husband and I were dressed and ready to go out for a lovely evening of dinner and theater. Having been burgled in the past, we turned on a "night light" and then put the cat in the backyard.

When our Uber arrived, we walked out our front door and our rather tubby cat scooted between our legs, into the house, then ran up the stairs.

Because our cat likes to chase our parakeet, we didn't want to leave them unchaperoned so my husband ran inside to retrieve her and put her in the back yard again.

Because I didn't want the Uber driver to know our house was going to be empty all evening, I explained to him that my husband would be out momentarily as he was just bidding goodnight to my mother.

A few minutes later he got into the Uber all hot and bothered, and said (to

my growing horror and amusement) as the car pulled away, "Sorry it took so long but the stupid witch was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her butt with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off so I grabbed her by the neck and wrapped her in a blanket so she wouldn't scratch me like she did the last time. But it worked! I hauled her fat butt down the stairs and threw her into the backyard...she had better not poop in the vegetable garden again."

**THOUGHTS**

\*If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

\*I just ordered a life alert bracelet so if I get a life, I'll be notified immediately.

\*Being an adult is all about being tired, telling people how tired you are, and listening to other adults tell you how tired they are.

\*I have no clue what's open or closed anymore. I just walk toward automatic doors and if my face hits the glass, I turn around and go home.

\*Doing things makes me tired, and not doing things makes me tired...searching for a 3<sup>rd</sup> option.

\*I was so bored last night I called Jake from State Farm just to talk to somebody! He asked me what I was wearing.

\*Due to my isolation, I finished 3 books yesterday, and believe me that's a lot of coloring.

\*"It didn't go as planned." – Translation: I may have caused irreversible damage on a monumental scale.

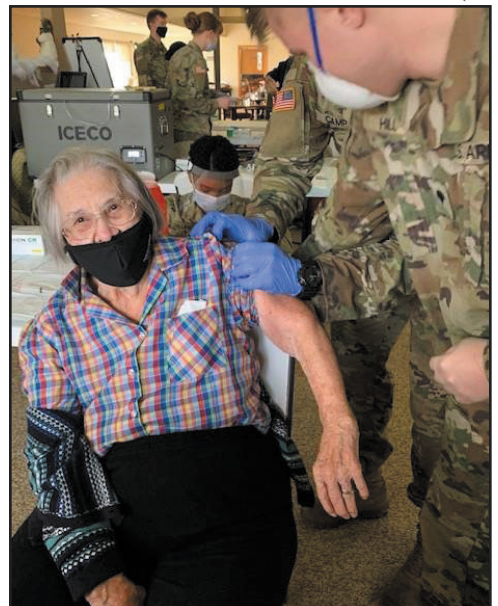
\*I stopped understanding math when the alphabet decided to get involved.

Me: Alexa, what's the weather going to be this weekend?  
Alexa: Doesn't matter, you ain't going anywhere..

What do you get when you cross a bear and a mountain lion?  
Killed, you get killed.

Loyalty is when you have my back... behind my back.

Make someone smile today!



**Vaccines** -Photo provided

COVID-19 vaccines were administered at Parkview Village on January 14. The second shot is scheduled for February 11. Shown above is Ilene Everman, 96, formerly of Loogootee, and the grandmother of Courtney Hughett, of Loogootee, receiving her first shot.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser, Purdue University Master Gardener

After the year I have had, I feel like I am 700. Actually, this column is number 700 that I have written! It started as a way to earn my volunteer hours as a Purdue University Master Gardener, but although I have reached the Gold Advanced level several years ago, I continue to write. You, my readers, are the reason for that. I love your comments and questions. I have enjoyed showing many of you around my beloved Sandhill Gardens and I thank you for many gardening-themed gifts I have received over the years.

It is not unique that I chose a gardening newspaper column as a way to earn my volunteer hours. However, I believe that In the Garden is a unique column. It is not like many other columns.

From the beginning, I was determined that this not be a question-and-answer column, which is the most common type of gardening column. I do try to answer the questions that my readers present to me, and sometimes address those questions in the column, but I have tried to make the column much more than that. Sandhill Gardens, my home, is the theme of many of the columns.

My maternal grandparents, Robert and Bertha Hooten, moved to this spot in Orange County's Northwest Township October 1, 1924. My mother, Helen, the fifth of their eight children, was born here twelve days later, and lived most of her life on this property. I have, with the exception of a couple of years, lived my whole life here. If God grants me life for a little longer, I plan to celebrate the centennial of my family's gardens in 2024. Almost everyone raised a vegetable garden in 1924, but Grandma Hooten also loved her flowers, and at a time when many people did not bother with growing things they could not eat, she set out many ornamental plants. Although she did not use the name "Sandhill Gardens", she certainly was the originator of the present landscape. There are many ornamental plants growing here today that Grandma planted those many years ago. I cannot imagine a spring without Grandma's lilacs. While I have added many different lilac species and cultivars, those original shrubs still perfume the gardens each spring. She also planted forsythia, mock orange, flowering quince, snowball viburnum, peonies and tall sedum. She also had some old-fashioned roses, one of which was a great favorite. It is this very fragrant pink rose that is the most requested start by my many cousins. Grandma's rose is in many Hooten family landscapes across the country, and if there are any cousins reading this who do not have one, come and see me in the spring.

Grandma was also an expert forager and herbalist, and unlike many of her generation, she passed that knowledge on to any of her children and grandchildren who cared to learn. While I must

make a disclaimer on any medicinal use of plants discussed, this column has often included discussions of edible and medicinal wild plants. I treasure the memory of those walks in the woods with Grandma and Mom, and I have managed to grow many of the plants we collected right here in the gardens.

Many columns have been written about gardens and flower shows I have visited. I have been fortunate to travel considerably around the country and to several other counties, and I rarely take a trip without visiting at least one botanical or historical garden. I would love to take you with me, but I hope at least that you have learned something of landscape design through this column's reviews. I pray that the covid pandemic will soon end, allowing me to travel and go to flower shows once again.

This column has also been therapy for me. I plant trees and shrubs as memorials to friends and family, and I often mention those in the column. Of the 700 columns, my favorite is one I wrote in October 2010, shortly after the death of my dear mother. I cried a bucket of tears writing that column, and many of my readers expressed their appreciation for the memories I recalled in that column.

I do not know if I have another 700 columns in me, but I continue to write. I sometimes think that I have nothing new to say, but there are always new plants being developed and new gardeners who start to read the column. I hope you enjoy it. Come and see me at Sandhill Gardens. There is always something to see here, even in the winter.

### Free pasture management field day for farmers, ranchers

BY ABBY LEEDS  
Purdue University News Service

Purdue Extension invites livestock farmers and ranchers to join Controlling Pasture Weeds, a virtual field day set for 7-8:30 p.m. (ET) February 1. Participants will learn about pasture research occurring at Purdue and best practices for controlling weeds on the farm.

Purdue faculty and Extension specialists will discuss pasture research that was completed at Scholer Farm and share drone footage and videos. Participants will learn how to reduce weeds in a pasture and steps to getting herbicides approved for use.

"Controlling weeds in pastures is an important thing to consider so you have pasture resources that are appropriate for the livestock being fed, particularly for those weeds that don't have any nutritional value or are toxic," said Keith Johnson, Purdue Extension forage specialist and field day organizer.

Register for the field day at <https://ansc.purdue.edu/SP/PA/index.html>. For accommodation or more information, contact Keith Johnson at 765-427-2775 or [johnsonk@purdue.edu](mailto:johnsonk@purdue.edu).

## DNR seeks input on proposed wildlife rule changes

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife is seeking public comment on proposed wildlife rule changes.

Those changes include updates to rules regarding legal equipment for turkey hunting, muzzleloaders for deer hunting, and beaver trapping season starting and ending times. For a complete list of proposed amendments with additional information about each proposal, see [wildlife.IN.gov/2362.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/2362.htm).

There are three ways to comment on the proposed changes. A virtual public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 9 using WebEx.

Individuals may join the public hearing in two ways:

1) To join by phone using only audio, please dial 415-655-0001. When prompted, enter access code 180 633 9948##.

2) To join using video, go to [ly/39sp38c](https://webex.com/join/39sp38c). Enter the meeting number 180 633 9948 and password KxfgMPqS932. Note: Those who have never used WebEx before should log on at least 10 minutes early to allow the application to download prior to joining the meeting.

For technical assistance, please contact Billie Franklin at 317-232-0156 or [billiefranklin@nrc.IN.gov](mailto:billiefranklin@nrc.IN.gov).

Public comments can also be submit-

ted online at [IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm](http://IN.gov/nrc/2377.htm). Locate the "comment on this rule" link in the Rules Docket for the FW Deer and Turkey Hunting Equipment Amendments. Comments submitted in writing are equally as important as comments given at the public hearing. The deadline for public comments is February 12 at 11:59 p.m.

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 must still be approved by the Indiana Attorney General's and Governor's offices and filed with the Indiana Register before taking effect.

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1. Educate yourself on the abortion issue and what it is doing to our society.
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