

2019 Grand Marshals - Charles & Mary Nethery



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Charles and Mary Nethery of Martin live a simple life. Guests of their home are greeted by the sight of seasonal flowers and small wind vanes scattered throughout the yard. Surrounding the home are rows of corn, although the crops vary from year to year rotating from wheat, corn and soybeans. As is tradition, the Netherys still plant a vegetable garden, which Mary claims is small this year compared to years past.

At 86 years of age, Mrs. Mary still manages to tend a garden filled with squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, peas and peppers. She had someone break the ground in preparation for her abundant garden, and she tends to it using a



LOCAL WEATHEROLOGISTS — *The Netherys have been a part of the WCMT family for more than 15 years. Charles serves as the local weatherologist and spends every Monday through Friday morning calling into the radio station with the local reports such as wind speed, rainfall amounts, humidity and snowfall amounts. If Charles were to miss a day of providing the weather report, Mary would step in and make the call on his behalf. This photo was taken when the couple stopped by the station's 60th anniversary celebration in 2017. Photo courtesy of Thunderbolt Radio*

garden hoe. She harvests the fruits of her labor daily this time of year as the wet spring and summer season have helped bring about good yields for the plot of land. When she is not canning her tomatoes, she's slicing cucumbers and offering them to friends and neighbors.

When talking about the amount of rain that has fallen on Northwest Tennessee this year, Charles chimed in with the figures. By Tuesday, July 30, Martin has already received 43.25 inches of rain since Jan. 1. Known as the local weatherologist for Thunderbolt Broadcasting, Charles' desire to know has grown into an occupation for the retired farmer. On Monday through Friday, Charles has called into the radio station during WCMT's "Good Times in

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