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ANGIE RISACHER

## Alliance picks Angie Risacher as new director

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth Board of Directors is pleased to announce their decision to hire Angie Risacher as the organization's Executive Director. She will succeed Tim Kinder, who led the economic development group for 10 years and announced this summer that he would be leaving to pursue other interests. The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is an organization charged with leading business attraction, retention, and expansive efforts in Martin County.

Dan Gregory, board member, local farmer and longtime advocate for Martin County stated "Angie is a good fit for this position as she has extensive experience as a small business owner working with local and federal government, grain processing centers, banks and school systems, as well as being involved in multiple organizations each with the goal of making Martin County a better more prosperous community. She will do a great job in getting additional businesses involved in the Alliance Organization. Angie is a lifelong resident in Martin County and knows the local community well. I wish Angie the best of luck and welcome her in this new role."

"It is a great honor to have been hired to serve as Executive Director," said Risacher. "I look forward to working with the entire community to retain and expand Economic Development. I am passionate about the people in our area and am deeply committed to the success of Martin County."

Under Risacher's leadership, the board looks forward to serving the needs and interests of members and building a vibrant and successful future for Martin County's economic growth.

If you would like to reach out to the Alliance, you can reach Angie at: Martin County Alliance for Economic Development, 2664 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN 47553; martinalliance@martinalliance.org; 812-295-4800-Office/812-431-6095-Cell.

## Commissioners hold meeting to hire highway employee

The Martin County Commissioners met in special session Monday morning, December 7. Commissioners present were Paul George and Aaron Summers. Also attending were Auditor Bobbie Abel and Commissioner-Elect Cody Roush.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss hiring a new part-time employee at the highway department. The com-

## Council honors Rich Summers, approves stipend, employee for auditor's office

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council honored Council Member Rich Summers at their meeting Monday night, December 7. This is the last regular meeting for Council Member Summers who didn't win reelection last month. Summers has served on the county council for 16 years, 15 of those as the council president.

Sheriff Travis Roush presented Summers with a recognition plaque and thanked him for all he has done for Martin County. Roush said that in all the years he has been sheriff, Summers has visited the sheriff's department frequently to see what they needed. He said that kind of representation was unmatched.

Council Vice President Randy Wininger said he has only had to fill in for Summers one time as president in all 15 years, that he can remember. All the council members present told Summers he would be missed. They, along with the auditor, also presented Summers with a plaque for his years of service to the council.

Before he went, Council Member Summers said he wanted to bring to the council's attention the need to hire additional help in the auditor's office. He said there have been discussions regarding the extra work taken on by the auditor's office and during his last visit to the courthouse, he understands why. He said that the auditor's office was the only one staffed and working while other offices had no employees in sight or were socializing with other offices. He recommended the council approve hiring an additional employee for the auditor's office.

Summers also brought up the extra salary request for the three full-time employees in the auditor's office. The request has been discussed at past meetings and was met with quite a bit of backlash from other department heads. The commissioners had originally approved \$7,500 to go toward the three auditor employees' salaries for next year. The council cut that to \$4,500. After discussion and anger from the other department heads, the matter went unresolved. Monday night, Council Member Summers recommended giving the three auditor's office employees a one-time bonus of \$1,000 each.

"They have one hell of a job," said Commissioner Aaron Summers who was in the audience. He added that he is not taking away from what the other courthouse offices do but the auditor's office is a "completely different animal," he said.

Council Member Randy Wininger agreed saying he has felt that for years the auditor's office has much more put on their plate than the other departments. He has been in favor of extra help for the office for a long time.

Commissioners voted to hire Andrew Jones. The part-time position is for an operator with CDL license, class A. The term of employment will be six months with a possible extension if needed. The rate of pay will be \$11 per hour. Hours worked will be as needed not to exceed 40 hours per week. It is a part-time position so will have no benefits offered.



-Photos provided

The Martin County Council honored Rich Summers at their meeting Monday night. Summers sat through his last meeting as a council member. He was presented with two plaques, one shown in the photo on the left from Sheriff Travis Roush and the other from the other council members and the auditor. In the photo above, from left to right, are Council Members Warren Albright, Keith Gibson, Randy Wininger, Sherri Bowling, Rich Summers and Barb McFeaters. Not pictured was Council Member Buck Stiles who was not in attendance. Summers served on the county council for 16 years.



Council Member Barb McFeaters thanked Auditor Abel for all the auditor's office has done to help with the extra tasks related to COVID-19, such as submitting reimbursement for the CARES act and setting up meetings via Zoom.

Council Member Sherri Bowling said that even with a one-time bonus, they (See 'COUNCIL' on page 2)




## Air Evac transports Shoals man after rollover accident

On Wednesday, December 2, at 9:13 p.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call concerning a rollover vehicle accident on SR 450 near Hickory Ridge Road. Deputy Larry Gibson arrived a short time later and located a Ford truck on its top in the southbound lane. The driver of the vehicle was entrapped. Deputies, the Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County EMS personnel were able to extricate the driver from the vehicle. He was identified as Joshua K. Lake, 32, of Shoals. Lake was transported by Air Evac to the University of Louisville Hospital to be treated for his injuries.

After a preliminary investigation, the cause of the accident was determined to be a downed phone line hanging low across the roadway. The downed line became entangled in the suspension of Mr. Lake's vehicle, causing it to flip onto its top. The Martin County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Shoals Fire Department, Martin County EMS, Air Evac 17, Big John's Towing, and Indiana State Police.






## Making A Difference

**MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Director



**'TIS THE SEASON FOR GIVING!**  
It seems like the Christmas season is a time when people become more aware of the needs of others. If you want to help but aren't sure where or how to donate, the Martin County Community Foundation is a good place to start. By donating to the MCCF, you are creating a positive impact that makes Martin County better, and your gift will keep giving forever. Now is a great time for giving for another reason too - when you make a donation by December 31st to the MCCF, you are also creating a tax break for yourself. Here are some ways to make the most of your year-end giving.

**GIVE EARLY**  
A gift by check is complete when mailed (postmarked) by December 31st. If you plan to hand-deliver a check or cash to the MCCF, do it plenty early to be sure we're available to accept the donation by the end of the year.

The MCCF also has the option of donating online at [www.cfpartner.org](http://www.cfpartner.org). Unless a specific fund is requested in a note (Paypal has this option), online credit card gifts go toward our general unrestricted fund. Online gifts can be donated up until 11:59 p.m. on December 31st.

**REVIEW YOUR STOCKS**  
Consider a year-end gift of appreciated stock. If you donate stock, you will receive a charitable deduction for the current market value of the stock, which can provide significant savings in capital gains tax. Contact the MCCF for more information about how you can maximize your tax savings with gifts of stock.

**YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN**  
If you're receiving taxable income from an IRA, the Charitable IRA Rollover Act allows donors age 70 1/2 or older to donate up to \$100,000 from their IRA without counting the distribution as income. Learn more about using your Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) to support the causes you care about most. The

MCCF can provide some information about IRA charitable rollovers. If you are interested in an IRA rollover gift for the current tax year, you should contact your financial advisor soon to take advantage of this benefit by December 31st.

**GIVE NOW, DECIDE LATER**  
If you need a charitable tax deduction this year but are undecided about which nonprofits to support, consider opening a donor-advised fund at the MCCF. You can claim a deduction for contributions to your fund now even though distributions from the fund would be made in future years. Contact the MCCF for details.

**LET US DO THE LEGWORK**  
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And 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, your donation to an MCCF "unrestricted" fund will do that for you. 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 on a first-come, first-served basis while the grant funds are available.

Make your giving count before 2020 ends!

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## Two wanted subjects arrested resulting in additional narcotics charges

On the afternoon of December 2, Sergeant Tyler Reed learned of the possible location in Loogootee of a wanted subject, Howard Phillips, 32, of Jasper. Mr. Phillips was wanted on a Dubois County Level 5 Felony warrant for neglect of a dependent. Throughout the evening and night of December 2 and into the early morning hours of December 3, officers conducted surveillance of the residence in which Phillips was believed to be.

During this time, officers observed Phillips exit and enter the residence several times. Deputy Larry Gibson, Deputy Andrea Barnett, Reserve Deputy Josh Harmon, Reserve Deputy Jeffery Dorshey, and Loogootee Officer Aaron Means then converged on the residence and made contact with a female inside the residence. She confirmed to officers that Phillips was present in the residence.

Officers entered the residence and took Phillips into custody. Officers also locat-

ed another wanted subject, Jason Grow, 43, of Washington, in the residence. Grow had a Martin County PTR warrant and was also taken into custody. Phillips was transported to Dubois County and released into the custody of the Dubois County Sheriff's Office. Grow was transported to the Martin County Security Center. During a search of Grow's person, a substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine was located as well as Alprazolam and Oxycodone, both controlled substances.

Phillips was charged on Dubois County Level 5 Felony warrant - neglect of a dependent.

Grow was charged on a Martin County PTR warrant and for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## COUNCIL

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need to look into getting the auditor's office extra staff.

After discussion, the council voted to move one of the auditor's office part-time employees to full-time. This will put four full-time positions in the auditor's office and one part-time. The full-time position will cost \$26,789 a year.

The council also approved the \$1,000 one-time stipend for each of the three full-time employees in the auditor's office.

Auditor Abel said it would be too late this year to get an additional appropriation advertised and approved by the council, so the bonuses will have to be put in for January.

Sheriff Roush talked to the council about the need to tune up the back up generator at the jail, which is around 30 years old. The cost of a new unit would be \$42,000 roughly but Roush noted that if they do replace, they would prefer to buy a natural gas unit. He said replacing the generator is not on the table at this time, he believes getting it tuned up would be sufficient. He said it is running fine now, they just want to stay on top of it.

Roush also requested the council approve a new benefit through INPRS to purchase \$225,000 worth of in the line of duty life insurance for each of his 10 sworn officers for \$1,000 or \$100 each. The council approved noting it was a good price for that kind of coverage.

The council approved \$8,590 for updated GPS in the surveyor's office. They also approved the following transfers:

- \$31,000 from general maintenance repair to insurance opt out payments. Auditor Abel said that during budget cuts last year, the council underfunded the opt out payments which are a total of \$120,000.











- \$1,000 from the probation department drug free community from salary to expenditures

- \$350 from the recorder's office travel fund to office supplies

- \$280,382.94 from CARES act reimbursement for COVID-19 to the general fund.

The council approved next year's meeting dates which are the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. Council Member Buck Stiles was not present for the meeting.

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# OBITUARIES

## WILMA COLLINS

Wilma Katherine Collins, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 2:46 p.m. Sunday, December 6, 2020, at the Glenburn Home in Linton. A resident of Linton, she was 96.



**WILMA COLLINS**

She was born August 22, 1924 in Loogootee; daughter of the late Simon and Irene (Mauder) Brown.

Wilma was a member of the Truelove United Methodist Church. She attended the First Baptist Church in Linton and was active within the church while her health allowed. She enjoyed reading, baking, and cooking.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1988, Alvin Collins; parents, Simon and Irene Brown; and sister, Vernelta Lingenfelter.

Wilma is survived by her children, Brenda (Robert) Rogers of Avilla, Indiana; Paul (Cindy) Collins of Freeport, Florida; and Randy (Julie) Collins of Linton; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; sister, Norma Jean Ziegler of Loogootee; and brother, Charles Brown of Loogootee.

A private funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 12.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Truelove United Methodist Church.

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

## WILLIAM PRUETT

William Russell Pruett passed on December 6, 2020 at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehab. A resident of Shoals, he was 98.

He was born June 27, 1922 in Martin County; son of Joseph Cornelius and Nancy Valley (Spaulding) Pruett. He married Olive Bell Walton on November 29, 1941.

William Russell attended the West Union Grade School and Trinity Springs High School. He was employed at Maxon Construction Company as a laborer and surveyor, was a heavy equipment operator for various companies; was Shop Planner, Facility Inspector, General Planner and Estimator at the Crane Naval Base where he retired in 1979 with 35 years of service. He was a proud Veteran of the United States Army, serving in WWII, was a lifetime member of the White River Lodge F&AM #332, a 51-year member of the Washington Chapter #210 of the Eastern Star, the American Legion Post #120 in Loogootee, The Veteran of Foreign Wars #9395 in Loogootee and was a member of the Church of the Cross in Shoals.

Survivors include his daughters, Mary Lynette Bauer of Shoals and Katherina Jo Beard of Sarasota, Florida; one daughter-in-law, Linda Pruett of Denver, Colorado; grandchildren, Joshua (Rachel) Bauer of Shoals, Jennifer (Casey) Dearwester of Loogootee, Kaili, Kash and Kenna Beard of Sarasota, Florida; Chris Pruett of Evansville, William Trevor of Denver, Colorado; Andrea Lee Pruett and Lane Findley of Denver, Colorado. Several great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews also survive.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Olive; two sons, Lonnie Russell Pruett and Kim Hobert Pruett; and twelve siblings.

Visitation will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, December 13 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals. Burial will be at the Indiana State Veterans Memorial Garden in Madison.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Historical Society Veteran's Room, PO Box 564 Shoals, IN 47581 or Honor Flight, Southern Indiana, PO Box 8234

Evansville, IN 47716.

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

## KEVIN AKLES

Kevin James Akles passed at his home on Saturday, December 5, 2020. A resident of Shoals, he was 55.



**KEVIN AKLES**

He was born October 16, 1965 in Shoals; son of Mable and Joseph Larry Akles and they preceded him in death. Kevin was an avid relics collector of Native American Artifacts. He loved and adored his son, Tanner.

Survivors include a son, Tanner Akles of Loogootee; brother, Larry "Joe" Akles of Shoals and sister, Natalie Sargent with husband, Tim, of Winchester, Virginia.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, December 11 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pat Johnson officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Union Cemetery. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Due to Covid-19, following the recommendations of the CDC and local health officials is requested.

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

## JAMES MARTIN

James E. Martin passed away at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, December 3, 2020 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 88.



**JAMES MARTIN**

He was born December 10, 1931 in Loogootee; son of the late James J. and Goldie S. (White) Martin.

Jim loved to travel, especially to Tunica, Mississippi and Las Vegas, Nevada. He enjoyed car rides in the country with his daughters. He loved to go bass fishing. He adored his fur babies. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, White River Masonic Lodge and America Legion Post 120.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jan Martin; grandson, Ian Martin; sister, Bonnie Davis; son-in-law, Mike Catt; and stepson, Terry Oliver.

Jim is survived by his daughters, Debbe (Marvin) Osborne of Loogootee, Jacquie Catt of Vincennes, and Brenda (Jerry) Edwards and Falcia (Tony) Hollaway, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Carl (Barbara) Catt, Kena (Nick) Vieck, James (Jessica) Edwards, Natalee Edwards, Sarah (Kreigh) Knepp and Whitney Edwards, Breanna and Becca Hollaway; six great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild; and stepdaughters, Jeannie Pope, Becky Oliver and Angie Pittman.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 8 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

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

## ROBERT HAROLD SORRELLS

Robert Harold Sorrells passed away peacefully Sunday December 6, 2020 at The Gardens of Ketchum, Rose House in Odon. A resident of Shoals, he was 88.



**HAROLD SORRELLS**

He was born March 10, 1932 in Martin County; son of Lee and Marguerite (Bledsoe) Sorrells. Harold was a United States Navy Veteran. He married Ruth Alyne (Allbright) Sorrells on August 18, 1951 in New London, Connecticut.

Harold was a Submarine Sailor on the USS Caiman from 1951-1955. He worked as an engineer for the State of Indiana for over 40 years. He lived and raised his family at Hindostan Falls since 1955. Harold farmed the land and raised cattle, hogs, a bunch of kids, and then a bunch of grandkids. He was a member of the Shoals American Legion. Harold enjoyed traveling to attend submarine reunions and hosting annual family reunions. He will be greatly missed by his family.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife, Ruth Alyne Sorrells; his daughter, Sue Ellen Sorrells; his parents, Lee and Marguerite Sorrells; his granddaughter, Shambly Sorrells; his son-in-law, Stevie Ray Kelsey; his brother, Kenny Sorrells of Bloomington; his son-in-law, David Dilk and brother-in-law, Carleton Ragsdale.

Harold is survived by his children, Lani Kelsey, Kati Dilk, and Charlotte Sorrells, all of Shoals and David Sorrells of Loogootee; his grandchildren, Lee Sorrells of Loogootee and Zachary (Alexa Shaw) Kelsey, Bobby Dein Sutton, Jesse (Dale) Sudduth, Rusty Sutton, Angie (Alan) Tarr, all of Shoals; his great grandchildren, Azailya, Allyas, Kaydence, Peyton, Nicholas, Jocelyn, Hadlee, Gracelyn, all of Shoals; his sister, Delores Ragsdale of Shoals; his sister-in-law, Mary Jo Sorrells of Bloomington, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A private graveside service will be held with military rights at Hindostan Cemetery.

Blake Funeral home is honored to assist the family of Harold Sorrells. Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## CLETUS GINGERICH

Cletus Gingerich passed away peacefully Wednesday, December 2, 2020, in Loogootee. A resident of Odon, he was 90.



**CLETUS GINGERICH**

He was born August 7, 1930 in Daviess County; son of Henry Gingerich and Tillie (Wagler) Gingerich. Cletus married Fannie (Swartzentruber) Gingerich on March 1, 1952.

He was a member of the Bethel Mennonite Church. He worked at Odon Milling for several years until his retirement in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Fannie; four sons, Don (Cheryl) Gingerich, Terry (Cathy) Gingerich, Wayne Gingerich and Delbert Gingerich (special friend, Emily Sims); two daughters, Betty (Eugene) Wagler and Rita (Ben) Lengacher; one brother, Henry (Martha) Gingerich; two sisters, Leah Wagler and Rose Ann McDermed; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law, Esther Gingerich.

Cletus was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Viola (George) Lengacher, Marie (Isaac) Stoll, Edith Gingerich, Verda (Anson) Wagler, and Sylvia (Paul) Miller; one brother, Amos Jerome Gingerich; and two brothers-in-law, Ben Wagler and Ben McDermed.

Funeral services were held Saturday,

December 5 at the Bethel Mennonite Church in Odon with Carmen Detweiler, Simon Knepp, and Melvin Paulus officiating. Cletus was laid to rest in Bethel Mennonite Cemetery.

All arrangements were entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## REV. CARL FIELDS

Rev. Carl Edward Fields died at 6:09 a.m. Friday, December 4, 2020 at his daughter's home in Washington, surrounded by his children. A resident of Loogootee, he was 86.



**CARL FIELDS**

He was born in Loogootee on June 27, 1934; son of the late Charles Eugene Fields and Goldie Mae (Dillon) Fields. He attended Loogootee High School, Union Bible College and Academy in Westfield, Indiana, and served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from 1953 to 1955.

He wed Betty Jean Hawkins in Loogootee on June 19, 1955. Married and in love for 65 years, Betty passed on November 7, just 27 days prior to Carl's passing. After his discharge from the Army, Carl and Betty settled in Indianapolis where he became a tool and die apprentice for Acme Machine and Tool Company, followed by working at Stewart Warner Corp. in the re-work shop. In the late 1960's they moved back to Daviess and Martin counties, where Carl worked as a machinist at Crane Naval Weapons Support Center.

In 1962, Carl gave his life to the lord and answered his call to preach. Teaching the word of God was Carl's passion for the next 50 years and included stints pastoring at Walter's Chapel Church of the Nazarene in Franklin, Brownsburg Church of the Nazarene, Epsom Wesleyan Church, Poplar Grove Wesleyan Church in Shoals, and Newberry Church of the Nazarene. Moving to Washington DC in 1983 to support Betty's career at the Pentagon, Carl then pastored the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Arlington, Virginia, and First Wesleyan Church of Alexandria before both retired and moved back to Martin County around 2003. In recent years, he enjoyed playing euchre with family and friends, time with his family, fishing, hunting, and collecting and repairing clocks and guns for others. He was also a member of the Loogootee VFW post 9395, Loogootee American Legion Post 120, and was an Ordained Elder for the Indiana South District of the Wesleyan Church.

Survivors include children, Forrest Ed- (See 'OBITUARIES' on page 4)

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# OBITUARIES

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ward "Butch" Fields (Cheryl) of Washington, Russell Wayne Fields (Teresa) of Bedford, Daniel Job Fields (Courtney) of Montgomery, and Angella Marie Dougherty (Doug) of Washington; grandchildren, Shane Fields, Brandon Fields, Audra Miller (Scott), Derek Fields (Malynda), Olivia Fields, Matthew Fields (Alicia), Drew Fields, Aleah Fields, Shayla Fields, Marilyn Stevens (Chris), Bryan Miller, Joseph Miller (Ashley), Alyson Dougherty, Derek Dougherty, Christian Smith and Gracien Smith; 19 great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, and brothers, Charles Fields of Loogootee and Delbert Fields of Florida.

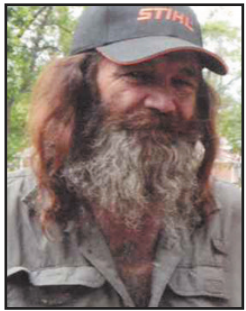
In addition to his parents, Carl was preceded in death by sisters, LaRosa Fields and Laura Fields Wathan; brothers, Buddy Fields and Jackie Fields; and great grandchild, Haven Stevens.

Funeral services to celebrate the life of Carl were held today, Wednesday, December 9 at Bethany Christian Church, Washington. Carl was laid to rest next to his wife Betty in Sugarland Memory Gardens.

Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home is honored to assist the Fields family with arrangements.

## BRIAN MCNABB

Brian D. McNabb passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at his home. A resident of Odon, he was 58.



He was born on May 8, 1962 in Washington; son of Bobby Don and Patricia A. (Maxwell) McNabb.

Brian worked at the Odon Sawmill as a logger and mechanic. He enjoyed riding his Harley motorcycle and hanging out in the woods and felling trees.

Family left to cherish the memory of Brian include his mother, Pat Turpen of Odon; one son, Brian (Lindsey) McNabb, Jr. of Burns City; three grandchildren, Dakota, Colton and Bentley; three sisters, Tammy (John) Gardner, Tina (Randy) Rehmel, both of Jacksonville, Florida; and Bonita (Dion) Collins of Hilliard, Florida. Also surviving are six nieces and nephews.

Brian was preceded in death by his father and one sister, Tracy Drew.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 7 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Rev. Dick Smith officiating. Brian was laid to rest in Plainville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The McNabb family has entrusted all arrangements to the Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared online at [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

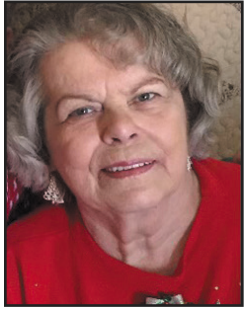
## BETTY BURRIS

Betty Lou Burris went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday December 6, 2020 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 73.

She was born July 20, 1947 in Martin County; daughter of Dolathe and Iva (Day) Adams. Betty was a member of St. John's High School class of 1965.

She graduated from Vincennes University in 1989 with a QMA degree, qualified medical aide. Betty worked at Martin County Nursing Center while going to college and retired in 1999. Betty enjoyed collecting jewelry, doing crossword puzzles, and reading.

She was an active member of St. John's the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Betty loved teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade religion for over 20 years.



**BETTY BURRIS**

Teaching children and loving her grandchildren was a big part of Betty's life. She was on the habitat board, Daughters of Isabella member for 8 years, taught bible school, and volunteered at St Vincent De Paul for over 10 years.

Betty was most proud of her family and loved them all very much, especially the grandchildren. She was always there for her family... a very close family. She always said, "Family comes first."

Her grandchildren will miss their Nana, her laughter, and her beautiful smile. Betty was a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend. She never met a stranger.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Dolathe and Iva Adams; her maternal grandparents, Valentine and Nettie (Mattingly) Day; her paternal grandparents, Guy and Blanche (Kelly) Adams; her brothers, Robert Adams and Michael Wayne Adams.

She is survived by her daughters, Shannon Burris of Loogootee, Christie (Scott) Wilcoxon of Loogootee, her grandchildren, Bryce Wilz, Brandon Wilz, Chase, Cade, Conner, and Cacia Wilcoxon; her sister, Mary Beth Adams of Loogootee; her brother, Bill Adams of Loogootee; her sister-in-law, Patricia Adams of Evansville; nephew, Mark Adams of Evansville and many, many friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Wednesday December 9 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow at St. John's Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. Wednesday December 9 at the church and continue until the time of service.

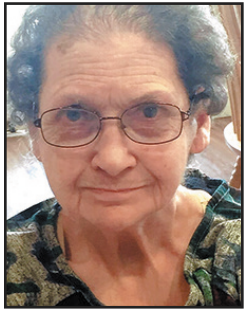
Blake Funeral Home is honored to assist the family of Betty Lou Burris.

Memorial Donations can be made to Riley's Children Foundation 30 South Meridian Street, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 in memory of Betty's love for children.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## BARBARA BOYD

Barbara J. Boyd passed December 3, 2020 at the Loogootee Health and Rehab in Loogootee. A resident of Shoals, she was 73.



**BARBARA BOYD**

She was born December 22, 1946 in Washington; son of Raymond O. and Beatrice (Way) Chattin. She married Earl Boyd Jr. on June 22, 1963 and he survives.

Barbara retired from RCA Bloomington, served as Vice-Precinct Committeewoman and attended the Shoals Nazarene Church. She is survived by her children, Wesley E Boyd, Kevin R (Riza) Boyd, Rebecca L. (Timothy A.) Taylor and Brian S. (Aletha) Boyd; one sister, Donna Sue Sanders of Hayes, Virginia; two brothers, Norman (Debbie) Chattin of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and John (Liz) Chattin of Shoals; special caregiver and granddaughter, Kacia Taylor as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Theresa Boyd.

Funeral services were held today, Wednesday, December 9 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Albright Cemetery. Pastor John Ziegler and Pastor Mark Hamaker officiated.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was en-

trusted with the arrangements.

## AUSTIN O'CONNOR

Austin Owen O'Connor was called home at 9:33 a.m. Friday, December 4, 2020 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 66.



**AUSTIN O'CONNOR**

He was born May 19, 1954; son of the late Ernest Joseph and Rose Mary (Smith) O'Connor. He was a 1972 graduate of Barr Reeve High School. He married Charlotte Wathen on September 29, 1975.

Austin was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church - Barr Township. He was a 10-year veteran of the US Army and a six-year veteran of the Air National Guard. He was a member of the American Legion Post 120 for 46 years and served as Past Commander and Adjutant. Austin was also a member of the VFW Post 9593, and the Disabled American Veterans.

He is preceded in death by his father, Ernest Joseph O'Connor; his mother, Rose Mary O'Connor; three brothers, Ronald Lee O'Connor, Philip Stephen O'Connor and Timothy John O'Connor.

He is survived by one daughter, Tina Renee (Eugene) O'Connor-Hess and one son, Edward Austin O'Connor (Wife Meghan); four grandchildren, Shelby Annmarie Messer, Myla Dawn Hess, Owen Thomas O'Connor and Jonathan Mineo, all of Lakeland Florida; one sister, Carolyn Rose (O'Connor) Brett; and three brothers, Charles Edward O'Connor, Richard Joseph O'Connor, and George Ernest O'Connor, all of Loogootee.

He will be cremated, and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Austin O'Connor.

## MERLENE CALLAHAN

Merlene Sue (Franklin) Callahan transitioned to everlasting life on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at her home. A resident



**MERLENE CALLAHAN**

of Loogootee, she was 87. She was surrounded by her children as she went to be with her Lord and Savior.

She was born in Lawrence County on July 31, 1933; daughter of Merle and Violet (Owen) Franklin. Sue married Jimmie Ray Callahan on September 2, 1951 at the Odon Christian Church. Sue had been a member of the Odon First Christian Church since 1951 and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, #341. Sue retired in 1988 as a Logistics Management Specialist at Crane with 32 years of service, she then worked in real estate sales for 15 years.

Family left to cherish the memory of Sue include three children, Merle (Mary) Callahan of Loogootee, Jama (Dave) Scherer of Evansville, and Terry Callahan of Loogootee; nine grandchildren, James Ryan (Ashley) Callahan of Bloomington, Roger (Adriane) Callahan of Odon, Kathryn Callahan of Fishers, William (Ashlee) Callahan of Springfield, Missouri; Ryan (Jeanie) Scherer of Jasper, Jessica Scherer Skyles of Evansville, Adam Callahan of Lewes, Delaware; Ashley (Will) Miller of Canton, Ohio; and MacKenzie (Patrick) LeMoine of Fayetteville, North Carolina; 18 great-grandchildren, Lucy, Emmett, Violet, Hezekiah, Lily, Jackson, Norah, Alice, Henry, Levi, Hallie, Draden, Carter, Laynie, Adam, Lucas, Blake, and Sage; two sisters, Kathy (Lyman) Taylor of Martinsville and Sherry Lindsey of Bedford.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Jimmie Ray Callahan; step-father, Jack Duncan and sister, Gayanne Pelfree.

Private funeral services will be held with Pastor Lyman Taylor and grandson Ryan Scherer officiating. Sue will be laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Loogootee or Odon Christian Church.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to [www.mengfuneralhome.com](http://www.mengfuneralhome.com).

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Tedrow Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kindra L. Hovis**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots 1, 2 and 9 in Stiles Addition to the Town of Shoals.

Phillip Smith and Amber Smith, of Martin County, Indiana to Hunter C. Land, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 63 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Dennis R. Cecil and Dana R. Cecil**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kenneth Willmoth and Megan Willmoth**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the northeast quarter of Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

**Jeffery Dorsey and Shelby Bridgewater, n/k/a Shelby D. Dorsey**, of Martin County, Indiana to Jeffery L. Dorsey and Shelby D. Dorsey, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 7.758 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southeast quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.86 acres, more or less.

**Jeremy Ray Smith and Sarah M. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Ralph Eugene Pettijohn and Vanessa Sue Pettijohn**, of Johnson County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Town-

ship 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1.31 acres, more or less.

**Wilmer E. Knepp and Robert L. Knepp**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nicole M. Risley**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 15, Township 4 North, Range 3 West in Martin County, Indiana, containing 11.60 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.66 acres, more or less.

**Thomas R. Kane and Karen J. Kane**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Trenton J. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.10 acres, more or less.

**Thomas R. Kane and Karen J. Kane**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Jon M. Kiesling and Leslie Marie Kiesling**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.05 acres, more or less.

**Jon M. Kiesling and Leslie Marie Kiesling**, f/n/a Leslie Marie Stevens, of Martin County, Indiana to **Trenton L. Arvin**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 20, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 3.343 acres, more or less.



## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:30 a.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

1:00 p.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

1:25 p.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of an unsafe vehicle on US 50, near Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:47 p.m. - Major Keller took one inmate to court.

2:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:59 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire responded. No one was transported.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sergeant Reed responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

10:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

1:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:12 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded and all was okay.

5:55 a.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock south of Loogootee.

6:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## AG encourages Hoosiers to check for unclaimed property this holiday season

With the holiday season approaching, Attorney General Curtis Hill is encouraging Hoosiers to visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov) and search for unclaimed property in their names.

This year, Attorney General Hill's Unclaimed Property Division has returned more than \$52.6 million in unclaimed property to rightful owners. Unclaimed property is considered any financial asset with no activity by its owner for an extended period. This includes unclaimed wages or commissions; savings and checking accounts; stock dividends; insurance proceeds; underlying shares; customer deposits or overpayments; certificates of deposit; credit balances; refunds; money orders; and safe deposit box contents.

To search for unclaimed property, just visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov), enter your name and click "Search." Multiple entries could appear in your search, so be sure to claim property that matches the information you provide. Once you have filed a claim for your property, you can track the status of your claim at [www.indianaunclaimed.gov/app/claim-status-search](http://www.indianaunclaimed.gov/app/claim-status-search). Just have your claim ID available.

"I consider it a privilege to oversee Indiana's unclaimed property efforts. This function is what makes my office unique

9:49 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

10:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:12 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call near Shoals. Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

2:34 p.m. - Major Keller performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

4:08 p.m. - Major Keller performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

4:33 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

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

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

2:24 a.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler east of Shoals. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Officer Means responded. The building was cleared and secure.

4:23 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, just east of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

9:32 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road north of Loogootee. Martin County Highway responded.

10:23 a.m. - Received a report of a fire north of Shoals. Major Keller and Indian Creek Fire responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. No one was transported.

11:27 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Officer Floyd, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

11:50 a.m. - Received a report of a

compared to other attorneys general offices throughout our nation," Attorney General Hill said. "Millions of dollars are just waiting to be claimed, so take a few minutes this holiday season to search for unclaimed property in your name. You never know what you may find. It's worth a look!"

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic persists, the Unclaimed Property Division continues to help Hoosiers search for and acquire unclaimed property. Staff members also continue to use the Attorney General's Mobile Operations Center to travel the state and help people across Indiana search for unclaimed property.

"This pandemic has changed how we connect Hoosiers with their unclaimed property, but we remain undeterred in our mission to serve the people of Indiana and we will continue to adjust our practices as necessary," Attorney General Hill said.

From 2017 to 2019, the Unclaimed Property Division returned more than \$188 million in unclaimed property to Hoosiers.

For more information about unclaimed property, visit [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov). You may also follow Attorney General Hill's Unclaimed Property Division on Facebook and Instagram.

reckless driver near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

1:45 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

2:19 p.m. - Received a horse complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:18 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:59 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Barnett, Loogootee Officer Means, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:04 p.m. - Received a report of a power line down on SR 450, north of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

9:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident involving injuries on SR 450. Deputy Gibson, Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Barnett, Sergeant Reed, Reserve Deputy Harmon, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Shoals Fire, and Air Evac responded. The subject was transported to the University of Louisville Hospital.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:37 a.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Loogootee.

10:11 a.m. - Deputy Barnett performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

11:30 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

11:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

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

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire responded.

2:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident in Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

9:39 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan responded.

11:17 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

5:40 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Floyd responded.

9:08 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one transported.

10:40 a.m. - Received several calls reporting a disturbance north of Loogootee on 231 N.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle south of Loogootee. ISP and Dubois County notified.

2:16 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

5:44 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:42 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:16 a.m. - Received an animal complaint involving a loose animal in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

10:04 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. No deputy needed as the vehicle is off the roadway and tow is in route.

11:19 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Lents, and Coroner Hamby responded.

2:11 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn near Shoals.

5:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check north of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Crane. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Greene County Hospital.

1:25 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance near Dover Hill. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle. Deputy Lents responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of malnourished animals in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett notified.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle awaiting a tow and off the roadway between Shoals and Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

10:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## ARRESTS

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

5:20 a.m. - Shane Enlow, 22, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with false informing and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

5:22 a.m. - Jennifer Butler, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with driving while suspended prior and false informing. She is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Loogootee Officer Means assisted with the arrest.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

12:35 a.m. - Jason Grow, 43, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Gibson on a Martin County warrant, possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance. He is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Reed, Deputy Barnett, Reserve Deputy Harmon, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Loogootee Officer Means.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

11:30 a.m. - Peggy Stoll, 49, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Sgt. Floyd and charged with resisting law enforcement, disorderly conduct, and failure to identify. She is being held on no bond. Assisting with the arrest was ISP Trooper Nolan.



# National unemployment stood at 6.7 percent for November

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 245,000 in November, and the unemployment rate edged down to 6.7 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. These improvements in the labor market reflect the continued resumption of economic activity that had been curtailed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and efforts to contain it. However, the pace of improvement in the labor market has moderated in recent months. In November, notable job gains occurred in transportation and warehousing, professional and business services, and health care. Employment declined in government and retail trade.

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

## Household Survey Data

In November, the unemployment rate edged down to 6.7 percent. The rate is down by 8.0 percentage points from its recent high in April but is 3.2 percentage points higher than it was in February. The number of unemployed persons, at 10.7 million, continued to trend down in November but is 4.9 million higher than in February.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for adult women (6.1 percent) declined in November. The jobless rates for adult men (6.7 percent), teenagers (14.0 percent), Whites (5.9 percent), Blacks (10.3 percent), Asians (6.7 percent), and Hispanics (8.4 percent) showed little or no change.

Among the unemployed, the number of persons on temporary layoff decreased by 441,000 in November to 2.8 million. This measure is down considerably from the high of 18.1 million in April but is 2.0 million higher than its February level. The number of permanent job losers, at 3.7 million, was about unchanged in November but is 2.5 million higher than in February.

In November, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) increased by 385,000 to 3.9 million, accounting for 36.9 percent of the total unemployed, while the number of persons jobless 15 to 26 weeks declined by 760,000 to 1.9 million. The number of persons jobless 5 to 14 weeks and persons jobless less than 5 weeks showed little change in November at 2.4 million and 2.5 million, respectively.

The labor force participation rate edged down to 61.5 percent in November; this is 1.9 percentage points below its February level. The employment-population ratio, at 57.3 percent, changed little over the month but is 3.8 percentage points lower than in February.

In November, the number of persons who usually work full time rose by 752,000 to 124.3 million, while the number of persons who usually work part time decreased by 779,000 to 25.4 million.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons was about unchanged over the month at 6.7 million but remains 2.3 million higher than the February level. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs. This group includes persons who usually work full time and persons who usually work part time.

In November, the number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job increased by 448,000 to 7.1 million; this measure is 2.2 million higher than in February. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks or were unavailable to

take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who currently want a job, the number of persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 2.1 million, changed little in November. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, was 657,000 in November, little changed from the previous month.

## Household Survey Supplemental Data

In November, 21.8 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, up from 21.2 percent in October. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the last 4 weeks specifically because of the pandemic.

In November, 14.8 million persons reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic—that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the last 4 weeks due to the pandemic. This measure is little changed from October. Among those who reported in November that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 13.7 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, up from 11.7 percent in October.

About 3.9 million persons not in the labor force in November were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic. This measure is up from 3.6 million in October. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must either be actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

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

## Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 245,000, following gains of larger magnitude in the prior 6 months. In November, nonfarm employment was below its February level by 9.8 million, or 6.5 percent. Notable job gains occurred over the month in transportation and warehousing, professional and business services, and health care. Employment declined in government and retail trade.

Employment in transportation and warehousing rose by 145,000 in November but is 123,000 below its February level. In November, employment rose by 82,000 in couriers and messengers and by 37,000 in warehousing and storage; since February, employment in these industries has increased by 182,000 and 97,000, respectively. Job growth also occurred over the month in truck transportation (+13,000).

In November, employment in professional and business services increased by 60,000, with about half the gain occurring in temporary help services (+32,000). Job growth also occurred in services to buildings and dwellings (+14,000). Employment in professional and business services is down by 1.1 million since February.

Health care added 46,000 jobs in November, with gains occurring in offices of physicians (+21,000), home health care services (+13,000), and offices of other health practitioners (+8,000). Nursing care facilities continued to lose jobs (-12,000). Health care employment is

527,000 lower than in February.

Construction gained 27,000 jobs in November, but employment is 279,000 below its February level. In November, employment rose in residential specialty trade contractors (+14,000) and in heavy and civil engineering construction (+10,000).

In November, manufacturing employment increased by 27,000. Job gains occurred in motor vehicles and parts (+15,000) and in plastics and rubber products (+5,000). Employment in manufacturing was 599,000 lower than in February.

Financial activities added 15,000 jobs in November. Gains occurred in real estate (+10,000) and in nondepository credit intermediation (+8,000). Financial activities has added 164,000 jobs over the past 7 months, but employment in the industry is 115,000 lower than in February.

Employment in wholesale trade continued to trend up in November (+10,000) but is 281,000 lower than in February.

Government employment declined for the third consecutive month, decreasing by 99,000 in November. A decline of 86,000 in federal government employment reflected the loss of 93,000 temporary workers who had been hired for the 2020 Census. Employment in local government education continued to trend down (-21,000).

In November, retail trade lost 35,000 jobs, reflecting less seasonal hiring in several retail industries. Employment decreases occurred in general merchandise stores (-21,000); sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores (-12,000); electronics and appliance stores (-11,000); and health and personal care stores (-8,000). By contrast, furniture and home furnishings stores and automobile deal-

ers added 6,000 jobs and 4,000 jobs, respectively. Employment in retail trade is 550,000 lower than in February.

Employment in leisure and hospitality changed little in November (+31,000) but is down by 3.4 million since February. Arts, entertainment, and recreation added 43,000 jobs in November, while employment in food services and drinking places changed little (-17,000).

Employment in other major industries, including mining, information, and other services, showed little change in November.

In November, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 9 cents to \$29.58. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 7 cents to \$24.87.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls remained unchanged at 34.8 hours in November. In manufacturing, the workweek decreased by 0.2 hour to 40.3 hours, and overtime decreased by 0.1 hour to 3.1 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.2 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for September was revised up by 39,000, from +672,000 to +711,000, and the change for October was revised down by 28,000, from +638,000 to +610,000. With these revisions, employment in September and October combined was 11,000 more than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.)

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

2:46 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Walker Street.

7:28 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of an erratic driver entering Loogootee on US 50 West.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

11 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a report of harassment by phone.

1:02 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a report of an aggressive animal.

2:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a traffic stop of an erratic driver on Walker Street.

6:11 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

6:18 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Redwing Trailer Court.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

2:24 a.m. - Officer Means completed a security check at a residence.

5:20 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an arrest.

10:40 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded with EMS to a medical alarm on Boston Street.

11:29 a.m. - Chief Rayhill and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on William Daily Drive.

4:35 p.m. - A caller advised of an un-

known alarm sounding in the household on US 231 North. Martin County Sheriff's Department was contacted to respond.

4:37 p.m. - Officer Means checked a report of smoke on US 231 South.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

11:34 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on SE Third Street.

2:18 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Bellbrook Road.

11:30 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic disturbance.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

9:12 a.m. - First responders and Sgt. Floyd were dispatched to a medical call at Loogootee Nursing Home.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:24 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a dog complaint on SE Third Street.

5:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject on Killion Mill Road.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:42 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on a welfare check.

1:25 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on a report of a suspicious vehicle.

12:20 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to an animal complaint.

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# COMMUNITY & EVENTS

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Shoals School Board meeting**  
The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, December 10 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

**Food pantry hours**  
The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

**Mental Health Task Force**  
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

**Celebrate Recovery meetings**  
Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

**Local recovery meetings**  
Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

**Free lunch for kids**  
New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

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

**Soil and Water meetings**  
The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit [www.martinswcd.com](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

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## More Neat Stuff



**By Ann Ackerman**



**THOUGHTS**  
\*They say every piece of chocolate you eat shortens your life by two minutes. I've done the math. Seems like I died in 1537.  
\*Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there. It was the bathroom, but still...  
\*I think the reason we are born with two hands is to we can pet two dogs at once.  
\*Remember when you didn't need coffee to function and buying jeans didn't make you cry? Good times.  
\*Some may never meet their heroes. But I say if you are really blessed, you get them as your parents.  
\*A journey of a thousand miles begins with running back in the house for something you forgot.

**OTHER THOUGHTS**  
1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison.

## ANIMAL SHELTER *Pet of the Week*



**BECCA** is a female cat, around 2 years old. She has a heart murmur which doesn't affect her right now but may cause her problems when she is older. She is very, very loving and fine with other cats. Her adoption fee has been sponsored so there is no fee to take her home. But you must have an approved application. The shelter is open by appointment only and an adoption application is required to schedule an appointment. For more info, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

2. To me, "drink responsibly" means don't spill it.
3. Age 60 might be the new 40, but 9:00 p.m. is the new midnight.
4. It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.
5. The older I get, the earlier it gets late.
6. When I say, "The other day," I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago.
7. I remember being able to get up without making sound effects.
8. I had my patience tested. I'm negative.
9. Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.
10. If you're sitting in public and a stranger takes the seat next to you, just stare straight ahead and say, "Did you bring the money?"
11. When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say "nothing," it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.
12. I finally got eight hours of sleep. It took me three days, but whatever.
13. I run like the winded.
14. I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.
15. When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"
16. When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?
17. I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.
18. When I ask for directions, please don't use words like "east".
19. Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes. That would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head. That'll freak you right out.
20. Sometimes, someone unexpected comes into your life out of nowhere, makes your heart race, and changes you forever. We call those people cops.
21. My luck is like a bald guy who just won a comb.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser, Purdue University Master Gardener

Plants play an important part in our celebration of Christmas and other holidays. It is difficult to imagine a holiday celebration without plants, although many people have taken to using only artificial plants. The use of plants to decorate homes for the holidays has roots in many cultures of the past.

A plant that has been used in many cultures is the lowly mistletoe. Mistletoe is a common name that has been applied to many different genera, but all are related botanically. The plants that we usually associate with the celebration of Christmas are European mistletoe and eastern North American mistletoe. While both have glossy, evergreen leaves and clusters of white berries, the leaves of the European are larger, but the American mistletoe tends to have more white berries in the clusters.

There are many customs concerning mistletoe, with roots in Greek and Norse mythology. The white berries were once thought to be an indication of male virility and mistletoe became the plant of peace in some parts of Europe. It is probably a combination of these ancient stories that gave rise to the tradition of kissing under the mistletoe in England.

Mistletoe is a hemiparasitic plant. That means that at least during a portion of the plant's life, it does carry out photosynthesis and makes its own food, but it attaches itself to a host plant by means of a structure known as a haustorium that carries nutrients and water from a host plant. Mistletoe is not terribly picky about the host, but it seems to thrive on soft barked trees, including fruit trees. While mistletoe rarely kills the host plant, that plant may be stressed by the relationship. Rarely, mistletoe may grow so vigorously that it shades the canopy of the host plant enough that the plant cannot carry out its own photosynthesis.

Birds are the greatest planters of mis-

tletoe. They love the white berries and spread the seeds through their droppings or just by dropping berries. The seeds have a tacky substance that sticks to the branches of trees and shrubs. Germination is slow and it may take up to three years for a new mistletoe plant to develop true leaves. It then takes at least two more years to mature enough to harvest sprigs for decorations. Like holly, mistletoe is dioecious, meaning that only a female plant will bear the white berries, but a male pollinator is needed to actually produce the fertile drupes.

Although one may find mistletoe growing wild in Indiana, it is rare and has become even more rare because of harvesting for sale during the holidays. It is more common along the eastern seaboard from New Jersey south to Florida. Other genera of mistletoe are found in the west and European mistletoe was introduced to California in the early 1900's. There are a few commercial mistletoe growers. While the crop is slow to start, as mentioned previously, once established, one should be able to harvest sprigs of mistletoe for many years from the same plant. Prices run about twenty dollars a pound, so once one has an established stand of mistletoe growing on host plants, the crop will be profitable for many years.

Mistletoe is toxic, but rarely fatal. Still, it is best to keep it out of the reach of pets and small children. European mistletoe is more toxic than the American mistletoe. The toxicity is stronger when the leaves or berries are used to make a tea. While there is some history of using such teas for medicinal purposes, there is no evidence that mistletoe tea is a cure for any disease and the risk of a reaction is considerable. It is best to use the mistletoe for decorating. With the corona virus pandemic, we may have to reconsider the custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe.

## Purdue Center for Commercial Ag to host free corn and soybean outlook webinar

BY TORRIE SHERIDAN  
Purdue University News Service

Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture at 2 p.m. (ET) Friday, December 11 will host a free corn and soybean outlook webinar for the month of December.

The webinar will immediately follow the release of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's December Crop Production and World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates reports. These reports will be a main topic of the discussion, as will reevaluation on profitability estimates for 2021.

"As we near the end of the year, Michael Langemeier, Nathanael Thompson and I will review information released in the December USDA reports and look ahead at what next year may have in store regarding potential profitability estimates for corn and soybeans," said James Mintert, professor and director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture. "2020 was challenging for all in a multitude of ways, and it is important that we continue to keep a close eye on the ag trade outlook and the implications for corn and soybean marketing strategies."

Langemeier is a professor and associate director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture, and Thompson is an assistant professor in Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics. Registration is free on the Center for Commercial Ag-

riculture's website (link below). Upon registration, participants will receive a confirmation email with a link to view the webinar live at its scheduled time. Those unable to join live can register to receive a follow-up email after the webinar to download the slides and view the recording.

Learn more and register at <http://purdue.ag/webinar121120>.

## Register for guided hike at Patoka Lake

A guided hike will be held at Patoka lake at noon on Saturday, December 12. During this event, participants will take a hike back in time to discover what life was like in the Patoka Lake area before the lake was made, learning what was there before the lake and what the people who lived there did for a living and for entertainment.

The hike will begin at the Nature Center with a brief introduction and then head along the old Narrows Road.

Hikers should dress for the weather and wear appropriate shoes for the wooded quarter-mile trail.

Advance registration is required by calling the Nature Center at 812-685-2447, which you can also call for more information on this program or other events at Patoka Lake.

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

## Hunting seasons in December

Deer Muzzleloader: December 5-20  
Deer Special Antlerless: December 26-January 3, 2021  
Wild Turkey Fall Archery: December 5-January 3, 2021  
Pheasant (Cock only): Closes December 15

Dove: December 12-January 7, 2021  
Crow: December 13-March 1, 2021  
Snipe: Closes December 16  
Quail (north of Interstate 74): Closes December 15  
Ducks (North Zone): Closes December 13, reopens December 26-January 3, 2021

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## Martin County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications to fill open PART-TIME JAIL OFFICER AND DISPATCHER POSITIONS

**Applications:**  
To be considered for an open position, interested candidates are encouraged to pick-up an application at the Martin County Sheriff's Office: 318 Capital Avenue, Shoals, IN 47581.

**Requirements:**

1. Must be a citizen of the United States
2. Must be at least 18 years of age
3. Must have a high school diploma or GED
4. Must not have any Felony, Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence convictions
5. Must be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
6. Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

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