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## Lt. Governor checks in with Martin County

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Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch checked in with *The Journal* on Tuesday to see how Martin County is doing and provide information relevant to residents.

Crouch touted the READI grant and Martin County's collaboration with nine other counties to receive \$30 million. She said statewide, \$1.2 billion was requested from the \$500 million available with READI. They plan to go back to the general assembly and see if they can get another \$500 million to fund more projects. Currently, counties approved for READI funding have been asked to prioritize their list of projects and within the next six months, Martin County will find out how much of the \$30 million will be received. More than 279 projects were

submitted for the 10-county region that Martin County is a part of.

The lieutenant governor said the READI investments will potentially bring in \$10 billion in private investments over the next several years. The state, despite COVID, was able to acquire 31,300 new job commitments in 2020 and another 31,700 this year, which was more than projected.

Crouch said the main concern is having enough housing for the onslaught of new residents. With the state growing 7.4 percent in the last decade, and the potential to see an even bigger increase over the next decade, housing is a big focus. The state will soon be launching a housing dashboard website that shows the needs of each community across the state. A study was done, county by county, to see where the housing gaps are. This tool will help

## Shoals Council approves purchasing property

The Shoals Town Council met Monday, December 13. In attendance were Council Members Cary D. Albright, Clint D. Hoffman, and Cecil Ragsdale; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, Town Attorney Dave Lett, Mike Hopkins, Matt Sward with SIDC and Eric Smith with HWC Engineering.

Council Member Albright called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Council Member Albright stated the town has been pursuing property adjacent to the ballpark for quite some time and that the property owner was in attendance. Albright stated Attorney Lett had obtained two appraisals from two different companies as required. Hopkins made an offer to the town in the amount of \$20,000 for the 3.56 acres which is located within the Town of Shoals and that the asking price comes in under the average of the two appraisals. Councilman Ragsdale made a motion to purchase the property for \$20,000 and Councilman Hoffman made the second. The council members all thanked Mr. Hopkins. Albright said he wanted to note that a portion of the money used to make the purchase was obtained from money received from timbering town owned property.

Matt Sward, with SIDC, opened the public hearing for the OCRA Wastewater Grant application. Sward stated the project outlay, costs and details of the project. Sward said the local match would come from SRF funds. Sward asked for council comment regarding the project. Council Member Albright stated the project is a top priority for the town for many reasons and one of the most important was for the safety of the citizens. With the numerous leaks, breaks, and other issues this is an important factor. Eric Smith, professional engineer with HWC Engineering, ex-

pressed the importance of the project for the town as well. Sward said the grant application is due Friday, December 17, 2021, and awards should be announced around February 10, 2021. Attorney Lett presented Resolution 2021-06 authorizing the application submission and local match commitment. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept the resolution with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Sward closed the public hearing portion of the meeting for the grant at 6:16 p.m.

Council Member Albright said the town has been looking to upgrade the aging water meter system from manual read to meters to radio read meters and had met with two vendors, Wallers Meters and Utility Supply Company, and had received quotes from both for a total system changeover. Albright stated that he would like a motion from the board to move forward with one of the vendors noting that the current plan is to use ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds to make the upgrade and change. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to go with Utility Supply Company's quote in the amount of \$123,050 to purchase the radio read meter system. Council Member Hoffman made the second and all were in favor.

Council Member Albright stated that for informational purposes they wanted to state that the members of the board had met with a representative from Duke Energy pertaining to a LED changeover of the town's lighting system. Albright asked for a motion to accept the agreement with Duke Energy to make the change over which would reduce the rates the town is currently paying and also add increased light coverage. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept the agreement with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge presented.  
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## Another Martin County resident dies of COVID

The Indiana Department of Health received notification of one additional death from the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for Martin County. The individual was an adult female. This brings the total number of deaths reported for Martin County to 20. No further information will be released due to privacy laws.

know where housing projects need to be prioritized to attract new people and also incentivize developers to take on projects where there is a need. Crouch also said Indiana has to continue to stay attractive and keep young people from moving away by having resources here. Her goal is to improve every community and make every county attractive to current and future residents. One of those ways is through broadband internet. The state set up a website <https://indianaegms.force.com/nlc/s/login/SelfRegister?locale=us> or toll free phone number 833-639-8522, for anyone without internet currently or with internet that provides less than 25 megabytes of download speed and 3 megabytes of upload speed to submit their address. Once an area has enough residents who need internet, companies can apply for grant funds to bring internet to those people. January 10 will be the first time internet companies can bid on areas where residents requested internet access. The project will be ongoing, however, and the second round has already started. Crouch said this is a huge tool for residents to lobby for themselves to get broadband and urges anyone who fits the criteria to register their address. As of a few years ago, there were 400,000 Indiana residents who had zero internet access. The goal of the Indiana Connectivity Program is to make broadband available statewide. There is also a federal program to help residents pay for internet that may be pricey in rural areas. The federal program can provide up to \$50 a month to help pay for internet costs. More information can be found at [www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](http://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit). Crouch said she hopes that once broadband is available in more areas, the increase in  
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## Shoals man captured for felony battery and kidnapping charges

In the late hours of December 18, Deputy Hawkins and Loogootee Officers responded to a domestic complaint in Shoals where a male had battered a female multiple times resulting in hospital placement. The suspect, Isaac Davis, 29, was able to evade officers after fleeing on foot.

On Sunday, December 19 at approximately 1 p.m., while conducting surveillance near the residence, Chief Deputy Greene spotted Davis approaching his residence from the boat ramp. Greene intercepted Davis and attempted to talk to him, but Davis fled again and led the Chief Deputy on a chase for several blocks through downtown Shoals, temporarily stopping highway traffic and disrupting most of Shoals on the east side of the river.

Chief Deputy Greene ultimately caught Davis near the fire station where he was then joined by ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Officer Shaw, ICO Fuhrman and Deputy Gibson. Davis was then transported with further resistance to the Martin County Jail where he is being held on no bond for the following charges: kidnapping, a Level 3 Felony; domestic battery with serious bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony; domestic battery in the presence of a minor (two counts), Level 6 Felonies; neglect of a dependent (two counts), Level 6 Felonies; intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

All charges are merely allegations, and all suspects are considered innocent unless or until proven guilty in a court of law.

## Martin County's unemployment rate falls to 1.5 percent in November

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Martin County's unemployment rate edged down to 1.5 percent in November, down from 1.7 percent the month before. The county had the 11<sup>th</sup> lowest jobless rate in the state for November, tied with seven other counties.

In November, there were 5,347 residents in the workforce and 82 of them were unemployed. In October, there were 5,404 residents able to work and 93 of them were without jobs.

In November of 2020, Martin County's unemployment rate was 3.2 percent with 5,485 residents in the workforce and 178 of them without work.

Daviess County's jobless rate moved down from 1.7 percent in October to 1.4 percent in November. The county had the sixth lowest jobless rate in the state for November, tied with Adams, Elkhart, Ohio and Wells counties.

In November, the county had 16,407 residents in the workforce with 222 of them unemployed. In October, there were 16,614 residents able to work and 289 of them without jobs. In November of last year, Daviess County's unemployment rate was 2.7 percent with 16,670 residents in the workforce and 445 of them without work.

Dubois County's jobless rate dipped from 1.6 percent in October to 1.3 percent in November. The county had the third lowest jobless rate in the state for November, tied with Boone and Hamilton counties. In November, the county had 21,853 residents in the workforce and 289 of them were unemployed. In October, there were 22,059 residents able to work and 361 of them were without jobs. In November of 2020, Dubois County's jobless rate was 3.3 percent with 22,585 residents in the workforce and 756 of them without jobs.

Greene County's unemployment rate moved from 2.6 percent in October to 2.1 percent in November. The county had the 23<sup>rd</sup> highest jobless rate in the state for November, tied with six other counties.

In November, the county had 13,440 residents in the workforce and 286 of them were without work. In October, there were 13,568 residents able to work and 350 of them were unemployed. In November of last year, Greene County's jobless rate was 4.3 percent with 13,467 residents in the workforce and 574 of them were without work.

The top ten spots in the state for the lowest jobless rate for November were Union and LaGrange counties at 1.2 percent, Hamilton, Boone and Dubois  
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Josh, Courtney, Wyatt  
and Alex Hughett and the  
Martin County Journal

# LT. GOVERNOR

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customers will drive down the price.

The lieutenant governor also talked about the recent state surplus funds that will provide \$125 back to taxpayers when they file their state income taxes next year. Once the state has a surplus income of 12.5 percent, it triggers an automatic taxpayer refund. This is the second time this refund has been triggered. Residents will see the credit on their tax filing for 2021 and if they don't owe, that \$125 will be refunded to them.

Crouch also reported that a regional initiative will be formed to help address depression, mental illness, and addiction in young people. She said as she has traveled the state and talked to school officials and this is a concern.

Other grants the lieutenant governor reported on was \$500,000 from the fed-

# RATE

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counties at 1.3 percent; and Wells, Ohio, Elkhart, Daviess and Adams counties at 1.4 percent.

The top ten spots in the state for the highest jobless rate for November were Howard County at 4.7 percent, Lake County at 3.6 percent, Miami County at 3 percent, Fayette and LaPorte counties at 2.8 percent, Orange and Vigo counties at 2.6 percent, Marion and Vermillion counties at 2.5 percent, and Delaware, Madison and Starke counties at 2.4 percent.

Indiana's unemployment rate for November fell to 3.0 percent – matching a low the state has not seen in more than 20 years.

In addition, private sector employment has now increased for five of the last six months. This has resulted in a gain of 69,400 jobs from May 2021 to November 2021.

The last time Indiana's unemployment rate was at this level was in November 2000. It had fallen to 3.1 percent in December 2019 and stood at 3.2 percent before the COVID-19 pandemic struck in March 2020.

By comparison, the national rate in November dropped to 4.2 percent.

"It has been more than 20 years since

eral government to provide 23 workshops throughout Indiana to address mental health concerns with farmers. Crouch said that farmers are typically self-reliant and don't openly express problems they may be having personally so the workshops are designed to provide the resources to connect anyone who may be struggling.

The state also received a \$5.6 million federal grant to help brand and market Indiana. Crouch said Hoosiers are hard-working and modest and don't do a lot of self-promotion. She said places like Martin County have a lot to offer and that should be advertised to residents in other states who may be looking to relocate. She said it also will promote the state to people who are already here so they can be proud of what the state has to offer and want to stick around.

we saw a 3.0 percent unemployment rate. This, along with private employment showing gains for five of the last six consecutive months are signs of a positive and strengthening economy," said Commissioner Fred Payne.

The monthly unemployment rate is a U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) indicator that reflects the number of unemployed people seeking employment within the prior four weeks as a percentage of the labor force.

Learn more about how unemployment rates are calculated here: [www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov/infographics/employment-status.asp).

Indiana's labor force had a net decrease of 7,944 over the previous month, due to an increase of 1,705 employed residents and a decrease of 9,649 unemployed residents. These numbers are the lowest since April through June of 2020, just after the pandemic began.

Indiana's total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3.32 million. The state's labor force participation rate of 62.5 percent remains above the national rate of 61.8 percent. This rate is comparable to the rate at the height of the pandemic nearly two years ago.

# SHOALS

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sented the bonds for the clerk-treasurer and the deputy clerk-treasurer for approval. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the bonds with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented the ADA Transition Plan final draft for approval. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept the plan with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Rutledge noted this a requirement with INDOT to be eligible for any future federal funding.

Rutledge presented the 2022 meeting schedule for approval. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept the schedule with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Next, Rutledge presented the 2022 Salary & Wage Ordinance with Council Member Ragsdale making the motion to accept and Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor. Rutledge presented the 2022 fire protection contracts for Halbert Township and Center

Township for re-approval. Rutledge stated there was a mistake on the contracts that were previously approved. Each contract is for \$12,000. Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to accept the 2022 fire protection contract with Council Member Hoffman making the second and all were in favor.

Rutledge presented meter deposit applies and returns for S. Garrison, J. Hunt and H. Fuhrman. Council Member Hoffman made a motion to accept with Council Member Ragsdale making the second and all were in favor. Rutledge asked the council if they wanted to reschedule the year-end meeting due to the holiday and they decided to change it to Thursday, December 30 at 9 a.m. Rutledge noted the town hall would be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31.

With no further business, Council Member Hoffman made a motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. with Council Member Ragsdale making the second.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, December 30 at 9 a.m. for the year-end meeting.

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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. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.**

# OBITUARIES

## ROBERT PERKINS

Robert Perkins passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by his wife and daughters on December 14, 2021. Robert had fought cancer bravely for most of the past seven years. He was 74.



**ROBERT PERKINS**

He was born on January 29, 1947, in Martin County; son of Cecil and Rose (Cundiff)

Perkins

Robert graduated from Shoals High School in 1965. He was drafted into the Army in 1966. He fought in Vietnam, in direct combat, and escaped death as a mere 19-year-old many times. Thankfully for his family, he bravely fought through this part of his young life as well.

In September of 1968, he married his high school sweetheart, Carol Sheetz. Robert and Carol were blessed with two beautiful daughters. Robert spent almost 33 years working as an electrician and leader at the Crane Naval Weapons Support Center until his retirement in 2000.

Upon retiring, he was able to devote time to his favorite endeavors. He was known for feeding and caring for stray animals, creating spectacular homemade Christmas yard decorations, beating everyone at euchre, being an expert morel mushroom hunter, hunting and digging ginseng, gardening, growing beautiful roses, spending lots of time with his aging mother, and doing any and all things outdoors. Robert was an amazing son, brother, husband, father, and grandfather. He was generous to his family and to total strangers. While not recommending this, he always carried an extra gas can and a charged battery in the back of his truck to help anyone he found along the country roads on his way to visit his mother.

Robert leaves behind a loving wife, Carol Perkins; adoring daughters, Kristi Proctor (Greg) and Kari Rayeski (Michael); granddaughters, Ramsey Proctor, Ava Rayeski and Aubrey Rayeski; grandson, Spencer Proctor; sisters, Kathleen Qualkenbush (Gene/deceased), Lori Fray (Col. Robert Ret.), Barbara Taylor (Ray), Janet Embree and Terri Dye (Darrel); sisters-in-law, Brenda Hall, Kathryn King, Paula Hilton (Michael), Linda Krueger (Michael), Bonnie O'Connor (Anthony Povinelli) and Cheryl Shelley (Brian); brothers-in-law, Ken O'Connor and Ed O'Connor (deceased); and 10 nephews and 11 nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Cecil Perkins; his beloved mother, Rose (Cundiff) Perkins; his niece, Gina (Qualkenbush) Walker; and his mother and father-in-law, Beatrice (Mattingly) Sheetz and Jesse Sheetz.

Funeral services for Robert were held at Tuesday, December 21, at the Fergu-

son-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes in Bedford. Burial followed in Trinity Springs Cemetery with the Shoals American Legion performing military honors.

On Robert's behalf, memorial contributions may be made to the White River Humane Society. He would smile knowing that his departure continued to help animals in need.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.FergusonLee.com](http://www.FergusonLee.com).

## NORMAN HOLT

Norman Lee Holt passed away December 18, 2021, at IU Health in Bedford. A resident of Bedford, he was 59.



He was born June 28, 1962, in Bedford; son of Lawrence Ellis Sr. and Eloise Joanne (Pitman) Holt-Eads.

He was a NA-NORMAN HOLT SCAR fan and collector, enjoyed karaoke, mowing, junking and country music. He was a member of Bedford New Life Ministries and attended Gulleets Creek Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Laurina Sanders of Orleans and Tammy (Steven) Holloway of White Pine, Tennessee; two brothers, Lawrence (Linda) Holt Jr. of Needmore and Karlie (Heather) Holt of Orleans.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lawrence Holt Sr. and Eloise Joane Holt-Eads; step-mother, Clara Holt; and life partner of twenty-two years, Freda Bell.

Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, December 22 at Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Pastor Steven Holloway officiated.

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

## MARCELLA STEVENS

Marcella F. Stevens passed away at 11:20 a.m. Thursday, December 16, 2021, at home surrounded by family. A resident of Jasper, she was 61.



**MARCELLA STEVENS**

She was born in Washington, Indiana, on August 15, 1960; daughter of Lewis and Wanda (Barnes) Roller. She married Michael Stevens on April 27, 2014, in St. Peter's UCC in Dubois.

She was a 1979 graduate of Shoals High School.

She worked at Versteel for several years. Marcella was a member of St. Peter's UCC in Dubois.

She was a big animal lover and an

advocate of the local and national humane societies. She enjoyed crafting and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and watching them play sports.

Surviving is her husband, Michael Stevens of Jasper; three sons, Kyle (Emily) Mullins of Jasper, Christopher (Keshia) Mullins of Jasper, and Robert (Ashley) Stevens of Loogootee; seven grandchildren, one sister, Phyllis Mullins of Loogootee; and two brothers, Alan Roller and Roger Roller, both of Loogootee.

Preceding her in death are her parents and a brother-in-law, Robert Mullins.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday, December 22 in St. Peter's UCC in Dubois, with burial following in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's UCC, the ALS Association, or the Dubois County Humane Society.

Online condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com).

## LOREN SORRELLS

Loren "Greasy" Dale Sorrells passed away December 14, 2021, at Deaconess



**LOREN SORRELLS**

Henderson Hospital. A resident of Spottsville, Kentucky, he was 82.

He was born May 4, 1939; son of the late Lawrence and Maude Sorrells.

Greasy was a US Navy Veteran and was retired from Retiki Mines. He was a member of the American Legion

Worsham Post #40. He was full of life and loved the river and nature, he especially loved spending time with family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Donnetta Sorrells; and six brothers and sisters. He is survived by two children, Scott Sorrells and Jade Sorrells, both of Spottsville; two sisters, Emma Lou Line of French Lick and Alice Boyd of Shoals; sister-in-law, Sharon Brassine of Loogootee; four grandchildren, Amber Veach, Winter Hardin, Jena Sorrells and Cassie Sorrells; six great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday December 16 at Tomblinson Funeral Home Henderson Chapel with burial in Roselawn Memorial Gardens. Military rites were conducted by the American Legion Worsham Post 40 Honor Guard.

Online condolences may be made at [www.tomblinsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.tomblinsonfuneralhome.com).

## GLENN SPAULDING

Glenn C. Spaulding passed away Friday, December 17, 2021, at Deaconess



**GLENN SPAULDING**

Midtown Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Montgomery, he was 65.

He was born December 31, 1955, in Washington; son of the late Jack and Rose W. (Duncheon) Spaulding.

Glenn was a 1974 graduate of Barr-Reeve High School. He then received a business degree from Indiana Business College in Vincennes. He began his restaurant career at 16 years old. He went on to manage Hardees and Burger Chef then become the owner of Stop 'N Sea in Montgomery in 1986. Glenn faithfully and tirelessly owned and operated Stop 'N Sea until he sold it in 2015. He sure fried a lot of fish in 29 years!

He was a member of the Montgomery

Ruritan, St. Peter's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed cooking and cooked nearly every Sunday for his family. Glenn loved Barr-Reeve sports and enjoyed watching his nieces and nephews at sporting events. He loved to play cards and marbles.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Rose W. (Duncheon) Spaulding; brother, Lee Spaulding; niece, Melanie Gingerich; and nephew, Jackson Spaulding.

He is survived by his siblings, Susan (Calvin) Persohn, Robert (Nancy) Spaulding, Barbara (Virgil) Knepp and Linda Riggins; uncle, John (Flo) Spaulding; nieces and nephews that he loved like his own, Melissa (Aaron) Holman, Matt (Amy) Persohn, Clinton (JoAnn) Spaulding, Kendra (Josh) Parks, Rodney (Eve) Knepp, Scott (Jamie) Knepp, Ryan (Sarah) Knepp, Stephanie (Troy) Ainscough and Garrett (Chrissy) Gingerich; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Rev. Sudhakar Bhaswati Tuesday, December 21 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Montgomery. Burial followed in St. Peter Catholic Cemetery.

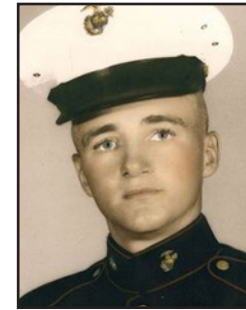
In lieu of flowers, memorial contribution can be made to the Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation or St. Peter Catholic Church.

Glenn loved people and was a friend to everyone. He will truly be missed.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake & Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

## GEORGE DOYLE

George W. Doyle, 78, passed into eternal life on December 3, 2021. A resident of Elgin, Illinois, he was 78.



He was born November 17, 1943, in Loogootee; son of Fred and Rose Ann Doyle.

He spent his youth working on the family farm.

He later went on to proudly serve our country as a radio operator in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam War.

After earning a degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University, he spent most of his career working in the communications industry.

A charismatic man, George's presence rarely went unnoticed, nor was a meeting with him soon forgotten.

His quick wit and jokes brought many a laugh, including his own which could fill a room. He enjoyed dancing and singing karaoke.

May his voice soon join those who sing without ceasing the praises of God in heaven.

He is preceded in death by his devoted first wife, Catherine; his parents Fred and Rose Ann; and his siblings, Maryanne and Fred.

He is survived by his loving wife, Gloria; his four children, Ann Marie, George, Christina, and Alex and his 11 grandchildren, Jacob, David, Isaac, Maria, Genevieve, Joseph, Sara, Catherine, Lexie, Declan, and Ruane.

The funeral mass was held Friday, December 17, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 245 W. Broadway St. Greenwood, Indiana 46142.

In lieu of flowers, please have masses offered for the repose of his soul.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

## Thank You

The family of the late

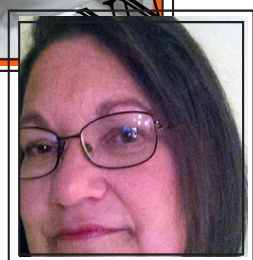
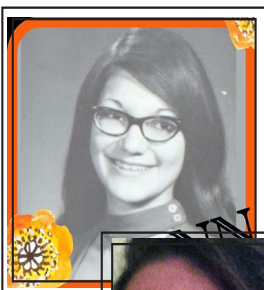
**DORLISA "ANN" QUINN**

wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to those who have offered such kindness, support, and messages of sympathy and comfort in our time of sorrow.

It is very much appreciated and a great comfort to us all.

Sincerely,

Roger Quinn, Sharon Harmon,  
David Ramsey and families



## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

1:27 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

7:44 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Major Keller and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:06 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

7:21 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident northeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint southeast of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:37 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:59 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Loogootee Chief Means, Chief Deputy Greene and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

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

11:46 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call from Shoals Community Schools. Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Gibson, ISP Master Trooper Lents responded.

15:58 p.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Wells took two inmates to court.

3:20 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

7:52 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

9:22 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:50 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:37 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Captain Reed was notified.

10:54 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Captain Reed was notified.

11:10 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Captain Reed was notified.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

1:41 a.m. - Received a report of a deer on the roadway south of Loogootee. Captain Reed was notified.

3:34 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:40 a.m. - Received a report of deer on roadway south of Loogootee. Captain Reed was notified.

8:22 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

8:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Crane Fire Department responded. The patient was transported by Crane Ambulance Service.

9:13 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn southwest of Shoals.

11:04 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Deputy Greene and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Sergeant Gibson and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle north of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:06 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

2:30 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check northeast of Shoals. Captain Reed, Sheriff Roush, Indian Creek Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

3:23 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

4:50 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down northwest of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:18 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

1:50 p.m. - Deputy Shaw took three inmates to court.

4:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police were notified.

5:52 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

5:54 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:10 p.m. - Received a request for a tow truck west of Shoals. Big John's responded.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

12:45 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:01 a.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:22 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

6:49 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

8:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Reserve Commander Gammon, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Coroner Hamby, and Martin County Am-

bulance responded.

8:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:48 a.m. - Received a report of a stranded vehicle northeast of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw was notified.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

12:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The patient was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:42 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance near Shoals. No one was transported.

4:32 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

4:44 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Dorsey, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Loogootee Fire Department, Big John's Towing and Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

7:38 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy about a child custody issue near Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

8:05 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Dover Hill. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

10:50 p.m. - Received a report of the Shoals Main Street railroad crossing malfunctioning. Deputy Hawkins responded. CSX was notified of the malfunction.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

3:52 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:56 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southeast of Shoals. ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of a stray dog in Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

9:36 a.m. - Received a report of a stray dog chasing chickens near Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm south of Loogootee. Major Keller responded.

1:37 p.m. - Received a report of an injured deer south of Loogootee. South Region Dispatch was notified.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of an injured deer south of Loogootee. South Region Indiana Conservation responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial.

3:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:26 p.m. - Received a request for a lift assist in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

7:47 p.m. - Received a 911 call. Caller advised it was an accidental call.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver in Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Hawkins responded.

11:39 p.m. - Received a report of a do-

mestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Loogootee Officer Seymour, Shoals Fire Department and Martin County EMS responded.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:41 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

12:55 a.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

9:55 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:35 a.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:49 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

11:56 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department, and Loogootee Officer Shaw responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:27 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. One patient transported to IU Health Bedford.

5:33 p.m. - Received a request for an officer referencing a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

6:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Martin County EMS, and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and G&M Wrecker responded.

7:02 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy near Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS, Haysville Fire Department, and Deputy Gibson responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:46 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing near Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

10:49 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a camper fire north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire and Sergeant Gibson responded.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

8:27 a.m. - Dale E. Jones, Jr., 40, of Huron, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with driving while suspended-prior and failure to provide valid ID for the sex or violent offender registry. He is being held on \$15,000 10% and must provide valid ID.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

2:06 p.m. - Robert Roach, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with violation of home detention and escape. He is being held without bond. Sheriff Roush assisted with the arrest.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

1:12 p.m. - Isaac Davis, 29, of Shoals, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene and charged with resisting law enforcement, possession of marijuana, intimidation, kidnapping, domestic battery with serious bodily injury, neglect of a dependent and domestic battery in the presence of a minor x2. He is being held on no bond.

# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

December 10

Carlis R. Craft, convicted of child molesting, a Level 4 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with 1,411 days suspended and credit for 584 actual days previously served plus 195 Class B credit days. Defendant received 47 months of probation.

Joshua E. Schmitt, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony and possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 578 days suspended and credit for 76 actual days previously served plus 76 Class A credit days. Defendant received 19 months of probation.

Jesse D. Burton, convicted of nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 900 days with 900 days suspended. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

Danny L. Krodel, convicted of domestic battery, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 730 days suspended and credit for 21 actual days previously served plus 7 Class A credit days. Defendant shall serve 1,432 days of said sentence through Martin County Community Corrections Electronic Home Detention Program, so long as the defendant remains eligible. Defendant received 12 months of probation. Also convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 730 days suspended and credit for 340 actual days previously served plus 118 Class B credit days. Defendant shall serve 1,002 days of said sentence through Martin County Community Corrections Electronica Home Detention Program, so long as the defendant remains eligible.

Chadwick K. Funk, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 912 days with 912 days suspended. Defendant received 30 months of probation. Also convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Aaron Robert Holt, convicted of failure to return to lawful detention, a Level 6 Felony with habitual offender enhancement and invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced on first count to serve 365 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended. Defendant shall serve the executed time of 365 days through Knox County Community Corrections work release program, so long as the defendant remains eligible. Sentenced on habitual offender enhancement to serve 730 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 0 days suspended. Defendant shall serve executed time of 730 days through Knox County Community Corrections work release program, so long as the defendant remains eligible. Sentenced on the second count to serve 346 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 173 actual days previously served plus 173 Class A credit days.

December 13

Blake M. May, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 287 days suspended and credit for 39 actual days previously served plus 78 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

December 15

James S. Holt, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 912 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 290 actual days previously served plus 290 Class A credit days. Defendant shall serve the remainder of the sentence of 332 days at the County Work Release Program.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

December 10

Carlis R. Craft, child molesting, a Level 1 Felony, dismissed.

Joshua E. Schmitt, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jesse D. Burton, nonsupport of a dependent child, a Class C Felony, dismissed.

Chadwick K. Funk, visiting a common nuisance -controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Danny L. Krodel, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 3 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance- controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; three counts of possession of marijuana, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed; dealing in marijuana, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

Aaron Robert Holt, criminal mischief, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; three counts of harassment by means of a telephone call, Class B Misdemeanors, dismissed.

December 13

Blake M. May, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

December 15

James S. Holt, unlawful possession of syringe, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

December 10

Jeffrey D. Anderson vs. Tracy L. Anderson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

December 13

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Lori Daniel, civil collection.

December 14

Capital One Bank vs. Georgia Cunningham, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

December 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Credit Management, Inc. and against the defendant Jonie Day in the amount of \$941.09.

December 16

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff OneMain Financial Group, LLC and against the defendant Bryan Cole in the amount of \$6,953.25.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

December 10

Farm Credit Mid-America, PCA vs. Adam T. Slaubaugh, Rachael A. Slaubaugh, and German American Bank, mortgage foreclosure, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

December 10

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Gene Jax, LLC and against the defendants Christine Fiscus and Kelly Winger in the amount of \$740.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Family Dental Care and against the defendant Ray Bishop in the amount of \$749.50.

## SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

December 10

David Beck vs. Nathan Porter and James Robert Duncan, complaint, dismissed.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jeffrey M. Wildman of Loogootee and Twila Coldiron of Loogootee.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

12:06 p.m. - A caller reported a possible scam by telephone.

3:50 p.m. - Captain Rayhill assisted a caller in finding a missing family member that has a medical condition.

4:13 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to the police station for a medical call.

4:55 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a smoking electrical outlet at a residence on Acton Street.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:59 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a personal injury accident on West Broadway Street.

12:17 p.m. - A caller reported a dog walking on US 231 South acting unusual.

1:01 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of grass fires on US 231 South between Loogootee and Whitfield.

2:45 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched again to grass fires reoccurring on US 231 South.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

10:56 a.m. - Chief Means and first responders assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an accident with unknown injuries on US 50 East.

11:49 a.m. - A caller reported that a German Shepherd was near her car in Goodwill Cemetery, and she is unable to get out of the car. Chief Means responded to assist the caller and located the owner of the dog.

12:08 p.m. - Chief Means assisted a caller in locating her dogs that got free from her yard.

2:51 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Indiana State Police in locating an individual.

3:40 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a domestic dispute in Sunset Trailer Court.

6:10 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Crane Street.

10:19 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to an alarm at a local business.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

3:52 p.m. - Chief Means completed a welfare check.

6:42 p.m. - Complainant advised of youths possibly ringing doorbells as pranks.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:29 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Brooks House Road.

12:47 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Elm Street.

4:00 p.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant on station regarding a custody issue.

6:00 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth and the Loogootee Fire Department respond-

ed to an accident on US 231 South.

6:18 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a possible domestic dispute on North Line Street.

6:35 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of a possible break-in at a residence.

6:55 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of a theft from a residence.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

2:37 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on West Broadway Street.

11:35 p.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

12:08 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Northeast Third Street.

5:48 p.m. - A caller reported property stolen from their yard.

7:47 p.m. - A caller reported a break-in at their residence.

## Real estate transfers

**James Eley Norman and Larry E. Jones**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Eley Norman, Larry E. Jones and Kellie Michele Welby**, of Martin County, Indiana, 4.26 acres, more or less, in Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 3 West.

**John P. Norris, Terry L. Norris and Donna Sue Norris**, of Martin County, Indiana to **L&A Construction Company, LLC**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot Number 4 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: A section of Lot 5 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Equity Trust Company Custodian FBO Delmar W. Wagler IRA**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Darvin Knepp and Martha Knepp and William Knepp and Miriam Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the south half of Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.49 acres, more or less.

**Patricia King**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Aram W. Wright and Dana Wright**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 77 in the original plat of Memphis, now Shoals, Indiana.

**Valerie Earl**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonathan Payne and Jane Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.958 acres, more or less.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will meet in special session Friday, December 31, at 10 a.m. in the council room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The purpose of the meeting is to make a decision on additional appropriations. The meeting is open to the public.

### Mayor Harty hosts Santa

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty will host Santa and Mrs. Claus at his new home at 409 East Washington Street in Loogootee on Thursday December 23, from 4-6 p.m. Professional photos will be provided, and refreshments will be served. The public is invited 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 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

### 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.

### Mental Health Task Force

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

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

### Local recovery meetings

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the 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.

## 351 kids receive toys from annual Martin County Toy Store

The Martin County Christmas Toy Store was held this year on December 11. 123 families were able to shop for 351 children. 28 bicycles and tricycles and over 1,500 toys and stocking stuffers were given away.

The Christmas Toy Store was possible because of the generosity of area churches and the help of around 60 people that volunteered their Friday to setup and Saturday to make the toy store happen. Toy store organizers send a big "thank you" to all the volunteers from the churches and to the Loogootee United Methodist Church for once again hosting the event.

Local organizations, churches, and many people in Martin County gave toys and monetary donations. The Toy Store also wants to recognize the contributions and support from the Naval Support Center Crane "Toys for Tots" program,

Martin County Community Foundation, Daviess-Martin County REMC, German American Bank, Crane Credit Union Loogootee Branch, Old National Bank, Family Dollar, Dollar General, Haven Lee Boutique, Loogootee IGA, Masons at White River Lodge #332, LHS Beta Club, Montgomery St. Peters Catholic Church, Helping Hands Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul, and others.

And, of course, the shopper signups could not have been completed without the help and support from the Shoals Public Library, the Loogootee Public Library, Hoosier Uplands and the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

The help of everyone in Martin County made this a very successful Christmas Toy Store. Many families and children will have a merrier Christmas thanks to all of you.

**MERRY Christmas**  
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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



### STORIES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

An anthropologist showed a game to the children of an African tribe. He placed a basket of delicious fruits near a tree trunk and told them: "The first child to reach the tree will get the basket."

When he gave them the start signal, he was surprised that they walked together, holding hands until they reached the tree and shared the fruit!

When he asked them why they did that when any one of them could have had the basket only for themselves, they answered with astonishment: "Ubuntu"... that is, how can one of us be happy while the rest are miserable?

"Ubuntu" in their language means: "I am because we are".

That tribe knows the secret of happiness that has been lost in societies that consider themselves "civilized societies".

### ATTENTION TO ALL PARENTS WHO NEED TO TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT SANTA

Son: "Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?"

Dad: "Ok, I agree that you're old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the "truth" is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you

can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So, my question is: Are you sure you want to know?"

Brief pause...

Son: "Yes, I want to know."

Dad: "Ok, I'll tell you: Yes, there is a Santa Claus."

Son: "Really?"

Dad: "Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand. The truth about Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all; he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actually bought those myself. I watched you open them. And did it bother me that you didn't thank me? Of course not! In fact, it gave me great pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgement.

When I saw that woman collapse on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me that summoned the ambulance. I was being Santa Claus when I did that."

Son: "Oh."

Dad: "So now that you know, you're part of it. You have to be Santa Claus too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most important, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?"

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# Tri Kappa looking for scholarship applicants

The state organization of Tri Kappa will award scholarships to college students throughout Indiana in the spring. Each state scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1,500. Tri Kappa has provided scholarship awards since 1914, acknowledging students on the local, province and state levels. Chapters, provinces, and the state organization combined, currently give nearly \$500,000 annually honoring academic achievement.

Twelve \$1,500 academic scholarships will be awarded, and additional at-large scholarships could be awarded dependent upon the funds available at the state level. To apply, students must meet the following requirements: (Note: one scholarship per Province – Loogootee-Shoals is Province III)

-Currently enrolled in a baccalaureate or graduate program, having completed at least one academic year.

-Criteria used by the Tri Kappa Selection Committee include strong academic

achievement, strong goals plus extracurricular activities, work experience and volunteer experience will be reviewed.

Tri Kappa is awarding two \$1,000 Key Scholarships to students throughout the state. These are directed to those students who have no previous degree beyond high school and have had a lapse in their education for at least five years. To apply, you must meet the following requirements:

-Any student enrolled in an accredited school offering an associate or baccalaureate degree, who has completed at least one semester, may apply.

-Also, if you are a vocational applicant who is enrolled in an accredited program leading to a degree, certification or licensing may also apply.

-Criteria used by the Tri Kappa Selection Committee are strong goals, work experience and volunteer service since high school.

Tri Kappa is awarding two \$1,000 Fine

Arts scholarships statewide to students majoring in art, dance, drama, or music. To apply, you must meet the following requirements:

-Students must be currently enrolled in an accredited baccalaureate or graduate degree program, having completed at least one academic year.

To apply for the \$1,000 Twanette Nutter Fleming Music Award you must meet the following requirements:

-Must be enrolled in a fully accredited baccalaureate program majoring in music education

-For those aspiring to teach music in public, private, or parochial schools

Our area has numerous college students who are talented and would qualify for these scholarships. We are hopeful that those students will be brought to our attention so we may begin the process of submitting an application for state Tri Kappa scholarships.

In addition to the state scholarships, the

Loogootee-Shoals, Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa also provides two local scholarships in the amount of \$500 each - one to a graduating Loogootee High School student and one to a graduating Shoals High School student. Proof of college enrollment for the 2022-2023 fall semester is required. Applications for those high school scholarships can be obtained from your local high school counselor or by contacting Samantha Nelson (812) 296-1395 or by email at bscenin@hotmail.com.

Local deadline to submit scholarship applications to Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa, is Friday, February 11, 2022. That will provide the committee time to vote on applications, put the packages together and submit to the state scholarship committee by the state deadline of February 28, 2022.

The Tri Kappa State Scholarship Committee will meet in early spring to select the recipients of the above-mentioned scholarships.

# Leaders from Radius region visit Indianapolis for site selector trip

Economic development leaders from Radius Indiana shared information and insights about the southern Indiana region last week as part of an educational session in Indianapolis.

The session was part of Radius's continued outreach program to raise awareness about business strengths and opportunities in the eight-county region. Radius President and CEO Jeff Quyle, other Radius staff members, and four economic development leaders from Dubois, Lawrence, Martin, and Orange counties joined Quyle to discuss the latest news about the regional economy.

"The site selector luncheon hosted by Radius was so beneficial," said Angie Risacher, executive director for Martin County Alliance. "This last year, other LEDOs and I were only able to hold an online presence with these tremendously important points of contact. With Radius organizing this for our region, we were able to have those direct conversations across the table from a site selector who can match up the right opportunities to our counties."

The leaders from southern Indiana had the opportunity to showcase their county accomplishments as well as highlight the main industries in their area. Radius showcased a number of new workforce training, upskilling, and attraction initiatives underway in the region.

Site selectors in attendance offered useful insights regarding the resumption of activity in recent months as companies are urgently seeking to add production capacity. The Radius team heard a confirmation that the availability of labor is a key element of business site searches today, as well as reports that workforce recruitment initiatives are incentives that are catching the eye of companies conducting site searches.

"It is essential in our economic development profession to discuss best practices and policy updates at events such as the annual Radius Indiana luncheon," said Eric Levenhagen, senior manager for RSM, who was one of the guests who participated in the luncheon conversations.

This is the fifth annual Indianapolis

site selector event and is the latest in a series of regional and national visits Radius Indiana has facilitated on behalf of the eight-county region since starting this program in 2016. The outreach efforts will continue into 2022, with sessions scheduled in Columbus, Chicago, Cleveland, and Louisville.

"We appreciated the opportunity to hear the site selectors' insights on the robust growth they are seeing among their business clientele," Quyle said. "The opportunities the Radius region communities have to offer a variety of recruitment tools and incentives seem to have made an impression on our guests."











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## Purdue Extension Master Gardener program to offer virtual basic training in spring

BY JOHN ORICK

Purdue University News Service

The spring 2022 Purdue Extension Master Gardener (EMG) basic training program will begin February 1 as a series of live virtual webinars.

Visit [bit.ly/2022PurdueEMGTraining](https://bit.ly/2022PurdueEMGTraining) and contact a hosting Purdue Extension educator to obtain an application. The application deadline is January 11. The training wraps up May 3. An individual registration costs \$180 and includes a print version of the Purdue EMG manual. The fee for two people sharing a print version of the manual is \$280.

Purdue Extension specialists and educators from across Indiana teach the course. Topics include soils, fertility,

pest control, invasive species, pesticide safety and alternatives, trees, vegetables, flowers, lawns and fruit.

“The Purdue Extension Master Gardener program’s main purpose is to train volunteers to assist Purdue Extension with consumer horticulture education in Indiana communities,” says John Orick, Purdue EMG state coordinator ([www.hort.purdue.edu/mg](http://www.hort.purdue.edu/mg)).

Extension Master Gardener volunteers are required to give a minimum of 40 hours back to the community after completing initial training and passing an exam. Volunteers completed 117,000 hours in 2021, Orick says.

To strengthen connections to county Purdue EMG programs, each hosting Extension educator will hold a required one-hour weekly meeting with participants to dig deeper on how the topic of the week applies to local gardeners.

“Indiana is a long, north-south state,” says Jeff Burbrink, a Purdue Extension educator in Elkhart County who is on the team that planned the spring program. “Our climate and soils vary a great deal from Lake Michigan to the Ohio River. We want to be sure that our Extension Master Gardeners can see how these concepts work in their backyard.”

Most Master Gardeners stay involved in the program for years.

“Our local Master Gardeners created the Michiana Master Gardener Association in 1996,” Burbrink says, “in part because they enjoy learning, and in part because they can work on big projects together, like our annual Garden Tour and Garden Expo. They are an amazingly talented group of creative people.”



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## Hunting, fishing, trapping license fees increase starting in 2022

For the first time since 2006, Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) has increased fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. Commercial license fees also increase, some for the first time since the 1980s.

The increases will be applied to personal licenses starting with the 2022-2023 license year (April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023) that will go on sale in January. The fee increase does not affect licenses for the remainder of the 2021-2022 license year (April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022), even if those licenses are purchased after January 1.

The new fees allow DFW to maintain core programs including habitat restoration, maintenance of public lands, sci-

entific research and education, and expansion of other services to manage Indiana’s fish and wildlife for everyone to enjoy.

Funds will also go to the DNR Division of Law Enforcement to ensure it is equipped to provide public safety and enforce the laws governing natural resources.

The new license prices were determined by comparing license fees among other Midwestern states and balancing the rising costs of resource management.

More information on these changes, including a full list of the new fees, can be found here: [dnr.IN.gov/fish-and-wildlife/licenses-and-permits/fee-changes](http://dnr.IN.gov/fish-and-wildlife/licenses-and-permits/fee-changes).

Learn more about how DFW is funded: <https://bit.ly/3xdQTAU>.

## Stay safe, always assume you are on “thin ice”

With the inevitable upcoming drop in temperatures across the state, Indiana Conservation Officers advise Hoosiers and visitors of the potential hazards of being on frozen lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.

It’s also important to keep a watchful eye for other people who may venture out on neighborhood retention ponds, lakes and other waterways and find themselves in trouble.

Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers safely enjoy fishing, skating, hiking, or just sliding around on frozen ponds and lakes. And every year, people drown after falling through ice. Don’t let this happen to you or yours.

Similar to driving differently on snowy versus clear roads, being able to safely have fun on ice may require adjusting from what you have done in the past. When thinking about getting on the ice, put safety first. Believe it is thin ice unless proven otherwise.

Here are a few tips to remember when considering standing on or walking on a frozen body of water:

- No ice is safe ice.
- Test the thickness of the ice with an ice auger. At least 4 inches of ice is recommended for ice fishing; 5 inches is recommended for snowmobiling.
- If you don’t know the thickness of the ice, don’t go on it.
- Wear a life jacket or flotation coat.
- Carry ice hooks and rope gear.

-Before going on the ice, leave a note of your whereabouts with a friend or family member.

-Don’t test the thickness of the ice while alone.

Wearing a life jacket is especially important when on ice. If you fall through, a life jacket will keep your head above the water until help arrives.

Remember that a new coating of snow, while perhaps beautiful, can make for treacherous ice conditions. Snow can serve as insulation, causing water to freeze at a slower rate. When snow and rain freeze into ice, it is not as strong as solid, clear ice.

Another potentially dangerous situation is when you see a pet or other animal in distress on the ice. If that happens, do not go after it. Instead, contact local emergency response personnel, who are equipped to make a rescue.

A few more tips:

-Some bodies of water can appear to be frozen solid but have thin ice in several potentially unexpected areas.

-Flowing water, such as rivers and streams, should be avoided when covered by a layer of ice.

Similarly, water that is surrounded by sand may freeze with inconsistencies in the thickness of the ice.

-Underground springs, wind, waterfowl, and other animals can also keep areas of ice thin.

## Waterfowl workshop offered January 25

The 2022 Waterfowl Workshop for Waterfowl Control Operators (WCOs) will take place January 25, from noon to 3:30 p.m. (ET). The workshop will be held virtually.

The workshop is required for all contractors who want to become qualified as WCOs to conduct waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocation and/or euthanasia for hire in Indiana during 2022.

All first-time WCOs must attend the workshop to be eligible to work as a WCO in 2022. Attendance is also encouraged for all WCOs, but those who have attended the workshop in previous years may opt to test out. Those interested in taking the test should contact Debbie Walter at [dwalter@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dwalter@dnr.IN.gov) or 812-789-2724. The 2022 exam will be available February 1.

Individuals pursuing qualifying status for goose euthanasia for the first time will also need to provide the division with a certificate of attendance to the Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA) goose management course or complete a Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) approved eight-hour equivalent goose course. Before any waterfowl management activities can legally be conducted, WCOs must ensure that the DFW has received all necessary paperwork.

Registration by January 17 is required to participate in this virtual workshop. Once registered, participants will be provided the webinar link and training materials. To register, or for more information, contact Jessica Merklings, Urban Wildlife Biologist, at [jmerklings@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jmerklings@dnr.IN.gov) or 260-244-6805.

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