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Commissioners get update on Brooks Bridge

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, January 5. Paul George was voted in to serve as the president of the board with Dan Gregory serving as vice president.

Brent Roberts with BF&S, the county's bridge inspector, told the commissioners that they have a repair design for Brooks Bridge and will be going to the bridge on Thursday to make sure what they have will fit in the repair spot. If it does, he said they will work with Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett to start doing the repairs.

Padgett told the commissioners that the 200-ton of de-icer to put on county roads when bad weather arrives has been deliv-

ered.

Josh and Courtney Hughett presented the Martin County Humane Society's annual report. Commissioner Paul George asked how the 1995 truck was running that the county gave to the animal shelter. Courtney explained that they haven't used it yet because the shelter is low on funds due to the end of the year and the truck needs a new battery, they believe, along with plates and insurance. Commissioner George said the county would provide the insurance and get the plates. The Hughetts thanked the commissioners for helping the humane society.

The commissioners made the following appointments:

-Kevin Boyd to the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC)

-William Shaw to the Alcoholic Beverage Board

-The three commissioners (Paul George, Kevin Boyd, and Dan Gregory) to the Martin County Redevelopment Commission and the Martin County Solid Waste Board

-Kathy Collins to the Regional Mental Health Advisory Council

-David Lett as the county attorney

-Linda Evans-Dillon as county veteran
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File to run in Primary Election starting today

The 2016 Primary Election will be held May 3, 2016. The filing period for candidates begins January 6, 2016 and ends February 5, 2016 at noon.

The following offices will appear on the ballot:

President
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State Representative District 62
State Representative District 63
Circuit Court Judge
County Auditor
County Recorder
County Treasurer
County Coroner
County Surveyor
County Commissioner District 1
County Commissioner District 3
3 County Council At-Large
Republican Precinct Committeemen
State Convention Delegates for Democrat and Republicans

April 4, 2016 is the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration. Please call the clerk's office to make sure your registration is correct 812-247-3651. You can also call the clerk's office at any time to request an absentee ballot by mail. Absentee voting in the clerk's office will begin on April 5, 2016.

CLARIFICATION

In the December 23rd issue of the *Martin County Journal*, in the article regarding the commissioners' meeting, it stated that Loogootee High School was not part of the CASS Program with Martin County Community Corrections. This is not true. The CASS program is in Loogootee High School but community corrections works more closely with Shoals School because that is where the program started. This is the reason that community corrections worked closely with Shoals School on the recent grant, mentioned in the December 23rd article. Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins has a working relationship with both schools' administration. The Martin County Journal apologizes for misinterpreting the information from the meeting.



ROBERT OSBORNE

Shoals man arrested on multiple drug charges

A Sunday afternoon traffic stop landed a Shoals man behind bars on numerous drug charges. At 12:45 p.m. last Sunday, Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents was patrolling US 50 in Loogootee when he observed a black Nissan Maxima stopped at a stop light. Lents noticed that neither the driver nor the front seat passenger was wearing a seatbelt. After pulling over the vehicle, Lents observed that a three-year-old boy in the back seat was not properly restrained and was not seated in a booster seat. Trooper Lents began speaking with the driver, 29-year-old Robert A. Osborne, of Shoals. Lents learned that Osborne did not have a driver's license with him, his driving privileges were suspended indefinitely through Indiana, and Osborne had prior convictions for driving while suspended. Osborne was placed into custody.

Trooper Lents searched the Nissan as a search incident to an arrest and located a pill bottle containing Hydrocodone and Clonazepam on the rear floorboard in front of Osborne's seven-year-old daughter. Lents also found marijuana and paraphernalia under the driver's seat.

Osborne was arrested and charged with maintaining a common nuisance and two counts of neglect of a dependent, all felony charges. Osborne was also charged with misdemeanor counts of possession of a schedule II and schedule IV controlled substance, driving while suspended with a prior conviction, possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Osborne was lodged without incident in the Martin County Jail. The children were released to the front seat passenger.

Arresting Officer: Senior Trooper Jarrod Lents. Assisting Officer: Officer Glen Akles, Loogootee PD

Charges: Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Level 6 Felony; Neglect of a Dependent (x2), Level 6 Felony; Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, Class A Misdemeanor; Possession of a Schedule IV Controlled Substance, Class A Misdemeanor; Driving While Suspended - Prior, Class A Misdemeanor; Possession of Marijuana, Class B Misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia, Class C Misdemeanor

County Council hears humane society report, makes appointments for 2016

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council met in their first meeting of 2016 on Monday night, January 5. Richard Summers was again voted in as the council's president with Randy Winger staying on as vice president.

Josh and Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, submitted the shelter's annual report. There were 112 dogs and 123 cats taken into the shelter in 2015. The humane society had a record high 221 adoptions, up from 160 in 2014. They also submitted lists of dogs and cats taken into the shelter and where those animals came from.

The council made the following appointments for 2016:

-Lynn Gee to the Samaritan Advisory

Council

-Randy Winger to the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC)

-Richard Summers to the Solid Waste Management District

-Warren Albright to the Economic Development Commission

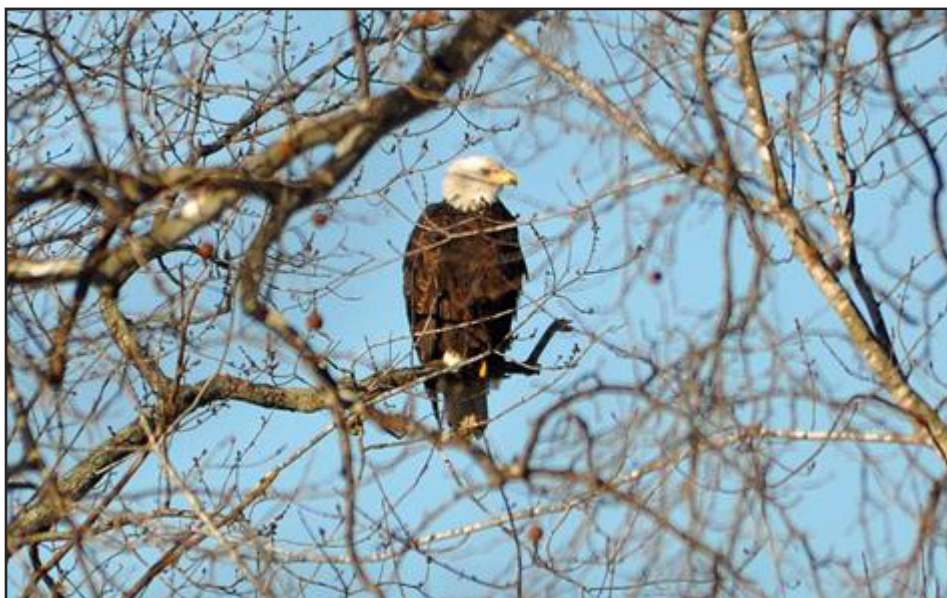
-Mitch Green and Donna Hawkins to the Martin County Park Board

-Lonnie Hawkins and Buck Stiles to the Martin County Redevelopment Commission

-Barb McFeaters to the Community Corrections Advisory Board and to the Martin County Alliance

The appointment to the alcoholic beverage board was tabled.

The council approved the amended salary and wage ordinance. Changes were made in the prosecutor's office due to a new hire.



National and local treasure

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

Immature Bald Eagles spend the first four years of their lives in nomadic exploration of vast territories and can fly hundreds of miles per day. Some young birds from Florida have wandered north as far as Michigan, and birds from California have reached Alaska. Bald Eagles can live a long time, with a longevity record of 38 years in the wild

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MY POINT OF VIEW

By Courtney Hughett, Martin County Journal Publisher

I don't know how many of you choose to make New Year's Resolutions each year, I don't usually. We all have things about ourselves that we would like to improve. And while we should always be trying to better ourselves, I suppose the start of a new year is just a good time to remind us.

As many of you know already, my husband, Josh, was in the hospital last week. It's all a blur now because He wasn't really feeling well on Christmas Day and spent most of the day after Christmas on the couch sleeping. I only bothered him a few times to check for a fever or to give him something to drink. After my son and I got back from working at the animal shelter that afternoon, I woke Josh again because it felt like his fever may be returning. When he woke up, he didn't know who I was and became combative. He was talking jibberish and while his eyes were open, they were glazed over like he wasn't really inhabiting his mind. I thought he was having a stroke so I called 9-1-1. My husband is only 39 years old but did have a heart attack at 32 years of age so I thought anything was possible.

He was in the hospital for four days, two of which he was on a ventilator. They ran every test they could think of and treated him with so many antibiotics and antiviral medications, whatever was invading his brain was killed. He

healed quickly which also baffled the doctors but with so many people praying for Josh, it didn't surprise me. They never really figured out what happened, but assumed it was some sort of encephalitis.

While I sat in the hospital next to his bed those four days, I had a whole lot of time to think. I suppose things like that make you reflect on your life and your purpose in it. We are all here for such a very short time and never know when it will be our last day. I have always lived my life trying to be the best person I can be, to leave some kind of legacy behind – leave the world in a little better shape than when I got here, I guess.

We all have something we are passionate about. Can you imagine if we all focused that passion on doing something good in our community? I love journalism, animals, and reading. So I do a digital newspaper, volunteer at the animal shelter and volunteer with the county's adult literacy program, SOAR.

I urge everyone this year to pick a passion and then go out and make a difference in Martin County. Then let me know about it and I will do a follow-up column later in the year. If you need help finding a volunteer opportunity to go along with what interests you, let me know, I will find an organization you can get involved in. There are plenty of them!

Daviess-Martin County REMC to sponsor students at Touchstone Energy Camp

Daviess-Martin County REMC will sponsor two students at the annual Touchstone Energy Camp. The camp will be held June 8-11, 2016, at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana.

Students whose parents or guardians are members of Daviess-Martin County REMC and are entering seventh grade in the fall of 2016 (current 6th graders) are eligible to apply. Candidates are selected by their local cooperative to participate in the three-day program. The students' agenda combines traditional outdoor camp activities with environmental education, electrical safety practices and cooperative business education.

"This is a great way for students to learn about the role of the electric co-

operative in their community. On top of that, they get to experience all the fun of camp," said Janet Chestnut, member services representative at Daviess-Martin County REMC.

Applications for Touchstone Energy Camp are available at local schools or by contacting Janet Chestnut at Daviess-Martin County REMC, 800-762-7362 or jchestnut@dmremc.com. Applications are due February 19, 2016.

The Touchstone Energy Camp program was developed by a committee of electric cooperative employees from Indiana. The camp is funded in part by Indiana's electric cooperatives, Hoosier Energy, Wabash Valley Power, Indiana Electric Cooperatives and other industry partners.

Pence pens end-of-year message to Hoosiers

Governor Mike Pence on Tuesday issued the following year-end message, outlining the accomplishments of 2015 and looking forward to the year ahead.

My Fellow Hoosiers,

As 2015 comes to a close and we look back on the year gone by, I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect upon what was a tremendous year in the life of our state.

With unemployment at its lowest rate since 2001 and more Hoosiers working than ever before in state history, Indiana has continued the economic growth that has become the hallmark of our state. In the last year, we have added thousands of jobs to our manufacturing base, the third most in the United States. In areas such as trade, transportation and utilities, we've added more than 20,000 new jobs, fifth best nationwide. Our economy is on a roll and as we look toward 2016, I am confident that we will continue to build on the progress of this past year. In 2015, we made historic investments in our workforce, kids and teachers, and we've also put a high priority on the health and safety of all Hoosiers.

The budget I signed into law this past spring commits historic levels of new funding for education, teacher performance bonuses, domestic violence and infant mortality prevention and more than doubles funding for our Hoosier veterans.

Hoosiers can be proud that, along with members of the Indiana General Assembly, we enacted the largest K-12 education funding increase in state history. Just as Indiana is a leader on education reform, our students are achieving great results in the classroom. Test scores and graduation rates are up, and the latest National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) scores show Hoosier children outpacing national averages at every level. That is a credit to our dedicated teachers and the hard work of our kids.

We've also put a high priority on the infrastructure that has made Indiana the Crossroads of America.

Earlier this fall, I announced the 21st Century Crossroads plan to responsibly invest one billion dollars in our roads and bridges. Our transportation infrastructure must be able to support the economic growth while protecting Hoosiers from new tax increases. Our plan, along with legislation that will free up additional funds for local transportation projects will go a long way in ensuring that Indiana remains the Crossroads of America. I'll pursue both proposals during the upcoming legislative session of the Indiana General Assembly.

We also know that the true measure of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable. Hoosiers have seen the devastating effects of drug abuse throughout our communities and in response to this epidemic, I created the Governor's Task Force on Drug Enforcement, Treatment and Prevention, to combat the scourge of drug addiction in Indiana.

Based on the recommendations of

the Task Force, my administration will pursue legislative action to increase penalties for the most serious drug dealers. But, for those struggling with the scourge of addiction, I believe our efforts with regard to treatment and prevention are of the utmost importance. In fact, my administration recently unveiled plans for a new state neuro-diagnostic and addiction treatment institute to improve the way we treat mental health issues in Indiana. The institute will serve as the centerpiece of our ongoing commitment to improve mental health and address the heartbreak of addiction that has beset far too many families in Indiana.

This year, we demonstrated that Indiana is a true innovator when it comes to delivering health care to our citizens. We expanded health care coverage to Hoosiers this past January through what we call the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 2.0 and to date, more than 355,000 Hoosiers have enrolled. I am especially proud of the fact that Hoosiers in the lowest income brackets make up a majority of all HIP 2.0 enrollees. HIP now offers a Gateway to Work program, which connects Hoosiers to workforce training programs and potential employers. Voluntary programs like Gateway to Work just might offer the assistance some of our neighbors need in order to get back on their feet.

Looking forward to 2016, we'll remain committed to strengthening Indiana's economy. We'll continue to implement the kind of policies that improve the lives of all Hoosiers and make this a state that attracts and keeps talent and investment. We'll do so with an ear attuned to the issues that matter the most to Hoosiers. Our formula for success in 2015 will be the guide for continuing to make Indiana a great place to work, live and raise a family.

As we close the chapter of 2015 and enter our state's bicentennial year, I wish every Hoosier a happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

Governor Mike Pence

BRIDGE

(Continued from page one)

service officer

- John Jones as courthouse custodian
- Leo Padgett as county highway superintendent
- Terri Alcorn as county highway clerk
- Dan Gregory to the Local Economic Development Commission
- Paul George to the District Oversight Planning Committee and South Central Region 8 Workforce Board
- Cameron Wolf as the civil defense director
- Andy Ringwald and Mike Ringwald as civil defense assistant directors
- Casey Dearwester to the Disaster Planning Council

The community corrections advisory board appointment was tabled so Director Collins can make sure the correct appointments are made.

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Obituaries

PATRICK LARKIN, JR.

Patrick B. Larkin Jr. passed away at 10:19 a.m. December 29, 2015 at Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 69.

He was born August 15, 1946 in Washington; son of the late Patrick B. Larkin Sr. and Janet (Helm) Larkin.

He was a computer enthusiast. He enjoyed reading, puzzles and old movies.

He is survived by his wife, Jill Snider of Loogootee; siblings, Anna Marie (Evan) Hand of Loogootee, Judy (Larry) Bledsoe of Loogootee and Frank Larkin of California; brother-in-law, Joseph Dunn of Loogootee; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his

parents, Patrick B. Larkin Sr. and Janet (Helm) Larkin; brother, Michael J. Larkin; and sister, Pamela A. Dunn.

To honor Pat's wishes, no services will be held.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is handling the arrangements.

IVA LUNDY

Iva A. Lundy passed away on Sunday afternoon, January 3, 2016, at the Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center, in Jasper. A lifelong resident of Loogootee, she was 80.

She was born in Martin County, on December 8, 1935; daughter of the late Lowell "Ted" and Mabel (Frank-

lin) Bowman. She married Spencer D. Lundy on July 12, 1968, in Shawneetown, Illinois.

She was an active member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, in Loogootee. She served her church family as a greeter, religious teacher, and Eucharistic minister. She had also been a member of the Daughters of Isabella and the League of Mary, both through St. John's Church.

She retired in 2005 from the St. Vincent DePaul Store in Loogootee. She started at the store in 1990, and prior to that she worked as an aide at a nursing home, in Bedford.

Survivors include her husband,

Master Gardener Classes for 2016

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The Purdue Master Gardener program is a volunteer training program which offers an extensive course in horticulture in exchange for a donation of volunteer hours to help teach others what you have learned.

The classes will be held on Thursday afternoons from 2-5 p.m. EST beginning January 14 and running through April 14. Classes will be held at the Ferdinand Branch Library in Ferdinand.

Spencer, of Loogootee; two sons, Eric and Jason Lundy of Loogootee; children, Tony, Carla, Kim, Gayle, and Jamie; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; nieces, and nephews; one sister, Joyce Bowman of Loogootee.

She was also preceded in death by three half-brothers.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 7, at 10 a.m., at the St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Interment will follow in the St. John's Cemetery in Loogootee.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 6, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Lee Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Participants will be exposed to a wide range of subjects including soil and plant science, diagnosis of plant problems, pesticide safety, composting, insect and wildlife concerns, and the culture of vegetable, flower, landscape, fruit, and related plants.

Advance registration fees are required prior to class, and are \$135 per person or \$210 per couple with fees covering items such as class supplies and reference materials.

If you'd like an application or have questions about the program, please contact Kenneth Eck at Purdue Extension-Dubois County at (812) 482-1782 or kjeck@purdue.edu.

Outdoor Indiana ushers in State Parks centennial year

The January-February issue of Outdoor Indiana magazine brings the history of Hoosier state parks to life as the attractions enter their 100th anniversary year.

Feature articles include a removable booklet marking important dates; an article on Col. Richard Lieber, known as the father of Indiana state parks; and a story comparing the Indiana landscape of 1816 to today's.

The 48-page full-color magazine also includes an article describing the science behind snowflakes and much

more.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores for \$4. A one-year, six-issue subscription costs \$15 (a 27 percent savings). A two-year subscription is \$28 (a 42 percent savings). Subscribe online for yourself or as a gift or read excerpts at OutdoorIndiana.org. You may also subscribe by calling (317) 233-3046.

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4:27 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Sergeant Keller, and Reserve Deputy Wright responded.

4:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and no transport was required.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 29

1:21 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. Patient went by personal vehicle.

2:01 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Coal Hollow Road. Shoals Fire responded.

6:15 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that was broken into in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

6:57 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on 231 North. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received a call about mailbox damage on Love Cemetery Road. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request to assist department of child services with a home visit. Chief Deputy Greene assisted.

12:58 p.m. - Received a call about a controlled burn west of Shoals.

1:46 p.m. - Received a call from the Shoals Fire Chief. He advised they put the controlled burn out. Before you have a controlled burn you must let the fire department know.

2:00 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee for a vehicle break in. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:53 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Hwy 231 South. Sergeant Keller and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

5:12 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Shoals Town Marshal responded.

6:35 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident west of Shoals on Hwy 50. Sergeant Keller responded.

11:06 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm at Stoll's Lakeview. Corporal Baker responded. Everything checked secure.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 30

2:04 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport needed.

2:29 a.m. - Received a report of a car accident on West River Road. Corporal Baker responded. G&M towed the vehicle.

2:32 a.m. - Received a report of a deer that has been hit in the road by the fairgrounds. Loogootee Officer Norris removed the deer.

8:00 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene transported one inmate to prison.

8:16 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car accident on State Road 450. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of a wrecked vehicle on West River Road with no one around. Major Burkhardt responded and ATM towed the vehicle.

10:40 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with a funeral detail in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill as-

sisted.

11:09 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a call reporting illegal trash burning in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of a car fire in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

2:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on 231 North, headed into Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver westbound on Hwy. 50 from Shoals. The Loogootee Police dispatch were advised.

4:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No transport needed.

10:26 p.m. - Received a call reporting an alarm at Stoll's Lakeview. Corporal Baker responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver at the Hwy 50 and 231 South junction. All Martin County units were advised.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 31

5:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

5:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car accident with property damage only. Sheriff Roush responded and ATM towed the vehicle.

7:11 p.m. - Received a report of mailbox vandalism on State Road 550. Corporal Baker responded.

8:08 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50, eastbound from Daviess County. Corporal Baker responded.

9:24 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm at Stoll's Lakeview. Corporal Baker responded.

10:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Day Road. Corporal Baker responded.

10:58 p.m. - Received a report of a noise complaint in Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

FRIDAY JANUARY 1

2:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Daviess County. Transferred the call to Daviess County.

5:20 a.m. - Received a report of a male threatening a female in Loogootee. Corporal Baker responded.

6:11 a.m. - Received a call of a possible intoxicated driver headed into Shoals on Hwy 150. All units were advised.

9:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:04 a.m. - Received a report of horses loose in Trinity Springs. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:49 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Chief Rayhill responded.

1:12 p.m. - Received a request for an officer west of Loogootee. Contacted Daviess County.

6:10 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident in Daviess County. Transferred caller to Daviess County.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

11:02 p.m. - Received a report of a car accident in Orange County. Call transferred to Orange County.

SATURDAY JANUARY 2

10:29 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 550. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:32 p.m. - Received a report of a male being harassed at work. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of trespassing south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:25 p.m. - Received a report of a

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

11:20 a.m. - Devon Craft-Jones, 22, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt on charges of false informing and leaving the scene of an accident. Bond set at \$20,000 10%.

1:06 p.m. - Daniel Clifton, 30, of Shoals, and Sasha Pottorff, 28, of Shoals, were arrested by Deputy Salmon on the charge of neglect of a dependent. Deputy Salmon was assisted by ISP Trooper Lents. No bond until initial on both.

3:33 p.m. - Logan Kelsey, 19, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Sheriff Roush served Kelsey a writ for contempt of court. Bond set at \$20,000 10% and \$250.00 cash only.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:54 a.m. - Matthew Bradley, 33, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, and operating while intoxicated refusal. Bond set at \$25,000 10%.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

8:09 p.m. - Andrew Sanders, 24, of Odon, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Baker on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. No bond until initial hearing.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

13:26 p.m. - Robert Osborne was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on charges of neglect of a dependent times two, possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession of a schedule IV controlled substance, driving while suspended-prior, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia. No bond until initial hearing.

suspicious vehicle in Crane. Deputy Salmon responded.

SUNDAY JANUARY 3

1:01 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded.

1:49 a.m. - Received a report of drug activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Norris responded.

10:17 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

10:54 a.m. - Receive a report of a disabled vehicle in front of Dairy Queen. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received a report of cows out in Lost River.

3:32 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle part way in the road in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

2:23 p.m. - Received a report of a missing German Shepherd in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Akles responded.

3:24 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol in Loogootee due to vehicle vandalism to vehicles.

6:02 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

6:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:41 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Salmon responded and ATM towed the vehicle.

6:56 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Greene responded and G&M towed the vehicle.

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Loogootee Police Department activity

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:30 a.m. - Caller reported a loose dog outside a business.

8:25 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was dispatched to a limb on fire on a power line on Mt. Calvary Road.

10:45 a.m. - Caller requested a security check on a residence in Redwing Trailer Court.

1:00 p.m. - Caller requested an officer check a vehicle in Sunset Trailer Court.

1:05 p.m. - Male came on station to request transient assistance.

3:10 p.m. - Caller requested an officer check a suspicious male on US 231. Officers were unable to locate the male.

4:30 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted child protective services.

5:33 p.m. - Caller reported the front door open at a residence. Everything checked out okay.

7:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

6:15 a.m. - Resident on Sheridan Street reported a theft from her vehicle.

6:57 a.m. - William R. McAtee reported striking a deer on US 231.

6:58 a.m. - Caller reported a moped with no taillights. Trooper Lents was able to locate the vehicle.

4:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

2:32 a.m. - Caller reported hitting a deer on Hwy 50. Sgt. Norris removed the deer from the roadway.

8:20 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a vehicle accident on 450. County officers were busy. Driver was cited for texting while driving.

11:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a funeral detail.

11:05 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

11:20 a.m. - Caller reported a trash burn on Lincoln Avenue.

2:00 p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on Vincennes Street.

2:02 p.m. - First responders were requested on Harper Hill Road for a medical call.

2:15 p.m. - Resident on West Main

Street reported a theft from his vehicle.

3:22 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Chief Rayhill located the driver but didn't observe any traffic violations.

4:42 p.m. - First responders were requested on Reinhart Road for a medical call.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protective services.

10:00 a.m. - Caller reported property damage on Cooper Street.

11:15 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

7:12 a.m. - Caller reported harassing text messages.

7:33 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officers were unable to locate.

10:45 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance on Cedar Street.

10:56 p.m. - Caller reported a loud bang on Broadway Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

1:00 p.m. - Male came on station to report trespassers.

4:44 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver in the area.

7:43 p.m. - Female reported a male following her in a vehicle.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

7:05 a.m. - Male caller reported someone had entered his vehicle while parked outside his residence. Nothing was reported missing.

2:38 p.m. - Captain Akles responded to a medical call in Southwind Apartments.

5:18 p.m. - Caller reported neighbors tampering with her mail.

6:17 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a medical complaint in Southwind Apartments.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

1:49 a.m. - Caller reported possible drug activity.

10:17 a.m. - Caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the McDonald's parking lot.

1:32 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle in the road on Dewey Street.

5:47 p.m. - Caller reported a lost dog. Black pit bull with a red collar.

6:36 p.m. - First responders were requested on Park Street for a medical problem.

	2015 Consumer Scams	# of complaints	# of victims	Total \$ lost
1)	IRS	1,784	6	\$ 65,135
2)	Tech Support	695	14	\$ 6,423
3)	Loan offers/refinance	447	10	\$ 6,646
4)	Sweepstakes/lottery	245	19	\$ 356,200
5)	Craigslist/Ebay	25	20	\$ 36,419
6)	Secret Shopper	19	10	\$ 21,950
7)	Grandparent	12	11	\$ 232,651
8)	Utilities	9	2	\$ 1,024
9)	Imposter business	3	3	\$ 34,561
10)	Facebook/Romance	2	2	\$ 106,570
	Misc	196	27	\$ 244,772
	TOTALS	3,437	124	\$ 1,112,351

Top ten scams targeting Hoosiers in 2015

Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller is warning Hoosiers about the top 10 scams that victimized Indiana residents in 2015 and cost people \$1.1 million. In total, the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division received more than 3,400 complaints from people who were targeted or became a victim of a scam in 2015.

Zoeller said most common scam of 2015 was the IRS scam, in which callers claim to be with the IRS and demand immediate payment of past-due taxes. Scammers might threaten arrest and jail time if the payment is not received immediately, and usually request that the money be paid back through the purchase of pre-paid cards.

Thankfully, most people targeted by the IRS scam recognized it as fraudulent, hung up on the caller and reported the scam to the IRS or the AG's Office. Six Hoosiers did fall for the scam and lost a total of \$65,135.

The scam that swindled Hoosiers out of the most money this year at \$356,200 was the Sweepstakes/Lottery scam, in which a fraudster convinces someone they have won a prize but they must pay fees and taxes before they can claim it. Once the scammer receives these "fees," they take off with the money and the consumer never hears from them again.

"Unfortunately, once people send money to a scam artist - often using a wire service or a pre-paid card - it is very difficult to recover the money," Zoeller said. "Scammers are often out of state or overseas, and these methods of money transfer are largely untraceable. That's why educating people about these scams and what red flags to look out for is so important."

The Attorney General's Outreach Division, which aims to educate the public on guarding against fraud and scams, held more than 600 community events in 79 Indiana counties this year and reached more than 40,000 people.

Top 10 scams are shown in the graphic above the article.

Attorney General Zoeller offers these top 5 tips to guard against scams:

Do not do business with incoming callers. Only do business when you initiate the call using a number you have in your records for the company or organization, not that was left on caller ID or given to you by someone else.

Indiana's Do Not Call law should eliminate legitimate telemarketing calls to your home. If you are receiving sales calls and are on the Do Not Call

list, you should be suspicious and not provide any information. To register or confirm your phone number is on the Do Not Call list visit www.Indiana-Consumer.com or call 888-834-9969.

Do not feel pressured to make quick decisions. Take time to research any offers or demands, ask trusted relatives and friends their opinions before making a decision.

Do not send money to claim a prize. A legitimate contest will never require you to send money to claim a prize.

Do not send money using a wire service, like Western Union or MoneyGram, or with pre-paid cards, like GreenDot. When making purchases, use a credit card because this payment method offers insurance against fraud.

For more information about these common scams and how to protect yourself, visit the Attorney General's website at <http://www.in.gov/attorney-general/2764.htm>. To file a complaint with the Attorney General's Office, visit www.IndianaConsumer.com or call 800-382-5516.

Real estate transfers

Byron Albright, of Martin County, Indiana to **Garrick W. Cooper and Amy M. Cooper**, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of Lot 19 and 19 feet off of the west side of Lot No. 18 in the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

John Russell Hunt, Bobbi Sue Nonte, Nikki J. Wagoner, and Tara Lengacher, of Martin County, Indiana to **Sandra Sue Hunt**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of Lot No. 86 in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, 50 feet by 132 feet.

Eugene A. Spaulding, of Martin County, Indiana to **Raymond Raber and Ruth Ann Raber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, a portion of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter and a portion of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian, containing .33 acre, more or less.

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The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 25, 2016, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for Mitcheltree and East Perry townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



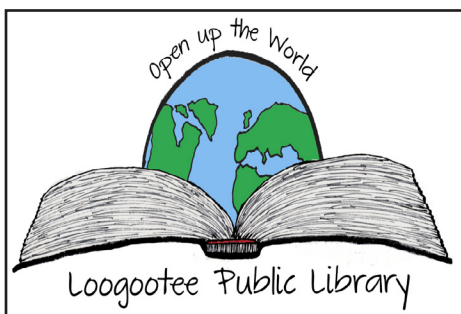
HOW TO WASH A CAT

1. Put both lids of the toilet up and add 1/8 cup of pet shampoo to the water in the bowl.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close the lid. You may need to stand on the lid.
4. At this point the cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. Never mind the noises that come from the toilet. The cat is actually enjoying this!
5. Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a "Power Wash" and "Rinse."
6. Have someone open the front door of your home. Be sure that there are no people between the bathroom and the front door.
7. Stand well back, behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift the lid.
8. The cat will rocket out of the toilet, streak through the bathroom, and run outside where he will dry himself off.
9. Both the toilet and the cat will be sparkling clean.

Yours Sincerely,
The Dog

A mom is making eggs for her teenage boy for breakfast. As he walks in: "Mom, don't burn them! Careful! Careful! Don't mess up. Don't let them burn. You are going to mess up. Be careful! Careful!"

Finally the mom snaps, "I know what to do. I've cooked eggs before."



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

In celebration of Indiana's Bicentennial, the Indiana State Library and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, State Parks Department have partnered to provide one park permit to each Indiana library. We are currently adopting guidelines to better serve our community members and will post them and the date the free park pass program will begin.

New Books:

Inspirational Fiction: "Your Heart's Desire" by Melody Carlson.
DVDs: "A Walk in the Woods".

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

The son said, "I know Mom. I was just trying to show you what it's like when I am playing soccer."

One morning a grandmother was surprised to find that her seven-year-old grandson had made her coffee. Smiling, she choked down the worst cup of her life. When she finished, she found three little green Army men at the bottom.

"Honey, what are these Army men doing in my coffee?"

Her grandson answered, "like it says on TV, Grandma. The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup."

PONDERISMS:

1. People say that drinking milk makes you stronger. Drink 5 glasses of milk and try to move a wall. Can't? Now drink 5 glasses of wine. The wall moves all by itself.
2. Have you ever just looked at someone and knew the wheel was turnin' but . . . the hamster was dead?
3. Is it really drinking alone if . . . the dog is home?
4. Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden.
5. I wish there was a way to donate fat like you can donate blood.
6. The secret to happiness is a good sense of humor and a bad memory.
7. I may not be Wonder Woman, but I can do things that make you wonder.
8. Good friends make bad days a little more bearable.
9. So much to do . . . no desire to do it!
10. I love the kind of hugs where you can physically feel the sadness leaving your body.

Make someone smile today!

HSE Classes available

The High School Equivalency class offered through Vincennes University is now taking new enrollments in Loogootee. All classes are free and prepare you to take the TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion). Students are required to attend a **MINIMUM** of four classes, but more classes may be required depending on current skill levels. Classes are three hours in length and students need to attend each class to obtain the maximum benefit.

If you have started the class, but never finished, now is a great time to come back and get your certificate. Most employers are requiring a high school diploma or a high school equivalency from applicants, so start the New Year right by getting your HSE!

Martin County classes are held in Loogootee in the Work One office on Monday and Thursday from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

If you work, we will try to fit you in to a schedule that works for you with our existing class times, but you must speak to the instructor to make the arrangement. Contact Vicki Conrad during business hours, by phone or text, 812-936-2881, or by email: vickiconrad@ymail.com.

Tri Kappa holds monthly meeting

On Tuesday, December 15, a meeting of the Delta Tau Chapter of Tri Kappa was held at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Hostesses for the evening were Christina Crane, Lisa Brittain, and Katie Milligan. The theme for the meeting was Santa Clause. This was the Christmas dinner/party with a gift exchange.

The meeting was called to order by President Barb McFeaters.

Roll call was read with members responding with their favorite "Santa Claus Story".

November minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Audrey Robinson in Treasurer Dena Lyon's absence.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES: Committee needs names and addresses in January.

COLLEGE COALITION: Lisa Brittain has been in contact with Tracy Anderson. Nothing to report.

HISTORIAN: Judy Treffinger recognized Delta Tau members with over 10 years of membership. Twenty-nine members have 10+ years of membership.

MENTAL HEALTH: Brittany Lyons talked of the importance of self-care during the holidays.

PARADE: Thanks to Karla Eckerle and Katie Milligan for representing Tri Kappa in the Christmas parade.

REMEMBRANCE: Peggy Mattingly reported three birthdays in November and December; four Christmas

gifts and 39 cards. Dena Lyon bought gifts for Res Care. She will need to be reimbursed. Beth Lett requested names of shut-ins. There is \$101 in this fund. And the amount allowed per person is \$15.

Megan Richer was asked to send a card to Dena Lyon for her knee surgery.

SCHOLARSHIP: Audrey Robinson reported no new inquiries. Deadline is January 8, 2016.

SOCIAL: Barb McFeaters and Pam Summers are thinking about setting up an outing for January.

TECHNOLOGY: Megan Richer asked members to like and share the public Facebook page at Tri Kappa Loogootee-Shoals Delta Tau Chapter.

NUTS: Judy Kluesner announced that there are some varieties of nuts left. Please contact her if you still need nuts.

Sending donation for one recycled bench to Loogootee Elementary for Megan Jones classroom.

The group previously pledged \$4,000 to the pool fund. \$2,000 in 2013, \$1,000 in 2014 with the last \$1,000 pledge is due. They need to schedule a time to present the \$1,000 check to the city pool.

Megan Richer delivered the personal Tastefully Simple orders. She donated the \$100 profit to the general fund. Thank you Megan!

Meeting was adjourned followed by a gift exchange.

Next meeting on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Loogootee United Methodist Church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold their reorganizational meeting Wednesday, January 6 at 5:10 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The finance committee will meet at 5 p.m. prior to the regular meeting. Both meetings are open to the public.

Volunteer lawyer program to host two telephone clinics in January

The next monthly talk to a lawyer for free telephone clinic will be on Thursday, January 7 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. DST. For individuals in the eastern time zone, the hours are 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Volunteer attorneys will be available to answer general legal questions concerning Indiana law during that time. This service is offered free to the general public. The call in numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. Additionally, a special telephone clinic time will take place on Monday, January 18 between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. DST. This special talk to a lawyer is part of a statewide celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday. Statewide, throughout the day, hundreds of attorneys will be taking calls and answering general legal questions in all areas of the law. Locally, the event is being co-sponsored and hosted by the law firm of Bamberger, Foreman Oswald and Hahn, LLP. The call in numbers are: (812) 618-4845 and 888-594-3449. Both events are co-sponsored by the Indiana Bar Foundation, Evansville Bar Foundation and Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.

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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.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public 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.

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

It is really January, but for quite a bit of the state it still doesn't feel or look like January yet. I'm not a fan of cold weather or snow so I don't have too many complaints. Generally a week or two of some snow is sufficient and occasionally useful for me, and then I'm ready to see the ground again.

Cold weather can have some advantages, especially after some of the rains we received in December. If you are having to concentrate livestock or are wanting to graze, saturated ground, frozen ground or free concrete has some advantages. I've not seen much yet, but I'm sure frozen ground and snow will be here before too much longer. I'd prefer to have frozen ground prior to snow. If snow comes first, you are usually in for a muddy mess.

If you are grazing stockpiled forage, frozen ground helps to protect the soil surface and helps prevent compaction from hooves. In reality, if you have a good stand of stockpile, it has to get almost bitter cold to freeze that ground up much. The blanket of forage serves as pretty good insulation. If I have to dig a hole in the winter time, I'm for sure going to dig where I have heavy sod, it is most likely not frozen.

When we get winter rains or melting snow, the pastures with more cover or stockpile have very little runoff as compared to pastures that were grazed down and left with little cover or growth. Occasionally, I will need to bury a waterline shallower than I really want or should. If that is the case, then I will try to put that shallow pipe where it will have more winter cover or plan for it or figure on draining it. Along an electrified fence row is a good option; there is always more cover there to provide some winter insulation. If I have to go across a driveway or area that will have little cover, then it is always best to plan to go deeper than normal; I usually go four feet.

Pastures with a good stand of stockpiled forage, especially tall fescue that are just now being grazed, will have a very good and massive root structure below ground. These conditions will be much more tolerant of grazing under wetter conditions than pastures that have been grazed closer or kept grazed shorter into the winter. The more plant growth above ground, the more root and structure below ground.

Now, that being said, I will step up on my soap box for just a minute. I know the weather has been nicer than normal, and I know we have had later forage growth than we normally have, but that is no excuse to leave livestock on the pasture unless adequate forage is present. Pastures that were stockpiled and not grazed until the forages went dormant (I'll hit on this dormancy more in a minute) will respond quicker and yield better in the spring than forages that either were grazed prior to dormancy or never rested.

I'm not sure we have ever really reached true dormancy for our cool season forages, especially in the southern half of Indiana. Most of our cool season forages go dormant by early November. I think ours have tried to a couple times, but with extended periods of really warm weather, the plant just doesn't know for sure what to do. These forages

are not alone. I've seen some trees trying to push buds and daffodils coming out of the ground thinking it was spring. Grazing management in the fall prior to dormancy directly impacts the vigor and growth in the spring. How the plant is managed in the fall sets the stage for how it will respond next year. The buds/tillers and roots burn energy all winter and do so off of root reserves. If those root reserves are not sufficient, the plant weakens and then so does spring vigor and yield. In extremes, the plant can also die and will be noticed the next spring as a thinner stand of desired forages and an increase in undesirables such as weeds.

Allowing any green sprigs that appear to be grazed down this time of year, and especially ones that did not have any rest during the fall, is a situation that will weaken the stand, reduce vigor, and reduce spring yield. Ok, now I'll step down from the soapbox.

I've been asked the question, "When do the cool season grasses go dormant?" several times and honestly, I really don't have a good answer. Cool season forages can break dormancy in the spring with ground temperatures in the low 30's at two inches of depth. The soil above that is generally warmer. I used to say that three or four nights in a row in the 20's is usually enough to stop/kill top growth and force dormancy. If the weather stays cold or at least cool, it will remain dormant until it starts to grow in the spring. Unseasonably warm weather really messes with the plant. Truth is, as long as that plant is still growing at all, it's not dormant.

Now eventually we will get some real winter weather and a nice inch of fresh snow is ideal to frost-seed legumes into. I like it especially because I can see my tracks and know where I've been and get a better pattern with the seeder. One of these days I'm going to break down and buy a GPS system for the ATV so I know for sure I'm not missing spots or overlapping, but I haven't been able to justify it yet.

fdgrI normally talk about frost seeding or dormant seeding legumes between Christmas and Valentine's Day. I would hold off doing so until cold weather is here to stay. You don't want to take a chance on that seed sprouting right now and then not surviving. It's just better to wait a while...and for snowfall as a marker. Establishing legumes by frost-seeding into fields that potentially have been set back by prolonged grazing or pre dormant grazing will be advantageous. Better legumes than weeds, with-in reason. You can get too much clover. More on that next month.

As a reminder, I hope you were able to get those hay samples sent in. Hay should have been sampled in "lots" which would include hay harvested in different time frames, on different farms, and different forages. Samples should be collected using a forage probe and packaged up and send to a certified lab. Once you have the information back on your hay, you can match nutrient analysis to animal requirements and supplement as needed. Purdue Extension is always willing to help you figure out where short-falls occur and how to balance those out. Energy is most commonly the factor that is lacking and it pays to know!

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

Each year, the Perennial Plant Association chooses a Perennial Plant of the Year. The plant chosen is usually a cultivar that has been on the market a few years, allowing time for the plant to be evaluated by expert horticulturalists in different parts of the country. Plants that prove to be reliable in many locations and which are generally thought to have superior blooms and foliage are considered for the honor.

For 2016, the Perennial Plant of the Year is Anemone "Honorine Jobert". This anemone is a hybrid Japanese anemone, commonly called a windflower. Honorine Jobert has white blooms that measure about two inches across, borne on wiry stems. The blooms move in the wind, earning them the common name of windflower. Honorine Jobert is hardy in zones 4 through 8, so it will grow well in southern Indiana. It is rabbit and deer resistant and has few pest or disease problems. It will grow in full sun, but is best in partial shade. It will tolerate some wet soil, but does best in well-drained areas. Wet soil in the winter may cause the rhizomes to rot. Anemones spread by rhizomes, and once were sold as rhizomes. However, in recent years, windflowers have been showing up as potted perennials. Since the bloom time for Honorine Jobert is late summer or early fall, it will not likely be available in garden centers before July. Plants sell best when in bloom, so garden centers often do not get them in until bloom time. That is not the optimum time for

planting, so I would recommend using the plant in a container until fall, and then putting the plant in its permanent home in the garden.

Like all anemones, Honorine Jobert is a little slow to get established. However, once it is established, it spreads by the rhizomes and quickly naturalizes an area. It therefore is a good choice for banks or other areas where weeds can be a problem. Although the plants may grow up to three feet tall, that height includes the wiry stems, with the woody basal section rarely topping a foot tall.

It may be a little difficult to find Honorine Jobert. While many independent nurseries and garden centers will have them for sale, the big box stores often do not catch on to the plants of the year, so they may not be available in those retail outlets. If you are determined to try this plant, you may be advised to find a mail-order supplier. The internet will help in that search.

While planning for the spring garden is now the major activity, there are garden chores to do now. We finally have soil temperatures cold enough to put down winter mulch. A layer of mulch applied around fall-planted perennials and shrubs at this time will keep the soils cool, and will prevent heaving during the freeze-thaw cycles that are sure to come during a Hoosier winter. Said heaving is probably the leading cause of death in fall-planted perennials and shrubs, so it is worthwhile to brave the cold and get the mulch down to save your plants.

Learn new techniques, technologies in crop workshops around state

BY DARRIN PACK
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Purdue Extension's Pest Management Programs will host a series of crop management workshops during January at four sites throughout Indiana.

Participants will get the latest agronomic and pest management information from Purdue Extension specialists.

Topics and presenters:

*"Planes, No Trains, and Automobiles": Joe Becovitz, Office of the Indiana State Chemist.

*"Weeds - New Tools for New Problems": Bill Johnson, professor of botany and plant pathology, and Travis Legleiter, weed science program specialist.

*"In-Season Wet and Post-Season Dry - Consequences for Nutrient Management": Jim Camberato, professor of agronomy.

*"Answers to 2015 Field Crop Disease Questions": Kiersten Wise, associate professor of botany and plant pathology.

*"Soybean Seed Insecticides - Does Prophylactic Equal Profit?": Christian Krupke, professor of entomology.

*"Soybean Planting Dates - Managing Yield and Quality": Shaun Casteel, associate professor of agronomy.

*"Agronomic Management to Increase the Resilience of Corn to Weather Extremes": Bob Nielsen, professor of agronomy.

*"Hoses - Arteries of Application Equipment": Fred Whitford, coordinator of the Purdue Pesticide Programs.

The schedule:

*January 25: Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds; 11265 U.S. 50, Bedford.

*January 26: Equipment Technologies Inc.; 455 Merriman Road, Mooresville.

*January 27: Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Walb Student Union; 2101 E. Coliseum Boulevard, Fort Wayne.

*January 28-29: Beck Agricultural Center; 4540 U.S. 52 W, West Lafayette.

All sessions run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Cost is \$80.

Continuing education units, Private Applicator Recertification Program credits and commercial pesticide applicator credits will be available. Ohio applicator credits have been applied for.

To sign up, go to www.conf.purdue.edu/crop.

For registration information, contact Tom Robertson at 800-359-2968 or tl-robertson@purdue.edu. For more information about the topics and content, contact John Obermeyer at 765-494-4563 or obe@purdue.edu.

Pork quality training to be held

Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) Training will be held on Friday, February 5, 2016 from 3-4:30 p.m. EST at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper. Training will be part of the Southern Indiana Pork Conference, but pork producers are not required to be at the entire workshop to receive the PQA+ training portion.

Reservations for the training are requested to the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782 to insure test materials for participants.

INDOT investment in roads and bridges exceeds \$1 billion in 2015

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) announced Monday that the agency's 2015 construction season resulted in an investment of more than \$1 billion in state and local road, bridge, trail, and traffic safety projects. The mix of federal and state transportation funding along with funds from Governor Mike Pence's Major Moves 2020 program allowed INDOT to invest aggressively in major projects to improve traffic flow and reduce travel time, and increase preservation work to enhance the condition of existing pavement and bridges. In addition to INDOT's construction program, the state allocated more than \$220 million to cities, towns, and counties across the Hoosier state to support local transportation projects.

"I want to thank the INDOT team for their dedication to modernizing and maintaining Indiana's transportation network," Governor Mike Pence said. "In 2015, we took significant steps forward in enhancing our highway system with the opening of a new section of I-69 in Southwest Indiana and the opening of the U.S. 31 freeway in Hamilton County among other projects. At the same time, we continued to invest in preserving bridges and improving pavement conditions all across the state. In 2016, my administration is committed to securing additional funding for both State and Local roads and bridges – ensuring that Indiana remains the Crossroads of America."

Major Projects Completed in 2015

I-69 Section 4 opened in December adding 27 miles of new interstate in Southwest Indiana connecting Bloomington to Crane. The opening now provides an interstate connection between Evansville and Bloomington.

The new U.S. 31 freeway in Hamilton County eliminated 13 stoplights in Carmel and Westfield and combined with completed U.S. 31 projects in Kokomo and Northern Indiana has reduced travel time between Indianapolis and South Bend by 30 minutes.

Congestion eased on south side of Indianapolis by adding travel lanes to I-65 between Southport Road and Main

REMC accepting applications for Electric Cooperative Youth Tour

Daviess-Martin County REMC will sponsor two students on the annual Indiana Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The 2016 Indiana Youth Tour is June 9-16.

Students whose parents or guardians are Daviess-Martin County REMC members and entering their senior year in the fall of 2016 are eligible to apply. Indiana will send a delegation of approximately 85 students from throughout the state on the week-long trip. The students are selected by the local electric cooperatives to travel to Washington and convene with more than 1,600 students from up to 46 states.

"Daviess-Martin County REMC is pleased to provide this opportunity for our local youth," Chestnut said. "It's a great trip and a wonderful chance to see the sights, make new friends and learn how everyone, even young people, can make a difference in the political process."

Applications for Youth Tour are available at local high schools or by contacting Janet Chestnut at Daviess-Martin

Street in Greenwood. The project was part of Governor Pence's Major Moves 2020 program to widen and rehabilitate critical segments of Indiana's interstate network.

Traffic flow improved in Evansville with the September opening of the new full cloverleaf interchange between U.S. 41 and State Road 62/66 (Lloyd Expressway). The project reconfigured the interchange in downtown Evansville into a full-cloverleaf interchange design and building a new pedestrian bridge.

The new diverging diamond interchange at I-65 and Worthsville Road provided new interstate access and improved east-west connectivity for residents and business in a rapidly growing area of Central Indiana.

The rehab of two major ramp bridges connecting I-65 and I-70 in Indy's south split during June and July was a highlight of the State's \$103 million investment in bridge projects during 2015.

INDOT's 2015 Construction Season by the Numbers

\$1 billion total investment by the State in nearly 400 transportation construction projects

\$220 million allocated by INDOT to counties, cities, and towns for local projects

1,720 miles of existing pavement rehabilitated

459 bridges rehabilitated or replaced

180 miles of new road opened to traffic

2 new or reconstructed interchanges

Stay informed
To learn more about how INDOT is modernizing Indiana's transportation infrastructure, visit www.in.gov/indot.

Learn about traffic and road conditions, crashes and construction on state highways by visiting <http://indot.car-program.org>, calling 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or dialing 511 from a mobile phone.

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County REMC, 800-762-7362 or jchestnut@dmremc.com. Applications are due February 19, 2016.

Students participating in the trip will visit the Gettysburg Battlefield, Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian museums, tour the Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorials, take a night cruise on the Potomac River, and much more.

The Indiana Youth Tour students will also participate in a youth rally hosted by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, during which they will share their thoughts and opinions on a variety of timely issues. The youth rally will prepare the students for a day on Capitol Hill, where they will have an opportunity to meet with Indiana's congressional delegation.

Daviess-Martin County REMC, located in Loogootee, is an electric utility cooperative serving over 6,700 members in Daviess, Martin and Lawrence counties and maintains over 1,360 miles of line. For more information about the cooperative visit www.dmremc.com.

Governor Pence announces 2016 legislative agenda

Governor Mike Pence Monday announced his legislative agenda for the upcoming session of the Indiana General Assembly, which commenced January 5, 2016.

"Our 2016 legislative agenda puts jobs, roads, education, and health care at the forefront of this session of the Indiana General Assembly, right where they belong," said Governor Pence. "Our agenda prioritizes funding for state and local roads, ensures that schools and teacher salaries are not negatively impacted by the transition to a new test, and combats drug abuse and addiction through tougher enforcement and expanded treatment. I look forward to working with members of the Indiana General Assembly, and I am confident that together, our legislative agenda will strengthen Indiana by implementing the kinds of policies that improve the lives of Hoosiers."

A complete list of the Governor's 2016 legislative agenda is included below. Bill numbers for those marked with an asterisk (*) are forthcoming.

Jobs & Economic Development

21st Century Crossroads*

Author: Senator Carlin Yoder (R-Middlebury)
Makes \$1 billion in new state road funding available over the next four years without raising taxes.

Local Road Funding (SB 67)

Author: Senator Brandt Hershman (R-Buck Creek)

Makes immediately available \$418 million in Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) reserves to local governments to help improve local roads and bridges across the state.

Regional Cities Funding*

Author: Senator Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville)

Amends Indiana law to authorize an additional \$42 million in tax amnesty collections to provide funding for three Regional Cities proposals instead of two.

State Certification for Veteran-Owned Businesses*

Author: Representative Doug Gutwein (R-Francesville)

Provides the Indiana Department of Administration with the authority to certify a business as a veteran-owned small business.

Promote Use of Ethanol Fuel Blends*

Author: Representative Don Lehe (R-Brookston)

Promotes the use of ethanol-blended fuels by expanding the misfueling immunity statute.

Education

A-F School Grades (SB 200)

Author: Senator Dennis Kruse (R-Auburn)

Holds schools harmless for their

A-F accountability grade for the 2014-2015 year to accommodate the transition to more rigorous academic standards.

Teacher Bonuses and Evaluations*

Author: Representative Bob Behning (R-Indianapolis)

Ensures that teacher bonuses and evaluations are not negatively impacted by the transition to a new test during this year.

Health & Well-being

Increase Penalties on Drug Dealers*

Author: Representative Greg Steuerwald (R-Avon)

Increases penalties for drug dealers convicted of serious and aggravated offenses.

Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse*

Author: Senator Jim Merritt (R-Indianapolis)

Establishes the Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse to comprehensively address drug abuse issues at the state and local level.

Expansion of the Lifeline Law (SB 89)

Author: Senator Jim Merritt (R-Indianapolis)

Expands the Lifeline Law to allow immunity for certain individuals who call emergency personnel when an individual is at risk of a drug overdose.

Standing Order for Naloxone*

Author: Senator Jim Merritt (R-Indianapolis)

Ensures that lifesaving overdose intervention drugs are available statewide by requiring a licensed prescriber at the Indiana State Department of Health to issue a statewide standing order (prescription).

Codify Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) 2.0 (SB 165)

Author: Senator Patricia Miller (R-Indianapolis)

Codifies the basic structure and overall policy objectives of the HIP 2.0 program.

Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE Act) (SB 11)

Author: Senator Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville)

Creates a savings program for Hoosiers to better provide for their loved ones with special needs by allowing them to save money for disability-related costs without placing other benefits at risk.

Add Human Trafficking to the DCS Statute*

Author: Senator Randy Head (R-Logansport)

Ensures that children who are victims of human trafficking are able to be served by the Department of Child Services (DCS) by adding human trafficking to the Child In Need of Services (CHINS) statute.

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