

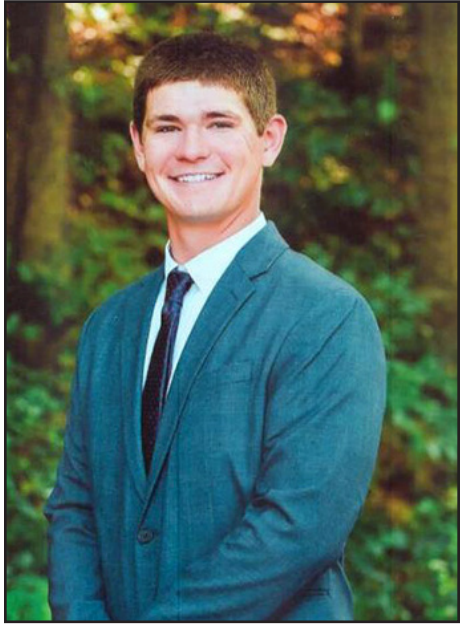
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Dalton Roush chosen as this year's Lilly Scholar

Dalton Roush, son of January Roush and the late Danny Roush, has been named the Martin County Community Foundation's 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar. Dalton will receive a full tuition scholarship to a four-year accredited public or private nonprofit college or university in Indiana, with an annual \$900 stipend for required books.

Dalton, a senior at Shoals High School, has not yet determined the university, but this scholarship will open up many possibilities for him. He plans to major in business management.

Dalton spoke of his selection as the 2020 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar by saying, "It is a true blessing to be the 2020 Lilly Scholar. It is not only a blessing to myself, but to my family. It is amazing to see that a new student in Martin County is chosen each year – they are given a chance to do something tremendous. I would like to send out a thank you to my community, my school, my teachers, my friends and especially, my family. Without their

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Republicans to hold do-over caucus

Due to the Martin County Republican Party not following state code for the caucus held last week to fill the seat of outgoing commissioner Dan Gregory, a new caucus has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 23 at 6 p.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse. The party was required to mail out letters to all Republican precinct committee members, 10 days prior to the caucus, which was not done. Aaron Summers was chosen at the last caucus after Republican Chairman Earl Boyd, Jr. cast the tie breaking vote. That vote has now been voided.

Anyone interested in filling the upcoming vacancy on the commissioners, can pick up paperwork at KRB in Shoals or call Republican Chairman Earl Boyd, Jr. at 812-247-3115. Interested persons must live in Perry Township, Rutherford Township or Crane. Gregory will be leaving as commissioner on December 31, 2019. The new position will take over on January 1, 2020. The seat will be up for election next year.

Commissioners again discuss county sanitation

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Chan Cornett went back to the Martin County Commissioners on Tuesday night, December 17, to see if they had come to any conclusions about what to do about enforcing the county's sanitation ordinance. Cornett said he recently started a facebook page called Clean Martin County, to get feedback from other citizens about the trash covered properties in the county. He said the page quickly got hundreds of visitors and many expressed their concern with junk all over the county, but they were also concerned with hiring another position to serve as sanitation office, who would enforce the ordinance.

Commissioner Dan Gregory said the sanitation officer position was tried about 14 years ago and wasn't successful. He

said he is in favor of enforcing the ordinance however questions remain about whether the county council would fund the position, if it would be part-time or full-time, what the job description would be and what the qualifications of the job would be. Gregory said that since he is retiring from the commissioners at the end of the year, he is not sure what position his replacement will take. He also noted that he would hate to do this "halfway" to where the position would not be successful.

Cornett agreed that he doesn't want the job done halfway and one suggestion he had was to provide an outlet for county residents to report complaints about offending properties. He suggested having an email address that could be received at the county level and then forwarded to the appropriate officials to check out each

situation.

Gregory said his concern is not having one person to be the response to such calls. He compared it to the animal control officer position saying that before an animal control officer was hired, complaints about animals would be routed to all different law enforcement officers and elected officials. Now, the buck stops with the animal control officer. Gregory said this needs to be the same way with the sanitation officer position.

Cornett said that the Shoals Town Council recently responded to a violation of their sanitation ordinance by writing a letter to the property owner. He said that this worked, and the property is being cleaned up. He recommended that the commissioners try this approach as well. "We either have a county or we don't. We either (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

Shoals Town Council discusses ordinances, violations

The Shoals Town Council met Wednesday December 4. Those in attendance were Council President Cecil Ragsdale, Council Vice President Cary D. Albright, Member Clint Hoffman, Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Marshal Todd Eckert, SVFD Chief Jim Hamby, SVFD Assistant Chief Jeffrey Dorsey, Town Attorney Paul Vogler and Municipal Utilities Manager Kevin Crecelius. Others in attendance were Kevin Boyd, Loretta Holt, Martin County Auditor Bobbie Abel and Tim Kinder with Martin County Alliance.

Resident Loretta Holt had a question concerning the new mobile home ordinance as she was considering buying a lot in town that previously had a house located on it. Holt stated she would put a mobile home on the lot if she purchased it. Council Member Ragsdale stated that the council had previously turned down one request already to place a mobile home on that specific lot and that the de-

cision would remain the same.

Kevin Boyd stated he had received his ordinance 83-4 violation letters from Marshal Eckert as discussed in the last council meeting. Boyd stated he wanted clarification from the board of their expectations. Town Attorney Vogler stated that the ordinance is in violation. After some discussion the board agreed to give Mr. Boyd until March 1, 2020 to get the property presentable. At this date, the board will revisit the ordinance compliance.

Town Marshal Eckert provided the board with updates on several properties that he has given ordinance 83-4 violation letters to.

Next on the agenda was the roadway to the county highway storage garage. President Ragsdale stated the water is coming off of the roadway going up to the storage garage and damaging the road below and the board is considering closing the 7th Street entrance. After

Shoals School Board holds their last regular meeting of the year

The Shoals School Board met last Thursday, December 12. Board Members in attendance were Drexel Turpin, Eva George, Jenell Hoffman, Samantha Boyd, and Jerry Braun. Staff in attendance were Dr. Candace Roush, Amanda Heckard, and Kindra Hovis. Patrons in attendance were Elle Neeley.

The board approved the following personnel actions:

Cindi Haulk as girls' basketball volunteer

Jennifer Wadsworth as a special purpose bus driver

An FMLA request was submitted by Ann Stewart starting December 30, 2019. The board approved.

The special purpose school driver/classroom aide was presented for the first reading with no vote.

The board approved a cheer clinic to be held February 14 and a dance clinic on January 17.

The board approved the varsity girls' basketball team to travel to IU on December 15 to watch a game

Cynthia McNabb and 4th-grade students requested to raise money for the

Indianapolis Zoo Animal Amigos Program. The students will have a booth at the learning fair and will be accepting donations. All donations will go to the Indianapolis Zoo. The board approved.

The senior sponsors requested putting together a senior trip. The destination is not set in stone, but class is looking at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee and following a similar agenda to the class of 2019. The board approved.

Superintendent Roush requested to sell outdated teacher laptops. As the school starts to replace outdated teacher laptops, the superintendent recommended the school allow a teacher to purchase their old laptops to keep for personal use. If they do not want it, it could be opened up to another staff member. The board approved.

Superintendent Roush requested to renew the school's membership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. The board approved.

High School Principal Kindra Hovis started with a warm welcome to the Jug Rox babies, Rex Hoffman and Ella (See 'SCHOOL' on page two)

some discussion between the board and Martin County Commissioner Kevin Boyd, the issue will be revisited at the next board meeting.

An update was provided on the town-owned dump truck. A quote had been received on repairing the bed. Council Member Ragsdale requested that the dump truck be taken to Meyer Equipment to get a quote on a total bed replacement along with hydraulic replacement (See 'ORDINANCES' on page two)



Loogootee Revival Center Church, located on Wood Street, will be having a Christmas/Communion Service on Sunday, December 22 at 10 a.m. with breakfast served from 9:15-10 a.m. There will also be a Prayer & Anointing Service on Sunday, December 29 at 10 a.m.

Redemption Christian Church, located at 1 Loogootee Plaza, will hold their Christmas service on Sunday, December 22 at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Hindostan United Methodist Church, on Highway 550, Shoals, will be having silent prayer and communion from 7 to 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Shoals United Methodist Church, located at 502 Main Street in Shoals, will hold Christmas Eve service from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Loogootee United Methodist Church, at 208 Main Street, Loogootee, will be having Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m.

Shoals Christian Church, located 601 Main Street in Shoals, will hold "A Charlie Brown Christmas" on Sunday, December 22 at 9 a.m. and candlelight service on December 24 at 6 p.m.

New Beginnings Community Church, on the square in Loogootee, will have Christmas candlelight service at 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve and a children Christmas program is Sunday, December 22 at 10:30 a.m.



“Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known. Improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

-- PRECIOUS TIME --

Ralph Waldo Emerson was an American poet and philosopher from the 1800's who is particularly known for his essays and leading a change in the literature of that time. The essence of this quote is about time and how precious it is. “Precious time” was a big topic in the 1800's and it still is today.

-- ALWAYS --

Today we hear those words and thoughts in numerous poems and songs. In fact, the words “precious time” can be found in 3,779 songs by 90+ artists (I looked that up because I couldn't remember the song I heard on the radio with those words). I even flipped through a sci-fi movie once whose premise was that time is the most precious commodity above all others. Whether it was 150 years ago, in that latest song (that you can't remember the name of), or in the future from a sci-fi movie, time is always precious.

-- UNCUT TO GEMS --

So how do you take your spare moments, that precious time, and turn them into something useful? From uncut diamonds to those gems that brighten life? Your priorities will define what you improve upon and your plans are what will get you there. Check out some of my previous columns for more

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continued support and encouragement, I would not be the person I am today. I would also like to give a special thank you to the Martin County Community Foundation and the Lilly Endowment for giving me an opportunity of a lifetime. Thank you to all and everyone who has been with me every step of the way. It is truly an honor to be the 2020 Lilly Endowment Scholar.”

Twenty-four students applied for this scholarship. The selection committee, made up of volunteer community residents, narrowed the field to the final seven. All seven finalists completed an impromptu essay and were interviewed by the selection committee. In addition to Dalton, the finalists from Shoals High School included Jocelyn Davis, Zetta Gore, and Lindsey Robinson. Hannah Bailey, Ariana Gomez, and Sarah Wagler represented the Loo-gootee High School finalists. One nom-

inee and two alternates were submitted

to the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) for their final selection of the recipient. ICI is a non-profit corporation that represents 30 regionally accredited degree granting, non-profit, private colleges and universities in the state.

The primary purposes of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program are:

1) to help raise the level of education attainment in Indiana;

2) to increase awareness of the beneficial roles Indiana community foundations can play in their communities; and

3) to encourage and support the efforts of the 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.

Make that difference.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

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

You are also welcome to visit our webpage at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](https://twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

ORDINANCES

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ment for comparison.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented a license renewal agreement for Keystone software in the amount of \$3,830 which is the system used for utility billing and payroll. Council Member Cary Albright made a motion to do the renewal with Council Member Clint Hoffman making the second. All were in favor. Rutledge stated the 2020 SIDC board appointment needed to be made and that currently Dick Cresgy was the appointee. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to appoint Dick Cresgy again for the 2020 year with Council Member Albright making the second. All were in favor.

Rutledge state the board needed to set the date for the year-end meeting. The meeting was scheduled for 5 p.m. on Monday, December 30.

Rutledge stated the beautification board would be meeting on January 6. Beautification Board President Amber Hoffman would like approval to purchase flower boxes from the Community Foundation grant money received. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the purchase with Council Member Albright making the second.

Rutledge then presented two meter deposit apply and returns for A. Gerkin and A. Wright. Councilman Hoffman made a motion to approve with Councilman Albright making the second. All were in favor.

Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby stated that six new pairs of gloves needed to be purchased along with one set of turnout gear. Councilman Albright made a motion to purchase the gloved and turnout gear with Councilman Albright making the second. Hamby stated a pump went out on brush truck #2 but another pump was available in storage. Chief Ham-

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Gibson and patiently awaiting Brooks Hert's arrival. Something new after Thanksgiving break that is in effect to reduce hallway traffic in between classes will be hall passes. The 15 days of Christmas are still underway, staff have enjoyed dressing up. Next week students will get to join in on the fun for a chance to win a daily prize. A spring 5K planning is underway to showcase the walking trail that is being constructed by Mr. Kent's construction classes. The second round of NWEA has been completed. Mr. Holt and Mr. Gee's freshmen and sophomores scored exceptionally high and showed growth in the areas of math and reading compared to the overall national growth percentile. Final exams will be on Thursday and Friday of next week. The following are upcoming events: FTC Robotics at Jasper 12/12, Angel Tree Wrapping 12/13, Beta Club Cocoa & Canvas 12/16, Hog Roast hosted by the Ag classes 12/18 at noon, Homecoming 12/21, and Winter Break 12/23- 1/3. Merry Christmas to Everyone!

Superintendent Roush reported that the 2020-2021 school calendar was being developed and will be brought to the January board meeting. She wished the elementary robotics team good luck at their state competition on Saturday. She gave the board an update on the ROI grant process with Mitchell and Orleans. The three schools will have a joint board meeting to talk about the grant opportunities in mid-January and ROI has also reached out to look at possibly putting innovation labs in the three COSMOS schools. They will be visiting the school in January to view the lab's location. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded the board that reorganization happens at the January board meeting.

by also noted that the annual dinner for the volunteer firefighters would be on December 21 at 4 p.m. Councilman Albright made a motion to pay \$350 to cover the cost of the food for the dinner. Councilman Hoffman made a second. All were in favor.

Tim Kinder, with Martin County Alliance, provided a retail leakage report to the board for Shoals. Kinder stated the report would be useful to anyone interested in starting a new business. Kinder provided copies to be available at the town hall.

COMMISSIONERS

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have laws or we don't," said Cornett. He asked the commissioners if they were opposed to making Martin County cleaner. Commissioners Gregory and George both said they are not opposed to this.

The commissioners thanked Cornett for the information and Commissioner Gregory said he will be leaving at the end of the year but hopes the commissioners continue to come up with a solution.

Matt Stuckly, with Core Facilities, along with the sheriff and jail commander, provided information to the commissioners about coming up with a maintenance program for the jail. Stuckly explained the point of a program to help better facilitate the many components of the jail, such as the fire system, doors, HVAC system, etc. Core Facilities can put together a written plan to describe each system and what is needed for maintenance, to keep the jail more in compliance with code and keep equipment from getting to the failure point. The cost of the written plan would be \$4,000.

The jail commander talked about how hard it is to research different jail systems when they have a problem, taking away time from more important duties. The sheriff said by having the plan, he could hire someone to do the repairs and/or maintenance, hand them the book containing the plan, and eliminate all the extra work involved. Core Facilities would also serve as a consultant to help analyze if vendors' suggestions are indeed needed or a sales tactic.

The commissioners agreed to go forward with hiring Core Facilities however since it's the end of the year, the auditor is not sure how much is still available in the funds. The commissioners recommended that the sheriff return to their next meeting.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett told the commissioners that Frontier Communications still wants \$1,000 from damage they said the county workers caused to their phone lines on Brooks Bridge Road in August of 2018. Padgett said they have tried to explain that the highway workers were not in that area at that time, but Frontier is not letting it go. Commissioner Gregory said he doesn't want to pay it and would prefer to fight. The latest letter from Frontier was turned over to the county attorney.

The commissioners approved the highway department to purchase a tire changer for \$4,500. Superintendent Padgett explained that they will use money left over in their truck and tractor repair fund.

Padgett also reported that one of their trucks was in a rollover accident on Tuesday morning. The driver is okay and will be kept in the hospital overnight. The driver received several stitches and staples.

The commissioners approved the auditor's office to purchase a new copy machine from Hoosier Business Machines for \$4,079.

The commissioners approved Kenneth Fuhrman, Lois Brett and Larry Fellers to serve on the PTABOA (Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals) at the recommendation of the assessor.

Obituaries

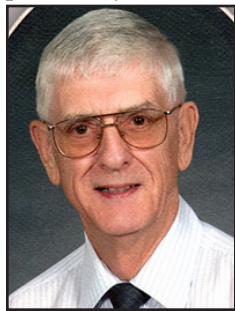
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THOMAS STRANGE

Thomas Francis Strange passed away peacefully on Wednesday December 12, 2019 at Loogootee Nursing Center with his family and the Very Rev J. Kenneth Walker at his side. A resident of Loogootee, he was 82.



He was born March 20, 1937 in Loogootee; son of the late Timothy Joseph Sr. and Francis (Ford) Strange.

Tom graduated from St John's Catholic High School in 1955. He joined the United States Air Force in 1955 and served in Germany. He married Virginia Sue (Gootee) Strange in 1971 and she preceded him in death on January 28, 2015. Tom retired from Crane in 1994 where he was a supervisor to care for Sue after a car crash that left her incapacitated for many years.

He was a devoted husband, and an avid learner and enjoyed taking random college courses such as auto mechanics, statistics, and history. Tom was a contributor to the local paper. He was a 4th degree knight in the Knights of Columbus Loogootee Council #732. Tom was well known for building a replica of Downtown Loogootee made to scale of 1953. It was featured at the State Capital and several businesses.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Timothy Sr. and Francis Strange; his wife, Virginia Sue Gootee Strange; his step-daughter, Terri Sullivan Calloway; his brothers, Timothy Strange Jr., David Strange, Michael Strange, and his brother and sisters-in-law, Jim Norris, Jim Love Sr., Fred Doyle, and Jean Doyle Strange.

He is survived by his siblings, Karen Norris, Joan (Leo) Haag, Katherine Love, Francis Doyle, and Ed Strange; his brother and sisters-in-law, Alice Strange, Frank (Nancy) Gootee, and Julie (Rick) Turner and more than 20 nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Saturday December 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial and military rights followed in the St John's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Community Foundation for the Terri Sullivan Calloway - Nursing Scholarship, St. Vincent De Paul in Loogootee, or St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

JOHN ZINS

John J. Zins passed away Friday, December 13, 2019 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 85.

He was born February 7, 1934 in Indianapolis; son of the late Lorene Zins.

John loved to work. It was his favorite thing to do. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He was a United States Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his foster parents, John and Elizabeth Matthews.

He is survived by his sons, John L. (Carolyn) Zins of Otwell, Joseph L. Zins of Loogootee, Martin A. (Angie) Zins of Loogootee and Stephen P.

(Alicia) Zins of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Brad Zins, Becca (Rahiem) Penn, Shelby, Peyton and Dylan Zins; great-grandchildren, Reagan and Roman Penn. Also surviving, Irene Zins.

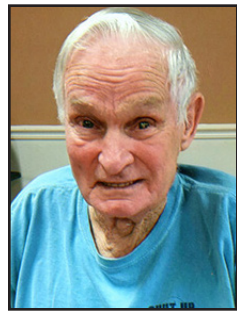
A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker this morning, Wednesday, December 18 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. Mary Cemetery - Barr Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Barth Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 419264, Boston, MA 02241-9264.

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

JACKIE FIELDS

Jackie E. Fields passed away at 5:29 p.m. Saturday, December 14, 2019



at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 83.

He was born February 12, 1936 in Loogootee; son of the late Charles Eugene and Goldie May (Dillon) Fields.

Jackie began his career as a custodian at the age of 18. He retired from Loogootee West Elementary after 42 years of faithful employment. In Jackie's spare time he loved to fish and was known for being quite the prankster.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Joyce Marie Fields and second wife, Helen JoAnn Fields; daughter, Terri Lee Fields; son, Buddy Eugene Fields; parents, Charles and Goldie May Fields; and siblings, Buddy Fields, LaRosa Fields and Laura Fields.

He is survived by his son, Tom (Teresa) Fields of Temple Terrace, Florida; grandchildren, Dustin (Sarah) Greene, Deanna Greene, Jerad Fields and Carrissa (Jared Dowdell) Fields; seven great-grandchildren; and siblings, Charles Fields, Carl (Betty) Fields and Delbert Fields.

Funeral services will be conducted at noon Thursday, December 19 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Scotland Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 19 from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

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

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

CLARA GRAFTON

Clara B. Grafton passed from this life at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 93.

She was born July 26, 1926 in Greene County; daughter of the late John and Mabel (Royal) Hostetter. She married Dale L. Grafton on March 2, 1947 in Elnora.

Clara was a past member of the Shoals Eastern Star #368 and a 50-year member of the Martin County Extension Homemakers. She was previously employed at Perfect Fit in Loogootee, Indiana for over 35 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale L. Grafton; daughter, Sue Ann Garner; one great-granddaughter,

Amanda Grafton; her parents, John and Mabel Hostetter; two sisters and seven brothers.

She is survived by her son, Roy Dale (Beth Ann) Grafton of Loogootee; daughter, Carol Jane (Tim) Hastings of Elnora; son-in-law, Roy E. Garner of Ladson, South Carolina; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one sister and one brother.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 16 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in the Goodwill Cemetery.

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

ANNA BRADLEY

Anna Louise "Dude" Bradley passed away surrounded by her family at 10:33 a.m. Thursday, December 12, 2019 at Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 91.

She was born December 3, 1928 in Washington, daughter of the late Lewis and Mabel (Downey) Summers.

Louise graduated from St. John Catholic High School in 1946. She married Ernest J. Bradley on September 16, 1950.

She enjoyed crocheting, cooking and baking. She was a past volunteer at the local nursing homes and loved to visit with the residents. Louise's passion in life was helping and taking care of others. She was a member of a weekly prayer group and would often be contacted by people around the coun-

Chamber holds monthly meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met November 20 at China Wok in Loogootee. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Hollie's Eats & Treats-Theresa Abney, The Candy Mill-Carolyn Parsons-Downey, Old National Bank of Shoals and Loogootee-Sherry Wade and Mindy Henriksen, WorkOne Region 8-Mike Boulanger, Daviess-Martin REMC-Mike Arvin and Blake Kleaving, DC Broadcasting-Stewart Campbell and Bill Potter, Hoosier Uplands-Deb Terry, Terri Kelso Insurance-Cindy Nicholson, SOAR-Karen Whorrall and Middleway House-Heidi Weaver and Emily Journey.

The treasurer's report was given by Sherry Wade who reported that nothing special is going on at this time. The golf scramble is wrapped up and they are waiting on the Shop & Taste to finish up. They have a couple of people still to pay. Karen Whorrall made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Theresa Abney. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The secretary's report was given by Carolyn Parsons-Downey. The minutes were sent out via email two weeks ago and no one responded with any changes. Karen Whorrall made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Sherry Wade. All were in favor and the motion passed.

WBDC Broadcasting General Manager Bill Potter gave the program for the meeting. The company also has WRZR, WJTS 18 TV, WORK. They carry Shoals, Loogootee and Barr-reeve's basketball games along with North Daviess football games. They offer public service announcements and cover the area local news. Bill shared a lot of information about their company and what they have to offer. The Chamber annual dinner will



try asking her for prayer. Louise was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and the Daughters of Isabella. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest J. Bradley, who passed away April 21, 2015; parents, Lewis and Mabel Summers; and siblings, Charles (Viola) Summers, Doris (Ed) Traylor, Margaret (Bob) Cantrall, Jimmy Summers, and Jodie Summers.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan (Steve) Dequeant of Arlington, Texas; Cynthia (Jim) Wilmes of Jasper and Karen (Seth) Burris of Bedford; sons, Randy (Marsha) Bradley of Hanover, Pennsylvania; Allan (Marjorie) Bradley of Loogootee and Doug (Becky) Bradley of Loogootee; grandchildren, Beth Bradley and Geoff (Sarah) Bradley, Alyssa Dequeant, Caroline (Christian) Wilson and Catherine Wilmes; and great-grandchildren, Grace Bradley and Zara Wilson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Tuesday, December 17 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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

be March 17, 2020. This will be the Chambers' first fundraiser for 2020.

December will be the election of officers for 2020. New officers will take over following the Chamber Dinner. If you wish to run for a position, please contact the office.

Cindy Nicholson, with Terri Kelso Insurance reported they are hosting a Holiday Open House, on December 6.

Deb Terry, with Head Start, reported that on December 19 they will have their Cops & Kid's, shopping day. They leave at 9:45 a.m. and anyone who would like to see them leave can go to the Redemption Church parking lot. After shopping, they will go to Washington Community Building where they will be served lunch.

Mike Arvin was the door prize winner. The door prize gift was from Marie Hawkins.

A Proud Member of the Shoals Community Since 1937!



Stop by and see our newly renovated facility!


QUEEN-LEE CHAPEL
Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, Inc.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:14 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, just west of Shoals. Major Keller, ICO Doane, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

8:54 a.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and ISP responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received multiple calls on an accident on US 50, just east of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, Major Keller, and Loogootee Fire responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

5:01 p.m. - Received a report of a property exchange problem south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

11:38 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

3:39 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

4:25 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded and all was secure.

8:00 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. All was secure.

8:00 a.m. - Shoals Fire assisted with debris removal on US 50, due to an accident the previous day.

1:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:43 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

8:57 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

3:33 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Wells responded.

9:15 a.m. - Received a dog complaint east of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Shoals. Corporal Reed responded.

5:00 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennessee assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:21 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance east of Shoals. Deputy Barnett, Major Keller, Sheriff Roush and several other deputies responded.

5:37 p.m. - Town Marshal Eckert assisted a motorist in Shoals.

5:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper

Memorial Hospital.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

12:19 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:05 a.m. - One inmate was transported to the doctor.

8:53 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

9:30 a.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

10:55 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Lents took three inmates to court.

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

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on SR 550. Corporal Reed responded.

5:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Crane Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:03 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Corporal Reed, Animal Control Officer Hughett, and Haysville Fire responded.

6:49 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Corporal Reed responded.

9:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:43 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:13 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee on US 231. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:44 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

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

2:35 p.m. - Received a report on an accident in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Corporal Reed, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Jasper Memorial Hospital Ambulance and Lawrence County First Responders responded.

3:40 p.m. - Corporal Reed performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

8:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:52 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Deputy Sey-

mour and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:02 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded and all was secure.

8:16 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:50 a.m. - Deputy Barnett performed a vehicle identification check south of Shoals.

9:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, ISP Trooper Lents, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

3:29 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:24 p.m. - Received a report of

ARRESTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:17 p.m. - Waylon Winger, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a syringe, neglect of a dependent x3, possession of paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:05 a.m. - Matthew Klem, 36, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

2:36 p.m. - Matthew Parola, 32, of Linton, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

3:05 p.m. - Thomas Robbins, 39, of Paoli, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

4:05 p.m. - Robert Blanton, 42, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Barnett.

vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

11:08 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Allen and Deputy Seymour responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of a custody issue in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Deputy Barnett responded.

11:59 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic situation in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Deputy Barnett responded.

4:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon, Deputy Barnett, Martin County Ambulance, and the Daviess County Sheriff's Office responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on SR 150. Deputy Barnett responded.

4:53 p.m. - Sheriff Roush responded to a vehicle stuck north of Shoals.

4:54 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 450, north of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

5:28 p.m. - Received a report of two accidents north of Loogootee on US 231. Reserve Deputy Harmon, Loogootee Officer McBeth, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:35 p.m. - Received a report of two accidents on SR 450, north of Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a report of mischief on SR 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Wells and the Orange County Sheriff's Office responded.

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COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED December 4

Robert W. Goldsberry, failure to register as a sex or violent offender, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed December 4

U.S. Bank Trust National Association vs. Angela M. Erwin Kruchten and Charles O. Kruchten, mortgage foreclosure.

December 10

Citibank vs. Kerry Sims, civil collection.

Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Jason D. Wathen, Tina R. Wathen and Hoosier Accounts Service, mortgage foreclosure.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED December 6

Amber Harty vs. Noel Harty, peti-

tion for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed December 5

Medical of Dubois vs. Anson Wagler, complaint.

December 10

SHWS Development, LLC vs. Jason Tinkle, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS December 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Blake Burch and against the defendant Brett Mattingly in the amount of \$1,758.25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES December 11

Curtis S. Kidwell of Shoals and Vanessa Denio-Miller of Washington.

December 12

Hebrew D. Wright of Shoals and Amber Rayne Lyons of Williams.

Martin County real estate transfers

Cecil L. Phillips and Edna M. Phillips, of Martin County, Indiana to Donna G. Risley, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 32 in the original Town of Crane, Indiana.

Debra Jan Strange to Lynette K. Roush n/k/a Lynette K. Jones and Wendy J. Colglazier, Lot Number 6 in Mill Addition to the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis, Indiana.

Michael K. George, of Martin County, Indiana to Owen J. Wagler and Orpha Wagler, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 37.786 acres, more or less.

Kenneth Arvin and Rex Arvin, of Martin County, Indiana; Carl Arvin, of Marion County, Indiana; and Sherilyn Ward and Denise Freidhof, of Illinois to Carl J. Arvin and Susan M. Arvin, of Marion County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, lying in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.567 acres, more or less.

Robert M. Fisher to Kent Slaubaugh, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 13.26 acres, more or less. Also, a part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 21.91 acres, more or less.

Donald R. Taylor and Juanita M. Taylor, of Martin County, Indiana to John Taylor, Paul Taylor, Neina Engleman, Greg Taylor and Debra Smith, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 2.575 acres, more or less.

Melissa Gibson, n/k/a Melissa Wininger, of Martin County, Indiana to Raoul Gabhart, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the west half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing one acre, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

Monday, December 9

8:34 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

9:55 a.m. - First responders were requested to Hwy 50 for a one-vehicle accident.

4:55 p.m. - Female reported property damage.

5:00 p.m. - Male caller reported a possible theft.

7:35 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

10:45 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:45 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic complaint.

3:56 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

5:10 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

10:53 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

Wednesday, December 11

9:15 a.m. - Female reported an animal complaint.

1:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

3:12 p.m. - Female reported a trespasser on her property.

6:38 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd reported traffic lights not working near Dollar General.

Thursday, December 12

9:23 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

10:18 a.m. - Female reported a theft of a license plate.

11:47 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

8:11 p.m. - Caller reported a traffic

complaint on JFK Avenue.

11:01 p.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

Friday, December 13

8:01 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on West Broadway Street for a traffic accident.

4:01 p.m. - Chief Rayhill transported a male for a mental evaluation.

5:40 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a field fire on US 231.

9:24 p.m. - Female reported a possible theft of a debit card.

11:08 p.m. - Male reported property damage.

Saturday, December 14

9:55 a.m. - Female reported a child custody matter.

10:00 a.m. - First responders requested on Vine Street for a medical call.

11:59 a.m. - Female reported an attempted theft from a vehicle.

2:49 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted ISP with an arrest.

3:29 p.m. - Female reported property damage.

6:31 p.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

6:40 p.m. - Caller reported kids throwing rocks at a train.

Sunday, December 15

9:00 a.m. - Female reported a child custody matter.

3:35 p.m. - Female reported a possible violation of a protective order.

4:19 p.m. - First responders were requested on Butcher Boulevard for a traffic accident.

5:28 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a traffic accident.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.



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Shoals visit

Allie Johnston, field representative for Congressman Larry Bucshon, visited Shoals on December 11 seeking input and information about Shoals. Johnston met with Shoals Town Council Member Cary D. Albright and they toured several inter-structure concerns facing Shoals. They also stopped by the town hall and visited with Councilman Cecil Ragsdale and discussed many concerns and funding possibilities for future projects.

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Loogootee City Council 2020 Meeting Schedule

Each meeting, starting with the Board of Public Works & Safety, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the council meeting room of the Loogootee Municipal Building

Monday, January 13	Monday, July 13
Monday, February 10	Monday, August 10
Monday, March 9	Monday, September 14
Monday, April 13	Tuesday, October 13
Monday, May 11	Tuesday, November 10
Monday, June 8	Monday, December 14

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, DECEMBER ARTICLES WILL BE FLASHBACKS FROM 10 YEARS AGO

9 WORDS WOMEN USE

(1) Fine: This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right, and you need to shut up.

(2) Five Minutes: If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game before helping around the house.

(3) Nothing: This is the calm before the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing usually end in fine.

(4) Go Ahead: This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!

(5) Loud Sigh: This is actually a word, but is a non-verbal statement often misunderstood by men. A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you about nothing. (Refer back to # 3 for the meaning of nothing.)

(6) That's Okay: This is one of the most dangerous statements a woman can make to a man. That's okay means she wants to think long and hard before deciding how and when you will pay for your mistake.

(7) Thanks: A woman is thanking you, do not question, or faint. Just say you're welcome. (I want to add in a clause here - This is true, unless she says "Thanks a lot" - that is PURE sarcasm and she is not thanking you at all. DO NOT say "you're welcome" ... that will bring on a "what-

ever").
(8) Whatever: Is a woman's way of saying up yours!

(9) Don't worry about it, I got it: Another dangerous statement, meaning this is something that a woman has told a man to do several times, but is now doing it herself. This will later result in a man asking, "What's wrong?" For the woman's response refer to # 3.

*Send this to the men you know, to warn them about arguments they can avoid if they remember the terminology.

Great Blonde Joke... a must read

A blind man wanders into an all girls' biker bar by mistake. He finds his way to a bar stool and orders a beer. After sitting there for a while, he yells to the waiter, "Hey, you wanna hear a blonde joke?"

The bar immediately falls absolutely silent. In a very deep, husky voice, the woman next to him says, "Before you tell that joke, sir, I think it is only fair -- given that you are blind -- that you should know five things:

1. The bartender is a blonde girl with a baseball bat.
2. The bouncer is a blonde girl.
3. I'm a 6-foot-tall, 175 lb. blonde woman with a black belt in karate.
4. The woman sitting next to me is blonde and a professional weightlifter.
5. The lady to your right is blonde and a professional wrestler.

Now, think about it seriously, Mister. Do you still wanna tell that joke?"

The blind man thinks for a second, shakes his head, and mutters, "No...Not if I'm gonna have to explain it five times."

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, December 19 at 8 a.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's 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.

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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Humane society meetings

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

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

ANIMAL SHELTER

Pet of the Week



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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

Plants have been a part of the décor of Christmas for centuries. In the past, I have written in depth about various plants which grace our homes during the holidays. One thing that is a constant, no matter what plant we use—Plants need water.

Whether you are using a cut tree or just some holly on the mantle, make sure that the plant material does not dry out, especially if it is going to be in contact with candles or electric lights. The tree stand should be kept full and checked several times a day. Foliage may be displayed in a vase and the water should be changed every day or two.

However, natural wreaths and swags present some special problems. They will remain green, at least through the holidays, but they are nevertheless dead plant materials and therefore tinder for fires. My best advice is to use such materials outside. Wreaths are great on outside doors, fences or on large exterior walls. You may prolong the greenery by misting it a couple of times a day.

Another use of plants is centerpieces or other temporary arrangement. It is fine to use cut materials if you keep them in water or use them for only a short time. Wonderful and creative arrangements may be created using plant material you may have right in your garden.

Holly and conifers are traditional plant materials for arrangements, but there are other materials that may result in something new and unique. Broad-leaf evergreens and semi-evergreens can add stature to an arrangement. Magnolias, rhododendrons and some viburnums may be a source of much larger leaves for arrangements. The stiff leaves of hellebores can even replace a bow on a wreath.

Spray paint is your friend when designing winter arrangements. Painting just the back side of magnolia leaves will help them to stand out in arrangements. I am especially fond of using metallic paints for coloring plant materials. One of my favorites is to spray the seed heads of northern sea oat with silver metallic paint. The slightest movement or breeze causes the seed heads to quiver and the silver paint adds sparkle.

Those berries of which I wrote a few weeks ago may also be used on wreaths and in arrangements. I especially like the bright red berries of the deciduous holly or winterberry. Some of that metallic spray paint may be applied lightly to give a shimmering highlight. Gold spray paint will bring out the burgundy of the now-dry clusters of sumac berries.

Other dried materials that may benefit from a touch of paint include ornamental grasses and dried hydrangea blooms. I recently sprayed some dried hydrangeas with a metallic purple paint and they really highlighted a grapevine wreath. Use your imagination. Painted teasel, cattails and other dried flowers and pods will lend some vertical interest to arrangements.

Another source of color is young branches of several bushes and small trees. At Sandhill Gardens, there are red and yellow twig dogwoods, coral bark maples and bright green stems of Japanese kerria. These may add accents to arrangements of evergreens or may be combined with some contorted filbert stems in a plain, tall vase for a simple arrangement that stands alone.

Finally, small battery-powered strings of lights will draw attention to your arrangements. These lights do not create much heat, so they are safer than electric lights. The lights may be colored or plain white and come in many different shapes, so you should be able to find some that will look good in your arrangement.

With a little imagination and paying attention to keeping materials hydrated, your garden can continue to produce beauty for your home through the holiday season. Have fun and keep safe.

Indiana Hunter Education Class in Dubois County

An Indiana Hunter Education Course is slated for Friday, January 24 through Saturday, January 25 at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds. Classes will run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday the 24th and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday the 25th. Participants must attend both days to complete the course. All Indiana residents are invited to complete this FREE course. All instruction will be by Indiana conservation officers and certified Indiana volunteer hunter education instructors. Certification is required for anyone born after December 31, 1986, who wishes to purchase an Indiana hunting license.

The course will cover ethics, safety, laws, survival and safe handling practices for archery, black powder and firearms. Lunch will be provided for participants and attending family members on Saturday for \$5/person.

To sign up, visit www.passitonindiana.com. There is a 150-student limit for the class and pre-registration is required.

This course is being sponsored by the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council. For questions, call (812)685-2447.

Increase in winter coyote sightings is no cause for alarm

It's that time of year again – coyotes are on the move, and Indiana residents might see them more, but this should not be a cause for alarm.

Coyotes are common everywhere in the state, even in urban areas. Coyotes become more active during winter, and the bare vegetation this time of year increases the chance of catching a glimpse. Young coyotes leave their parents to find a new home, making them more likely to be seen during winter. And in January, coyotes will be looking to breed, making them even more active. Seeing more coyotes does not mean they are increasing in number.

Where people are, coyotes follow. Coyotes like to eat animals and plants that thrive around yards and homes, including rabbits, mice, fruit and squirrels. They thrive around people because of the abundant food that comes with human development.

Coyotes are a common member of Indiana's urban wildlife community, as are raccoons, red foxes, and opossums. Coyotes are also an important member of Indiana's wildlife community, helping control rodent populations and cleaning up carrion.

Coyotes typically weigh between 20-30 pounds and are similar in height to a German Shepherd. Winter fur, which is thicker, makes coyotes appear bigger than they actually are, potentially causing concern.

To reduce the possibility of pets having a negative interaction with coyotes or any other wildlife, keep pets leashed, in a kennel with a secure top, or indoors.

Problems between coyotes and people are uncommon. Follow these tips for making your property less attractive to coyotes:



Follow these tips for making your property less attractive to coyotes:

- Clean up fallen fruit from trees or gardens.
- Keep garbage secure.
- Make sure pet food and treats are not left outside.
- If you see a coyote around your yard, take down birdfeeders; coyotes could be attracted to the rodents eating the seeds.
- Never intentionally feed a coyote, which could result in its losing its fear of people.

Making a coyote feel unwelcome around people can help maintain its natural fear of humans, but never corner or chase a coyote – you should always allow it to have a clear escape path to get away from you.

If you see a coyote and want it to go away, try to make it uncomfortable:

- Yell.
- Wave your arms.
- Spray it with a hose.
- Throw tennis balls or small stones at it, but don't throw anything that could be food, like apples.
- Carry a jar of coins to shake or a small air horn to make noise.

Learn more about coyotes at wildlife.IN.gov/5688.htm.

Dear Martin County,

We are honored to serve our community and proud to be:

-The winners of the Most Overall Improvement in Federal Performance Measures in the Small County Category for 2019; also ranked number one for Most Improved in Cases Paying on Arrears in the State of Indiana, number two for Most Improved in Support Order Ratio in the State of Indiana, and number five Most Improved in Current Support Collected in the State of Indiana.

-Re-claiming \$71,518.63, as of September 2019, from State and Federal to Martin County as owed per our Office's diligent efforts to be reimbursed back into the county.

-Sponsors to the Community Safety Day event, and the Shop with a Cop event.

-Collectors of over 750 books that were then donated to Indiana children in need.

-Future sponsors of the Loo-gootee and Shoals Coaches vs. Cancer games.

-Always working for the betterment of our community. Because we are committed to community and dedicated to progress.

So, please remember to contact us for: Paternity establishment, establishment and modification of child support obligations, tracking support payments, and enforcing support obligations.

Have a Happy and Safe Holidays, from

The Martin County Prosecutor Aureola S. Wright, and the IV-D Division, Deputy Prosecutor Steven Teverbaugh, IV-D Administrator Trish McKibben, and IV-D Enforcement Sistoria Neeley.

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