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Project ASPIREE needs new students

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Project ASPIREE is a program that serves eligible young people in grades six through twelve in Shoals and Loogootee school along with surrounding corporations. Project ASPIREE identifies students who demonstrate an interest or desire to attend college and provides them with the motivation and support to enroll in a program of postsecondary education (college, university, technical or vocational school) after high school graduation. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Education.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the program administrators have had trouble entering schools to find students to participate. They are looking for students to add to the program.

In order to be eligible for selection as a Project ASPIREE participant, students must meet the following criterion:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident Alien
- Be at least 11 years of age and in grades 6-12
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- Demonstrate an interest or desire to attend college

Project ASPIREE encourages and prepares students for postsecondary enrollment by providing the following services



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- College awareness activities
- Career exploration activities
- Assistance in selecting an appropriate university, college, or vocational training, and applying for admission
- College campus visits & cultural enrichment activities
- Assistance in applying for financial aid, grants and scholarships
- ACT/SAT preparation and registration
- Connections to tutoring services

For more information or if interested in being part of the ASPIREE program, contact aspiree@vinu.edu or 812-888-5063.

Martin County jobless rate at 3 percent for December

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's jobless rate moved from 3.4 percent in November to 2.9 percent in December. The county had the 10th lowest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with six other counties.

In December, the county had 5,495 residents in the workforce and 162 of them were unemployed. In November, there were 5,332 residents able to work and 181 of them were unemployed. In December of 2019, Martin County's jobless rate was 2.1 percent with 5,360 residents in the workforce and 113 of them unemployed.

Daviess County's unemployment rate also moved down in December to 2.4 percent, from 2.8 percent the month before. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with Boone County.

In December, the county had 16,811 residents in the workforce and 398 of them without work. In November, the county had 16,240 residents able to work and 458 of them unemployed. In December of 2019, Daviess County's jobless rate was 2.3 percent with 16,728 residents in the workforce and 390 of them were jobless.

Dubois County's jobless rate moved from 3.5 percent in November to 3 percent in December. The county had the

17th lowest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with five other counties.

In December, the county had 22,654 residents in the workforce and 673 of them without work. In November, there were 21,891 residents able to work and 777 of them were unemployed. In December of 2019, Dubois County's jobless rate was 1.9 percent with 22,989 residents in the workforce and 446 of them without jobs.

Greene County's jobless rate dropped to 3.8 percent in December, down from 4.4 percent in November. The county had 13,269 residents in the workforce in December with 505 of them unemployed. In November, there were 13,114 residents able to work and 582 of them were without jobs. In December 2019, Greene County's jobless rate was 3.7 percent with 13,669 residents in the workforce and 509 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for December were Daviess and Boone counties at 2.4 percent; Adams County at 2.5 percent, Union, Posey and Hamilton counties at 2.7 percent; and Warrick, LaGrange, Gibson, Whitley, White, Wells, Warren, Tipton and Martin counties at 2.9 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for December were Lake County at 6.4 percent, LaPorte County at 5.9 percent, Fayette and Orange counties (See 'RATE' on page 2)

Sheriff ready to upgrade county communications system

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Sheriff Travis Roush talked to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, January 26, about a plan to update the communications systems around the county. Melissa Sorrells, dispatch commander with the sheriff's department, said they have safety issues with certain parts of the county and have trouble getting information out to deputies depending on where they are. She said that first responders have issues constantly. They are looking at upgrading current sites and adding sites to the Windom Road area, somewhere in the Mitcheltree Township area and adding a new site to the area on Highway 231 South, before Truelove Church Road.

The main service tower is located behind the jail in Shoals. The tower was recently upgraded and repaired after being struck by lightning. Sheriff Roush said that with the new updates to the main tower, they have found issues with other areas of the county.

The sheriff's department currently pays \$900 per year to the property owner on Hwy 231 South. They said the current building housing their equipment is not in good enough shape to protect their equipment from water damage, mold and extreme heat and cold. They plan to approach the Lost River Township Trustee about using the fire station property to house equipment, which would not require an annual rent payment, and would cover the Windom Road area. They need a site in the northern part of the county, in Mitcheltree Township, but haven't found one suitable yet.

Sheriff Roush said the goal is to have prefab buildings to house the equipment that will allow for it to qualify under the current maintenance agreement and keep the equipment safe for many years. He noted that the communications systems have not been upgraded in 12-15 years.

Roush said they believe the cost of all the additions and upgrades can be covered under the current 911 funds, which contain more than \$500,000.

County Attorney Dave Lett said that any work over \$50,000 will have to be put out for bids.

Commissioner Paul George said he felt they needed to go ahead and start talking to the entities where they want to place the buildings and make sure they are going to be okay with it.

Sheriff Roush said that he is letting the commissioners know as information only at this time as they are in the very preliminary stages. He said he doesn't want to kick the can down the road to the next sheriff as the county is due for the upgrades now. He added that it is about the safety of the county as a whole and not just the sheriff's department.

Mike Pridemore, of Burns City, talked to the commissioners about a neighbor who is parking junk cars on his property. He said he has spoken to his neighbor on multiple occasions and although he has given a promise to correct the

problem, it never gets done. He said the neighbor ran out of room to park cars on his own property and started parking them on a county-owned lot next door. He ran out of room there and is now putting them on his property. He said he has been asking for the cars to be moved for a year and is now coming to the commissioners to see if they can help. He noted that others in the area have offered to help the neighbor clean up the property but the neighbor refuses.

County Attorney Lett said that this is the first time he has heard of the issue but can contact the property owner to get the area cleaned up.

Pridemore said that neighbors have told him they have contacted the sheriff's department many times and the man has been threatened but there has been no follow through. He said he doesn't want to cause grief for the guy because he works six days a week however something has to be done.

Attorney Lett said he would get started on the process to contact the property owner.

Julia Albright, Public Health Nurse, told the commissioners that there have been 47 new cases of COVID-19 in Martin County in the past week and a total of 163 new positives for January. She said the numbers are slowing down, however, with only one new case reported on Tuesday. She noted that the vaccine clinics are going well and they are still offering them three days a week. The county is in the "orange" status for COVID cases but has to stay in "red" precautions until next Wednesday, per state guidelines.

Martin County Alliance Director Angie Risacher said there are some businesses in the county who may be looking into get tax abatements. She doesn't want to name them at this time but wanted the commissioners to know that they will be coming. She is also working on COVID relief and TIF funds along with other programs for the community.

Auditor Bobbie Abel said it was brought to her attention that the highway clerk position should not be an appointed position, as it is currently. She said she contacted a law firm and they agreed. County Attorney Lett said he believes it is indeed an appointed position and he needs time to look into. The commissioners suggested he also look into whether the courthouse custodian position is also appointed by them.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, told the commissioners that they will be publishing a notice looking for anyone who wants to re-use bridge 58 on Brickyard Road. The bridge has historical value and the county can get credit for finding someone to use it as a walking trail or golf cart bridge. The credits can bring the cost of replacement down. Hunt said they have had a few entities show interest already.

Hunt said they have poured the deck for the Mt. Pleasant bridge replacement however they will not reopen the bridge until the commissioners approve of the approaches. Buckley Bridge, with two culverts being replaced, will be done (See 'SHERIFF' on page 3)

Radius Indiana and Vincennes University bring upskilling program to the region

Radius Indiana is working with Vincennes University to bring a new industry-inspired training program for manufacturing called Catapult to the Radius region in spring 2021. The program will be housed on the Vincennes University Jasper Campus and take advantage of VUJC's support.

Radius and VUJC signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formalize their collaborative goal to establish the Catapult program on the VUJC campus in order to create innovative training programs that can enhance the skills of members of the population seeking to enter the manufacturing workforce.

The initiative stems from Radius's strategic plan, which includes Workforce/Talent Attraction and Retention as a major focus for the southern Indiana economic development organization. The concept for this program was inspired by the Georgia Quick Start program, which is often used as an incentive to bring new companies to that state.

"Radius is committed to workforce development and attraction for economic development purposes. Training programs for new manufacturing plants are one of the most sought-after business incentives used in the United States, which is why Radius and VUJC are offering Catapult to allow our region to better compete with other states," said Radius President and CEO Jeff Quyle. "The Georgia Quick Start program is the example we hope to follow for our region, and we aim to provide work-ready employees to new companies the first day they are in need of them."

The Catapult program provides training to help individuals become skilled and educated in modern manufacturing production. Catapult is based on employee training programs developed in Japanese auto assembly plants in Indiana. Experience shows that employees who graduate from Catapult have a much higher retention rate in their jobs than new employees who are new to manu-

facturing who don't go through Catapult, according to Conexus Indiana, a major supporter of the program.

Existing manufacturers in the Radius region, such as Kimball Electronics, will also have the opportunity to hire the graduates of the course, providing an advantage to the existing local businesses.

"With the ongoing challenge of finding a skilled workforce, Kimball Electronics is proud to partner with VUJC to launch the Catapult Production Training program," said Kimball Electronics Human Resources Manager Sue Habig. "Our hope is to provide the skills necessary to secure a rewarding career at Kimball Electronics through the Catapult program to those who may have never considered a career in manufacturing previously."

Enrollees in Catapult are paid an hourly wage while they are enrolled in the four-week-long course, providing income while they are students. This allows people who are in low-income jobs living paycheck-to-paycheck to afford to take the training and move into higher-wage manufacturing jobs after they graduate.

All eight Radius counties will be able to offer the use of Catapult to train employees as an incentive for companies looking to expand or build new facilities in the Radius region. Dubois County is very manufacturing heavy, and Catapult will help upskill and supplement the productive capabilities of persons seeking employment in manufacturing firms in the region to fill jobs in the area and surrounding counties.

"Catapult production training is an innovative approach to not only skilling-up Indiana's manufacturing workforce but also engaging a whole new segment of the population into this critically important pipeline," said Vincennes University Jasper Assistant Vice President and Dean Christian Blome. "VUJC is proud to partner with several community leaders including Radius Indiana to bring this ground-breaking opportunity to Southern Indiana."

COVID update for Martin County

In the past week, there have been 47 new Covid-19 cases reported for Martin County, bringing the total for the month of January to 163. The total number of positive cases for Martin County is now at 750, since the start of the virus; 13 residents have died. To date, more than 3,300 people have been tested for Covid-19 from Martin County.

The Indiana Department of Health map currently shows Martin County as an ORANGE county based on cases the week ending January 17. The number of new cases has slowed from the early January levels. Martin County will be designated as ORANGE on the weekly 2-metric score when map updates on Wednesday afternoon. 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. The county's advisory status should change to ORANGE on February 3 as long the county remains Orange or Yellow when the map updates that day. 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. We 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.

RATE

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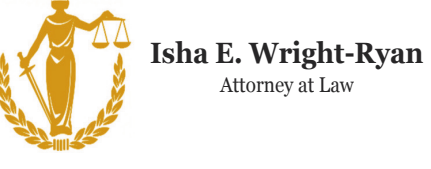



at 5.6 percent, Marion and Starke counties at 5.1 percent, Howard and St. Joseph counties at 5 percent, Vigo County at 4.6 percent, and Switzerland County at 4.5 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 4.3 percent for December, and the national rate is 6.7 percent. The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Indiana's labor force had a net increase of 83,609 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 23,903 unemployed residents and an increase of 107,512 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.39 million, and the state's 64.0 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 61.5 percent.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp>.

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OBITUARIES

SONJA HUPP

Sonja Hupp passed away at 9:10 a.m. Sunday, January 24, 2021 at her home.



SONJA HUPP

A resident of Loogootee, she was 81.

She was born April 12, 1939 in Orleans; daughter of the late Cecil and Edith (Victory) Webb. Sonja's mother passed away when she

was a young child and she then was raised by her aunt and uncle, Joseph and Bertha Sult.

Sonja married Charles Hupp on June 21, 1958 and he survives.

One of Sonja's greatest joys was yard sales. She would attend auctions to buy items that she would resale at her own sale. She was known for enjoying a good haggle or two when it came to buying and selling items. Sonja attended Redemption Christian Church in Loogootee.

Sonja was preceded in death by her son, Kent Hupp; biological parents, Cecil and Edith Webb; brother, Derward Webb; stepparents, Joseph and Bertha Sult; stepbrothers, Donald and Paul Sult.

She is survived by her husband, Charles Hupp of Loogootee; children, Bruce (Kaye) Hupp and Scot Hupp and

partner, Mike Carrie, both of Loogootee; daughter-in-law, Bonnie Hupp of Loogootee; brother, Jim (Mary) Webb of Orleans; grandchildren, Michele Gormley, Chris Hupp, Nicole (Eric) Moore, Katelyn Hupp and Kierstyn Hupp; great-grandchildren, Declan, Addison and Breanna; sisters-in-law, Mildred Webb and Pat Sult; and many nieces and nephews.

To honor Sonja's wishes cremation was chosen and no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to American Diabetes Association.

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

PEGGY BURNS

Peggy Anita Burns passed away January 23, 2021 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 88.

She was born January 4, 1932 in Evansville; daughter of Floyd and Estelle (Murray) Forston. She married U. Columbus Burns and he preceded her in death in 1976.

Peggy was a housekeeper at the Sheraton Hotel and was of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors include her children, Shirley Jean (Bernard) Holt and Alice Jackie Terry; 17 grandchildren; 31 great grand-

children; 12 great-great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; children, Patricia White, Richard Burns, Christine Lampson and an infant son; two grandchildren, Don Aslinger and Jimmy Lee Holt; and siblings, Don Forston, David Forston and Joyce Forston.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, January 28 at the Queen-Lee Chapel with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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

MARGARET BURGER

Margaret Burger, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 1:55 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2021 at Eastgate Manor. A resident of Washington, she was 90.

She was born August 13, 1930 in Washington; daughter of the late Lawrence and Edna (Pickett) Auberry.

Margaret was a lifetime member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She was a homemaker and enjoyed caring for her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis J. Burger Jr; son, Mark Burger; siblings, Earl Auberry, Mary Shepard, Gilbert Auberry, Thomas Auberry, and Charles Auberry; and daughter-in-law, Cynthia "Winslade" Burger.

Margaret is survived by her sons, Tony Burger of Washington and John (Jane "Merkley") Burger of Celestine; grandchildren, Chris Burger of Jasper, Josh (Bekah) Burger of Noblesville and Ryan Burger of Washington; great-grandchildren, Myra, Elias and Wesley Burger; and daughter-in-law, Diane Burger of Washington.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 29 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

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

KATHLEEN HARRISON

Kathleen "Kathie" Harrison passed away Tuesday January 19, 2021. A resident of Tell City, she was 69.



KATHLEEN HARRISON

She was born January 12, 1952 in Washington and married Tom Harrison on June 27, 1987.

Kathie was a homemaker who enjoyed cards, gardening, traveling, I.U. Basketball and her family. She loved Christmas.

Survivors include her husband, Tom; a son, Troy (Susan) Fullerton of Jasper; daughters, Katrina (Eric Clark) Page of Tell City and Sharley (Kevin) Bateman of Loogootee; sisters, Beckie (Michael) Sherfick of Loogootee and Teri (Kent) Chaney; grandchildren, Joshua Fullerton, Haylee (Clint Poehlein) Page and four nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death is her parents and a sister, Pat Lunsford.

Funeral services were held Friday January 22 at Zoercher-Gillick Funeral Home. Graveside services were held Friday at Goodwill Cemetery near Loogootee.

Memorial contributions may be made

to American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be left online at zoercher-gillickfuneralhome.com.

EARNEST MULLINS

Earnest J. Mullins passed away January 16, 2021 at the Springs Valley Meadows in French Lick. A resident of French Lick, he was 57.

He was born November 14, 1963 in Whitesburg, Kentucky; son of Earnest and Laura (Craft) Mullins.

He attended Shoals Community Schools, was self-employed and served in the Indiana National Guard.

Survivors include two sons, Justin Sellers and Dillan Beyers; two sisters, Freida Smoker and Judy Winger; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers Samuel Mullins and Jessie Mullins.

No services are planned.

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

DICK HOWELL

A service will be held for Delbert J.



Dick Howell on March 27, 2021 at 10 a.m. at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee.

Friends may call from 9 a.m. until time of service. Burial to follow at Mount Union Cemetery. Queen

Lee Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

SHERIFF

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today.

Hunt said they have submitted the Community Crossings grant application. The max for the grant is \$1 million and the grant submitted was for \$993,000. It was for all road paving, no bridges were included.

Hunt told the commissioners that they need to consider requiring truck drivers to be bonded and then be held accountable if they tear up the county roads. He said they spend a lot of money getting the roads into good shape only to have them damaged by trucks.

Prosecutor Aureola Wright told the commissioners that traffic court will start back up on February 9. It was put on hold last year after the start of COVID. Traffic tickets can now be paid online at public.courts.in.gov, in advance.

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MOWING BIDS WANTED

The Town of Shoals is taking sealed bids for the contracted mowing of the Spring Hill Cemetery for the 2021 and 2022 mowing seasons. Mowing Season: April 1st through October 31st of each year.

Contracted terms:

MOWING: Mowing of grass to a height of 3.5 inches is desired

*The expectations of the contractor is to mow the area once a week except in adverse weather conditions. For example, drought grass may not need mowing once a week in certain areas and wet and soft areas need plenty of time to dry to reduce the risk of making ruts in the cemetery.

TRIMMING: Trimming around headstones, trees, shrubs, etc. is to be done twice a month.

CLEANING: Cleaning of the cemetery grounds is to take place five (5) times a year. This is preferred to happen during the following time through the season:

1. At the beginning of the mowing season April 1st.
2. The week before the Memorial Day holiday.
3. The week before the July 4th holiday.
4. The week before the Labor Day holiday.
5. The week after the last needed mowing of the season.

Accepted contractor is required to furnish proof of 1,000,000 liability insurance prior to the start of the mowing season.

BID INFORMATION:

Sealed bids will be accepted at the Shoals Town Hall at 221 Low Street Shoals, IN 47581 or by mail at PO BOX 1078 Shoals, IN 47581 until Friday, March 5th 2021 at 3 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular scheduled meeting on Monday, March 8th at 6 p.m. at the Shoals Town Hall.

Bid Should include: Bidder Name, address, phone number. Bid amount in total for each year. Upon awarding, the bidder will sign a contract with Town of Shoals agreeing to all terms listed above.

The Town of Shoals reserves the right to refuse or deny any bid received.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

5:16 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

9:49 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

12:34 p.m. - Received a report of smoke in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

2:46 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Captain Reed, Major Keller, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

5:36 p.m. - The Daviess County Sheriff's Office requested assistance in locating a subject near Loogootee that had left the scene of an accident. Deputy Flanagan, Captain Reed, and Loogootee Police responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

12:00 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

10:35 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

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

2:05 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:50 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

4:36 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:49 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing south of Loogootee. ICO Mann, Captain Reed, and Deputy Lents responded.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

10:22 a.m. - Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

10:26 a.m. - Received a cow complaint south of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:25 a.m. - Received a dog complaint west of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:25 p.m. - Received a smoke complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded.

1:30 p.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

5:06 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Floyd and Sergeant Gibson responded.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

12:25 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

1:12 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Shoals Fire, Loogootee Officer Means, and Martin County Ambulance. No one was transported.

2:47 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means

responded. All was secure.

6:59 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan, Major Keller, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:38 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:46 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:15 a.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

10:14 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Major Keller responded and all was secure.

10:19 a.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

11:14 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

11:15 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

12:29 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in reference to a domestic dispute near Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of unsafe traffic east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

1:34 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 one inmate to court.

2:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Deputy Seymour, Deputy Lents, Town Marshal Eckert, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Dunn Memorial in Bedford.

5:29 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:47 p.m. - Received a report of threats north of Shoals. Deputy Lents, Loogootee Chief Floyd, Loogootee Officer Means, and ISP Trooper Watson responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person east of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded.

10:32 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Lents and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle west of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

5:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Haysville Fire, and Deputy Flanagan responded. No one was transported.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check north of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a request for in-

creased patrol in Shoals due to reckless driving. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement Officers.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

2:11 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive dog in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

4:16 p.m. - Received a request for medical attention north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to St. Vincent Dunn.

4:36 p.m. - Received a request for medical attention in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

5:33 p.m. - Received a request for medical attention in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

8:36 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Advised Deputy Flanagan.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

5:35 a.m. - Received two emergency calls in Crane. Advised Crane Dispatch.

10:06 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

11:02 a.m. - Received a report of a protective order violation. Advised Deputy Lents.

11:38 a.m. - Received a request for a VIN check in Loogootee. Advised Deputy Lents.

1:42 p.m. - Received a report of an audible burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a two-vehicle accident west of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Lents and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:48 p.m. - Received a request for medical attention south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire Department responding. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:12 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Advised all Martin County Law Enforcement.

10:53 p.m. - Received a request for medical attention in Loogootee. Daviess County EMS responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

1:00 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle off the roadway east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

6:40 a.m. - Received a request for medical attention near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a request for medical attention in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Coroner's Office responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Lents responded. G&M towed the vehicle.

9:54 a.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

10:53 a.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Lents responded. Big John's towed the vehicle.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint north of Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett was advised.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a single-vehicle accident north of Shoals. Deputy Lents and G&M responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:44 p.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

9:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sgt. Gibson and Captain Reed responded.

9:46 p.m. - Received a request for medical assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:46 p.m. - Sgt. Gibson responded to a welfare check in Shoals.



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COURT NEWS

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed January 18

Bradley Jones vs. Julie A. Jones, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed January 15

Allen Grau vs. Brian Brown, complaint.

MARRIAGE LICENSES January 25+

Lee Harold Sorrells of Loogootee and Kaci Lynn Norman of Loogootee.

Martin County real estate transfers

Delmar Knepp and Ida Mae Knepp, of Martin County, Indiana to **John Ray Weyer**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 32, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 35.407 acres, more or less.

Tammy L. Carrico, a/k/a Tammy L. Goldsberry, of Daviess County, Indiana and **Robert A. Goldsberry**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tammy L. Carrico a/k/a Tammy L. Goldsberry**, of Daviess County, Indiana; **Charles A. Tharp**, of Martin County, Indiana; and **Julie L. Tharp**, of Orange County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Jerry Williams, of Martin County, Indiana to **Benjamin C. Shaw and Kellie M. Shaw**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.02 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the south half of

2021 Indiana Missing Children's Day Poster Contest

The Indiana State Police is proud to partner again in 2021 with the U.S. Department of Justice in promoting the National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 25th as National Missing Children's Day. This day is dedicated to encouraging parents, guardians, caregivers and all concerned individuals with the well-being of children to make child safety a priority. It serves as a reminder to continue our efforts to reunite missing children with their families and loved ones. It also serves as an occasion to honor those who are dedicated to this very noble cause. The National Missing Children's Poster Contest provides an opportunity for schools, law enforcement, and parents/guardians to discuss and promote child safety.

The state winner will receive a national award certificate from the U.S. Department of Justice and their poster will be selected to go to the national judging competition. The national winner, along with his/her parents and teacher, and the state manager will be invited to Washington, D.C. to participate in the U.S. Department of Justice's National Missing Children's Day ceremony.

Some important facts about the contest:

There is NO LIMIT on the number of posters a school can submit.

Only one (1) poster per student is allowed for submission.

Students who submit posters MUST be in the 5th grade.

Artwork should reflect the theme "Bringing Our Missing Children Home." This phrase MUST appear somewhere on the poster.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

3:35 p.m. - Troy Pate, 48, of Bedford, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with reckless driving, operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Major Keller and Captain Reed.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

5:42 p.m. - Justin Lacey, 28, of Orleans, was arrested by Captain Reed on a Martin County Warrant and is being held without bond. Jail Officer Ivey assisted with the arrest.

Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

Jerry Williams, of Martin County, Indiana to **John Elmer Wagler and Martha Jean Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 28.99 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 13.34 acres, more or less.

Tammy L. Carrico, a/k/a Tammy L. Goldsberry, of Daviess County, Indiana; **Charles A. Tharp**, of Martin County, Indiana and **Julie L. Tharp**, of Orange County, Indiana to **Richard Eugene Carson**, of Wyoming. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.114 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.280 acres, more or less.

The theme may be depicted in the artwork through one or a combination of illustrations and can be created using media such as acrylics, watercolor, pencils, charcoal, magic markers, spray paint, crayons and pastels. Digitally produced images, collages, cut-outs and stamping WILL NOT be eligible for consideration.

The finished poster MUST measure 8 1/2 X 14 inches.

The poster must be submitted with a COMPLETED application, which includes a description of the poster and a brief biography of the artist.

All poster contest rules can be found at <https://ncjtc-static.fvtc.edu/Resources/RS00005796.pdf>

Deadline for submissions from participating organizations to be received by Sgt. Danielle Elwood is February 22, 2021.

Submissions are to be sent to: Indiana State Police Museum c/o Sgt. Elwood, 8660 E 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

To learn more about the National Missing Children's Day Poster contest visit: www.ojjdp.gov/missingchildrensday/

If ever a child goes missing, contact your local police department or dial 9-1-1. It is also a good idea to keep an updated picture or cell phone image, and a DNA sample from your child. For more safety and prevention tips please visit www.in.gov/amberalert/2335.htm

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Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

12:00 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with individuals in reference to harassment.

12:32 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was sent to check a report of smoke in a residence on South Oak Street which ended up being due to testing on the sewer system.

12:34 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was sent to check a report of smoke in a residence on Cedar Street when ended up being due to testing on the sewer system.

1:30 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was sent to check a report of smoke in a residence on South Oak Street which ended up being due to testing on the sewer system.

4:15 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill spoke with an individual about his abandoned vehicle.

5:40 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill assisted Martin County and Daviess County units in a search for an individual involved in an accident.

6:03 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on West Washington Street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

8:20 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of smoke on 1300 East.

2:35 p.m. - Chief Floyd completed a vehicle check.

4:29 p.m. - Chief Floyd checked an area on SW First Street and Sheridan Street in reference to a report of debris.

5:32 p.m. - Chief Floyd investigated a report of an erratic driver coming into Loogootee on US 231 North.

7:32 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a panic alarm at a residence.

7:52 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of an accident at a local business on Broadway Street.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

2:00 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to an intrusion alarm at a local business.

10:48 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident on North Line Street.

1:26 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was sent to check a report of smoke in a residence on Lincoln Avenue which ended up being testing on the sewer system.

11:04 p.m. - Officer Means spoke to a complainant regarding possible illegal drug activity.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

2:47 a.m. - Officer Means responded to an alarm at a local business.

8:11 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a disturbance at a residence on Northeast

Third Street.

4:02 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a possible impaired driver in a parking lot at a local business.

5:48 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on St. Joseph Road.

6:00 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a dispute between neighbors.

6:36 p.m. - Officer Means completed a welfare check on a subject.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

11:47 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette spoke with a complainant in reference to a traffic issue.

12:09 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette spoke with a local business that reported damage done to their property by a delivery truck.

12:30 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette spoke with a complainant in reference to possible fraud.

1:48 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette did a security check at a local business.

4:51 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette completed a vehicle check.

5:38 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on East Broadway Street.

8:55 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of possible illegal drugs found at a local business.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

12:28 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a burglar alarm at a local business.

1:43 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill responded to a burglar alarm at a local business.

5:25 p.m. - Assistant Chief Rayhill investigated a report of several erratic drivers on East Broadway Street.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

9:40 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

2:25 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Fairview Street.

Payments for traffic tickets

If you have a traffic ticket in Martin County that needs to be paid and you do not want to appear in person at traffic court, then you can pay the ticket in advance. Payments can be made via credit card at <https://public.courts.in.gov> or a money order can be mailed to P.O. Box 120 Shoals, IN 47581.

In-person payments can be made by cash, money order, or cashier's check at the Martin County Clerk's Office at 129 Main Street Shoals, IN 47581, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

No personal checks will be accepted. For more information, call 812-247-3651.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff
By Ann Ackerman

DO'S AND DONT'S OF RAISING A TEENAGER

- Don't:**
- *Act excited when you see them.
 - *Ask them how their day was.
 - *Make any jokes...they will never be funny.
 - *Expect any form of affection.
 - *Sing out loud when driving.
 - *Expect them to tell you that they love you.
- Do:**
- Love them anyway.

THOUGHTS

- *The fact that it's easier to peel back a chocolate bar wrapper than to peel an orange is why I'm overweight.
- *Apparently you can't use "beef stew" as a password. It's not stroganoff.
- *My mom always said, "Work until your bank account looks like a phone number." Well I did. Available balance, \$9.11.

RIDDLES

1. What do you call a chicken that would only lay eggs in the winter?
2. What do you get from a forgetful cow?

This morning I woke up and thought "Jennifer, you need to stop wasting time on Facebook and clean the house, weed the yard, fold the laundry, pay the bills, bathe the dog, go grocery shopping, and prepare a nice healthy dinner. Thankfuly, I'm not Jennifer.

On New Year's Eve, an old Irish tradition is to open your door at midnight and let the old year out and the New Year in. I think this year deserves the doors, windows, and garage door to be opened.

Me: "I've accidentally swallowed a lot of Scrabble tiles."

Him: "You gonna be alright?"

Me: "My next trip to the bathroom could spell disaster."

ANSWERS

1. She was no spring chicken.
2. Milk of Amnesia

SERIOUSISMS

- *We are not all in the same boat! We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.
- *"Watch for deer" is a Midwest version of "I love you."
- *Funny thing about getting older: your eyesight starts getting weaker but your ability to see through people gets much better.

Make someone smile today!

Loogootee Public Library

BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will continue with the reduced hours for February.

Martin County Health Care, Shoals, is taking appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine. Registration is open for individuals in healthcare, first responders as well as anyone 70 years old and older. If you need assistance making an appointment, call the library and staff will help you with the registration process or provide a private space and computer for you to register.

New Books:
Mystery: "The Russian" by James Patterson and "Egg Shooters" by Laura Childs.

Inspirational Fiction: "A Perfect Amish Romance" by Shelley Shepard Gray
Children's Books: "Middle School Field Trip Fiasco" by James Patterson.

DVDs: "Forever Strong", "Indescribable", and "Tenet".

The library phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

Free meal

The Loogootee Christian Church, at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community. They would like to extend an invitation to the entire community for a free dinner to be held Thursday, February 4 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. The meal this month will be carry out only, please line up in the parking lot and they will take your order.

Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food

Councilman's Corner
By Shoals Town Council President Cary D. Albright

"Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier." -Colin Powell
www.townofshoals.com

What items concerning the town keep your councilman up at night?

Waste discharge and water service lines under East Fork White River bridge (US50).

In 2018, after taking office, we contacted an engineering company to develop a Master Utility Plan for our infrastructure needs and prioritize them. We knew exactly where we wanted to go with this, yet until you have it formally put together, we cannot apply for state, federal or private funds and without a proper accounting system in place. The current bridge was built in the fall of 1989, over 30 years ago.

According to Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), they say they are not responsible for installing or transferring Shoals waste and water lines. The state did provide partial assistance with the help of Governor Orr. The town, with little funds, was responsible for the rest. The town proceeded to install the waste and water lines. We only have 430 customers using our wastewater system (less then). We do not generate enough money to pay for this type of project. The lines have been difficult to maintain and require our operators extra man hours to keep them efficient. We have spent over \$57,000 lately to basically band aid the aging system. The engineers have classified the current line as temporary, based on its current condition. If these lines break, it would be an environmental catastrophic for our community. Estimated project cost is \$1,400,000 and rising daily. This is a need that needs addressed now!

What are your councilmen doing to correct this potential problem?

Develop a plan (Master utility plan)
Show a need (environmental concerns)

Find a funding source (SDIC and ORCA)

Contact and recontact all agency's involved (weekly telephone and Video conference calls Summer of 2020)

It is moving up the ladder as they say (Covid19 has slowed the process also). (Fall of 2020)

We have received positive response from various funding agencies. (Water of 2020)

We continue to repeat the above six steps.

Please shop local Shoals businesses
Look up on Facebook the Jug Rock Café.

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 5:30 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 295-3149.

ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



CHAMP is a male boxer, 7+ years old. He doesn't act like an older dog, he has a lot of energy. He loves toys and always has one hanging out of his mouth. He needs to be the only dog in the house because he wants to be too dominant. He is also suited in a home without young children. His adoption fee is sponsored. The shelter is open by appointment only and an adoption application is required to schedule an appointment. For more info, visit www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org.

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Winter days are for planning. Of course, there are those nice days when one may be out in the garden doing some clean-up and enjoying the winter interest, but, for the most part, there is not a lot of gardening done in January. It is a great time to get a pad of graph paper and do some planning for the garden.

This are two types of plans to make: long term design and short-term plans for the coming season. The graph paper is especially needed for the long-term planning. Graph out your garden. If possible, make each square on the graph equal a square foot of your property. I like to use different colored pencils to draw in the different shapes. You may need to start this on a day when the weather will allow you to be outside to do some measuring.

Start by drawing in your house. Use darker dots on the lines to mark the position of windows and doors. Draw all existing out-buildings and structures such as pergolas. Next, put in your existing driveway and any permanent sidewalks and paths. Add existing fences you plan to keep, marking the gates. Add any other permanent hardscape such as large boulders, ponds, fountains and statuary.

Now you are ready to add existing trees, shrubs and planting beds. For trees, I usually draw a circle the approximate scale of the trunk and then use a light green to shade in the area covered by the tree's canopy. This will help you be able to use a darker color to put in the planting beds where shade-loving exist or where they will be added.

Once this chart of your existing landscape is done, I recommend making another copy or two. That way, you can make different plans to study and decide exactly what you will do. Determine the actual directional points of the property and mark them. The buildings and other hardscape materials will create micro-climates that affect the plants that you will be able to grow. For instance, you may often use plants that are a zone higher on the south side of your house, where the house and the sun coming from the south in the winter create a little more warmth than in the rest of the landscape.

You are now ready to do some planning and dreaming. At this time of the year, what is seed from your windows may be all that you regularly see of your landscape. It should be something beautiful and interesting. Sit or stand at the window and take in the scene. How could you improve it? The window scenery is less important in spring, summer and autumn, when you will enjoy your landscape more often from the outside, so I recommend making the window scenes high in winter interest. That does not mean that everything needs to be right outside the window. If you can see across the yard from the window, that is

included in the total vision.

The most obvious additions for winter interest are evergreen trees and shrubs. Do not be fooled by the term evergreen. Many of these plants have blue, white, yellow and burgundy tints. The fact that they retain foliage in the winter also means that they will harbor birds and other wildlife that are often a great source of entertainment from the windows in the winter. Although we do not often think of them as part of the landscape, adding feeding stations for birds, squirrels and other creatures will certainly help attract life to your vignette. Life always adds interest.

Other things that add winter interest are plants with interesting bark and limbs, including contorted plants. Do not forget those unusual winter-bloomers, including hellebores, aconite and witch hazel. We will continue with our winter landscaping exercise next week. In the meantime, be looking at magazines and nursery catalogues for plants you want to add to the landscape.

Division of Forestry hosts virtual open house on February 11

The DNR Division of Forestry will host a virtual open house through Microsoft Teams on February 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. ET.

The open house will feature a brief state forest overview of 2020 and include what to expect in 2021. During the meeting, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and comment on ideas and issues. Those who want to can submit written comments or questions after the meeting can do so at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/8122.htm.

Overviews for each property and instructions for attending the virtual event can be viewed at forestry.IN.gov/3631.htm.

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

Property staff members are also often available during normal business hours, which are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily. See forestry.IN.gov/3631.htm for contact information.

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

Monroe Lake hosts 'A Very Birdie Valentine'

Valentine's Day at Monroe Lake is for the birds. Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist Jill Vance will host an event called A Very Birdie Valentine on Sunday, February 14, at Paynetown State Recreation Area, 4850 S. State Road 446 in Bloomington.

Six 60-minute sessions are available during the day with the first beginning at 9:30 a.m. The last session begins at 4:15 p.m. There is a fee of \$5 per person. Registration is required by February 10 at bit.ly/birdvalentine2021.

Participants will make two different types of heart-shaped treats for wild birds,

craft a bird-themed Valentine's Day card, and learn about common backyard birds while observing them at a special feeder station. This activity is recommended for families with children 5 to 12 years old.

Each session is restricted to a single household, with a maximum of six people, and the work area will be sanitized between sessions. This is an indoor program, and masks (covering both mouth and nose) must be worn by everyone.

For more information, contact Vance at jvance@dnr.IN.gov or 812-837-9967. There is no gate fee to enter Paynetown SRA during the winter season.

DHPA announces Preservation Month photo contest

Get out your cameras and find your favorite historic destination because DHPA's annual Preservation Month photo contest has begun.

The annual contest, run by the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA), has been held since 2005 to promote Indiana's historic resources. All subjects of photos must be at least 50 years old, in Indiana, and must include man-made or designed elements. Photos of exclusively natural elements will not be accepted.

Photos can be black and white or color and must have been taken within the last two years. Each photographer may

enter up to three images, and an entry form is required for each photo. Images should be emailed to aborland@dnr.IN.gov and must be JPEG files that are 10mb or smaller. Participants will only be able to send one photo and one entry form per email.

For complete rules and guidelines and for the required entry form, see dnr.IN.gov/historic/2800.htm. The contest deadline is April 2.

Follow the DNR Instagram account (@indianadnr) in May. DHPA will be taking over for a week and featuring selected photos along with contest winners.

Purdue Extension offers vegetable farming webinar series

BY ABBY LEEDS
Purdue University News Service

Vegetable farmers are invited to attend the Purdue Extension Vegetable Farming Webinar series sponsored by the Indiana Horticultural Conference and Expo. The series will be held virtually 2-4 p.m. (ET) on February 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Experts from Purdue University and Purdue Extension will share the latest developments on vegetable crop production, food safety and business. Private pesticide applicators can attend recertification (PARP) sessions on February 3 and 24.

Broad topics covered throughout the series include:

- Plant disease, pest and weed management.
- Soil management practices, including fertility and soil health.
- High tunnel production.
- Food safety.
- Horticulture sales, social media and business.

Register at <https://indianahortconference.org/>. The webinars will be available on the Purdue Extension YouTube channel after the series. Contact Lori Jolly-Brown, events and communications coordinator for Purdue's Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, at 765-494-1296, ljollybr@purdue.edu, for more information.

Workshop to focus on seed treatment options

BY BRIAN WALLHEIMER
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Purdue Extension will hold a virtual workshop designed to provide agribusiness professionals with the latest knowledge on seed treatment technologies, regulations and environmental impacts.

The free workshop, held via videoconference from 9-11 a.m. EST on February 25, is geared toward seed treatment applicators and crop advisors.

Speakers and topics will include:

- Darcy Telenko, Purdue plant pathologist, will speak about wet soils and their impact on seed fungicide treatments.
- Christian Krupke, Purdue entomologist, will focus on seed treatment use and potential impacts on bees.

- Don Robison, Office of the Indiana State Chemist seed administrator, will update participants on Indiana seed treatment regulations.

- Norm Wagoner, KALO manager, will explore customized seed treatment technologies and industry trends.

Advance registration is required at <https://purdue-edu.zoom.us/j/90pce2tpjvsvGtdrgNY6YU6WmpVlofQyHWpS>.

The workshop qualifies as continuing credit hours for category 4 commercial seed treatment applicators and continuing education units for certified crop advisors.

For more information, contact Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension – Dubois County, at kjeck@purdue.edu.

PUBLIC NOTICE

RTC Communications will be going door to door to inform and sell community members Intelecyn services, such as fiber broadband and voice solutions through RTC's Connecting the Community program. This program is comprised of RTC team members to educate and offer RTC services to applicable residents. This initiative will run from January 31, 2021 to May 31, 2021. Any questions may be referred to Becky Smith with RTC Communications at 812-486-3211.

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