

Last commissioners' meeting for Boyd, Roush takes over in January

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The Martin County Commissioners held their last meeting of the year Tuesday night, December 29. This was the final meeting for Commissioner Kevin Boyd, who did not win re-election. Cody Roush will take his seat starting in January.

Julia Albright, with the Martin County Health Department presented their annual contract with the county. Nothing was changed from last year. The commissioners approved.

Albright said that the county had a record number of positive COVID cases in one day, on Christmas Eve, with 18. She said Christmas Day there were 12 new positives. Since then, the numbers have gone down to a few per day however Albright said this may be due to labs being closed during the holiday, so there may be an increase in the coming days.

Albright said Martin County will remain in the orange status for the next week. The state is refiguring how they classify COVID status which she said will probably help the county. Albright noted that the vaccine should be available for first responders, and whomever the state chooses as priority, in mid- to late-January.

Dena Held reported that 4-H numbers are down with only 50 signed up so far.

County Attorney Dave Lett presented an agreement for the assessor's office with Schneider Corp. for \$31,392 for the GIS services. He said it's the same contract as in past years. The commissioners approved.

Attorney Lett presented quotes regarding maintenance of the generator at the

community building at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Paul George said they only have a certain amount of money allocated by the county council and the two bids, which were the same amount, were more than the allocation. The current maintenance agreement calls for weekly maintenance. The commissioners discussed getting quotes for bi-weekly or monthly maintenance to get the cost down. Auditor Abel said she will contact the companies to get new quotes.

Lett also reported that as of January 1, no employee with COVID is entitled to family leave since the federal Families First Act is expiring. Employees will have to utilize paid time off or work without pay.

Auditor Abel presented an updated quote for the air unit, from M&M Electric, with a slight increase. The commissioners had approved the quote at their last meeting however it had expired so they knew there would be some increase. The new quote was \$40,289, with \$31,279 at the last meeting. Commissioner Kevin Boyd suggested someone sit down with M&M to see what they actually recommend for the air units.

Commissioner Aaron Summers thanked Commissioner Boyd for helping him as a new commissioner and working so well with him. Commissioner George said he has enjoyed working with Boyd over the past 10 years and feels they have accomplished quite a bit. Auditor Abel also thanked Boyd for helping her learn the ropes. Boyd was presented with a gift from the group and said it was a pleasure to serve the county and he thanks everyone.



New chief -Photos provided

Jim Floyd will take over as Loogootee Police Chief on January 1, replacing Kelly Rayhill who has stepped down, after 23 years. Rayhill will stay on as deputy chief. In the photo above are Rayhill (left) and Floyd (right). In the photo on the right, Floyd is being sworn in by Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty.



DEATHS OF 2020 Gone but not forgotten

Martin County Journal 2020 headlines

JANUARY

Dan Gregory says goodbye at last commissioners' meeting before retirement

Shoals Town Council discusses fund balances, repairs to bathrooms, truck

Loogootee Council starts year with rules of decorum

Martin, Daviess county foundations award grants to build new West Boggs gatehouse

Shoals to get new innovation lab, pathways for specialty learning

Retired Loogootee Police Officer Rick Norris receives plaque from city for 31 years of service

Large amount of meth seized
Shoals Council discusses committees, road issues

Loogootee senior Garrett Williams named Wells Scholar

Multi-agency operation results in arrest of two wanted felons

Loogootee Library to host open house and ribbon cutting

Commissioners discuss Brooks Bridge continued decline, bids for road repairs

Shoals discusses plans with other COS-MOS schools

County has second lowest jobless rate in the state for December

Loogootee Library officially open

Improvements continue at the Martin County Museum

FEBRUARY

2020 Census Committee hopes to increase county's response rate

Public meeting scheduled for input on

new highway plans (Mid-States Corridor)

Multiple arrests made after theft at O'Reilly's

Open house at Martin State Forest to be held

West Boggs Director updates council on park's progress

Shoals Robotix keeps rolling

Commissioners discuss bridges, roads, old county records

Loogootee City Council opens bids for stormwater, road work

Loogootee woman arrested for failure to appear

Man sentenced to prison for meth possession

Huge crowd turns out to hear about potential highway project

Shoals School Board approves staff changes, discusses growth

Shoals Council approves new contracts with NewWave, DeWitt insurance

Dalton Roush signs with Franklin College

Woman receives prison sentence for dealing in a narcotic drug in Martin County

Trooper Lents promoted to detective

Commissioners discuss Census, guns, hackers

Builders Best closing

Loogootee Lady Lions (Basketball) won the school's first-ever Semi State title last Saturday

MARCH

Loogootee Lady Lions Varsity Basketball (See 'HEADLINES' on page 2)

- Bradley E. Tinkle 7/12/69-1/1/20
- William "Bill" O. Wilson 2/25/45-1/1/20
- Beverly Ann Howell 1/1/48-1/2/20
- John Elmer Wagler 5/17/45-1/2/20
- Clifford Lannan 6/8/30-1/4/20
- Dawn Annette Rush 10/21/59-1/4/20
- Roberta Ann (Toy) Williams 9/12/47-1/4/20
- Debra May Duvall 11/24/75-1/7/20
- Garnet Elaine Freed 2/8/47-1/10/20
- Marietta J. Lentz 11/30/44-1/12/20
- Mary E. Norris 1/13/35-1/13/20
- Rosanna Stoll Wagler 4/20/36-1/14/20
- Jack Hardwick 7/18/34-1/16/20
- Larry Roger Harding 10/12/38-1/17/20
- Shirley Ann Dean 4/15/39-1/19/20
- Rita L. Ash 2/20/30-1/20/20
- Katie Marnar 2/9/25-1/20/20
- Robert Eugene Howell 2/12/34-1/22/20
- Joseph Cameron Ackerman 9/9/46-1/23/20
- Marjorie Divine 1/1/41-1/23/20
- Michael L. Staab 9/7/56-1/23/20
- Betty I. Beasley 3/8/32-1/24/20
- Edna L. Johnson 9/5/33-1/26/20
- David T. Johnson 10/30/59-1/26/20
- Vivian Gwyn Swartzentruber 8/21/57-1/27/20
- Alva Hovis 12/21/26-1/30/20
- Roscoe Petty 8/18/60-2/2/20
- Roberta L. Copeland 11/28/57-2/3/20
- Jerry V. Smith 11/14/42-2/2/20
- Brenda K. Moffitt 9/14/43-2/9/20
- Marilyn "Jane" Lents 5/2/45-2/11/20
- James Spaulding 8/30/41-2/13/20
- George M. Aldred 3/22/31-1/20/20
- Jeffery D. Moffitt 8/11/58-2/21/20
- David Buskirk 8/4/34-2/23/20
- Mary Jane Kelsey 6/28/47-2/23/20

- Barbara Jean Mundy 5/28/44-2/26/20
- Diana Marie Schutte 5/30/63-2/28/20
- John Weston Engle 10/24/36-3/4/20
- Michael G. Burriss 5/18/50-3/5/20
- Hildred Ilene Taylor 7/4/33-3/7/20
- Norma Lou (Hitchcock) Thrasher 5/17/34-3/7/20
- Ray Allen Baxter 12/3/34-3/8/20
- Mary E. Clark 4/14/40-3/13/20
- Harold Ray "Winkie" Winklepleck 4/1/41-3/13/20
- Irene Hurt 10/2/37-3/18/20
- Marsha Blake 3/26/53-3/22/20
- George W. Albright 11/26/37-3/25/20
- Charles W. Stringer 11/30/31-3/25/20
- M. Lucille Tackett 4/22/24-3/25/20
- Charles Nelson Wraley 11/5/34-3/25/20
- Dorothy Sue Bough 7/8/35-3/28/20
- Gregory Cramer 10/13/60-3/29/20
- Paula Ann Billings Myers 5/26/42-3/29/20
- Albert L. Schnarr 3/10/38-3/31/20
- Kimberly Hyde 2/5/59-4/1/20
- Marion Edward "Eddie" Sorrells 3/24/43-4/3/20
- Mary Jo DeLong 11/11/34-4/5/20
- Ruth Elaine Smith 3/27/51-4/6/20
- Shirley May Schnarr 10/14/40-4/7/20
- Edward Lents 4/12/35-4/8/20
- Madge Noreen Trambaugh 6/9/47-4/10/20
- Jeffrey W. Trout 10/5/56-4/12/20
- Nora Eleanor Shaw 8/22/33-4/15/20
- Marjorie Sue Warren 12/22/28-4/16/20
- James L. "Sonny" Pruett 1/4/40-4/21/20
- Wesley Eugene Crays 5/17/35-4/22/20
- Camden Lee Wolf 12/3/28-4/23/20
- Judith A. Woody 2/6/40-4/23/20

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DEATHS

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Evelyn M. Earl 1/24/35-4/24/20
 Brandon Lewis Smith 11/27/83-4/24/20
 Lynn Collins 1/30/59-4/26/20
 Jack L White 10/21/41-4/27/20
 Isabelle Victoria Gates 12/21/24-4/28/20
 Brenda Kay Fields 10/7/56-4/29/20
 John Paul Gee 6/4/68-4/29/20
 Mary Susan (Melton) Quigley 4/12/46-5/3/20
 DeWayne Wagler 1/31/50-5/12/20
 Lavada Marie (Hovis) Doane 1/23/31-5/14/20
 Thelma Jane Asdell 12/8/44-5/18/20
 Wilma Haag 12/13/32-5/19/20
 Merlin Dale "Bob" Quinn 2/17/28-5/25/20
 Bernard J. Arvin 11/7/51-5/28/20
 Janet Sue Gammon Crum 8/26/39-5/28/20
 Janis L. Graybill 8/9/30-5/28/20
 Patricia Jean Mathias 3/10/54-5/29/20
 Marvin Paul Montgomery 3/16/44-5/30/20
 John L. Hovis 3/26/41-6/3/20
 Martha Anne Glass 12/17/29-6/5/20
 Rita Marie Schnarr 8/12/31-6/7/20
 Linda L. Allen 12/14/42-6/8/20
 John Edward "Cigar" Schitter 6/21/52-6/8/20
 Sherry Lee Diamond 1/1/47-6/10/20
 David Lee Jones 9/22/53-6/11/20
 Veronica Agnes "Bonnie" Tennis 4/11/40-6/11/20
 Elizabeth Louise (Betty Lou) Hart 1/10/59-6/14/20
 Robert "Danny" Hayes, Jr. 9/1/44-6/15/20
 Jacqueline Joann (Girdley) Vickers 6/7/27-6/18/20
 Shirley Marie Harding 4/27/39-6/20/20
 Eleanor Wildman 6/7/25-6/20/20
 Mary Lou Eckert 7/5/43-6/23/20
 Violet Marie Roberts 3/29/27-6/24/20
 Alison Ryan 12/7/64-6/29/20
 Paul Roy Smith 12/12/53-7/1/20
 Steven Joseph Baker 4/15/57-7/2/20
 Danny Lee Collins Sr. 11/6/53-7/3/20
 Evelyn "Gayle" Abel 12/16/42-7/4/20
 Frances L. (Arvin) Lay 5/21/34-7/4/20
 William Jacob Shaw 3/26/89-7/6/20
 Daniel Bauer 10/15/72-7/9/20
 William Joseph "B.J." Bingham 1/25/59-7/13/20
 Linda M. Sparks 11/2/49-7/13/20
 Joe Williams 11/17/49-7/15/20
 Walter "Eugene" Roberts 6/28/39-7/16/20
 Ronnie E. Beyers 6/19/52-7/17/20
 Rebecca L. Costello 1/1/47-7/19/20
 Kenneth Earl Davis 6/26/40-7/19/20
 Deroy Trayler 5/17/56-7/19/20
 Alice June Warner 7/5/23-7/20/20
 Kermit D. Arney 12/22/45-7/22/20
 Norma Jean Purkhiser 12/2/61-7/25/20
 Sherry Ann (Qualkenbush) Emmick 6/6/47-7/26/20
 Vicky Jean Tedrow 3/19/58-7/26/20
 Brenda Sue Bearden 3/13/58-7/27/20
 Robert E. Norman 7/24/26-8/1/20
 Zachary "Hootie" Michael Flick 8/6/87-8/2/20
 Norbert E. Steiner 10/2/50-8/4/20
 Blayze Alexander Crowder 9/10/07-8/5/20
 Stephanie Lynn Bradley 8/1/72-8/6/20
 Carolyn S. McGrath 9/17/36-8/7/20
 James M. "Chade" Osborne 7/11/63-8/9/20
 Ruth Burris 9/24/35-8/11/20
 John Frank Roedel 3/15/27-8/12/20
 Alice Ann (Acton) Strange 12/5/33-8/13/20
 Vonda M. Elliott 4/20/48-8/14/20
 Susan Marie Colvin 11/19/55-8/15/20
 Douglas Jay Haggard 2/28/59-8/17/20
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 Vera L. Linneweber 5/12/38-8/24/20
 Lana S. Wilkerson 10/22/53-8/29/20
 Roger Dale Willis 4/6/47-8/31/20
 Margie J. Madden 6/7/34-9/1/20
 William "Bill" Pielemeier 2/16/33-9/5/20
 Marvin J. "Butch" Bailey 4/26/46-9/8/20

Mildred A. "Mim" Divine 11/29/28-9/9/20
 Marietta Johnson 6/16/30-9/11/20
 David Wesley Qualkenbush 1/25/58-9/11/20
 Jeffrey David Hodson 9/6/66-9/13/20
 Michael Hayes Stone Sr. 1/7/49-9/15/20
 Kayla Marie Sanders 7/12/94-9/18/20
 Marjorie R. Dunn 10/5/39-9/19/20
 Herald J. Stuffle 5/11/35-9/19/20
 Karen A. Wagler 3/2/48-9/19/20
 Michael Eugene Lannan 2/24/42-9/25/20
 Robert Carroll Harrison 9/30/24-9/27/20
 Everett L. Canary 12/5/43-9/28/20
 Kay Walker 6/13/38-9/28/20
 Delmar Edward Mathies 1/8/35-9/29/20
 James L. Hopkins 3/17/38-10/3/20
 Doyle Ray Tolbert 9/5/35-10/5/20
 Ruth Ann Norris 11/7/34-10/6/20
 Darlene K. Crim 6/17/40-10/10/20
 Melissa Joy Byers 8/18/79-10/12/20
 Samuel Wagoner 3/7/30-10/16/20
 Gordon L. Brinegar 3/7/29-10/17/20
 Patsy L. Underwood 8/9/33-10/17/20
 David Lucan Hunt 10/11/55-10/18/20
 Kenneth Wayne Johnson 7/18/41-10/20/20
 Polly A. Walker 7/25/55-10/21/20
 Doris Faye (Crouse) Buzan 3/22/31-10/22/20
 Mauricette Suzanne Farley 10/12/27-10/22/20
 Elizabeth Kay Hamaker 11/11/89-10/24/20
 Michael Ray Roberts 8/29/82-10/26/20
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 Richard E. Craney 8/8/55-10/29/20
 David Lewis 7/31/46-11/2/20
 Kevin Alan Bateman 7/27/61-11/3/20
 Herbert Wagler 2/15/28-11/6/20
 Betty Jean (Hawkins) Fields 7/16/38-11/7/20
 Nancy J. Baker 1/29/36-11/8/20
 Howard J. Stoll 10/12/35-11/8/20
 Joseph Eugene Baker 10/21/46-11/9/20
 Michael Jewell 8/19/67-11/9/20
 Dorothy H. Williams 2/23/23-11/10/20
 Jeanette Pielemeier 12/24/37-11/12/20
 Jimmie (Jim) Ray Callahan 9/3/32-11/15/20
 Louis James Moore 6/8/33-11/16/20
 Evelyne Waggoner 7/7/24-11/17/20
 Joseph R. Wall Jr. 10/21/41-11/17/20
 Don K. Strange 7/27/56-11/19/20
 Betty J. Ervin 1/23/33-11/20/20
 Lloyd Hayden Jones 1/13/32-11/23/20
 Doris E. Lindsey 1/1/28-11/26/20
 Jackie Lee Holt 12/2/38-12/1/20
 Cletus Gingerich 8/7/30-12/2/20
 Brian D. McNabb 5/8/62-12/2/20
 Barbara J. Boyd 12/22/46-12/3/20
 James E. Martin 12/10/31-12/3/20
 Rev. Carl Edward Fields 6/27/34-12/4/20
 Austin Owen O'Connor 5/19/54-12/4/20
 Kevin James Akles 10/16/65-12/5/20
 Betty Lou Burris 7/20/47-12/6/20
 Merlene Sue (Franklin) Callahan 7/31/33-12/6/20
 Wilma Katherine Collins 8/22/24-12/6/20
 William Russell Pruett 6/27/22-12/6/20
 Robert Harold Sorrells 3/10/32-12/6/20
 Helen S. Albright 5/15/18-12/9/20
 Julie Cheryl Arvin 8/24/66-12/9/20
 Wilmer Dean Lundy 4/14/37-12/9/20
 James "Jim" H. Cornett 3/29/17-12/11/20
 Roger D. Truelove 10/29/44-12/12/20
 Jerrie L. Fleck 2/27/52-12/15/20
 Brenda Lou Hopkins 8/5/54-12/15/20
 Freda M. Stringer 1/4/35-12/16/20
 Delbert J. (Dick) Howell 11/21/40-12/18/20
 Raymond A. "Ray" Larkin 2/2/32-12/18/20
 Patricia A. Gore 11/4/47-12/19/20
 Ralph Wesley Haulk 3/23/33-12/21/20
 Charles Clyde Brown 4/18/31-12/22/20
 Margie D. Godsey 4/15/32-12/25/20
 Martha (Lengacher) Gingerich 1/21/25-12-26-20
 Jaines Dee Doane 7/22/39-12/27/20
 Myrtle E. Byrer 8/22/25-12/28/20
 Betty C. Dobson 1/5/24-12/28/20
 Galelah Rose Tedrow 2/11/36-12/29/20

HEADLINES

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ball Team won the school's first-ever state title last Saturday
 Loogootee prepping to do stormwater projects
 County council discusses Shoals bank closing
 Jug Rox Robotix win Indiana Semi-State Super Qualifying Tournament
 Cabin owners bill passes, now goes on to governor
 Man receives prison sentence for escape and non-support
 Townships have over \$1 million in unused funds
 City's former insurance agent fights to get job back
 Man receives prison sentence for possession of meth
 Information on the COVID-19 virus
 Man receives prison sentence for dealing meth in Martin County
 Martin County turning 200 years old amid virus crisis
 Shoals Council discusses mobile home ordinance, clean-up days
 Shoals School Board makes staff changes, teams up with Padanaram
 Martin County jobless rate bumps to 2.9 percent in January

APRIL
 COVID-19 still has country on lockdown
 Residents asked to turn in 2020 Census forms
 Martin County had lowest jobless rate in the state for February
 COVID-19 keeping Indiana residents home for at least another two weeks
 Martin County receives almost \$1 million in road, bridge funds
 County council discusses grant, timber money, tax abatements
 Shoals School Board navigates rest of school year
 Indiana COVID-19 stay at home order set to expire April 21
 Shoals School sets tentative dates for spring events
 Commissioners discuss insurance, jail staff
 Indiana stay-at-home order extended through May 1
 Shoals Town Council purchases two new vehicles, street sign
 Martin County jobless rate at 2.7 percent for March
 Roush resigning as director of solid waste
 Recycling center to re-open May 4, looking for new director
 Crane employees 3D print hundreds of ear guards for healthcare workers

MAY
 Leadership group thinks wheel tax is right move for county
 State starting to reopen from COVID-19 outbreak
 K9 Spike to get donation of body armor
 Schools ranked by US News and World Report; LHS 45th in Indiana
 Crash claims the life of Martin County woman
 LHS Top 10 Seniors honored by Tri Kappa
 Shoals Council discusses mobile home ordinance, security camera vandalism
 As testing increases, COVID-19 cases climb
 Pursuit in Lost River leads to meth charges for French Lick man
 Commissioners discuss highway work, COVID funding, courthouse opening
 Shoals School Board makes staff changes, reviews policies, handbooks
 Traffic stop leads to drug charges
 Falling tree injures two juveniles near Shoals
 Bridget Norris graduates veterinarian school
 Arrests made in theft case

JUNE
 New building at WestGate requesting tax abatement
 Roush, Summers move on to General

Election

Loogootee Council deciding how much to increase water/sewer rates
 Loogootee Elementary recognized as PLTW Distinguished School
 Commissioners discuss new employees, road damage from farmers
 Loogootee Council debates city taking back dispatching
 RTC Communications expanding advanced broadband into Loogootee
 Shoals receives \$50,000 grant for construction trades program
 Shoals Council discusses trailers, erosion problems, town marshal's suspension
 Steven Nolan receives 2019 Jasper Trooper of the Year award
 Chamber dinner cancelled; scholarships announced
 Nurse Practitioner Allyson Mudd joins Jasper Pediatrics
 Loogootee School Board approves principal contracts, discusses athletics moratorium
 Martin County unemployment rate at 5.9 percent for May
 Grant awarded to bring obstetrics, prenatal care to Martin County
 COVID relief funds available for Martin County organizations

JULY
 Loogootee graduates 70 in COVID-era ceremony
 Commissioners discuss bridge inspections, road issues
 Loogootee, Shoals working on back-to-school plans
 Sheriff wants more money for his staff
 Coalition working to reform Martin County's judicial system, planning "Transparent Martin County" event
 Open house to be held this Saturday for Redeeming Grace Center
 City water to go up 43 percent, sewer 35
 Commissioners discuss issues on Boyd Hollow Road
 Center to help women opens in Loogootee
 Shoals School Board gets ready for year; school starts August 6
 Public input needed on issues impacting Martin County
 Charges filed in 2019 bomb threat at Loogootee Schools
 Martin County has 2nd lowest jobless rate in state for June
 Shoals Town Council discusses properties, improvements
 Commissioners welcome new sheriff's deputy (Jesse Flanagan)
 Shoals School Board approves re-open plan

AUGUST
 151 farm families, one from Martin County, presented with Hoosier Homestead Awards
 COVID-19 still lingers in region as local events resume
 City council approves water/sewer rate increases
 County council discusses sheriff vehicle purchases
 Resident asks commissioners to redraw precinct lines in the Town of Crane
 SICHC expands obstetrics services into Martin County
 Shoals School Board hires behavior specialist
 Shooting in Martin County kills juvenile
 WestGate hires new marketing manager
 County council unsure whether to raise taxes or cut services
 SIDC, in Loogootee, to receive \$400,000 in CARES funding
 Community Crossings grants have done 38 miles of road paving since 2017
 James Williams new director of solid waste
 Martin County had 3rd lowest jobless rate in the state for July
 Humane society building spay/neuter clinic
 Jason Greene, of Loogootee, won in the (See 'HEADLINES' on page 8)

OBITUARIES

BETTY DOBSON

Betty C. Dobson, formerly of Shoals, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2020 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 96.



She was born January 5, 1924 in Bedford; the daughter of Eley and Mildred (Bough) Norman.

She married **BETTY DOBSON** Frank Dobson in 1940 and he preceded her in death in 1969.

Betty was a member of the Shoals Christian Church and was a homemaker.

Surviving are children, Ralph Dean (Ann) Dobson of Georgia, Cheryl (Ray) Norris of Loogootee, and Richard Lee Dobson of Shoals; daughter-in-law, Tracy Dobson of Mitchell; ten grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; brother, James Norman of Shoals; sister, Alice (Doug) Hamilton of Shoals; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Frank; son, Paul Gene Dobson; grandson, Curtis Dobson; and brother, Robert Norman.

Funeral services were held at noon today, Wednesday, December 30 at the Shoals Christian Church with Pastor Matt Sullivan officiating. Burial followed in Trinity Springs Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes, Shoals.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.queenlee.com.

PATRICIA GORE

Patricia A. Gore passed away at 11:15 p.m. Saturday, December 19, 2020 at the Schneck Medical Center, in Seymour. A resident of Springville, she was 73.

She was born November 4, 1947, in Miamisburg, Ohio; daughter of Wilfred Romer and Mary Jane (Baker) Romer. She married Gene Gore on June 25, 1966 and he preceded her in death on September 9, 2004.

Patricia retired from IU Health in Bedford with over 25 years of service and was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, in Bedford.

Survivors include one daughter, Rebecca Godsey and husband, Brian, of Springville; three sons, Thomas Gore of Evansville; John Edward Gore and wife, Tammy, of Shoals; and James Edward Gore and wife, Jerri Ann, of Bedford; one sister, Julia Dawkins of Texas; eight grandchildren, Logan Gore and wife, Kathryn; Zetta Gore, Corbyn Sipes, Hannah Wheat and husband, Cory; Haley Bruce, Olivia Smith and husband, Zack; Victoria Gore and Mackenzie Godsey; one great-grandchild, Jayla Bruce. and one stepson, Jeff Gore and family of Bloomington.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Robert Romer and Fred Romer.

A private family service was held with burial in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Cemetery, in Silverville, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in her honor to Becky's Place in Bedford, or the Brown County Humane Society in Nashville.

The Cresthaven Funeral Home in Bedford was in charge of the arrangements.

MARGIE GODSEY

Margie D. Godsey, formerly of Bedford, died at 2:20 a.m. December 25, 2020 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 88.

She was born April 15, 1932, in Frazer, Kentucky; the daughter of Emile and Ina (Jones) Brown. She married Thomas Godsey and he preceded her in death on March



MARGIE GODSEY

David, of Loogootee; and Tonda Fletcher and husband, Mike, of Mitchell; eight grandchildren, Kara Wilson, Holly Kopsho, Ryan Fields, Amber Sanders, Amanda Ferguson, Kyle Luttrell, Kristen Luttrell, and Thomas Fletcher; 14 great-grandchildren, Gabriel and Carina Wilson, Nickolas, Nathan, and Brayden Kopshaw, Riley and Landon Fields, Kyler, Emma, Emmitt, and Willow Fletcher, and Shane, Linni, and Renae Sanders; five sisters, Jenny Goldsberry and husband, James, of Corbin, Kentucky; Frances Mercer and husband, Jabbo, of Monticello, Kentucky; Linda Morrow and husband, Lisle, of Ellettsville; Patsy Jett of Richmond, Kentucky; and Nancy Ferguson and husband, Rick, of Elnora; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one daughter, Brenda Luttrell; one grandson, Joshua Ferguson; two sisters, Violet Brown, and Murle Lawrence; and one brother, Roscoe Brown.

Private funeral services will be conducted with burial in Green Hill Cemetery.

Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

JAINES DOANE

Jaines Dee Doane passed away at 12:16 p.m. Sunday, December 27, 2020 at Monroe Hospital in Bloomington. A resident of Bedford, he was 81.

He was born July 22, 1939 in Martin County; son of Delbert D. and Lucille (Jewell) Doane. He married Margaret J. "Jeanie" Glasgow in 1999 and she survives.

He was a welder at General Motors and a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving as an MP. He was a member of U.A.W. Local #440, SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) and the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanie of Bedford; children, Deanna Bauernfiend and husband, Dwight; Donetta Levron and husband, Paul; and Loran Doane, all of Melbourne, Florida; Jackie Doane of Evansville, Becki Acton and husband, Tom, of Bedford; David Baker and wife, Scarlett, of Bedford; and Timothy Baker and wife, Tracy, of Springville; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, several brothers and sisters, a son-in-law, Gary Tarr; a grandson, Kyle Tarr.

No visitation or funeral services are planned.

GALELAH TEDROW

Galelah Rose Tedrow passed away Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 84.



GALELAH TEDROW

She was born February 11, 1936 in Alfordsville; daughter of the late Ottis Ulysses and Leona (Huls) Arvin.

Galelah married Walter Tedrow on March 8, 1953 and he preceded her in death on March 13, 2018.

She was a member of the Christian faith. She retired from CAAA as a sewing room supervisor. She enjoyed shopping after her retirement.

Galelah was preceded in death by her

11, 1983.

Margie retired in 1982 from RCA. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Darlene Fields and husband, Tim, of Bedford; Jana Ferguson and husband,

husband, Walter Tedrow; son, Joseph Wayne Tedrow; parents, Ottis and Leona Arvin; brothers, Gene (Thelma) Arvin, Melvin Arvin, Clyde (Louise) Arvin, Linus (Cecil) Arvin, Vaughn Arvin, still born Danny Joseph Arvin; sisters, Corrinna Arvin, Donna Gray and Dovie (Lawrence) Tedrow.

She is survived by a daughter, Shanan (Keith) Bradley of Martinsville; grandchildren, Tina (Lamont) Carmer-Smith, Veronica Tedrow and Jolene (Marco) Munoz; great-grandchildren, Elijah (Brenna) Carmer, Landon, Cameron, Dakota and Alexis Carmer, Antonia and Joseph Vega, Jordan Ja'nay and Jolee Rosalia Munoz; sister, Linda (Daniel) Fitch of Alfordsville; brother, Maurice (Beverly) Arvin of Iowa; sisters-in-law, Judy Arvin of Jasper and Lucy Arvin of Kokomo.

Private funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 2 at Blake Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 2 from 10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Social distancing and masks are required by all in attendance.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Loogootee American Legion - Post 120.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Galelah Rose Tedrow.

MYRTLE BYRER

Myrtle E. Byrer peacefully passed from this life on Monday, December 28, 2020 at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Odon, she was 95.

She was born on August 22, 1925 in Wayne County, Kentucky; daughter of Willie and Sarah (Neely) Jones. Myrtle married the love of her life, Rex Byrer, on May 27, 1950.

Myrtle was a member of the Odon Christian Church. She worked at Crane for many years before retiring in 1986.

Family left to cherish the memory of Myrtle include one son, Mark (Tammy) Byrer of Washington; one daughter, Patti Wildman (special friend, John O'Conner) of Loogootee; daughter-in-law, Janet Byrer of Avon, eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one sister, Imogene (Joe) Burcham of Bloomfield.

Myrtle was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Rex Byrer; son, Bobby Joe Byrer; five sisters and three brothers.

Private family funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, January 2

City to smoke test sewer system

The City of Loogootee Wastewater Utility will be smoke testing the sanitary sewer system from Monday, January 4 to Friday, January 29, weather permitting.

Prior to testing, please add one gallon of water to all drains. This ensures the traps are properly filled to seal out smoke, odors and potentially harmful sewer gases.

Information gained from this project will be used to prioritize repairs and improve sanitary sewer services in the City of Loogootee, by identifying and eliminating areas of stormwater inflow or infiltration.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Tim Nelson, Environmental & Safety Administrator with Midwestern Engineers, Inc. at 812-295-2800 or call Loogootee City Hall at 812-295-2497.

at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Bro. Richard Smith officiating. Myrtle will be laid to rest beside her husband at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

In compliance with state regulations, social distancing and face masks are required by all attending. Additional regulations are allowing only twenty-five (25) individuals in the funeral home at one time.

The Byrer family has entrusted all arrangements to the Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Condolences and memories may be shared online at www.meng-funeralhome.com.

MARTHA GINGERICH

Martha (Lengacher) Gingerich passed away Saturday, December 26, 2020 at her home. A resident of Odon, she was 95.

She was born January 21, 1925 in Daviess County; daughter of the late Simon and Catherine "Katie" (Graber) Lengacher. Martha married David Gingerich Jr. on August 4, 1946 and he preceded her in death.

She was a charter member of the Bethel Mennonite Church in Odon. She was a loving mother and grandmother. She took great pride in being a homemaker and raising her family.

Martha was preceded in death by her husband, David Gingerich Jr.; son, Abraham "Abe" Gingerich; parents, Simon and Katie Lengacher; grandson, Cole Stoll; four brothers and six sisters.

She is survived by her daughters, Karen (Dean) Swartzentruber of Odon and Judy (Eddie) Graber of Loogootee; son, Howard (Kate) Gingerich of Odon; daughter-in-law, Lois (Miller) Gingerich of Washington; grandchildren, Sherri Petit, Dena (Tim) Lengacher, Shelly (Leon) Wagler, Mike (Theresa) Swartzentruber, Kent (Deanna) Gingerich, Brett (Tamara) Gingerich, Valarie (Greg) Stoll, Andrea (John) Gere and Jenna (Craig) Sanders; 19 great-grandchildren, two step great-grandchildren, two step great-great-grandchildren; and brother, Simon (Lydia) Lengacher.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, December 30 at Bethel Mennonite Church in Odon. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, December 30 from 11 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

Social distancing and masks are required by all in attendance.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the World Missionary Press, 19168 County Road 146, New Paris, Indiana 46553.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake & Wagler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Martha Gingerich.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:59 a.m. - Received a report of an impaired driver in Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

4:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Sergeant Gibson responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:24 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded. All was secure.

1:15 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

1:43 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious subject west of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett responded.

4:38 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic disturbance in Shoals. Corporal Barnett and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:46 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver near Loogootee. Captain Reed and Corporal Barnett responded.

11:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Captain Reed, and Corporal Barnett responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person entering a residence west of Shoals. Captain Reed, Sergeant Gibson, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

9:00 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Major Keller responded and all was secure.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

1:15 p.m. - Major Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

2:00 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

4:05 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

4:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:21 p.m. - Received a fire alarm call in Loogootee. Shoals Fire responded and all was okay.

9:24 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett, Captain Reed, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

10:28 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance east of Shoals. Corporal Barnett and Captain Reed responded.

11:25 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Corporal Barnett and Captain Reed responded. All was okay.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

12:22 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on SR 150, just east of Natchez. Sergeant Gibson and Shoals Fire responded.

7:10 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded and all was secure.

11:55 a.m. - Received a report of a fire southeast of Shoals. Major Keller, Deputy Wells, Lost River Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:16 p.m. - Received a report of a low hanging limb north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

1:56 p.m. - Received a chicken complaint in Crane. Deputy Wells responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Lost River Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Wells, and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a welfare check southeast of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Lost River Fire Department responded. One patient transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:40 a.m. - Deputy Wells responded to a verbal disagreement in Loogootee. Both parties were separated and left the public area.

10:45 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:51 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy near Shoals. CPL Barnett responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Shoals. CPL Barnett responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident deer versus car north of Loogootee. CPL Barnett responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance to Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:40 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

7:46 p.m. - Received a request for a deputy in Loogootee. CPL Barnett responded.

11:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Hayesville Fire Department and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

4:24 a.m. - Received a call reporting a burglar alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:03 a.m. - Received a report of someone being threatened in their home. Sheriff Roush and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:35 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

4:02 p.m. - Received an animal complaint call near Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett advised.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

7:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a lift assist only. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:24 a.m. - Received a vehicle inspection request. Deputy Lents responded.

11:26 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting and ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:31 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

11:46 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident car versus deer near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock near Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

12:17 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

6:13 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm south of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

10:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with a person leaving the scene. Deputy Flanagan responded.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

11:52 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Floyd and Deputy Wells responded.

11:57 a.m. - Received a report of a garage fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance

responded. No one was transported.

12:05 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Deputy Wells, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

12:27 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

12:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an explosion in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department and Deputy Wells responded.

12:48 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. All Martin County Law Enforcement were advised.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of an injured animal in Shoals. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was advised.

Real estate transfers

Leland A. Wagler and Darla R. Wagler, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Marc Knepp and Caitlin G. Knepp**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the northwest quarter of Section 31, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12 acres, more or less.

Jerry Powell and Priscilla Powell, of Martin County, Indiana to **John K. Dixon**, of Martin County, Indiana, the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Elizabeth Winklepleck, of Martin County, Indiana to **Clay E. Howard**. Tract I: 12.5 acres in a strip of even width off the north end of the east half of the south half of east fractional Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 3 West. Tract II: A part of the east half of the south half of the east fractional Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2.5 acres, more or less.

Robert A. Buss and Cheryl L. Buss, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael J. Nonte**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 21 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Bryson S. Parker to Brogan Parker and Bryson Parker. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, and a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 41 acres, more or less.

Eddie W. Diamond to Shelby McAtee, a portion of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 5, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1 acre.



Harder recognized

-Photo provided

Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty recognized outgoing Clerk-Treasurer Carol Harder with a plaque this week. Harder has resigned her position as Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer effective at the end of the year. Roger Downey will take over the position on January 1.

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Making A Difference



By Curt Johnson
MCCF Director

-- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN --
"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I may learn."

That's a quote from Benjamin Franklin, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States and renowned as a leading author, printer, politician, scientist, scientist, and inventor among several other professions.

-- CLASSROOM GRANTS --

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) has taken to heart the words of Benjamin Franklin. We fund small, in-class projects in the Loogootee and Shoals school systems that have an educational benefit and are creative, innovative, and stimulate student learning.

Grants of \$50 to \$400 may be awarded to these projects that might not have a typical funding source. The MCCF Classroom Grants program is a resource to help enable our students to learn, grow and aspire as set by the example of one of our Founding Fathers.

-- A PLACE FOR INSPIRATION --

This year's classroom projects span a variety of subject areas with as many different approaches to engage and inspire

the students. The projects provide enhanced learning for the arts, reading, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), physical wellness, home skills, social and behavioral learning, teamwork, etc. The only limit is the teachers' imagination and what they can accomplish within the guidelines.

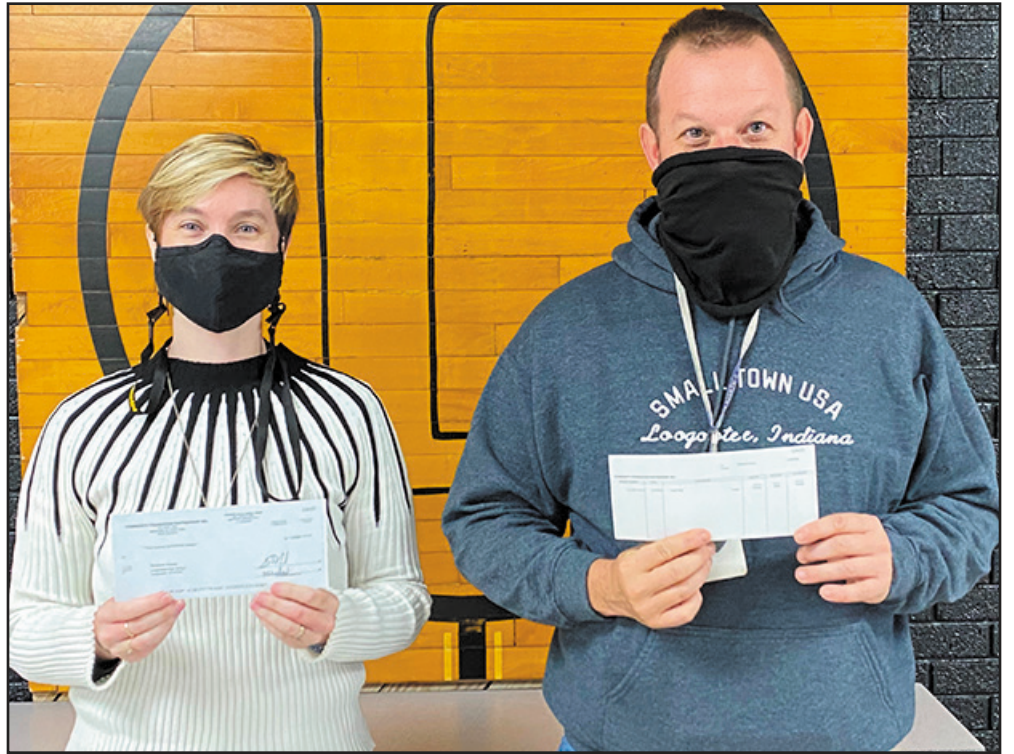
There were 20 Classroom Grant applications this year, and all 20 received a grant award. 15 grants went to Shoals Community School Corporation teachers and 5 went to Loogootee Community School Corporation teachers. The students' involvement with the any of these projects will complement that quote from earlier:

"Involve me and I may learn."

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cf-partner.org.

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



Pictured with their Classroom Grants are Loogootee teachers Rhi Graves and Tyler Walton.

Loogootee Police log

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

2:00 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a trespasser refusing to leave a property.

8:00 a.m. - Caller reported that a truck had hit a sign at a local business on East Broadway Street.

8:22 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence on NE Third Street.

4:20 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call in Burns City.

9:34 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a domestic dispute.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

7:14 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to an alarm at a local business.

7:30 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a complaint of debris in the roadway on East Broadway Street.

3:09 p.m. - A female came to the station with a complaint about a trespassing incident.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:37 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a report of a verbal dispute at a local business on West Broadway Street.

1:20 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Love Cemetery Road.

3:40 p.m. - Chief Rayhill spoke with a complainant in reference to a property dispute.

5:50 p.m. - Officer Means took a report of a theft from a local business on West Broadway Street.

6:24 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Vine Street.

7:45 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a domestic dispute and battery on SW Third Street.

11:42 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:50 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a report of an active alarm at a residence.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

6:58 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth spoke with a complainant about damage to her vehicle while she was a local business on West Broadway Street.

7:10 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to

a civil disturbance at a residence on NE Third Street.

10:36 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a domestic dispute on SW Third Street.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:57 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd completed a welfare check.

10:25 a.m. - A female caller had questions about a protective order.

11:10 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd spoke with a complainant in reference to harassment.

11:52 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a report of a vehicle at a high rate of speed entering Loogootee on US 50 West.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of a tree that had fallen against a utility pole at J. Strange Avenue and West Broadway Street.

Board looking for public comment

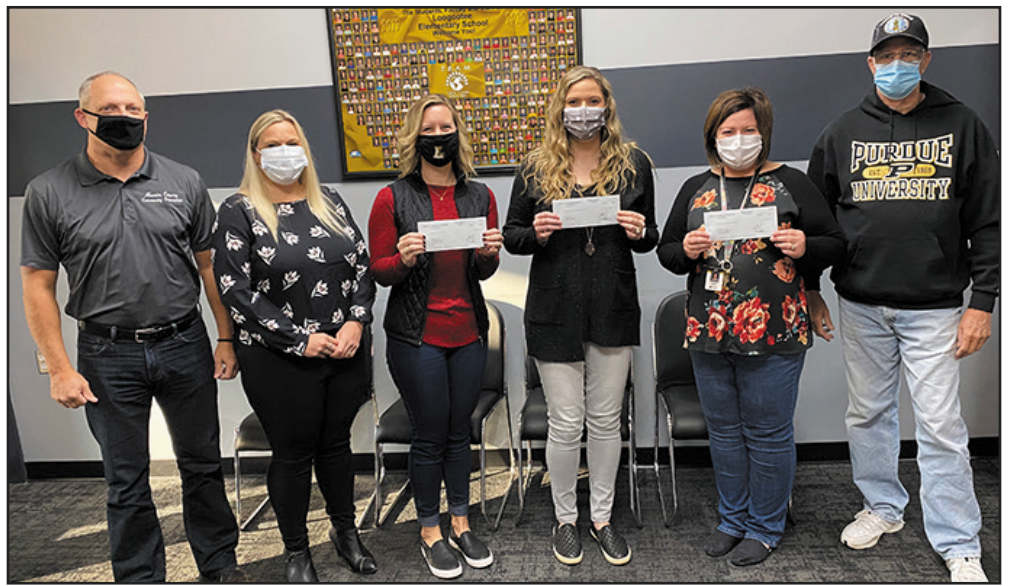
The South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc., an Equal Opportunity Employer, is requesting public comments regarding the WIOA Local Plan of Services. The WIOA Local Plan is the primary vehicle for communicating the board's vision for the local WorkOne system and how it will provide services to meet the needs of job seekers and employers in the Indiana Counties of Owen, Monroe, Brown, Greene, Daviess, Martin, Lawrence and Orange.

The plan will be available for review on the web at www.southcentral8.org/ or www.workonesouthcentral.org/ no later than 4:30 pm on December 22, 2020. The public comment period begins on December 22, 2020 and ends at 5 p.m. (EDT) on January 22, 2021. Written comments will be accepted by email at southcentralregion8@gmail.com. Comments may also be submitted by US Mail to: South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc., 333 S. Landmark Avenue Bloomington, IN 47403.

ARRESTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

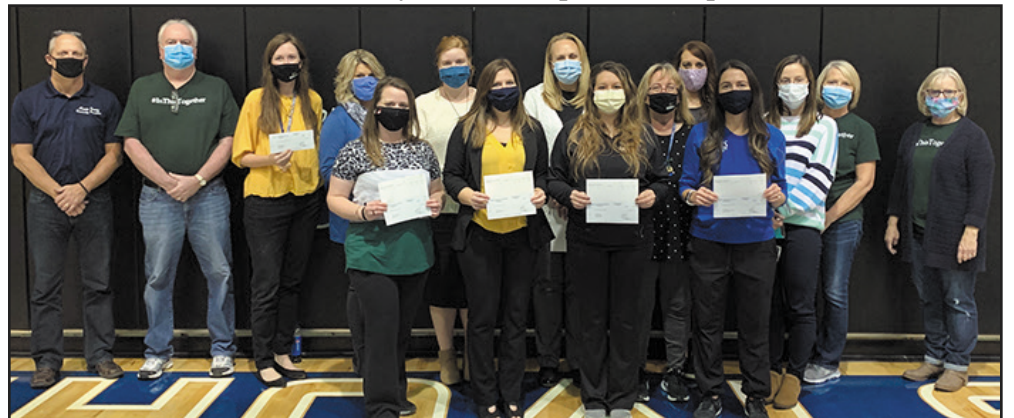
12:17 a.m. - Honi Overton, 45, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. She is held on 3,000/10% bond.



Pictured at the Loogootee Elementary School, left to right, are MCCF Director Curt Johnson with Board members Angie Risacher and Dan Gregory (on the far right) presenting the Classroom Grant checks to teachers Stephanie Powell, Brittany Gibson, and Seasonal Lawson.



Pictured left to right are Shoals teachers Leeza Adams and Raysha Winger receiving their Classroom Grant checks from Dr. Candace Roush, MCCF Board member and Shoals Community School Corporation Superintendent.



Pictured for the Shoals Classroom Grants are, in the back row left to right, Curt Johnson (MCCF Director), Jerry Braun (MCCF Grants Chairperson), teachers Megan Hawkins, Pamela Doane, Ashley Montgomery, Jennifer Guinn, Mimi Hawkins, Kimberly Perry, Jill Holt and MCCF Board members Annette Taylor and Jennel Hoffman. In the front row, left to right, are teachers Casie Phillips, Kindra Hovis (Shoals High School Principal), Rebecca Rollins, and Heidi Hoffman. Not pictured is Aimee Harder.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman

Most of us are happy that the year 2020 is over and rightfully so. It's not been a good year for many of us but perhaps a look at history might make us feel better about all the blessings we have.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT 1500s

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and they still smelled pretty good by June. However, since they were starting to smell, brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!"

Houses had thatched roofs, thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof... hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying, "dirt poor". The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they added more thresh until, when you opened the door, it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entrance-way. Hence: a thresh hold.

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme: "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could, "bring home the bacon". They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat.

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

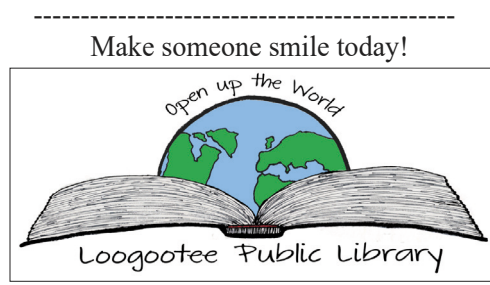
Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got

the top, or the upper crust.

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a wake.

England is old and small, and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So, they would dig up coffins and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So, they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be saved by the bell or was considered a dead ringer.

And that's the truth....Now, whoever said History was boring?



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

The library will be closed Thursday, December 31; Friday, January 1; and Saturday, January 2 for New Year's. The library hours beginning Monday, January 4, 2021 will be digital hours on Monday 10-6 and Friday 10-4. If you need assistance with faxing, copies, or printing, you can ring the doorbell on the South door (facing the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry) and staff will help you. Computer users need to call ahead to make an appointment to use computers for essential business. Wi-Fi is available 24/7 and reaches to the parking lot. The Libby app allows patrons to download eBooks and audiobooks free with a library card number. The doors will be open at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and reduced Saturday hours from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Face masks are required.

The library board has adopted a no smoking/vaping campus policy. Please do not smoke on the library premises. Signs will be posted to inform the public of the new policy.

New Books:
Mystery: "Hush-Hush" by Stuart Woods and "NYPD Red 6" by James Patterson.
Inspirational Fiction: "The Way of Love" by Tracie Peterson.
DVDs: "Yellowstone Season 3".

Food pantry hours

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

Mental Health Task Force

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

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

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.

Rapid COVID tests available

Rapid COVID-19 tests (BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Cards) are now available at the Dubois, Spencer, and Martin county COVID testing site during business hours while supplies last. The testing site is the former Ruxer's golf course building at 400 South Clay Street in Jasper. Hours are Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and closed Sunday and Monday.

These are rapid tests for use using a nasal swab collected from individuals who are suspected of having COVID-19. The sample MUST be collected within the first 7 days from onset of symptoms. They will not be used on anyone who has been asymptomatic. Results should be available about 30 minutes after test. To schedule an appointment for a rapid test please register at DuboisCountyTesting.as.me

Register for appointment for a PCR COVID -19 test at <https://scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov/>. You will have to click "I don't have an invitation code". If you do not have internet you can call the phone number above, if no one answers please leave a message and they will call you back. Results should be available within 2-5 business days. If you do not get your results you can call the Indiana State Dept. of Health at 1-877-826-0011.

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As we move into a new year, it is traditional to sit back and reflect on the old and plan for the new. 2020 has been an unusual year in many ways. The pandemic has affected every aspect of our lives, including our gardening. However, the garden is one place that actually thrived amidst the pandemic. As many people were off work for extended periods, they had time on their hands. Garden projects were a way to be outside and safely spend some time with friends and family. The result was the completion of many hardscape projects and the installation of many plants. People who had never raised their own vegetables decided to try their hand at agriculture. That fact, along with a late frost that killed early bedding plants that were unprotected, gave garden centers record sales in the spring.

Other than that late frost, the weather was pretty good for gardening through the season. Although there were some short dry periods, it was possible to get plants through by watering. Temperatures were not extreme and there were no major insect invasions. All-in-all, it was a good gardening year.

At Sandhill Gardens, the new Moon Garden was the focus of a lot of time and work. The white flowers shone in the moonlight and the solar light fountain made a beautiful accent in the evenings. That spot at the top of the cliff has always been a favorite spot for watching sunsets, but the moon garden gave reason to linger after sunset and enjoy the view into the valley below in the moonlight. In the coming year, I plan to install the moon gate entry to the moon garden and get some new seating. I also plan to add more white flowers so the moonlight show will continue through the whole summer.

Just two days before Christmas, I was planting bulbs at Sandhill Gardens. I actually planted more than 200 bulbs that day, including daffodils, lily of the valley and anemones.

Many were planted on the bank at the edge of Sandhill Road, so passersby will be greeted with more blooms in the spring. My resolution for next year is to not leave so many bulbs to be planted so late. (I was going to say I would not purchase so many bulbs, but I know I would not keep that resolution.)

The rose garden will have a new border next year, as I planted several new peonies along the edge of the rose garden. My hope is to replace an arbor that is damaged with something that will stand up to the weight of some rangy climbing roses. I also hope to replace the plastic seating with something a little more substantial.

A new pathway from the back deck to the gazebo is another goal for the coming year. The gazebo will also get a facelift with some new accent lighting. I am still hoping to make the stone patio and fire pit near the gazebo a more welcoming spot.

When it comes to plants, my hope is to add more evergreens to the garden. I especially hope to get an evergreen magnolia and to add more evergreen rhododendrons to the rhodo-path down to the cave. Form is as important as color in the winter garden and I would like to get some more weeping conifers as accent plants for winter interest.

Most of the garden expos and flower shows were cancelled in 2020 due to the covid pandemic. I am hoping that we are able to return to those events in 2021. I have missed them greatly and while the stipends for judging are not great, they have always been a source for cash to do some special things at Sandhill Gardens.

The very act of gardening is a show of faith in the future. We cannot know what the weather will be in the next garden season and cannot see what is in store for us, but gardeners continue to plant and tend with faith that the beauty will survive whatever the future holds.

Winter coyote sightings are no cause for alarm

The new year will bring coyote sightings around Indiana.

Seeing coyotes, especially during winter, is normal and should not cause alarm.

Coyotes become more active during winter. Young coyotes are leaving their parents to find a new home, making them more visible. In January, coyotes will also be looking to breed, making them even more active. Bare vegetation also increases people's chances of catching a glimpse.

Where people are, coyotes follow. Coyotes like to eat animals and plants that thrive around yards and homes. Their diet includes 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.

Seeing a coyote is not necessarily cause for concern. They are common everywhere in the state, even in urban areas like downtown Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, and South Bend. Coyotes are an important part of Indiana's wildlife community and provide benefits by helping control rodent populations and cleaning up carrion.

Problems between coyotes and people are uncommon. To prevent them, be proactive by removing food and water sources, keeping pets leashed or contained, and trying to scare a coyote when you see it. Follow these quick tips for making your yard 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.



Take down bird feeders if you see a coyote around your yard; they could be attracted to the rodents eating the seeds.

Never intentionally feed a coyote; it could lose its fear of people.

If you see a coyote, try to make it uncomfortable:

Yell.

Wave your arms.

Spray it with a hose.

Throw tennis balls or small stones, but don't throw anything that could be food, like apples.

Carry a jar of coins or a small air horn to make noise.

Making a coyote feel unwelcome around people can help it maintain its natural fear of humans. Never corner or chase a coyote — they should always have a clear escape path to get away from you. Keep pets leashed, in a kennel with a secure top, or indoors to reduce the possibility of a negative interaction with any wildlife, including coyotes.

Find more information about coyotes, including factsheets and a webinar, at wildlife.IN.gov/5688.htm. Other webinar resources, including tips for maintaining positive interactions with wildlife in general, can be found at on.IN.gov/fishwilded.

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conservation category of the ISDA photo contest

Shoals Ballpark renovations planned
SEPTEMBER

New tool highlights needs in Martin County

48 residents in isolation with COVID-19
Zane Lake builds K-9 unit dog wash station for Eagle Scout Project

Two arrested on meth charges in Loogootee

Shoals Council discusses flood water issues, beautification board plans

Commissioners implement burn ban, discuss road and bridge projects

Public hearing Monday to discuss tax increase

County council raises income tax to 2.5 percent

Martin County Sheriff's Office K9 Spike has received donation of body armor

City council approves paying for Stat-Flight for residents

Shoals School Board makes several staff changes

Council decides raises in three-hour workshop

Commissioners approve grant MOU, discuss signs at Crane

Federal grant supports expanded mental health through telepsychiatry for Martin County

County has second lowest jobless rate in state for August

LARE grants to benefit 22 lake and stream projects; including West Boggs

County's COVID positives finally starting to level off

Martin County Museum works through virus shutdown, still needs donation

Battery allegation leads to arrest of Loogootee woman

Grants issued to keep local businesses open

OCTOBER

County council approves stipend for sheriff employees, unsure of increase for auditor's office

Martin County Historical Society receives \$8,601 grant from state

Commissioners hear from Air Evac after considering another company's proposal

Martin County Civil Defense receives \$2,500 equipment grant

LHS Varsity Boys' Tennis win sectional, fall in regional

City council asked to switch insurance agents again

Sgt. Jim Floyd to take over as police chief effective January 1, 2021; Kelly Rayhill stepping down

Jordan Wildman wins individual sectional title

Commissioners discuss roads, bridges; get \$364,000 in timber money from Crane

Lady Lions win Sectional (Volleyball)

Loogootee man arrested on drug charges

Traffic stop leads to operating while intoxicated charge

LHS Volleyball wins regional

Martin County unemployment rate at 3.5 percent last month

Shoals Town Council discusses utility plan, trailer ordinance request

Budgets approved in council special meeting

Democrat caucus to replace Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer

NOVEMBER

Republicans sweep Martin County election

Legion to host events in honor of Veterans Day

Auditor gives presentation to council on raise justification

Lady Lions moving on to State Championship

City council talks insurance with room full of agents

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball Team were runners up at the Class 1A State Championship last Saturday

Commissioners decide not to move forward with Stat Flight proposal

Two Martin County residents die from COVID-19 complications

Multi-agency efforts result in charges of dealing meth for mother and son in Shoals
Shoals School Board approves new staff, coaches, resignations

Shoals Town Council discusses grants, ordinance

County heading to red status with COVID-19, two more dead

Sheriff's deputy's foot patrol results in the arrest of two on meth charges

Loogootee traffic stop results in arrest of two for methamphetamine

Traffic stop results in meth arrest of Shoals man

County's jobless rate dips to 3.2 percent in October

Five residents have died from COVID-19

Shoals Town Council holds special meeting to open timber bids

Downey voted as new Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer

DECEMBER

Superintendent (Leo Padgett) resigns after 32 years with highway department

Loogootee Christmas Parade to be held this Sunday night

Jana Seal chosen by the Loogootee Festival Committee as this year's Christmas Parade Grand Marshal

LHS students compete, win awards in virtual Beta Convention

Animal complaint leads to gun and drug charges for serious violent felon

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

Alliance picks Angie Risacher as new director

Commissioners hold meeting to hire highway employee

Air Evac transports Shoals man after rollover accident

Two wanted subjects arrested resulting in additional narcotics charges

City sticks with Strawn Insurance

Alyssa Howell chosen as 2021 Lilly Scholar

Eleven residents dead due to COVID

Christmas Toy Store helps 352 kids get gifts

Shoals Council approves logging bid, various contracts

Christmas Star appears December 21, first time in 800 years

Martin County unemployment rate at 3.4 percent for November

COVID-19 vaccines arrive at Memorial Hospital

Last commissioners' meeting for Boyd, Roush takes over in January

Applications for reserved spring turkey hunts opening soon

DNR is accepting applications for reserved spring turkey hunts from January 4 through February 22. Hunters can apply online for a reserved turkey hunt by visiting on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. To apply, click on the "Apply for a reserved hunt" link and have your Customer ID handy.

No late entries will be accepted. The online method is the only way to apply. Applicants must possess a valid hunting license for the species they wish to hunt in order to apply. A valid spring turkey hunting license and gamebird habitat stamp privilege, comprehensive lifetime hunting license, comprehensive lifetime hunting and fishing license, or resident youth hunt/trap combo license is required to hunt or call in wild turkeys in the spring season. Non-hunting partners who plan to call in wild turkeys must be properly licensed.

The application process is consolidated into the online services website (on.IN.gov/INHuntFish) along with licenses, CheckIN Game, and HIP registration. You do not need to have an online account to apply, so there is no need to log in. Even though there is no fee to apply, you must still add the registration to the cart, "Proceed to Checkout", and "Place Order". Applicants must place an order to complete the application process.

Draw results will be available within two weeks of the application closing. For draw results, visit on.IN.gov/reservedhunt and click the "View hunt draw results"

Waterfowl Control Workshop to be offered

Individuals or businesses interested in becoming qualified as waterfowl control operators (WCOs) and/or conducting trapping, relocation, and/or euthanasia services for hire can attend the 2021 Waterfowl Workshop on January 28.

The virtual workshop will run from noon to 3:30 p.m. ET. All contractors who want to conduct waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocation and/or euthanasia for hire in Indiana during 2021 will need to attend this workshop or complete the 2021 exam. All first-time WCOs must attend the virtual workshop.

Attendance is encouraged for all WCOs, but those who have attended the DNR Waterfowl Workshop in previous years may opt to test out. Individuals interested in taking the test should contact Debbie Walter at dwalter@dnr.IN.gov or 812-789-2724. The 2021 exam will be available Feb. 1, 2021.

Employees of WCO contractors are welcome to attend the training, but only

link. Another way to check to see if you were drawn is to log in to on.IN.gov/INHuntFish, where you can see the full history of your past hunt registrations. A third way to tell if you were drawn is from an email that will be sent to applicants when results are available.

Applications will be accepted for the following properties:

Fish & Wildlife Areas (FWAs)
If you are drawn, you may bring one non-hunting partner to your hunt at an FWA.

The below properties are holding reserved turkey draws for the following dates: April 21-23, 24-25, and 26-28, April 29-May 1, and May 2-4, 5-7, and 8-9.

Winamac, J.E. Roush Lake, Tri-County, Pigeon River, Kingsbury, Willow Slough, LaSalle, Jasper-Pulaski, and Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area

The below properties are holding draws for the following dates: April 21-23, April 24-25

Hovey Lake, Goose Pond, Hillenbrand, Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Sugar Ridge, Crosley, Deer Creek, and Atterbury

For all reserved hunts, only one application is allowed per license holder. Hunters can only choose to apply for one of the above opportunities listed. No changes can be made once the application is submitted. More information is available at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt.

those individuals physically conducting waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocating, and/or euthanizing for hire are required to attend.

Individuals pursuing qualifying status for goose euthanasia for the first time will also need to provide a certificate of attendance for the Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators Association (NWCOA) goose management course or a DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife approved eight-hour equivalent goose course. WCOs are not qualified to conduct waterfowl management activities until all necessary paperwork has been received.

All participants must register for the virtual workshop by January 22, 2021 to receive the webinar link and training materials.

For more information on becoming a WCO and to register for the workshop, contact Jessica Merklings, urban wildlife biologist, at jmerklings@dnr.IN.gov or 260-224-9284.

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3. Must have a high school diploma or GED
4. Must not have any Felony, Misdemeanor Battery or Domestic Violence convictions
5. Must be willing to submit to pre-employment drug screening
6. Ability and willingness to work a variety of shifts, including evenings, weekends and some holidays

Compensation:

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Part-time Dispatchers: up to \$12.00 per hour
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