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Commissioners discuss Brooks Bridge continued decline, bids for road repairs

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, January 28 and spent most of the meeting discussing roads and bridges.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett told the commissioners that they need to get moving on the engineering study for Brooks Bridge. Padgett said they have the money in the budget to get the study done and the embankment around the bridge is eroding so fast, they are not going to be able to keep it open much longer. Padgett said they need to get the engineering study done now so work on the bridge can be done in the summer, when the water is at its lowest.

Residents on Peggy Hollow Road asked the commissioners for a long-term solution to solve potholes and washout of their road. One resident requested that the highway department not grade the road anymore because it makes the issue worse. They also requested that smaller gravel be placed on the road in the future. The commissioners said they will get to the road as soon as they can.

Residents from Walnut Street in Loogootee asked for the commissioners' help with the ditch on their street. One resident said he has asked for help from the city multiple times, but they will not do anything. Commissioner Paul George asked if they had talked with the Loogootee Mayor. The man laughed and (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

County has second lowest jobless rate in the state for December

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Martin County's jobless rate dropped slightly from November to December, from 2.4 percent to 2.1 percent. The county had the second lowest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with five other counties.

In December, the county had 5,354 residents in the workforce and 115 of them were unemployed. In November, there were 5,320 residents able to work and 130 of them were without jobs. In December of 2018, Martin County's jobless rate was 2.7 percent with 5,166 residents in the workforce and 139 of them were unem-

ployed.

Daviess County's unemployment rate edged down to 2.4 percent in December, from 2.5 percent the month before. The county had the 11th lowest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with seven other counties.

In December, the county had 16,703 residents in the workforce and 394 of them were unemployed. In November, there were 16,565 residents able to work and 414 of them without jobs. In December of 2018, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 16,568 residents in the workforce and 441 of them without work.

Dubois County's unemployment rate moved from 2.3 percent in November to 2 percent in December. The county had the lowest jobless rate in the state, of all 92 Indiana counties, for December.

In December, the county had 22,959 (See 'JOBLESS RATE' on page 2)

Current filings for 2020 Primary

The 2020 Primary Election will be held May 5, 2020. Candidate filing began on January 8 and ends on February 7, 2020 at noon. You can file at the Martin County Clerk's Office.

The following are current candidate filings:

- Martin County Auditor
Bobbie Abel (D)
- Martin County Coroner
Tina Franklin (D)
- Martin County Recorder
Rhonda Sanders (R)
- Martin County Surveyor
No filings to date
- Martin County Treasurer
Lori D. Carrico (R)
- Martin County Commissioner District 1
Cody Roush (R)
- Martin County Commissioner District 3
Aaron "Moose" Summers (R)
- Martin County Council At Large - (3) positions open
Adam Greene (R)
- State Convention Delegates - Democrat (3); Republican (4)
Gerald Montgomery (R)
Leah Govea (R)
- Republican Precinct Committeemen - (1) each Precinct
South Halbert - Gerald Montgomery (R)

For more information, call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

Shoals discusses plans with other COSMOS schools

All three school boards representing Shoals, Mitchell, and Orleans School Corporations met Wednesday, January 22 in the Mitchell Auditorium.

A brief time was spent by Dr. Wilcox giving introductions and welcoming the community members from all three communities.

Dr. Comer, from Mitchell, explained to the community members that the three corporations are coming together, not as a consolidation, but as a collaboration of three unique schools to help provide opportunities and resources that they are not able to provide individually. He explained the gap between a high school diploma and a successful college or career transition, and the goal is to help close that gap while still maintaining each school's autonomy.

Dr. Roush, from Shoals, and Mr. McClintic, from Orleans, explained how the schools came together to apply for a "Ready Schools Grant" funded by ROI and the key components within that grant. Dr. Roush explained that it will take at least two years to implement all of the grant's components because the schools are trying to accomplish so much together. Mr. McClintic explained the importance of the three schools working together and how superintendents have learned to depend on each other to help guide their schools. The collaboration is called COSMOS which stands for the "Collaboration of Shoals, Mitchell, and Orleans Schools".

Kristin Bye, from Orleans, and Kindra Hovis, from Shoals, presented on the future vision for COSMOS students. This includes surveying the key stakeholders from each community including, students, staff, business leaders, parents, and community members. These stakeholders could share some of the key skills they feel are important for future graduates to

have upon graduation. Board members from all three districts were also able to participate in this process that is now called the "Portrait of a Graduate". The schools are looking at developing digital portfolios for each student in grades K-12 so they can demonstrate that they have mastered those skills.

Darrin Chastain and Andrea Waldbieser, from Mitchell, presented on the work that has been taking place in high schools. All three schools have come together to discuss how they help students graduate with a career pathway which will be called a "major". Each school is working on developing majors that students can choose from such as engineering, medical, agriculture, and many more. In the future, the goal is to offer these majors to all students across the COSMOS expanding their options beyond their home school. Board members were able to review sample majors from the three corporations and give input on how they believe it will help provide a road map and a purpose for students entering high school. Students will have opportunities in their middle school years to take a college and careers course to help them select a major that will lead to a career in their area of interest.

Ivy Alford, the COSMOS consultant from SREB, presented a sample model of schools collaborating in Kentucky. She also recommended some future options for the schools to consider such as trying to align school schedules, school calendars, teacher certifications, and expanding the list of course offerings.

Dr. Roush, from Shoals, reported on the new digital fabrication labs that will be coming in the next few months and should be up and running by next school year. These labs will be funded by ROI and will be placed in middle schools or elementary schools. They will be equipped with (See 'COSMOS' on page 2)



Library officially open

The Loogootee Public Library held a ribbon cutting and open house at their new building this past Sunday, January 26. Around 300 people attended the event. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Friends of Library member Mary Ringwald, Library Pages Madyson Simmons and Caitlin Carrico, Library Director Darla Wagler, Library Board Member Jennifer Lannan, Friends of Library President Judy Yarnell, Friends of Library member Mary Lou Harrawood, Library Board Vice President Shirley Jeffers, Friends of Library member Mae Stuffle, and Asst. Librarian Carolyn Parsons-Downey. In the back row, from left to right, are Friends of Library members Mikki Harper-Bradley, Bethany Tinkle, and Diane Wildman; Library Clerks Connie Inman Bledsoe and Randall Pete Bruner, Library Board member Chrystal Goodpaster, Library Board President Pat Hale, Library Board members Betty Hulesman and Susan Harrawood, Universal Design Designer Kamie Hubbs, Rural Development representative Cynthia Ferguson, Universal Design Past President Tom Schipp, and Rural Development SW Director Craig McGowen. In the back row, from left to right, are Library Board Member Trevor Guy, Friends of Library member Gage Wildman, and Universal Design President Brett Schipp.

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Improvements continue at the Martin County Museum

BY PHIL TODD

Martin County Historical Society

If you have driven past the Martin County Museum lately, you may have noticed some changes to the grounds around the old courthouse. The building behind the museum that had housed the county prosecutor's office, and had been a home to several county residents, has been demolished and removed. This property was deeded to the Martin County Historical Society several months ago, and the building was in too bad of condition to be repaired. Also, a tree that was dying in the front of the museum has been removed.

Even though it is winter, and the museum is closed due to lack of heat, museum volunteers have still been working on the inside of the museum. Most of the improvements have been in the genealogical research room, where new shelving, flooring and trim is being installed. Work in the building will continue throughout the winter months, so the museum will be ready to open the first weekend in May.

The improvements to the property, both internal and external, could not be possible without the many volunteer labor hours, and the financial assistance from the community. The Martin County Historical Society has received memorial donations in memory of Scott Wagner, Vonda Wininger, and Bill Wilson, and a donation from the Tri Kappa. The town of Shoals and the Martin County Highway Department assisted in cleaning up the house and tree, and Ron Bledsoe removed two hornet nests from the museum. Rick Bowling and Eric Green have been working on the interior of the building, and Rick spends many hours throughout the year performing maintenance and electrical work on a volunteer basis.

The most important source of funding is still from the people who maintain membership over the years. The number of members, both first time and sustaining, demonstrates the interest and support for the museum and the efforts of the Martin County Historical Society.

Every grant the historical society submits asks for the number of supporters of the historical society, the number of volunteers, and the community interest in the museum. The success in receiving grant funding from a variety of sources has been due to the interest shown in having a county museum and historical society. The board will continue to submit grant requests as funding becomes available, and will continue to improve and update the museum and funding allows.

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said he has talked to the mayor many times but there has been no resolution. County Attorney Dave Lett said the county has no authority to spend money within the city limits. The man said he has been told something would be done but it doesn't happen. He said that the city will notify property owners when they are in violation of ordinances and fine them, but no one can fine the city for not following their own ordinance. Commissioner George said he can make any promises, but he would get in touch with the mayor to see what he can do. The resident said he is working on getting a lawyer and has talked to one in Indianapolis. "There's more cones in that town than there should be," he said, citing the holes in the streets.

The county attorney opened bids for demolition and replacement of two bridges and repaving of four sections of roadway.

CLR is the only firm to submit bids for the two bridges - bridge 92 over Beaver Creek on Deep Cut Lake Road for \$226,100 and bridge 69 over Elm Creek on Hindostan Falls Road for \$320,550.

The commissioners received two bids for repavement of Bledsoe Lane, County Road 400 South and two sections of Bellbrook Road - E&B Paving for \$202,872.50 and Milestone for \$187,606.

The commissioners accepted both CLR bids and the Milestone bid contingent on them meeting legal requirements. (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 5)

JOBLESS RATE

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residents in the workforce and 456 of them were without jobs. In November, there were 22,722 residents able to work and 527 of them were unemployed. In December of 2018, Dubois County's jobless rate was 2.4 percent with 23,113 residents in the workforce and 553 of them without work.

Greene County's jobless rate was unchanged from November to December, standing at 3.8 percent. The county had the 10th highest jobless rate in the state for December, tied with Newton, Parke and Randolph counties.

In December, the county had 13,622 residents in the workforce and 522 of them were unemployed. In November, there were 13,642 residents able to work and 514 of them were without jobs. In December of 2018, Greene County's jobless rate was 4.6 percent with 13,735 residents in the workforce and 638 of them without jobs.

The top ten spots in the state for lowest jobless rate for December were Dubois County at 2 percent, Tipton, Martin, Jackson, Hamilton, Boone and Bartholomew counties at 2.1 percent; LaGrange County at 2.2 percent; and Steuben and Rush counties at 2.3 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for highest jobless rate for December were Vermillion County at 5 percent, Lake County at 4.9 percent, Fayette County at 4.7 percent, Crawford, LaPorte and Sullivan counties at 4.2 percent; Starke County at 4 percent, Blackford and Vigo counties at 3.9 percent and Greene, Newton, Parke and Randolph counties at 3.8 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate stands at 3.2 percent for December and remains lower than the national rate of 3.5 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 1,948 over the previous month. This was a result of a decrease of 3 unemployed residents and an increase of 1,951 employed residents. Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment,

stands at 3.38 million, and the state's 64.4 percent labor force participation rate remains above the national rate of 63.2 percent.

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

Employment by Sector

Private sector employment has decreased by 500 over the year and by 900 over the previous month. The monthly decrease is primarily due to losses in the Leisure and Hospitality (-1,600) and the Private Educational and Health Services (-900) sectors. Losses were partially offset by gains in the Trade, Transportation and Utilities (2,100) and the Construction (1,400) sectors. Total private employment stands at 2,731,600, which is 500 below the December 2018 peak.

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computer-controlled tools such as 3-D printers, laser cutters, CNC machines, and programmable microcomputers. These labs will empower students to become problem solvers skilled in collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, and communication. They will also give students an opportunity to explore tools that may lead them down a new career path.

Apryl Kidd, the COSMOS coordinator, gave an overview of the Project-Based Learning "PBL" initiative going on in all three districts. Last summer, each school was able to send teachers to PBL training to help incorporate more collaboration with local community businesses and solve real-life problems in the classroom.

Kristin Bye, from Orleans, presented on a concept called "Advisory" that is currently taking place in all three school districts. Advisory is a period of time set aside in each school day to allow for meaningful connections between students and teachers. Teachers are also using this time to present a character development curriculum.

Finally, Scott Warren, from SREB, closed the meeting with praise for the three school corporations and explained how this is groundbreaking work being done and will set an example for other small rural schools across the nation.

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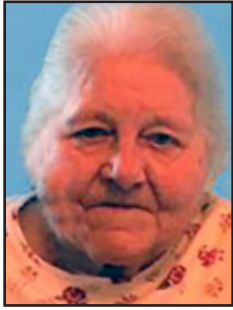
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Wednesday, January 29, 2020

EDNA JOHNSON

Edna L. Johnson went to Heaven, surrounded by loved ones, on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at her home. A resident of Elnora, she was 86.



She was born on September 5, 1933 in Martin County; daughter of Perry and Mary Elmira (Earl) Terrell. Edna married Thomas V.

EDNA JOHNSON 'Tinker' Johnson on December 12, 1954.

She was a member of the American Legion Post #245 Ladies' Auxiliary and was of the Christian faith. She was a homemaker and worked at the Odon Locker. Edna enjoyed crocheting, camping and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Family left to cherish the memory of Edna include two sons, Roy V. Johnson of Elnora and Randy (Amy) Johnson of Washington; one daughter, Sheila (Clyde) Robertson of Bedford; grandchildren, Travis (Brett) Yenne, Dustin (Hannah) Yenne, Mindy (Adam) Alford, Terri Michelle (Cameron) Craney, Savanna (Nathan) Burris, Christina Johnson (Logan), Damian Hill and Mathew Hill; fifteen great-grandchildren; three sisters, Lois (Jim) Pieper of Sandborn, Esther Knight of Linton and Fae (Jay) Shake of Odon; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, 'Tinker' Thomas; daughter, Rebecca; great-grandson, Levi Lyons; three brothers, Ernest, Raymond and Ivan Terrell; and five sisters, Bernice Carrico, Dorothy England, Mae Morrison, Hazel Maryfield and Wilma Heshelman.

Funeral services to honor the life of Edna will be at 11 a.m. Friday, January 31 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Dennis Cecil and Jim Pieper officiating. Edna will be laid to rest in Elnora Fairview Cemetery.

Family and friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday, January 30 and from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family online at www.mengfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT HOWELL

Robert Eugene Howell passed away January 22, 2020. A resident of Shoals, he was 85.

Bob loved his family with all his heart and was blessed to have two loving families. He was born to Berl and Doris Howell on February 12, 1934, and was raised by his aunt and uncle, Ruth and Charles Sorrells. Bob had a large family of siblings and cousins that he grew up with. He had brothers, John (D) and Dick; and sisters, Cloe Anne (D), Beverly (D), Jane and Sue. Bob grew up with cousins, Jim Sorrells (D), Fred Sorrells, and Eddie Sorrells.

Bob joined the Army in May of 1954. It should surprise no one that Bob was a "Communications Center Specialist" while in the Army. His active duty was during the Korean Conflict and his service ended in May of 1956. He continued to serve his country by being in the Army Reserves from 1956 through 1962. Following Bob's honorable discharge from the Army, he became a licensed plumbing contractor. Bob served Martin County as a county commissioner from 1978 through 1982. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Shoals.

Martin County has lost one of its greatest storytellers. Bob Howell always had a smile on his face, never met a stranger, and loved to tell jokes and stories.

In May of 1957, Bob married the love



ROBERT HOWELL

of his life, Carolyn (Sutton) Howell. They shared over 62 years of marriage.

Bob is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and his son, Robert Joseph and Kimberly Howell. Bob loved his four grandchildren and couldn't have been any more

proud of them, Brian Joseph Howell of Bloomington, Evan Robert Howell of Bloomington, Mackenzie Crooks of Chicago, and Jared Crooks of Jasper.

The family had private services. Bob requested no public services, and no visitation, probably because he wouldn't be able to entertain everyone with his stories.

MICHAEL STAAB

Michael L. Staab passed away at 3:58 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 63.

He was born September 7, 1956 in Indianapolis; son of the late Leonard and Betty (Canada) Staab.

Mike married Carol (Pattison) Staab in May of 1993 and she survives.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Loogootee and was currently serving as the Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree. He also was a member of Sons of the American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He was a member of the Union Local 440 - Plumbers and Steamfitters and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He was a past member of the Masonic Lodge in Greenwood and the Scottish Rite and Murat Shrine in Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Betty Staab; one brother and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Staab of Shoals; extended family, Allison Engle, Kristin (Timothy) Friel and five grandchildren; one daughter and two brothers.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, January 27 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are preferred to the Knights of Columbus for the Gibault School in Terre Haute.

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

MARJORIE DIVINE

Marjorie Divine passed away in the arms of her loving husband at 2:04 p.m. Thursday, January 23, 2020 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 79.

She was born January 1, 1941 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Virgil and Myrtle (Able) Street.

Marjorie married Richard Divine on July 3, 1958 and he survives.

She was a member of Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church. She was an avid reader and enjoyed listening to audiobooks. She was an excellent baker and sewer.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her daughters, Beverly Roberts and Sherri Holt; great-grandchild, Chasity Clark; parents, Virgil and Myrtle Street; brothers, Donald (Rosemary) Street and infant Darryl Street; sisters, Norma Lee Daily, Carolyn (Gary) Fox and Kathy (Dallas) Roy; and brother-in-law, Lester Weisheit.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Richard Divine of Loogootee; children, Peggy (Craig) Bullock of Loogootee, Richard (Mary) Divine Jr. of Freedom and Rodney (Angie) Divine of Washington; 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; brother, Keith (Sue) Street of Oklahoma; sisters, Bernice (Paul) Burris of Illinois

and Marcella Weisheit of Haysville; and sons-in-law, Tony Roberts and Kevin Holt.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 26 at Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

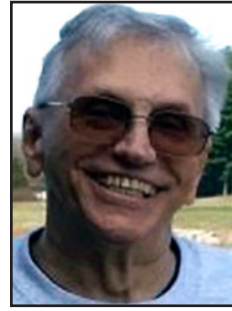
Visitation will be held Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Blake Funeral

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the family to help purchase a tombstone.

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

JOSEPH ACKERMAN

Joseph Cameron Ackerman passed away Thursday January 23, 2020 at 12:30 a.m. at the Villages of Oak Ridge. A resident of Loogootee, he was 73.



JOSEPH ACKERMAN

Joseph was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Church in Loogootee, Indiana. For 40 years, he lived and worked in California as a teacher and in the entertainment industry. Joseph had a special love for Disney and music. He authored a novel. Joseph liked to play guitar and had a beautiful voice.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert Thomas Sr. and Eleanor "Polly" Ackerman, and his brother, David Brooks Ackerman.

Joseph is survived by his siblings, Albert "Skip" (Georgia) Ackerman of Loogootee, Ann Ackerman of Loogootee; his nephews, Eric (Susan) Ackerman of Loogootee, Dirk (Lisa) Ackerman of Ellettsville, Cameron Ackerman of Loogootee, Brant (Renee) Ackerman of Washington, Caleb Ackerman of Houston, Texas; Nathaniel Ackerman of Houston, Texas; and several great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Saturday February 1 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, February 1 at 9 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Church until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. John The Evangelist Church in Loogootee.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

BETTY BEASLEY

Betty I. Beasley passed away at 9:27 a.m. Friday, January 24, 2020 at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 87.

She was born March 8, 1932 in Greene County; daughter of the late Ben and Nellie (Goodman) Rowe.

Betty married Tony Beasley on October 6, 1951 and he preceded her in death on February 26, 2006.

She was a homemaker most of her life and loved cooking and gardening. She loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For many years she was a member at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Bramble and the St. Joseph Altar Society. More recently she was a member of The West Shoals church of Christ and Fairview church of Christ where her son, Kris, officiated.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Tony Beasley; parents, Ben Rowe and Nellie Ferguson; son, Keith Beasley; daughter, Kathy (Steve) Bough; granddaughter, Sarah Beasley; sisters, Hazel (Don) Roark and infant Dorothy Rowe;



BETTY BEASLEY

sister-in-law, Roselie Riggins; and great-niece, Mallory Riggins.

She is survived by her sons, Kenny (Carla) Beasley of Winslow, Kevin (Stephanie) Beasley of Ellettsville and Kris (Auna) Beasley of Loogootee;

daughter, Karen (Lee) Wade of Burns City; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and one due to arrive in February; brother-in-law, Kelly Riggins of Loogootee and sister-in-law, Liz (Terry) Bordenet of Lafayette; and many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 28 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Ketcham Memorial Center. Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

KATIE MARNER

Katie Marner passed away Monday, January 20, 2020, at 7:45 a.m. at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 94.

She was born February 9, 1925, in Daviess County; daughter of Samuel and Magdalena (Raber) Eicher.

Katie married Ralph Marner on February 24, 1944, and he preceded her in death July 18, 1998.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Katie is preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Marner; her sons, John Marner, Eugene Marner; her parents, Samuel and Magdalena Eicher; her grandson, Kent Marner; one great-granddaughter; her brothers, Jake Eicher, Pete Eicher, Dave Eicher and John Eicher; her sisters, Mary Marner, Martha Marner, Rosa Nisly; and her son-in-law, Jay Swartzentruber.

She is survived by her sons, Lester (Sylvia) Marner of Montgomery, Wilbur (Mary Kathryn) Marner of Odon, Daniel (Lou Ella) Marner of Loogootee, Marvin (Mattie) Marner of Loogootee; her daughters, Rosann (Jake) Knepp of Loogootee, Lorene (Jay) Swartzentruber of Montgomery, Carolyn (Marvin) Graber of Loogootee; her daughters-in-law, Betty (John) Marner, Barbara (Eugene) Marner; 51 grandchildren; 167 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 22 at the Produce Building, with home ministers officiating. Burial followed in the Stoll Cemetery.

Arrangements provided by Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

1:41 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Corporal Reed and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

9:33 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

7:12 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle north of Shoals. Advised Deputy Wright.

8:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 a.m. - Received a request for officer assistance at a residence in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Corporal Reed responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:30 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Major Keller assisted Loogootee High School.

12:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Advised Animal control Officer Hughett.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol near Whitfield for a suspicious vehicle. Deputy Gibson responded.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

12:38 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

2:06 a.m. - Received a report of loud music in Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

5:38 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

6:26 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle hitting a deer near Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

7:34 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill and ISP Lents responded to roadway hazards in Loogootee.

8:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:15 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

10:15 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted with a harassment complaint.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

10:45 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

11:00 a.m. - Received a request for a vin check in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

12:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Deputy Greene responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:04 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Volunteer Fire Department and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:25 p.m. - Major Keller and Big John's towing removed two vehicles from private property.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of a semi who had a shifting load on Hwy. 50. Semi driver was made aware.

2:24 p.m. - Received a report of a noise

complaint north of Shoals. Advised Deputy Wright.

4:54 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle/deer accident near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle/coyote accident near Shoals.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of a gas leak in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee dispatch.

11:26 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

1:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Lost River Volunteer Fire Department, Corporal Reed and Martin County Ambulance Responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:54 a.m. - Received a noise complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

3:23 a.m. - Received a request for medical attention in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Volunteer Fire Department Responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Daviess Community Hospital with Daviess County Medic on board.

7:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:54 a.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Shoals. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

9:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:12 p.m. - Received a report of a horse in the road south of Loogootee. ISP responded to the call.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of a scam Social Security call.

2:26 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Major Keller responded and stopped vehicle.

4:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Advised Loogootee dispatch.

5:16 p.m. - Received a report of a large rock in the middle of the road. Deputy Wells responded.

5:32 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

8:15 p.m. - Received a report of a person causing disturbance. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responding.

8:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a person causing disturbance in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

11:21 p.m. - Received a report of a large rock off the roadway. Advised Deputy Gibson and he stated this is not a traffic hazard.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

6:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:25 a.m. - Major Keller assisted with a juvenile.

8:58 a.m. - Received a report of cattle out near Burns City. Contacted cattle owners.

11:44 a.m. - Received a report of an animal complaint in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

12:13 p.m. - Deputy Wells responded to towing company to assist with belonging release.

12:15 p.m. - Received a request for a

vin check in Shoals. Advised Deputy Wells.

12:20 p.m. - Received a report of animals in road near Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of an injured deer near Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

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

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a burglary alarm in Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

6:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:04 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol near Hindostan. Advised Deputy Gibson.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

12:49 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:04 a.m. - Received a report of shoplifting in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Keller, Deputy Wright and ISP Lents responded.

10:44 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:05 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance responded in Shoals to check a subject out.

3:56 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:18 p.m. - Received a report of a fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded and advised they cannot burn in town.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

4:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:55 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Advised Deputy Wright.

8:05 a.m. - Received a report of power lines down near Shoals. REMC responded.

8:51 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals in reference to an angry ex-employee. Advised Deputy Wright.

9:11 a.m. - Received a report of a male walking along the road asking for a ride north of Shoals. Deputy Wright and ISP Lents responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle near Loogootee. Loogootee Reserve Officer Means and Deputy Wright responded.

10:26 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driver east of Shoals. ISP Trooper Lents responding.

1:19 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in reference to a verbal domestic. Deputy Wells and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

1:44 p.m. - Subject on station to speak to an officer in reference to a stolen vehicle. Advised Deputy Wright.

2:34 p.m. - Received a request to speak to an officer in reference to suspicious activity. Deputy Wright responded.

3:33 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Wells, Reserve Deputy Ochs and Martin County Coroner's Office responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, ISP Trooper Lents, Loogootee Police Department, REMC and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a verbal domestic dispute near Shoals. Deputy Wells and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

7:34 p.m. - Adam Baker, 41, of Odon, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is currently being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

8:47 p.m. - Christopher Hennessy, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with possession of marijuana and a Washington County warrant. He is currently being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

12:17 p.m. - Audrey M. Mattingly, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is currently being held without bond.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

12:22 a.m. - Kevin McGuinness, 26, of Jasper, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and possession of marijuana. He is currently being held without bond.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

9:36 a.m. - Richard Hert, 50, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of methamphetamine and an Orange County warrant. He is being held on \$25,000/10% bond for Martin County charges.

11:03 a.m. - Dylan Bruner, 26, of Shoals, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Keller and charged with theft, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, and maintaining a common nuisance. He is currently being held without bond.

11:03 a.m. - Ceccora Holt, 21, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with theft, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance and possession of a hypodermic syringe. She is currently being held without bond.

8:32 p.m. - Mark Payne, 31, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle, possession of marijuana and maintaining a common nuisance. He is currently being held without bond.

8:35 p.m. - Jody Williams, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a hypodermic syringe, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and maintaining a common nuisance. He is currently being held without bond.

10:15 p.m. - Devaughn Mesarosh, 40, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with possession of methamphetamine, unlawful possession of a hypodermic needle, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and maintaining a common nuisance. She is currently being held without bond.

COMMISSIONERS

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ments. Greg Hamilton, leader of the recently-formed Martin County 2A group, introduced himself and explained that the group has watched what has happened in Virginia with increased gun control and they are very scared. The group has a facebook page and their goal is to get government bodies to pass an ordinance declaring Martin County as a 2A sanctuary. The name "2A" comes from the second amendment to the Constitution giving the right for citizens to bear arms. Hamilton said his group will be holding a meeting at the fairgrounds on February 12 at 7 p.m.

At the Martin County Redevelopment Commission meeting, prior to the commissioners' meeting, Alliance Director Tim Kinder requested the commission approved \$16,667 from TIF funds to provide funds to Eleven Fifty Academy for offering cyber security training at WestGate. Kinder said the training, with estimated tuition at \$18,000 for the 12-week course, can help get residents trained in cyber security and potentially help them with employment in that field. Anyone making more than \$35,000 a year in the cyber security field after the training would then start paying back the tuition. Anyone makes less does not have to pay back the tuition. Anyone interested in taking the program must be

out of high school. Classes are expected to begin in March of this year. Daviess and Greene counties will also be asked to contribute TIF funds to the program. The redevelopment commission approved the funds.

Kinder said they are still working on a solution for the Town of Crane to get hooked on to the Greene County Regional sewer system. Crane does not want Crane residents on their system anymore however several repairs need to be made to sewer lines in Crane before Greene County will take them. Funding is still an issue to get the lines repaired and Kinder said he would like to stay in discussion with the redevelopment commission about potentially using TIF funds to help. Kinder said that are no more than 80 properties that need new lateral lines at \$1,500 to \$2,000 per dwelling at a total cost of \$120,000-\$160,000 total. Right now, the town is working on getting permission from property owners to replace the lateral lines. The town is also discussing whether to pass on any of the cost to the property owners. The lateral lines are the first phase of the project. Lift stations also need to be installed. The town is working on grants as well for the lift stations.

Warren Albright and Keith Gibson were not present for the redevelopment commission meeting.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

- 12:34 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.
- 1:33 p.m. - Caller reported an injured cat on Park Street.
- 2:49 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Sheridan Street.
- 4:16 p.m. - Captain Hennette and K-9 Roxy assisted the county with a traffic stop.
- 7:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.
- 8:45 p.m. - First responders were requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a medical call.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 6:30 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.
- 10:40 a.m. - First responders were requested on East Washington Street for a medical call.
- 11:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the school resource officer at Loogootee School for a minor issue.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- 4:10 p.m. - Female requested a vehicle identification check.
- 7:59 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted Daviess County with a traffic accident.
- 8:58 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle at Family Dollar.
- 10:05 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a business alarm.
- 10:21 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.
- 12:38 a.m. - Caller reported a controlled burn.
- 7:34 a.m. - Caller reported items in the highway near Church Street.
- 10:45 a.m. - Male reported an animal complaint.
- 6:00 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle be towed off his property on West Washington Street.
- 6:03 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the department of child services.
- 8:33 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged

- out to a possible gas leak in Sunset Trailer Court.
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 23
 - 10:00 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.
 - 2:30 p.m. - Male came on station for transient assistance.
 - 4:51 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.
 - 5:03 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.
 - 7:00 p.m. - Female requested extra patrol.
 - 9:24 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on JFK Avenue.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

- 11:15 a.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.
- 3:23 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint on Hwy 50.
- 6:34 p.m. - Caller requested a vehicle identification check.
- 10:23 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated male trying to start fights at a local bar.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

- 10:04 a.m. - Caller reported shoplifters at O'Reilly's
- 5:00 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.
- 7:45 p.m. - Female reported a reckless driver on US 231.
- 9:30 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted with a school activity.
- 11:15 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

- 10:12 a.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle on Church Street.
- 4:10 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the county with a traffic accident.
- 5:34 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.
- 7:40 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a domestic dispute.
- 10:05 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

Martin County real estate transfers

Marie B. Hawkins and Rodney K. Wright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Shawn G. Garcia and Emily S. Garcia**, of Kitsap County, Washington, part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Center Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.45 acres, more or less.

Ronnie L. Royston and Catherine A. Royston, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alan N. Royston**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 30 in Stiles Addition.

Norma Lynch, of Orange County, Indiana to **The Norma Jean Lynch Irrevocable Trust**, of Orange County, Indiana, the west half of the southeast quarter and the east half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Sylvia Jones, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles C. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

Tamara L. (Dickens) Shurig, of Martin County, Indiana to **Katie Lynn E. Pulis**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lots Numbered 13, 14, 15 and 16 in Block 7, in the Town of Burns City, Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: Lots Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 except 12 feet off of the north side of Lot Number 5 in Block 7 in the Town of Burns City, Martin County, Indiana.

Cathy L. Struck, of Martin County, Indiana to **James V. Matthews and Janet A. Matthews**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 11 in Rogers Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Remember and honor your loved ones with a gift that keeps giving back to Martin County



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In Memory of Mike Albertson

Hope Flores

In Memory of Patty Bowling

Hope Flores

In Memory of James E. Burch

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Pancake, Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage Breakfast
Sunday, February 2nd, 7am to Noon

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More Neat Stuff!



By Ann Ackerman



10 FUN FACTS

1. You can't see your ears without a mirror.
2. You can't count your hair.
3. You can't breathe through your nose, with your tongue out.
4. You just tried #3.
6. When you did #3, you realized that it is possible, only you look like a dog.
7. You are smiling right now, because you were fooled.
8. You skipped #5.
9. You just checked to see if there is a #5.
10. Share this with your friends so they can have some fun too.

THOUGHTS

*I'm not sure if I washed the spider down the drain in my shower or if he took one look at me naked and then leapt willingly to his death.

*Studies have shown that those who have more birthdays live longer.

*Behind every angry woman stands a man who has absolutely no idea what he did wrong.

*Yesterday I wore something from five years ago and it actually fit. So proud of myself. It was a scarf. But still. Let's be positive here!

*Arguing with a woman is like reading the Software License Agreement. In the end, you ignore everything and click "I agree."

*Please leave me alone. I've got weeks of work to do in three hours because I have the time management skills of a carrot.

*As I folded my third load of laundry, I contemplate becoming a nudist. Then I remember what I look like naked and keep folding.

*Sometimes to stop eating all the chocolate, one must first eat all the chocolate.

*I went line dancing last night – well, it was a roadside sobriety test – same thing.

*I always wanted to lay naked on a bearskin rug in front of a fireplace. Apparently, Cracker Barrel has a policy against this.

SERIOUSISMS

*Our primary purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them. -Dalai Lama

*What if I told you that the left wing and the right wing belong to the same bird?

*My dog is not a pet. My dog is family.

*How can you know if you can trust someone? If it barks or purrs, it's 100% good and reliable.

FEW MORE THOUGHTS

*My friend David had his ID stolen. Now he's just Dav.

*It's a five-minute walk from my house to the pub. It's a 35-minute walk from the

pub to my house. The difference is staggering.

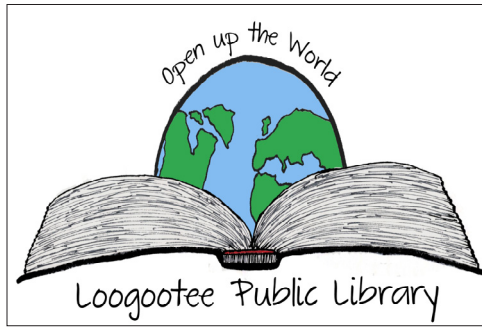
*The only person that calls and checks on me every day is the guy from India who wants to discuss my car warranty.

*A local man addicted to brake fluid says he can stop any time he wants.

*We may not party like we used to, but if we take a nap, we can party until dark.

*I saw a guy earlier today with no chin, and seriously, all I could think about was, "How does he put on pillow cases?"

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

A ribbon cutting/open house was held at the library on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Universal Design Past President/Owner Tom Schipp and wife, Darla, attended as well as the current President Brett Schipp and family, and Designer Kamie Hubbs and daughter. Craig McGowan and Cynthia Ferguson with Rural Development and Brandon Betz Seufert Construction Supervisor made an appearance. Macy BalloonBoss from Loogootee was in charge of the balloon arch with Mylar snowflakes. Elaine Wade made the cake. Friends of Loogootee Library and Library Board members donated homemade goodies for the celebration. Father Walker said the blessing. Children's Librarian Jen Zehr had activities for children and staff gave tours of the new building. Rural Development Director Craig McGowan presented a framed handwritten letter he saved from Arwen Quinn that she had written in support of a new library. He explained that the letter was mailed to him and as he read it, he got emotional thinking about a 12-year-old girl writing this letter and what the library means to her. The framed letter was a wonderful and thoughtful gift. The celebration was from 1-3 and approximately 300 individuals walked thru the doors.

Friends of Loogootee Library have published a book on the History of Loogootee Public Library, and it can be purchased from any FOLL member. Call the library and request your copy. The price is only a \$20 donation.

New Books:

Mystery: "Lost" by James Patterson
Fiction: "Westering Women" by Sandra Dallas.

Inspiration Fiction: "Collateral Damage" by Lynette Eason, "Forever Hidden" by Tracie Peterson, and "Daughter of Rome" by Tessa Afshar.

DVDS: "Gemini Man".

The library hours are Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Wednesday closed, Thursday 10-7, and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Recycling drive

A Right to Life aluminum can/paper drive will be held Saturday, February 1 in the Tractor Supply parking lot in Washington, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. A drive will also be held at the Martin County Recycling Center on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Anyone interested in volunteering, contact Louis Kavanaugh Jr. at 486-3658 or in Martin County, call Van McAtee at 295-4251.

Democratic Party meeting

The Martin County Democratic Party will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 6 p.m. at Biggin's Pizza in Loogootee. Anyone wanting information on running for an office in the May primary should attend. This meeting is open to all Democrats. Any questions, feel free to call 812-639-8106.

Free dinner

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

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!

Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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

Daviess Community Hospital hosts medical provider recognition dinner

Daviess Community Hospital recently honored area medical providers for their years of service by hosting the annual recognition dinner at the Washington Country Club. Over sixty providers, members of the Board of Governors, administrative team and spouses were in attendance.

Tracy Conroy, CEO, welcomed the group and Dr. Dennis Atienza gave the prayer before the meal. Following dinner, Ms. Conroy acknowledged the physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetists who have joined DCH in the last year either through employment or clinical partnerships. They include Dr John Stafford (OB/GYN), Dr. Tanya de la Vergne (Pediatrician), Ben Weyer, PA (Cardiology); Marissa Brosmer, NP (Cardiology); Miranda Schneider, NP (Hospitalist), Veronica Burreis, NP (Quick Care); Jessica Kavanaugh, NP (Primary Care Clinic). She also acknowledged the retirement of Dr. Bonnie Knopinski.

Ms. Conroy acknowledged the following providers and thanked them for their dedication to the patients of Daviess County.

35 years of service: Dr. Stephen Cullen
25 years of service: Dr. Reginald Sandy
21 years of service: Paul Anwiler, CRNA

19 years of service: Debbie Ramsey, FNP-C

16 years of service: Amy Waggner, FNP-C

13 years of service: Cheryl Buss, ANP-BC CME



Shown are Paul Anwiler, CRNA with Cara Veale, VP of Provider Services at DCH.

10 years of service: Dr. Tim Cullen and Dr. Christopher Nixon

6 years of service: Susan Kraft, DNP, NP-C, COHN, CME

The audience learned of provider accomplishments in 2019 including Alicia Fields, DNP, FNP-C, RYT who received a specialty certificate in endocrinology from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She is the first nurse practitioner in Indiana to successfully complete this program.

Ms. Conroy also recognized the incoming medical staff officers for 2020 and provided an overview of the many accomplishments through the organization in 2019. Ms. Conroy concluded the evening by thanking the members of the hospital board as well as all spouses for their support of those who give so much of their time to the hospital and to DCH patients.

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Shoals Park donation

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The Town of Shoals Park Board recently received a donation in the amount of \$1,647 from the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund which is an endowment through the Martin County Community Foundation. Shown from left to right are Sierra Rutledge (Town of Shoals Clerk-Treasurer), Chad Damon (Park Board Vice President) Sara Clark (Park Board Member) Zack Brown (Park Board President) Alyssa Kerns and Ed Kerns. Not Pictured are park board members Audrey Gibson and Ann Stewart.



-- CARE TO HELP --

If you look around our county you can usually find someone lending a helping hand to someone else. Sometimes what you see on the surface seems to be just the way it is or should be. But sometimes if you look a little deeper, you'll understand that some of the good things are happening because someone cares, someone who cares enough to get involved and to help.

-- ORGANIZATIONS CARE --

Frequently those that care also belong to an organization that provides a service or helps others to serve. There are many of those organizations in our county such as churches, schools, government agencies, non-profits and businesses. It may seem that "it's just the way it should be," but these organizations have people who care and want to help.

-- CRANE CREDIT UNION CARES --

The Crane Credit Union (CCU) is one of those organizations who cares and has members who care. The CCU is committed to building lifelong relationships with its members, and it turns, the community. With the understanding that financial institutions are a vital part of any community, the CCU developed "Crane Cares" in 2019. Crane Cares is a company-wide initiative designed to give back to Credit Union members and their communities. Crane offers scholarships, event sponsorships and donations, and random acts of kindness in the community.

-- FUND FOR MARTIN COUNTY --

A recent addition to CCU's community support is through the new Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF)

"Crane Credit Union Fund for Martin County." This fund is an unrestricted fund, which means that the payout from the fund is used every year to meet those changing and emerging needs within the community. By establishing this type of fund with the MCCF, the Credit Union has shown their wisdom in knowing that no matter what issues or concerns arise in the future, their support will always be there to help. Through the MCCF, their reach to non-profits serving our county will always be there to answer the call.

-- WITH MORE NOW --

As you consider your giving options, please know that if you want to help others deal with the changing and emerging needs in our county as the CCU is doing, your donation to any MCCF "unrestricted" fund will do that for you as well. And the MCCF has a matching grant opportunity where we will match \$2 for every \$1 donated to any of these unrestricted funds.

We will also match 50¢ for each \$1 donated to any other fund type such as designated, donor advised, scholarship or field of interest funds. The matching grant is available through December 2020, but on a first-come, first-served basis while the grant funds are available.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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

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



Pictured from left to right are Curt Johnson (MCCF Director), Derek Wolfe (Crane Credit Union Assistant VP of Business Services), and Stacy Lengacher (Crane Credit Union VP of Operations) with the paperwork to create the "Crane Credit Union Fund of Martin County".

CLASSIFIED ADS

TOWN OF SHOALS TRUCK FOR SALE

The Town of Shoals will be accepting bids for a 2001 red Chevrolet S-10 Vortec 4300 V6 SFI Engine, 4 speed electronic automatic transmission. Further information can be obtained from the Town Hall. Bids should be dropped off at or mailed to the Shoals Town Hall by Monday, February 10th at noon. Bids will be opened and considered by the Town Council at the public meeting on 2/10/20.

HELP WANTED

Highway Department Mechanic Wanted

The Martin County Highway Department is accepting applications for a Full-Time Mechanic. Applicants must have a valid driver's license. A pre-employment drug screen will be required. Applications can be picked up and submitted to the Martin County Highway Department, 10753 Sherfick School Road, Shoals. Deadline for submitting applications is February 2, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

The Pantone Color Institute has announced classic blue as the color of the year for 2020.

This hue is described as the color of the sky at dusk, a dark, deep, dependable blue upon which we may build an anchoring foundation.

However, blue of any shade is the rarest color in nature. The reason for this is that there is no blue pigment that exists in plants. Other pigments and plant materials may combine with light wavelengths to create the colors that people see as blue. For this reason, blue may be fleeting. A flower that appears as blue in the morning sunlight may be purple or mauve in the bright midday sun. The glaucous coating that gives blue hostas their blue appearance may be washed away by rain or rubbed off by contact with passers-by.

Still, breeders continue to try to produce stable, true blue flowers. I once told one of my great nephews that the person who produces a true blue rose will become a rich person. He decided at that time that he would become that person. I wish him luck and hope he remembers his great uncle Bubba when he comes into his fortune.

The best blues occur in spring. It is then that the blue spruce is at its height of color. Blue false cypress is another great blue evergreen and the blue cones of Korean spruce offer one of the best natural blues anywhere. The native bluebells are another spring blue, especially in the morning light. Other blue-flowering spring plants include pulmonaria (lungwort), brunnera (Siberian bugloss), and some grape hyacinths. Cornflowers,

bachelor's buttons, gentians, forget-me-nots and blue-eyed grass will supply blues later in the summer. Although most of the flowers on the tall bellflowers that I love so much are purple, there are always a few that are sky-blue. If you have been tempted by the pictures of tall delphiniums and Himalayan blue poppies from nursery catalogs, I advise you to save your money. The showy delphiniums do not stand up to our hot summers and are better left for our gardening friends in the Pacific northwest. The Himalayan poppy also does better in cooler weather but is a challenge to grow anywhere. The plants are also short-lived, so you are unlikely to get more than a year or two of flowers. If you have acid soil or add Sulphur to the soil, you may get blue blooms on certain big-leafed hydrangeas. Last year, I purchased a new hybrid rose of Sharon that has a blue hue. Up close, the flowers are purple, but the blue hue is evident when viewed from afar.

Another way to bring blue to the garden is with pots and paint. I am particularly fond of dark cobalt-blue pottery and have several pots throughout the gardens. I also have other blue pots and planters, ranging from denim to French country blue. The doors on my log cabin are painted French country blue also. I also plan to paint a couple of chairs made from old milk cans dark blue.

While nature does not give us a lot of blue, we can find blues that give us good contrast with within the garden. Add some outdoor speakers and a good blues recording and you will have the perfect combination for a summer garden party.



Harrier

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Northern Harriers usually fly slowly and low over the ground, their wings held in a V-shape as they glide. Most males have either one mate or two mates at a time, but some have up to five mates when food is abundant. Each male courts females and advertises his territory by performing sky-dancing displays. The larger females are dominant to the males.

DNR crappie tagging study at West Boggs Lake

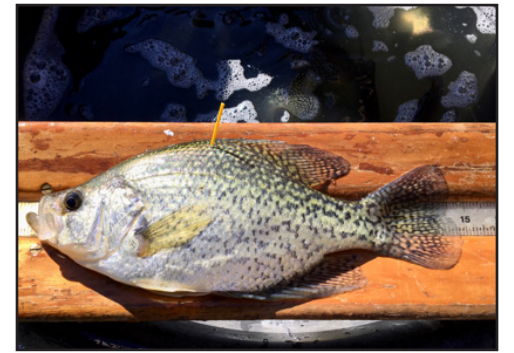
Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) biologists are tagging black crappie at West Boggs Lake near Loogootee in Martin and Daviess counties.

The tagging is for a study that will help DNR learn more about angler harvest at the lake.

More than 550 fish measuring at least 7 inches have been tagged so far. The ultimate goal is tagging more than 1,000 by early spring. Anglers can help with the tagging study by following the steps below:

-Inspect all caught crappie and look for the presence of a tag. Fish are tagged with a yellow spaghetti tag near the dorsal fin. When tags have been in the water for a period of time, algae begins to attach and may result in the tag appearing brown or black. Please look closely.

-Remove the tag from all fish caught, using a knife or scissors, and place the tag into a return envelope. Return envelopes are located at the West Boggs Lake gatehouse, with the DNR creel clerk or in tag return boxes located near the boat ramp. If multiple tagged fish are caught, place the tag from each fish into a separate envelope. Tagged fish do not have to be released. Anglers are encour-



aged to either harvest or release the fish as they normally would.

-Report the capture of a tagged fish to the DNR. Please fill out the information on the outside of the tag return envelope. Envelopes can be returned to the location where they were obtained. If you do not have a tag return envelope, please return the tag with the following information to DNR Bloomington Field Office 5596 East State Road 46 Bloomington, IN 47401:

-Date of Capture: month, day, and year of capture.

-Whether you released the fish or brought it home.

-Your name and address.

Visit wildlife.IN.gov/10192.htm to learn more about Indiana crappie fishing.

Public comment sought on Statewide Forest Action Plan draft

The DNR Division of Forestry is working with conservation groups and forest stakeholders to update the 2010 Forest Action Plan, a 10-year strategic document that considers the conditions and trends of forest resources in the state and provides long-term strategies to address threats.

The plan encompasses Indiana's approximately 5 million acres of forestland, 84 percent of which is privately owned and 16 percent of which is owned by public institutions including federal, state and local governments.

Stakeholders including Hoosier National Forest, the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the Indiana Forest & Woodland Owners Association, professional forester associations. About 30 other conservation and environmental organizations also have contributed to the update process through involvement with the Indiana Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committee.

A draft update of the plan is available for public comment at dnr.IN.gov/forestry/10319.htm until March 27. The final

plan will be released early this summer.

A series of public meetings will be scheduled to discuss the draft. Dates and locations will be posted online when available.

More information about the Forest Action Plan update process and engaging Indiana's forest stakeholders is available on the Forest Action Plan webpage: dnr.IN.gov/forestry/5436.htm.



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Learn how to ID trees at Spring Mill SP workshop

Learn how to identify buds, bark and more during Spring Mill State Park's winter tree identification workshop, which will be taught in two sessions.

The first session is February 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Lakeview Activity Center, and the second is a field session on February 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Gus Grissom Memorial. Attendance for both sessions is encouraged but not required.

Dale Weigel and Teena Ligman, retired employees from DNR's Division of Forestry, will lead both sessions. Call 812-278-0139 to register for the sessions. Cost is \$5 for each session. Make sure to dress appropriately for the weather for the outdoor session.

For more information on this and other upcoming events, contact Spring Mill State Park at 812-849-3534 or sbelt@dnr.IN.gov.