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LOGAN DAVIS

## Logan Davis named 2023 Lilly Scholar

Logan Davis, daughter of Paul and Mary Davis, has been named Martin County Community Foundation's 2023 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar.

"Miss Davis is one of the most driven, ambitious, enthusiastic, and engaged students that I have ever had," writes one of her teachers. "She is one of those rare students that make me a better teacher because she wants to be a better student. Miss Davis is not only committed to her education, but also to her community."

After graduating from Shoals High School, Logan plans to pursue post-secondary studies next fall, majoring in Biology, with her hopes set on one day graduating from Indiana University's School of Medicine. Future goals also include obtaining a PhD in Pediatrics. In her application, Logan noted she has the right amount of determination and dedication to make these goals a reality. Receiving this scholarship will open many possibilities for her.

"I can't even describe in words how much of an honor it is to be Martin County's 2023 Lilly Endowment Scholar. This scholarship enables so many opportunities for me that were not possible before. I would like to sincerely send my gratitude to the Martin County Community Foundation, Lilly Endowment Foundation, Shoals High School Administration, my parents, my teachers, my coaches and most importantly God for guiding and supporting me towards this life changing opportunity! With this scholarship, I will be able to attend my dream college, Indiana University of Bloomington and become a pediatrician. I am truly so honored and blessed for this opportunity!" said Davis.

The Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for otherwise unreimbursed full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Logan will also have the opportunity to participate in the Lilly Scholar Network (LSN) which connects both current scholars and alumni with resources and opportunities to be active leaders on their

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## City council discusses new subdivision

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Loogootee City Council met Monday, December 12. Most of the discussion centered around the new 40-home development that is being planned on 30 acres next to Country Court in Loogootee. This development was brought up at last month's council meeting. The city is planning to annex the 30 acres for the subdivision that is being developed by Jason Loughmiller and Marv Wagler. Each lot would be two thirds of an acre.

Sandra LaMar, who lives on Garrett Avenue, expressed concern about potential water runoff due to the new development. She said they take on a lot of water now just from the farmland. She also wanted to find out if there was going to be access to the new subdivision from Highway 231. She said adding so much extra traffic on Williams Street, off Highway 231, with it being so narrow, would be a big issue.

A lawyer representing the developers, told LaMar that the city would be responsible for any improvements made. He said options are being explored with the engineering firm and since the city would be paying for improvements, the council would have to approve those. He said everything has to be done according to state code.

He said they have no plan to add access from the highway into the subdivision. It is estimated this could cost \$400,000. The plans include improvements to the roads around the subdivision, that will be done by the city. This would include widening any roads that were not safe.

Mayor Harty noted that the infrastructure, including the road, water and sewer and adding a sewer lift station, could cost up to \$2 million. The city has applied for a grant for \$600,000 through READI and has already received \$100,000 from the Martin County Community Foundation.

He said they are doing their best to capitalize on the hundreds of new jobs coming to Crane, to get more people to move to Loogootee.

## Drainage board must decide blockage dispute

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Drainage Board held their first-ever meeting Tuesday night, December 13, after the commissioners' meeting. The drainage board was formed after Loogootee resident Jason Tinkle went through court action to get a blockage removed from his neighbor's property in Green Acres, that was causing flooding issues on his property. The judge had told Tinkle a county drainage board had to be formed and be presented with the issue.

At the first drainage board meeting, the three commissioners who serve as the board, elected Paul George as the chairman, Aaron Summers as vice chairman and Auditor Michelle Norris as the board's secretary. They decided to hold meetings monthly for now until this issue is resolved and then meet twice a year after unless they are called to settle another dispute.

County Attorney Dave Lett told the board that under Indiana code, they may release the issue if it is located under the

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Jason Loughmiller, who is one of the developers, said they are trying to expand the tax base in the city. He said Loogootee has remained stagnant for years and until new developments like this come in, it will stay stagnant. "If we stay the same and do nothing, it's going to get real expensive," he said adding that if people think their sewer bills are high now, they will only continue to get higher without population growth.

Georgette Sutton, who was in the audience, asked how much the city will profit from doing the infrastructure work and how long it will take the city to see a return on their investment.

Mayor Harty replied grant funds, if awarded, will allow the city to immediately get the new tax money from each lot developed. Loughmiller agreed.

The attorney added that the city currently isn't getting any money from the 30 acres because it is outside city limits. He said, right now, the county is only getting around \$200 in annual tax revenue since it is agricultural property so adding 40 houses annexed into the city, would bring in much, much more, at an estimated assessed value of \$3-\$5 million. He said the 40 houses would also not require the city to add any firefighters or police officers. The road into the subdivision would be turned over to the city, most likely, to be added to the road inventory for maintenance and snow removal.

The city would also receive money when each new homeowner tapped into the city's water and sewer, as the city charges a hookup fee for that.

Loughmiller said the grant funds are imperative and without them, the development is not doable. He said in the past, subdivision developers could do it all – pay for the infrastructure and the development of each lot. These days, he said, costs have gone up far too much and it has to be a public/private partnership to make it happen. The developers plan to put around \$1.1 million into the project with the city covering the rest through grant funds and EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds.

The council approved the next step in the annexation process which will be finalized at the next meeting. The council

## County receives \$810,761 in road funding

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, December 13. Highway Superintendent Scott Seals told the commissioners the county was awarded \$810,761.50 in Community Crossings grant funds. The money will be used for paving Rutherford Road and Brett Road, which includes replacing a culvert.

The commissioners approved the annual contract with Purdue Extension for \$20,500 and the annual contract with Hoosier Uplands through the health department for \$78,000, which was a five percent increase from last year. Public Health Nurse Julia Albright said one third of that is paid with grant funds.

Sheriff Josh Greene reported there are currently 81 inmates in the jail with 41 of them from Vigo County.

County Attorney Dave Lett talked to the commissioners about the capital assets inventory and reporting that is re-

also approved paying Midwestern Engineers \$37,000 for work they have done for the new development, from EDIT funds.

Superintendent Bo Wilson presented quotes for well cleaning. The costs ranged from \$29,000 to \$45,000. The board of public works and safety decided to table a decision until next meeting.

The board of public works also approved extending the due date for this month's water bills by 10 business days due to a delay in getting bills to customers. This was due to the city changing billing companies.

Georgette Sutton asked why the new billing system is charging people a fee to autopay each month. She said no other company she knows of does this and some companies even take money off the bill to set up autopay.

Amber Gilbertson, who works with the water office, said they are using the same system as the clerk-treasurer and other offices around the area. She said there are ways to go around a fee by paying directly through your bank.

Superintendent Bo Wilson said it's the company that is charging the convenience fee, not the city.

Sutton asked why they chose this company if they charge extra fees.

Gilbertson said they didn't know the fees would be charged until after they had already switched companies.

Sutton said she just thinks they could have gone with a company that would not have charged because there are people on fixed incomes and families and need the money to feed their kids.

Mayor Harty said customers can still pay by check and not have to pay anything extra, either through the mail or dropped off in the box outside the water office.

Sutton asked if anyone saw her try to come into the meeting that night using her walker. She said she knows she's not the only elderly person that has a hard time getting in and out of their car.

The mayor told Sutton he would be happy to come to her house and pick up her water bill if she lets him know when it is ready.

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required by the state board of accounts. It was noted at the last meeting the county has not been keeping up with this. Lett presented a resolution to the commissioners providing for each department head to be responsible for keeping an inventory of assets which includes roads, bridges, buildings, heavy equipment, computers, etc. This includes valuing each asset.

Auditor Michelle Norris said the company Data Pit Stop is responsible for the program the county uses to keep track of the assets. She said a representative will come to the county for free to show the department heads how to keep the inventory. She reached out to a couple vendors who help create an initial list of all assets but said she is waiting to hear back. Commissioner George said once they learn how to value the roads after improvements are done, they can keep the list updated themselves.

The next commissioners' meeting is Tuesday, December 27 at 5:30 p.m.



# COUNCIL

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Sutton said again that she knows it's just a dollar and a half extra for the auto-pay but it's the idea behind it.

The board of public works approved hiring Wesley Baumgart, from Pike County, as a full-time police officer and Tyler Davis, of Loogootee, as a reserve officer.

The mayor announced that Eric Thomas will be taking over as Loogootee Fire Chief on January 1 as JD Flynn has decided to leave that position.

The building commissioner said the insurance company has given the okay for Greenwell's Hardware to be torn down and they are currently looking for a licensed contractor to do the work.

The council approved transfers of \$900 from clerical to the city attorney's salary and \$10,000 from the general fund to the police department supplies. Both accounts did not have enough funds for the remainder of the year.

Members of the Loogootee Pickleball Committee were in attendance again to find out where they could build their four new pickleball courts. A few different options were presented by Park Board Member Don Greene, including the courts being built on a portion of the medical helicopter landing zone or in different areas around the skate park.

A member of the pickleball committee said they wanted all four courts together. He said the pilot from AirEvac said there is plenty of room to add the pickleball courts to the landing zone area.

Current Fire Chief JD Flynn said they still don't want the pickleball courts near the landing zone.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said it's the council's decision where the courts go because it's city land and she would like to see a nice complex built for pickleball. She believes there is still plenty of room to land the medical helicopters on the landing zone and wants the pickleball courts built in that area by the highway. She then made a motion to that effect.

Council Member Tim Lawrence made the second with Council Member Ron Gilbert voting in favor. The motion passed with Council Member Rick Norris voting no.

The council approved hiring Lannan Farms to clean up the yard debris left by

residents on the city's lot on North Oak Street for \$25,000. Keller's Tree Service was originally contracted to do the work earlier this year but have been unable to fulfill their contract. Kickin Grass Lawn Care also submitted a quote for \$34,000.

Pam Loughmiller, with CALL (Community Action Leading Loogootee), talked to the council about the state's Main Street Program. Back in 2019, through ROI, a group of leaders came up with a plan to have Loogootee and Shoals establish a Main Street Program. Loogootee accomplished this but do not have the funds for a director, as some cities in the program do. The CALL group consists of volunteers. Call works with the beautification board and park board to enhance projects to promote Loogootee and with the Main Street designation, they qualify for more grants. Loughmiller said they have already started the farmer's market and sponsored the vendor market at this year's Christmas Stroll. Next year, they plan to work to get downtown Loogootee designated as historic. Loughmiller asked the council to approve giving the CALL group \$5,000 in the budget for next year.

Council Member Nolley noted it will most likely cost around \$5,000 to get the historical designation as well.

Mayor Harty said he thinks the CALL group should get the money and also would like to give the same amount to the beautification board. The council approved both. The money will come from the EDIT fund.

At the end of the meeting, a member of the audience asked for clarification on behalf of Tim Salsman, who had requested road closure around the city square at the last meeting for a Pride celebration. Yes and no votes had not been clear at that meeting, so Salsman was unsure if it passed. The closure would be on June 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Salsman had also asked to use the city's stage. The council voted again Monday night with all voting in favor.

Council Member Nolley suggested coming up with a policy for use of the city stage due to insurance reasons.

Council Member Carroll Rayhill was not present for the council meeting and Danny Clark was not present for the board of public works and safety meeting.

# BOARD

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jurisdiction of a municipality. In this situation, with the property being in Loogootee city limits, Lett said the commissioners can approach the Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety and see if they are willing to take on the matter. He said he did research and what he found is that the city did a large drainage project in that area of Green Acres in 2006 and 2007. He said there was no record found that the county surveyor had been contacted to be a part of that work which is required in the drainage chapter of the Indiana code. He said the City of Loogootee is responsible to take care of this issue based on what he has found.

Board Member Paul George asked how they can make sure Loogootee deals with problem this time because it was discussed at a previous commissioners' meeting, when the issue first came up, that Tinkle has tried to get help from the city with no luck.

Attorney Lett said the board of public works and safety will be required to give a yes or no about whether they will resolve the problem. Lett said he hasn't talked to the city about it yet as he wanted to wait to see what the new board wanted him to do.

Attorney Lett suggested sending the county surveyor to look at the blockage and report back to the board. He said if it comes down to the commissioners making a determination, they will have to decide if the blockage is an intentional act and if so, the property owner or the surveyor will have to remove the obstruction at the property owner's expense.

Lett said the drainage board also has to have a fund available to them and will have to go to the county council to get those funds appropriated. After discussion, the board was not sure how much money would be needed in the fund.

Bruce Smith is Tinkle's neighbor with the alleged drain blockage, and he was present at the meeting to give his side of the story. He told the board that the Loogootee Mayor, back when the drainage work was done, told him verbally they would not go through his property, but they did anyway. He said he had already signed paperwork giving the city the easement so there was nothing he could do.

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# LILLY

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campuses and in their communities.

Lilly Endowment created the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program for the 1998-1999 school year and has supported the program every year since with tuition grants totaling more than \$439 million. More than 5,000 Indiana students have received the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship since the program's inception.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are: to help raise the level of educational attainment in Indiana; to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and to encourage and support the efforts of current and past Lilly Endowment Community Scholars to engage with each other and with Indiana business, governmental, educational, nonprofit and civic leaders to improve the quality of life in Indiana generally and in local communities throughout the state.

The Lilly Endowment Inc. is an Indianapolis-based private philanthropic foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. In keeping with the founders' wishes, the Endowment supports the causes of community development, education and religion. The Endowment funds significant programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion. However, it maintains a special commitment to its founders' hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

Since 1997, Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) has administered the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program statewide with funding provided by Lilly Endowment. Founded in 1948, ICI serves as the collective voice for the state's twenty-nine private, nonprofit colleges and universities.

It is an honor for the Martin County Community Foundation to be a part of this exceptional program. They are impressed each year by the caliber of students in Martin County. These young women and men have been a positive force for change by serving their schools and community.

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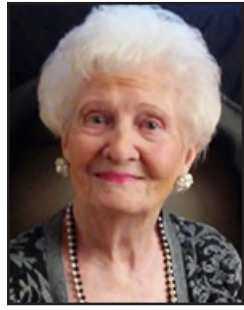
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# OBITUARIES

## VERA LYON HAMILTON

Vera Jean (Jeffers) Lyon/Hamilton passed away at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2022, at Sycamore Care Strategies in Loogootee. A resident of Loogootee, she was 97.



VERA LYON HAMILTON

(Sisil) Jeffers.

Vera was a 1942 graduate of Loogootee High School.

She met William Leon Lyon whom she married in 1943. Together they started a family business, Lyon's General Store, and later, Lyon's Farm Center, on Hwy 50 in Loogootee. In her earlier years, she ran the concession stand at West Boggs Park swimming area when it first opened. She also opened a business, Lyon Antiques and Gift Shop, on Church Street in Loogootee. After the death of her husband, William (Bill) Lyon, she remarried to Clarence (Paul) Hamilton and resided in Washington. After his passing, she returned to Loogootee.

She is preceded in death by her husband, William L. Lyon, who passed November 25, 1983, and husband, Paul Hamilton, who passed February 4, 2016. Also, her parents, Charles and Mary Etta Jeffers; sisters, Imola Flynn, Fanny Coffey, Margaret Jeffers, and Wilmina Jeffers; and brothers, Lowell Jeffers, Clarence Jeffers, and William (Bill) Jeffers.

She is survived by three sons, William (Billy) Lyon, Brant Lyon and wife, Dena; Charles Lyon and wife, Peggy; grandchildren, Kim Pendley, Will Lyon, Ricky Lyon, Brantley Lyon, Andy Lyon, Jeffery Lyon, Brett Lyon, Jonathon Taylor, and Stephanie Taylor and 14 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Monday, December 12 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee with Fr. Walker officiating. Burial followed at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society in honor of her beloved dog, "Buddy".

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Vera Lyon/Hamilton.

## MARY PEEK

Mary Louise Peek went to be home with her Lord on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at Sycamore Care Strategies. A resident of Loogootee, she was 94.

She was born April 11, 1928, in Martin County; daughter of the late William C. and Julia Iona (Strawn) Walton.

Mary graduated from Loogootee High School in 1946. She married Ellis Peek Jr. on June 20, 1948. Mary helped with all aspects of the family farm - Orchard



MARY PEEK

Knolls Farm in Shoals. She was especially involved with sorting, grading and selling apples grown in the family's orchard. She was a member of the Dover Hill Extension Homemakers Club and was also a Farm Bureau Womens' Leader. In 1972 Mary and her husband moved to Loogootee where she was co-owner and manager of Peeks Fruit House until retirement. Mary loved reading and was a member of "Friends of Loogootee Library". She also liked taking daily walks and working word puzzles. But the two most important parts of her life were love for the Lord and love for her family. Mary was a faithful member of the Loogootee Christian Church. Her family meant the world to her, and they were very dear to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Peek Jr; siblings, Oral Lee "Sam" (Mary) Walton and Barbara Parsons; and sister-in-law, Hazel Walton.

Mary is survived by her daughters, Kathy Ann (Michael) Harker of Shoals, Linda Diane (Michael D.) Cooper of Shoals and Susan Elaine (Jeffery) Hudson of Loogootee; grandchildren, Tammy Cooper, Amy (Brent) James, Jennifer Madison, Jason Hudson, Jonathan (Jessica) Harker, Brandon (Erica) Cooper and Noah Hudson; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson; brother, Carl Wayne Walton; and brother-in-law, Jesse Parsons.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, December 10 at the Loogootee Christian Church. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery in Shoals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Loogootee Christian Church and/or the Dementia Society of America.

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Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mary Louise Peek.

## MARK TRAYLOR

Mark A. Traylor passed away at his home unexpectedly Monday, December 5, 2022. A resident of Washington, he was 64.

He was born on February 3, 1958, in Daviess County; son of Gladys (Wathen) and Donald J. (Joe) Traylor. He graduated from Barr-Reeve High School in 1976 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and Management from Indiana State University (ISU) in 1980. Mark and Tami (Waller) Traylor were married from 1988-2015 and shared their hearts and home with two nephews - Dylan and Shane - and two nieces - Elizabeth and Emily who became their family and were absorbed lovingly into Mark's extended Traylor family. Mark's immediate family also included his son Justin Harris (Mer-



MARK TRAYLOR

edith) and granddaughters CeCe (16) and Lily (12). Like his siblings, Mark first worked for the family agribusiness, Traylor Fertilizer Service (TFS), Inc. After graduating from ISU, he continued to work in the fertilizer industry accumulating more than 40 years of experience and earning numerous sales awards as a territory manager for both Cargill, Inc. (10+ years) and Jenner Sales Corporation (15+ years). Eventually, he would establish his own business - Traylor Ag Sales - and, in recent years, Mark also worked with his brothers at Helena Agri-Enterprises, LLC. Mark was a member of the Montgomery Ruritan Club and served for >20 years on the West Boggs Park Board. He was a member and Eucharistic Minister at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Washington.

Throughout his life, Mark shared his professional and social talents in a way that was unique to him. When interacting with Mark, both family and coworkers always walked away laughing or with a smile on their face. Mark was quick to offer his joke of the day or to lend his support when needed yet he was also slow to assume the spotlight and often deflected any praise toward others.

Mark was a selfless son, brother, father, stepfather, uncle, and friend. When called upon, Mark gave his heart and soul to ease other's pain and suffering or to celebrate their milestones and success. Surviving family includes his father, Donald J. (Joe) Traylor; son, Justin Harris (Meredith); granddaughters, CeCe and Lij Harris of St. Louis, Missouri; ex-wife, Tami (Waller) Traylor; nephew, Dylan (Ana) Butler; granddaughter, Amilie of Mexico; nieces, Elizabeth and Emily Butler of Washington and Indianapolis respectively; nephew, Shane

(Hayley) Butler and grandson, Hunter of Evansville; brothers, Greg (Angie) Traylor and Brian (Sharon) Traylor, both of Montgomery; and Michael (Derek) Traylor of Portland, Oregon; sister, Lisa (Jim) Riggins of Bloomington; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins who all played a special role in his life.

Mark was preceded in death by his loving mother, Gladys E. (Wathen) Traylor and niece, Mallory Riggins (Lisa) of Bloomington.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at St. Peter Catholic Church Tuesday, December 13. Celebrant for the Mass was Father Sudhakar Bhastati, joined by other co-celebrants. Burial followed at St. Peter Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, suggested tax-deductible, donation recipients that reflect aspects of Mark's life are Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation (P. O. Box 25, Montgomery, IN 47558 or <https://tinyurl.com/epxb49uh>) or West Boggs Park (16117 US-231, Loogootee, IN 47553) or Daviess County Friends for Animals, Inc. (P.O. Box 402, Washington, IN 47501 or <http://daviesscountyfriendsforanimals.weebly.com/>)

Condolences can be sent to the family online at <https://www.blakefuneralhomes.com/obituary/mark-traylor>. All arrangements were entrusted to Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:25 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported three inmates to court.

10:39 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to court.

12:26 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Notified Loogootee Police.

2:27 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a traffic hazard in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Deputy Hawkins and Fire Chief Hamby responded.

5:50 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a report of a stalled vehicle southeast of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:14 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check west of Shoals. Captain Reed and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:57 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Shoals.

1:09 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

3:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northwest of Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

4:22 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane Village. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Health Bedford.

6:54 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

8:29 p.m. - Received an accidental 911

call.

9:41 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Officer Sims and Haysville Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

5:18 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock northeast of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

5:50 a.m. - Received a notification advising Shoals Community Schools would be on a two-hour delay.

7:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

9:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting cows out south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded. Owner was notified.

9:20 a.m. - Received a call from Loogootee Police advising of a funeral detail today. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

2:49 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a traffic hazard south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Sergeant Gibson, Corporal Wells, Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County EMS and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

3:15 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:53 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:58 p.m. - Received a call from Convergent advising of a panel alarm in Crane Village. Keyholder was notified and advised to disregard.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

7:29 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Corporal Wells and Shoals Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:24 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

11:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting a stolen ATV. Caller came on station to fill out a report.

10:02 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:18 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:17 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

12:33 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check north of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

3:13 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a hit-and-run in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Hawkins responded.

5:34 p.m. - Received a report of a person violating a protective order in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a call from Convergent reporting a test signal not working in Crane Village. Keyholder advised to disregard.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:52 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

1:24 a.m. - Received a report of a deer being killed north of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a request for extra patrol north of Shoals.

9:38 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded, and Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:53 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 2 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Rayhill, Martin County EMS, Corporal Wells, Daviess County Medic and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital with Daviess County Medic onboard.

5:18 p.m. - Received multiple 911 calls reporting an accident in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Fire Department, Corporal Wells and Big John's Towing responded. No transport was needed.

7:13 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:12 p.m. - Deputy Branham was on station to serve a Hendricks County warrant to an inmate.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:42 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident east of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Chief Means responded.

8:38 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn south of Shoals.

9:25 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Shoals.

10:33 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:41 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:10 p.m. - Received a call from Loogootee Police requesting an officer for traffic control for a funeral procession. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

4:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

4:30 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

5:14 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon and Loogootee Chief Means responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in French Lick. Martin County EMS responded.

8:39 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and LPD Officer Sims responded.

11:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Deputy Branham and Loogootee Officer Sims responded.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:39 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County EMS and Reserve Deputy Harmon responded. No one was transported.

12:06 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:30 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County Dispatch reporting a stolen vehicle on US 50 heading east. Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Officer Sims, Reserve Deputy Harmon and Big John's Towing responded.

3:19 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

8:42 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:19 p.m. - Received a call requesting an officer southeast of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

9:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Sims responded. Martin County Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

November 30

Michael Ray Malone, convicted of leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 176 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

December 1

Tyson Lee Wininger, convicted of operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 0 days suspended. Defendant shall serve the sentence of 365 days as an executed term of imprisonment at the Indiana Department of Corrections, however, the defendant can serve said sentence through Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention program, so long as the defendant remains eligible.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

November 30

William E. Nugent, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Misty L. Smith, assisting a criminal, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; furnishing alcohol to a minor, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 1

Issac D. Davis, domestic battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jacob R. Fox, child molesting, a Level 1 Felony, dismissed.

Tyson Lee Wininger, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 5

Christopher J. Kelsey, interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

November 30

Cassandra Sumner vs. Wild Flower Photography, LLC, Lexy Hamm, complaint.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**John S. Covell to Jared M. Chapman**, forty-five feet of even width off of the north end of Lot Number 43 in the original plat of Loogootee, Indiana.

**James E. Tedrow**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Poplar Grove Church**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.132 acres, more or less.

**Hunter C. Land**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rachel Renee Blythe**, of Martin County, Indiana and **Joyce I. Petty**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lot Number 63 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**James E. Tedrow**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James E. Tedrow**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.916 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.722 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter and a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 22.497 acres, more or less, except a section containing 0.132 acres, more or less.

**Gary L. Cunningham**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dean Sullivan and Megan Sullivan**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.71 acre, more or less.

**Northern Property & Development, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Glenda Sue Walton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 56.919 acres, more or less.

**Susan M. Dorenbusch, Bernard Jay Asdell and Steven R. Asdell to Benoni W. Asdell**, of Hendricks County, Indiana, the north part of Lot Numbered 16 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Michael A. Hulsman and Shari L. Hulsman**, of Martin County, Indiana to

**Kaylee Diamond**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the east half of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.92 acre, more or less.

**Magnum Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael A. Roach**, of Franklin County, Arkansas, part of the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 26.344 acres, more or less.

**Vicki Cramer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rick Norris and Connie Norris**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 21 in Ackerman's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Magnum Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael A. Roach**, of Franklin County, Arkansas, part of the east half of the northwest quarter, and a part of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 12, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 37.958 acres, more or less.

**Keith Massey and Colleen Massey**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Evan M. Massey, Clayton M. Massey and Lance J. Massey**, of Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the southwest fractional Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2.07 acres, more or less.

**Charlotte A. Sorrells**, of Martin County, Indiana to **J & S Leonard Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south fractional Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.193 acres, more or less.

**Magnum Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **First Equipment, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.621 acre.

**Magnum Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bramble Farms, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter, and part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 5 West, Rutherford Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.870 acre.

# Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:23 a.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to Queen Street for a welfare check.

1:00 p.m. - Chief Means responded to an aggressive dog call on Park Street.

4:29 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a traffic accident at a local business.

5:47 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a traffic accident at a local business.

7:26 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to Loogootee High School to check on an individual.

8:35 p.m. - Officer Sims assisted with a medical call on Ivy Lane.

11:31 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a domestic dispute.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:53 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a traffic accident at a local business.

6:18 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a report of a reckless driver. Everything checked clear.

9:38 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a medical call on Brooks Bridge Road.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

11:08 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a welfare check on Park Street.

11:25 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted with a funeral detail.

1:52 p.m. - Officer Seymour provided traffic control on Highway 231 North.

2:55 p.m. - Officer Seymour and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a traffic accident on Highway 50 and Pine Street.

11:52 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Dogwood Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:56 a.m. - Officer Seymour and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Oak Street.

10:13 a.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a traffic accident at a local business.

3:18 p.m. - Officer Seymour was dispatched to a hit-and-run.

4:37 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted with a broken-down vehicle on Highway 50/Highway 231.

9:00 p.m. - Officer Erwin and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Butcher Boulevard.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

3:51 a.m. - Chief Means, Officer Long and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at a local business.

4:42 a.m. - Officer Sims was dispatched to the area of Vincennes Street to remove a person from the property.

12:03 p.m. - Chief Means assisted with a funeral detail.

5:13 p.m. - Chief Means and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a traffic accident on Broadway Street.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:40 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department on East Washington Street.

8:47 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to assist the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a verbal argument on East Broadway Street.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:30 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of an unauthorized entry on North Line Street.

12:37 p.m. - Chief Means, Officer Sims and Reserve Captain Harmon assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a wanted vehicle.

3:13 p.m. - The Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call in Redwing Trailer Court.

5:59 p.m. - Officer Sims spoke with an individual regarding loitering outside a local business.

6:41 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a large fire near Park Street. Everything checked clear. Advised to call dispatch when doing large burns.

8:45 p.m. - Officer Sims responded to a 911 hang-up call. Everything checked clear.

9:44 p.m. - Officer Sims and the Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at Country Place Apartments.

## ARRESTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

1:23 a.m. - Gregory Machmer, 36, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment, operating a vehicle while intoxicated in presence of a minor, neglect of a dependent and resisting law enforcement. He is being held without bond.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

11:23 p.m. - James Raber, 30, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

2:08 p.m. - Jason Strong, 47, is being held on a Martin County hold after being released from Knox County. He is being held without bond.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

6:22 p.m. - Eric Jones, 55, of Loogootee, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with invasion of privacy. He is being held on \$20,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:11 a.m. - Peggy Stoll, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with criminal trespass.

1:35 p.m. - Tony Lee Boes, Jr., 41, of Salem, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Shown above are Chapter Historian Judy Treffinger (left) presenting Judy with her 50-year membership pin.

## Judy Kluesner honored as 50-year member of Tri Kappa

Judy Kluesner was honored for being a 50-year member of the Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa's at their recent 81st anniversary meeting. Judy is a past president of the chapter and is known affectionately as "The Nut Lady" due to her long-time involvement with the chapter's main fundraiser. She began serving on the pecan committee in 1981 and in 1992 she assumed the chair position which she held for 28 years. She now serves as the project co-chair so continues to be very involved. Over the years, under her leadership, the project has increased to offer a wide variety of nuts, not only pecans.

On November 29, 1941, members of the Washington Beta Zeta chapter conducted the installation ceremony for the Loogootee-Shoals Chapter with Leola Brooks elected as the chapter's first president. This year's anniversary meeting was unique as it was held on the same day as the installation 81 years ago. Chapter

Historian Judy Treffinger recognized 20 members with over 10 years of service and a special presentation was given to honor 50-year member Judy.

### ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**HEATHER is a female shepherd mix, around 1-2 years old. She is very sweet, high energy, needs a lot of playtime. An approved adoption application is required to set up an appointment. Adoption fee is \$50. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).**

**Loogootee School Board meeting**  
The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, December 15 at 5 p.m. in the high school media center. The meeting is open to the public.

**Mental Health Task Force**  
The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email [echrist-mas@youthfirst.org](mailto:echrist-mas@youthfirst.org) or [toddamy@iu.edu](mailto:toddamy@iu.edu).

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

**St. Vincent Food Pantry**  
The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 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.

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### Consumer alert: Products recalled in November

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers this holiday season of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in November. Consumers should take full advantage of the solutions available for those who purchased the recalled items.

"The holidays should be a time of togetherness, not a time to worry about defected products," Attorney General Rokita said. "Hoosiers need to know if purchased items are flawed or have the potential to hurt them or their families. That's why consumer protection is one of my office's top priorities. If you have difficulty finding a solution for your recalled product, call my office for help."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in November:

- Bolt Foldable Children's Scooters from Anker Play Products
- Tangame Busy Toy Houses from Tangame Toys
- Navy Blue Canvas Shoes from Clarks Americas
- Stashables Children's Ramp from BS Interactive
- MYX I, MYX II and MYX II Plus Exercise Bicycles from Myx
- RadWagon 4 Electric Cargo Bikes from Rad Power Bikes
- FUUL Lamp Oil Products from FHS

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**LUMC Food Pantry**  
The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Solid waste board**  
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon 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.

**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.

- Retail
- Black+Decker® Garment Steamers from Empower Brands
  - Tora Portable Power Charging Stations from Power Plus
  - AirWick Fresh Linen and Fresh Water Aerosol Air Fresheners from Reckitt
  - Generac Portable Generators from CPSC Reannouncements
  - Lighting Products from Hunter Fan
  - Single-to-Double Strollers from Mockingbird
  - Infant's Yellow Footed Fleece Pajamas from The William Carter Company
  - Children's Rainbow Stacking Toys from Professor Puzzle
  - MATRYX, AXYS and Pro-Ride Snowmobiles from Polaris Industries
  - Children's Clothing Sets from Bentex
  - Indigo Branded Bear Mugs from Indigo Books & Music
  - Toddler's Stainless Steel Bottles and Cups from Green Sprouts
- If you believe you purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice (all products linked above). Follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.
- To view recalls, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website at [www.cpsc.gov/Recalls](http://www.cpsc.gov/Recalls).

## FOR SALE BY OWNER

Spacious Home in Loogootee with 2,525 sq.ft on .48 acre city lot. The home features 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, a large formal dining/living room in addition to a large family room/dining area/kitchen with all appliances. Other features include a laundry room with washer and dryer, hardwood floors, tons of built-in storage, 1/2 basement finished, patio, carport, and landscaping. \$299,900 Call Stephanie McAtee, 812-295-6817.

## Community Christmas Dinner

Turkey, Ham and all the fixings  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
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## Letters to Santa!

November 22nd - December 23, Santa's Mailbox will be in front of Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals.  
Please feel free to let your child use this to mail their letters to Santa!

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Last week, we talked about pruning and using the cuttings for decorations for the holidays. This week, I would like to discuss some ways I use the cuttings here at Sandhill Gardens. It is important to remember that these cuttings will lose moisture and could become a fire hazard, so precautions are necessary.

Of course, the easy way to keep any greenery hydrated is to treat it the same way you would a bouquet of flowers—put it in a vase with water. I have done a lot of this recently, including making individual place settings for a Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners dinner. I wrapped soup cans with a nice foil Christmas paper and put some moist peat moss in the cans. I filled the cans about halfway with the peat. The peat will add a little weight to keep the arrangements from tipping and the moisture will keep the cuttings hydrated. If you are keeping such an arrangement inside for more than a couple of days, you will need to add some water to the peat moss about every day. I then began filling the cans. Since I was making 19 arrangements, I wanted to use different material, so that they would not all be the same. I had made some pretty extensive cuts on a leather-leaf viburnum that was creating a hazard when pulling out of the driveway, so I decided to use those olive-green, rough leaves as the base for the arrangements.

Nothing says “Christmas” like conifers, so I had cuttings from some spruce,

## Hunting seasons in December

- Deer Muzzleloader: December 3-18
- Wild Turkey Fall Archery: December 3, 2022-January 1, 2023
- Pheasant (Cock only): Closes December 15
- Dove: December 17, 2022-January 2, 2023
- Crow: December 13, 2022-March 1, 2023
- Snipe: Closes December 16
- Quail (north of Interstate 74): Closes December 15
- Quail (south of Interstate 74): Closes January 10, 2023
- Ducks (North Zone): Closes December 11, reopens December 26, 2022-January 3, 2023

cypress, false cypress and juniper. Most of those were darker green than the viburnums, but some were blue, and others were variegated with bright yellow. I picked about three springs of the evergreens for each bouquet. By this time, the cans were looking pretty full, but obviously needed some color. I found many ways to add color to the bouquets. The abelias have turned burgundy with flecks of yellow and orange. Some of the cans received a few stems of abelia. I did not take many cuts from the mahonia, but these deep wine-colored holly-like leaves were too pretty to pass up, so some of the arrangements got some mahonia stems. No Christmas arrangement would be complete without some holly. I have several types of holly, but the China blue hollies need to be trimmed and shaped, so the cuttings were plentiful. Every can got a few sprigs of holly, complete with some bright red berries. A little texture interest can come from bare stems. I took some cuttings from yellow and red-twig dogwoods, coral-bark maple and birch to add to some cans. A few cans got twisted cuttings from the contorted filberts and contorted mulberry.

The crowning finish to the arrangements came from the winterberry deciduous hollies. These shrubby native trees lose their leaves, leaving stems covered with berries. I have both red and peach-colored varieties. They are definitely covered with berries this year and a sprig or two of the winterberries add a focal point to each of the arrangements. One could add a ribbon, but I decided that would actually detract from the beauty of the berries.

All in all, I had spent a couple of dollars on a roll of wrapping paper. I had the peat moss on hand, but that would have been a minimal cost. The rest came straight from my garden. It took me a couple of hours to wrap the cans, harvest the cuttings and do the arranging, but it was well worth the efforts. Each of my fellow Master Gardeners were able to take an arrangement home. If they remember to water them, they should have this little decoration until the New Year. If they are lucky and keep the cans watered, some of the cuttings may take root and give them new plants to add to their own gardens.

## High input costs and rising interest rates top concerns as farmer sentiment remains unchanged

BY KAMI GOODWIN  
*Purdue University News Service*

Unlike the two most recent presidential elections, the November mid-term election outcomes did little to swing farmer sentiment. The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer came in at a reading of 102 in November, unchanged from October. There was however a slight movement in both of the barometer’s sub-indices. The Current Conditions Index declined 3 points to a reading of 98, while the Future Expectations Index increased 2 points to a reading of 104. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers’ responses to a telephone survey. This month’s survey was conducted after the U.S. mid-term elections November 14-18.

“Even though sentiment remained relatively unchanged in November, producers are continuing to look at their bottom line,” said James Mintert, the barometer’s principal investigator and director of Purdue University’s Center for Commercial Agriculture. “Rising interest rates combined with high input and energy costs are creating a lot of uncertainty at the farm level.”

The Farm Financial Performance Index improved modestly this month to 91, up 5 points from October, but it remains 14 percent below this same time period last year. While nearly one-third of producers continue to express concern that their farm’s financial performance this year will be worse than the prior year, just over two-thirds of producers expect their farm’s 2022 financial performance to be equal to or exceed 2021’s. Still, high input costs continue to weigh on producers’ minds with 42 percent of respondents in this month’s survey citing that as their top concern in the year ahead. Just over one-fifth (21 percent) of respondents chose rising interest rates, while 14 percent cited input availability and declining commodity prices as a top concern.

## Online curriculum provides life-saving training to young farm workers

BY ASHVINI MALSHE  
*Purdue University News Service*

Young farm workers are more susceptible to harm, says Roger Tormoehlen, a professor of agricultural and biological engineering at Purdue University. For over two decades, he and his colleague, William Field, also a professor of agricultural and biological engineering, have addressed this vital issue with their Gearing Up for Safety curriculum.

Completely accessible online and free to download, the comprehensive safety and health training program targets young and beginning agricultural workers ages 12-20. It has recently been expanded with funding from the USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

The program seeks to enhance the quality of life for farm families and those working in agriculture by reducing farm injuries and occupational health risks.

To bridge the equity gap for those who may not have internet access, Tormoehlen and Field have distributed the program in flash drive format to all 3,300 Extension offices and 10,000 agricultural science teachers in the U.S. The mailing campaign garnered positive feedback, and Tormoehlen and Field also travel the country to present their curriculum to ag-

The Farm Capital Investment Index dropped back to its record low of 31 in November, erasing gains from the previous month. Nearly 80 percent of respondents indicated now is a “bad time” to make large investments in farm machinery, and of those, 47 percent chose “rising prices of farm machinery and new construction” as the primary reason. By comparison, only 10 percent of respondents felt now is a “good time” to make large investments.

Given the sharp rise in energy prices that’s taken place this year, this month’s survey asked producers how they’ve responded to the cost increase. Just over one-fourth (27 percent) of this month’s respondents indicated they’ve made changes in their operation because of rising prices for energy. Of those who indicated they made changes, 33 percent indicated they reduced tillage, 24 percent reduced nitrogen rates and/or changed application timing, 11 percent increased their use of no-till, and 8 percent said they reduced crop drying.

Farmland auction results in the Corn Belt continue to set new record highs, yet producers show signs of becoming less bullish on farmland values. The Short-Term Farmland Value Expectation Index declined 4 points to a reading of 129, and the Long-Term Farmland Value Expectation Index remained unchanged at 144. Both indices are well below the highs established in fall 2021. When asked to look ahead one year, 12 percent of respondents this month said they expect values to decline compared to just 4 percent who felt that way a year ago. Among producers who expect farmland values to rise over the next 5 years, over half (52 percent) chose nonfarm investor demand as the primary reason for their optimism.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

ricultural science educators.

They hope that all these efforts can provide better preparation for those susceptible to harm while farming while also increasing awareness about agriculture and improving agricultural literacy.

Optimized for remote delivery, home school or independent study, the Gearing Up for Safety program contains 20 lessons, with additional units in development, and 30 professionally produced videos featuring instructors from across the country teaching individual units.

Each lesson includes high-quality PowerPoint presentations with extensive instructor notes, student activity sheets, suggested teaching aids, relevant case studies and evaluation materials. Lessons are aligned with Agricultural, Food & Natural Resource (AFNR) Career Cluster content standards, along with numerous state educational standards.

Tormoehlen says of young farm workers, “They’re excited and want to be involved but may not have the knowledge to be safe. The curriculum really gives them the resources to develop better safety practices.”

The entire Gearing Up for Safety curriculum, including all supporting materials, is available for free download at [www.gearingup.info](http://www.gearingup.info).





## Friends of Waggoner Chapel meeting

Overlooking the Lost River, along Windom Road, stands Waggoner Chapel. It was originally built in 1862 by landowner, carpenter and millwright George Waggoner. The chapel's construction followed the creation of the cemetery, whose first burial was said to have been George Waggoner's young daughter.

Waggoner Chapel was rebuilt around 1932 by local builders and volunteers. The family names mentioned in a journal from that time, involved in the reconstruction, include Abel, Lee, Tredway,

and Waggoner.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, at 6 p.m., in the Shoals Public Library lower level. The purpose of the meeting is to establish a Friends of Waggoner Chapel group. The preservation of this local historic church will be a goal of the Friends of Waggoner Chapel.

This effort is being initiated by Mary Lou Billings and Larry Sherfick, lifelong Shoals community residents, and great-great grandchildren of George Waggoner.

## Dairy Margin Coverage deadline extended

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended the deadline for producers to enroll in Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental Dairy Margin Coverage (SDMC) for program year 2023 to January 31, 2023.

DMC is a voluntary risk management program that offers protection to dairy producers when the difference between the all-milk price and the average feed price (the margin) falls below a certain dollar amount selected by the producer.

"We recognize this is a busy time of year with many competing priorities, so we've extended the DMC enrollment deadline to ensure every producer who wants coverage for 2023 has the opportunity to enroll in the program," said Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Early projections indicate DMC payments are likely to trigger for the first eight months in 2023. We all know that markets fluctuate, sometimes at a moment's notice and sometimes with no warning at all, so now's the time to ensure your operation is covered. Please don't let this second chance slide."

Nearly 18,000 operations that enrolled in DMC for 2022 have received margin

payments for August and September for a total of \$76.3 million. At \$0.15 per hundredweight for \$9.50 coverage, risk coverage through DMC is a relatively inexpensive investment.

DMC offers different levels of coverage, even an option that is free to producers, aside from a \$100 administrative fee. Limited resource, beginning, socially disadvantaged, and military veteran farmers and ranchers are exempt from paying the administrative fee, if requested. To determine the appropriate level of DMC coverage for a specific dairy operation, producers can use the online dairy decision tool.

Supplemental DMC

Last year, USDA introduced Supplemental DMC, which provided \$42.8 million in payments to better help small- and mid-sized dairy operations that had increased production over the years but were not able to enroll the additional production. Supplemental DMC is also available for 2023. The enrollment period for 2023 Supplemental DMC is also extended to January 31, 2023.

Supplemental DMC coverage is applicable to calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023. Eligible dairy operations with less than 5 million pounds of established production history may enroll supplemental pounds.

For producers who enrolled in Supplemental DMC in 2022, the supplemental coverage will automatically be added to the 2023 DMC contract that previously established a supplemental production history.

Producers who did not enroll in Supplemental DMC in 2022 can do so now. Producers should complete their Supplemental DMC enrollment before enrolling in 2023 DMC. To enroll, producers will need to provide their 2019 actual milk marketings, which FSA uses to determine established production history.

DMC Payments

FSA will continue to calculate DMC payments using updated feed and premium hay costs, making the program more reflective of actual dairy producer expenses. These updated feed calculations use 100% premium alfalfa hay rather than 50%.

For more information on DMC, visit the DMC webpage or contact your local USDA Service Center.

### Monroe Lake hosts annual First Day Trail Run

Monroe Lake will host its 10<sup>th</sup> annual First Day Trail Run and Walk at Fairfax State Recreation Area on Sunday, January 1 at 3:30 p.m.

This noncompetitive event has three distances, 3.7, 2.9, or 1.3 miles, through fields and forested areas. Participants are encouraged to tap the bell and ring in the new year as they cross the finish line.

Advance registration is available through December 30 at [bit.ly/firstdayrun2023](https://bit.ly/firstdayrun2023) for \$15 per person. The first 300 advance registrants will receive an embroidered collectible event patch.

Same-day registration will be \$20 per person (cash or check only) from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m.

All registrations include a post-event food station with soup, grilled cheese sandwiches, hot cocoa, and a wide variety of snacks. There will also be free event photos to download. Everyone also receives a ticket for the prize drawing, which includes race entries from Indiana Trail Running, Indiana State Parks annual entrance permits, and a guided kayak trip for up to eight people with kayaks included.

The event is co-sponsored this year by the Indiana Trail Running Association. Proceeds support public events, programs, and interpretation at Monroe Lake.

For more information contact the Paynetown Activity Center at Monroe Lake at 812-837-9967 or email Jill Vance at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

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**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 (812) 247-3726. Resumes may be sent to [mbeaver@martincounty.in.gov](mailto:mbeaver@martincounty.in.gov).**





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## Making A Difference

By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Director



Pictured left to right is MCCF President Paula Ringwald presenting a \$3,671 grant to Grocery Getter Nation President Kyla Quick and Director Jammie Quick as MCCF Director Curt Johnson looks on.

### MANY FORMS OF HELP

Help is available around our county in many ways. And that help comes in many forms. The MCCF recently provided a \$3,671 grant to Grocery Getter Nation from the Carter Lee Kerns Memorial Fund. This fund is a donor-advised fund (one of five types of funds held at the MCCF) founded by Ed and Alyssa Kerns.

The below is used with permission from a Grocery Getter Nation Facebook post. They talk about some history and why this organization is important to them. Our many thanks for the work that they do!

### GROCERY GETTER NATION

The Director of Grocery Getter Na-

tion, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is Jammie Quick. He knows first-hand the struggles that come along with financial hardship. Although family finances were not discussed years ago, it was apparent as a young child that there wasn't enough money to go around. As a youngster, Jammie remembers the family station wagon, or "grocery getter," as the focal point of many family memories in both good times and bad, especially when money was tight. The memories of being unable to pay for necessities like school lunches can last a lifetime, which lead to Jammie's desire to make a difference.

### HARDSHIPS ARE FELT

Times have changed for Jammie. However, the inability to consistently pay for school lunch still exists for many families. It is often thought to affect only those with low income, but with the ever-changing family dynamics, more families are facing money pressures and are falling on hard times. What was once considered a 'traditional' family is less common, as modern families are more fragmented and diverse, which can cause instability and stress. Those who struggle financially often prefer to struggle quietly. So many families who could qualify for free and reduced lunches, do not apply. Instead of taking the offer of a free or reduced lunch, parents are turning to pre-packaged lunches and processed foods in a lunch box.

### FINDING A WAY

Jammie is an active member of the drag racing and hot rod communities and has a love for "grocery getters." Being from a small town and seeing how family circumstances can affect a child's future, he saw the need to help. He knew that as a member of these communities, he had an avenue to provide that help.

### HELPING THE KIDS

Jammie believes that regardless of circumstances, no child should feel the burden of their household finances. The stigma that goes along with a negative lunch balance, not having the ability to purchase à la carte items, or receiving a different meal at lunch, can follow a child for years. By paying off overdue lunch balances and potentially offsetting the cost of school lunch, Grocery Getter Nation intends to eliminate that stigma and help maintain a balance in the kids' lives that they may not have otherwise.

### -- MORE INFORMATION --

Visit the Grocery Getter Nation's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/grocerygetternation](http://www.facebook.com/grocerygetternation) or their website at [ggnation.org](http://ggnation.org) to learn more and see how you can help. And if you want to learn about some other options that could fit your charitable giving plans, contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org), 812-295-1022, or at 2668 US Hwy 50 (on the Martin County fairgrounds), PO Box 28, Loogootee IN 47553.

You are also welcome to visit the MCCF webpage at [www.cfpartner.org](http://www.cfpartner.org) and follow the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mccommunityfoundation).

## BOARD

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He said Loogootee then didn't finish the ditch work associated with the big drainage project which in turn caused water to pool on both properties.

Attorney Lett said this is where the surveyor is going to have to look at the property and provide information to the board.

Smith said he has been told by the city that they added this area of Green Acres to a grant application to do stormwater improvements and if awarded, it will take care of the water problem. Smith also said the Loogootee Utilities Superintendent Bo Wilson told him they needed to add a lift station to that area of the city to pull away the stormwater drainage. The board then agreed that if Smith was told this, Loogootee is admitting they are responsible for the problem.

Tinkle said he petitioned for removal of the blockage based on what he was advised to do after court proceedings. He said it was discussed in court that when Smith brought in 12 loads of dirt, rock and grass to put in the area, this is when the water issue began. He told the board he has all this information in court documents that he would be happy to provide it to them. He gave the board photos of property. He said a lift station has never been

## Attorney General announces \$219 million for Indiana in tentative national settlements with CVS and Walgreens

Attorney General Todd Rokita has finalized tentative agreements with CVS and Walgreens that will bring \$219 million to Indiana to settle allegations against the two pharmacies that they contributed to the opioid crisis through their conduct in the distribution and dispensing of prescription drugs. When a recent tentative settlement with Walmart is added, Indiana's total tentative recovery from the three pharmacies exceeds \$278 million.

Indiana is tentatively set to receive \$105 million from CVS, \$114 million from Walgreens and \$59.4 million from Walmart.

"The opioid crisis has inflicted unspeakable pain on so many Hoosier families," Attorney General Rokita said. "Far too often, pharmacies have contributed to this devastation through their own reckless business practices, and we're going to keep holding them accountable."

The tentative agreements with Indiana are part of a tentative national multistate settlement with the two companies. Last month, Attorney General Rokita announced that Indiana expects to receive \$59.4 million as part of a tentative multistate settlement with Walmart to resolve allegations that it, too, contributed to the opioid addiction crisis by failing to appropriately oversee the distribution and dispensing of opioids at its stores.

In addition to the financial settlement, CVS and Walgreens — along with Walmart earlier — have agreed to court-ordered injunctive relief that requires the pharmacies to monitor, report and share data about suspicious activity related to opioid prescriptions. This court-ordered injunctive relief will help ensure a crisis like this does not happen again.

Settlement funds are intended to be used to remediate the opioid crisis by supporting such priorities as prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services.

The payments are structured to ensure critical support in early years as well as sustained resources over time. Most of Walmart's amount will be paid during the first year; CVS's payments will be spread over 10 years; Walgreens' payments will be spread over 15 years. If there is sufficient sign-on, payments will begin during the second half of 2023.

mentioned to him or discussed at all.

Smith and Tinkle went back and forth to the board about who caused the flooding issues.

Board Member Cody Roush said they are just going to have to make a decision because at this point they are "beating a dead horse."

The board asked Attorney Lett to approach the Loogootee Board of Public Works and Safety and also request the county surveyor investigate the problem.

The drainage board will meet again on January 10 after the regular commissioners' meeting.

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