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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The county council got down to business at their first meeting of 2019. From left to right are Council Members Keith Gibson, Sheri Bowling, Randy Wininger, and Rich Summers; Auditor Bobbie Abel and Council Members Buck Stiles and Barb McFeaters. The county council meets on the first Monday of each month at the courthouse.

County council discusses new election equipment, 2019 appointments

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council held their first meeting of the year Monday night, January 7. This was also the first meeting for new council member Sheri Bowling. Council Member Warren Albright was not present for the meeting.

The council voted to keep Rich Summers as the president and Randy Wininger as vice president.

Clerk Gerald Montgomery spoke to the council about a future request for an additional appropriation. According to Montgomery, they purchased new election equipment from ES&S a little over a year ago for \$70,575. The

county used to lease equipment for \$40,000 each election year. Montgomery said that unexpected charges have been coming into his office since the purchase of the equipment. He said he currently owes around \$18,200 including \$7,000 for software and licensing fees and \$4,600 to have a technician available on election day. Montgomery said he was told the cost for the election day help would be \$1,625 so after he received the bill, he called the sales representative. The representative said he would take care of the overcharge however Montgomery said he hasn't heard back from him yet.

Montgomery said that when the county (See 'COUNTY' on page two)

Community Corrections Director concerned about illegal dumping

The Martin County Commissioners met Wednesday, January 2.

It was decided that Paul George would remain the president of the commissioners and Dan Gregory would remain vice president. All were in favor.

Kathy Collins, Community Corrections Director, spoke with the commissioners and Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett regarding the dumping currently taking place by Bridge 58. She has spoken with Laura Albertson at the recycling center and is now approaching the commissioners to try to come up with a plan to clean up the area and stop future dumping. Various options were discussed, and a joint effort will take place to try to rectify the situation.

Highway Superintendent Padgett submitted the bi-weekly work schedule. He also submitted the final estimate for purchase of a new road patcher. It will consist of a four-year lease with ownership at the end of the lease. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the purchase of the patcher for a term of four years totaling \$69,100. Commissioner George seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Superintendent Padgett also submitted paperwork from INDOT regarding

road closures and detours to take place on Highway 150 in 2019. The commissioners approved the detours.

County Attorney Dave Lett advised that some of the paperwork has been submitted for Saw Mill Road plans. Attorney Lett also advised that the ADA Title 8 requirement is almost ready to approve as a resolution.

Auditor Bobbie Abel presented the final paperwork for the county employee health insurance plan for signature. Abel also advised that the extension office will be closed next week on January 8 and 9, due to a conference.

The veterans service officer report was given by Commissioner George for the month of December. There was one transport to Indianapolis with one veteran served. The veterans service officer had one call from home and four incoming and 11 outgoing calls from the office. Ms. Dillon-Evans attended two meetings and had four veterans assisted.

The courthouse will be closed Monday, January 21, 2019 for Martin Luther King Day.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

The next commissioners' meeting will be Tuesday, January 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Food services inspected by health department

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections, unless otherwise noted. Violations that were seen again from one inspection to the next are noted with "(Repeat violation)" after the entry.

NOVEMBER 13

Mickie's, 6472 Powell Valley Road, Shoals

No violations noted.

Martin County Council on Aging, 409 Courthouse Drive, Shoals

No violations noted.

November 15

The Candy Mill, 108 Mill Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Wittmer Catering Co., 19308 N 1300 E, Loogootee

No violations noted.

NOVEMBER 26

Carla's Catering, 12547 West River Road, Shoals

No violations noted.

November 30

Dairy Master, 506 West Broadway Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Build-up of dried food particles on outside of storage containers (Repeat violation)

Biggin's Place, LLC, 109 Hill Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Build-up of mold on upper surface of ice machine

Pizza Junction, 301 JFK Avenue, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Exhaust fan and a/c vents have build-up of dust. Counter top has build-up of dried food particles. (Repeat violation)

Dairy Queen, 212 Mill Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Eggs stored over ready-to-use cake frosting in walk-in cooler (Corrected immediately)

DECEMBER 11

Faytastic Pizza, 220 Main Street, Shoals

No violations noted.

R.J.'s Food Mart, 7320 US Hwy. 150, Shoals

One non-critical violation:

-Fan units of walk-in cooler have build-up of dust. Box fan near deli area has build-up of dust. (Repeat violation)

DECEMBER 17

The Mill Street Grille, 111 Mill Street, Loogootee

No violations noted

Hometown IGA #463, 500 West Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two critical violations:

-Out-of-date infant formula on the shelf for sale: 4 Gerber Good Start Soy ready-to-feed 4 pack expired 11-18-18; 2 Gerber Good Start Gentle Powder expired 8-4-18; 1 Enfamil Prosoabee powder expired 12-1-18; 3 Enfamil ready-to-feed bottles 6 pack expired 6-1-18; 3 Enfamil ready-to-feed bottles 6 pack expired 9-1-18; 3 Enfamil Gentle ready-to-feed bottles 6 pack expired 8-1-18; 5 Similac Alimentum ready-to-feed quart bottles expired 12-1-18; 5 Similac Soy Isomil ready-to-feed quart bottles expired 8-1-18; 10 cans Nutramigen concentrate expired 11-1-18. (Corrected immediately)

-Temperature of packages of cheese hanging in cooler 42.8 to 64 degrees. Jello packs of pudding 43 degrees. Del-monte Fruit in jars in produce cooler 46.8 to 50 degrees. Horseradish dressing jars in produce cooler 46 to 50.2 degrees. (Repeat violation)

One non-critical violation:

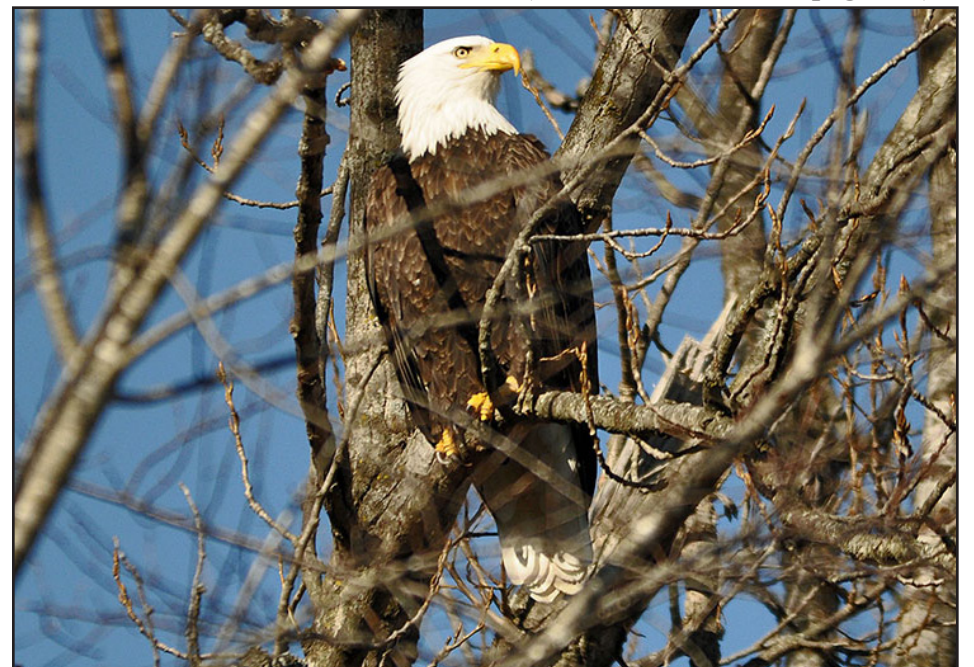
-Accumulation of dust on ceiling and fan covers of meat prep area. (Repeat violation)

(Operator response to inspection 12/17/18: "Baby formula will be checked on monthly basis. Refrigerator maintenance was called check dairy and pro cases.")

DECEMBER 18

VFW Post 9297, 168 Leahy Street, Crane

(See 'INSPECTED' on page two)



Majestic beauty

Photographer Bill Whorrall captured this bald eagle in his yard in Martin County last week. There were two others in the field across the road.

-Photo by Bill Whorrall,
www.billwhorrallart.com

COUNTY

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ty leased equipment, all extra charges were included in the annual payment, so he didn't realize there would be so many extra fees. He is working out the billing issues with ES&S but wanted the council to know he would probably be returning to a future meeting for an additional money request.

Montgomery also wanted to talk to the council about an issue that arose during last year's election. He said that one of his absentee workers passed away unexpectedly and this presented a problem with getting someone hired quickly when the workers are considered county employees. He said county employees require background checks, drug testing, etc. and in an emergency situation, there is not time for that. He asked the council if a separate line item could be added to the clerk's office budget for emergencies. The council said they would have to speak to the county attorney, Dave Lett, to see what could be done legally.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, presented the council with the animal shelter's annual report for 2018. According to the report, the animal shelter took in 295 dogs and cats in 2018 and had 217 adoptions, had 46 dogs and cats claimed by their owner, and lost 22 kittens/cats and dogs due to illness and injury that could not be treated. The shelter spent \$23,543.19 on vet bills last year which included spay and neuter costs, vaccinations, heartworm testing and treatment, and any additional care required. This also included any money spent helping Martin County residents with vet bills or with spaying and neutering.

The animal shelter helped residents get 53 cats fixed and 12 dogs. The volunteers also trapped 26 feral cats around the county last year.

The council approved the following appointments:

- Kenny Inman for the Alcoholic Beverage Board
- Barb McFeaters for the Good Sa-

maritan Advisory Board, the Community Corrections Advisory Board and the Martin County Alliance Board.

-Rich Summers to the Martin County Solid Waste Management District Board

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

-Keith Gibson and Warren Albright to the Martin County Redevelopment Commission

-Warren Albright to the county's Economic Development Board

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

INSPECTED

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No violations noted.

Lonely Nights Saloon/Village Pizza, 102 Furlong Street, Crane

One critical violation:

-Temperature of Norlake cooler 56.6 degrees.

(Operator response to inspection 12/26/18: "Compressor was cleaned!")

Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519 US Hwy. 231, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of broccoli salad 46 degrees; temperature of cole slaw 45.4 degrees on salad bar. (Repeat violation)

(Operator response to inspection 12/18/18: "Broc salad and cole slaw freshly prepped didn't temp correctly. Will put in freezer for 20 min after prep before putting on our salad bar.")

China Wok, 601 West Broadway Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Temperature of items on cold food bar above 41 degrees: sushi 63 degrees, apple salad 50.4 degrees, crab salad 49 degrees

One non-critical violation:

-Pepsi fountain nozzles had build-up of black substance. Ice machine had build-up of black substance on upper interior surface. (Corrected immediately)

American Legion Post 120, 112 Church Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.



Students, staff of the month

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month were recently chosen for December. In the front row, from left to right, are CJ Douglas, Michael Wilson, Paxton Bird, Elliot Graber, Cash Hembree, Gracelyn Shultz, Brynleigh Mullen, and Natalie Arthur. In the back row, from left to right, are Toni Browder, Zakkery Doyle, Mrs. Tiffany Lingenfelter, Rhett Whitney, and Kaden Bault.



Pajama collection

-Photo provided

Students at Loogootee Middle School recently collected pajamas for the Scholastic Book Clubs Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive benefiting Pajama Program, a national nonprofit organization that provides new pajamas and storybooks to at-risk children. The middle school collected over 60 pajamas for this program that aims to help children in need with a new pair of comforting pajamas, along with a good book to read as they drift off to sleep.

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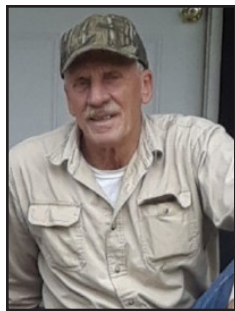
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TIMOTHY NELSON

Timothy A. Nelson entered into eternal rest on January 2, 2019 in Martin County. A resident of French Lick, he was 67.



TIMOTHY NELSON

He was born in Bedford on July 2, 1951; son of Dennis and Violet Irene (Jones) Nelson. Tim married Rexanna Stackhouse on October 27, 1972 and

she survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tim was a 1969 graduate of Shoals High School, a member of Springs Valley Wesleyan Church and had attended Highland Chapel Church in his younger years.

He was a former Union Bricklayer and owned and operated Twin City Lumber from 1981 to 2016.

He enjoyed golfing, farming, hunting, fishing and anything to do with the outdoors, but he especially loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

Tim is survived by his wife, Rexanna Nelson of French Lick; son, Alan Nelson (Katrina) of French Lick; daughter, Joanie Mundy (Mike) of Huntington; brother, Gerald Nelson (Vicki) of French Lick; sister, Exzelia Montgomery (Gerald) of Shoals; four grandchildren, Anicia Kessler (Randall), Leyton Lauderdale, Alanna Nelson and Connor Nelson; two step-grandchildren, Karrah and Ethan Mundy; and step-mother, Grace Nelson of Avon.

The funeral ceremony was conducted by Pastor John Moffatt on Saturday, January 5 at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick. Burial followed in Highland Chapel Cemetery, West Baden Springs.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to

Highland Chapel Cemetery Fund, c/o Tim Albright, 10950 W. County Rd 150N, West Baden Springs, IN 47469.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home. Condolences may be made at www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.

RANDALL ASBELL

Randall "Porky" Asbell entered into eternal rest on Thursday, January 3, 2019 in the comfort of his home surrounded by family. A resident of West Baden Springs, he was 62.



RANDALL ASBELL

He was born July 12, 1956 in Washington; son of Richard and Helen "Nicholson" Asbell. He grew up in Shoals along with 13 other brothers and sisters.

Porky married the love of his life, Yolanda "Yodi" Slaten on May 21, 1977 and she survives.

From a young age, he worked in the woods cutting timber and driving a skidder. Porky was always working outside and spending time in the woods, where he loved to be. He loved to mushroom hunt, tinker on stuff, garden, play with his animals, and was just all around a great outdoorsman.

For the last seven years, he continued working outside by working for the grounds crew at the French Lick Resort. His favorite work there was driving his Mule around the grounds while watering plants and talking to everyone he knew.

Porky was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Jim, Roger, and Preacher, and two sisters, Diane and Sandy

He is survived by his wife, Yolanda "Yodi" Asbell of West Baden Springs; son, Dan Asbell (Jaleigh) of Mitchell;

two daughters, LaWanda Hammond (Jim) of Bedford and Amanda Emerick (Zeb) of Washington; five brothers, Lee Asbell (Margie) of Shoals, Bill Asbell of West Baden Springs, Tim Asbell (Debbie) of Paoli, Donald "Satch" Asbell (Nancy) of West Baden Springs, and Mike Asbell of Indiana; three sisters, Judy Cox (Ray) of West Baden Springs, Donna Mills (Kenny) of French Lick, and Pam Asbell of West Baden Springs; eight grandchildren, Elaina, Eva, Eden, Sadie, Hazel, Waylon, Charley, and Lily.

A funeral ceremony was conducted by Rev. Wayne Pendley and Pastor John Moffatt on Sunday, January 6, at the Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home. Burial followed in the South Liberty Cemetery.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Homes. Condolences may be made at www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com.

THOMAS WAGNER

Thomas R. Wagner passed away on January 4, 2019 at 10:45 p.m. at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 76.



THOMAS WAGNER

He was born January 18, 1942 in Loogootee; son of the late Reason and Rosemary (Wagoner) Wagner. Thomas was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. He was a United States Army Veteran. He married Linda (Porter) Wagner on June 15, 1963. He was a member of the V.F.W Post 9395, and American Legion Post 120. He retired from Jefferson Trucking in Shoals and he enjoyed anything outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his son, Mark A. Wagner who passed away in 1985, his parents, Reason and Rosemary Wagner; his in-laws, Phillip and Rita A. (Matthews) Porter; and his siblings, Norma Wagner-Hickman, Sarah Chambers, and Mike Wagner.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Linda Wagner of Loogootee; his children, Deborah K. Zins of Loogootee and Ryan T. Wagner of Ventura, California; his grandchildren, Brad Zins of Vincennes, Becca (Rahiem) Penn of Hampton, Virginia; and Alecia Wagner of Loogootee; his great grandchild, Reagan Penn; his siblings, Ed Wagner, Judy (Donnie) Fuesler, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, January 18 at 10 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Jacob Porter, a great nephew who is fighting a battle with leukemia.

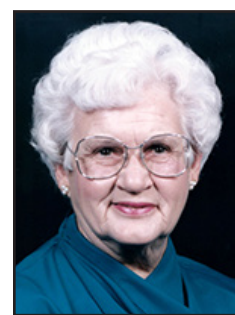
Condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

MARJORIE TRUELOVE

Marjorie Louise Truelove passed away peacefully Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Odon, she was 96.

She was born August 26, 1922 in Daviess County; the daughter of Charles A. and Lola (Humerickhouse) Myers. She married Arnold Truelove on October 10, 1963.

She was a member of the Odon United Methodist Church and the Rebekah Lodge, where she was Past No-



MARJORIE TRUELOVE

ble Grand, Past District Deputy and had received the highest degree a member can achieve - The Decoration of Chivalry. She was also a member of the Home Ec. Club, The Town and Country Club and Eastern Star where she was Past Matron. Marjorie worked at Dearmin's for 22 years and then the Daviess County Courthouse for three years before retiring.

Those left to cherish the memory of Marjorie are four step-daughters, Ruth Wilson of Newburgh, Bonnie (Don) Neukam of Loogootee, Violet Herbig of Texas and Mary Ann (Forest) Fields of Washington; several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; nieces, Violet Hill, Evelyn Pershing, Barbara Dove, Shirley McElfresh, Kay Cramer, Sondra Gano, Linda McCallian and Sherrell Jordon; and nephews, Irvan D. Myers, Charles R. Myers and Ronald R. Myers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Truelove; two sisters, Ora Chestnut and Susie Flinn; brothers, Dale Myers, Shirley Myers, Charles D. Myers and an infant brother; and two nieces.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 5 at Odon United Methodist Church with Pastor Debbie Payne officiating. Marjorie was laid to rest in Truelove Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Odon United Methodist Church.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.



First baby born in 2019 in Jasper

Allyson and Aaron Mudd, of Loogootee, join their daughter, Annalise, in welcoming the newest member of their family. Amelia Mudd was the first baby to be born at Memorial Hospital in Jasper in 2019. Amelia was born January 1st at 2:51 p.m., weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

12:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire, Deputy Reed, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Lents, Loogootee Officer Rayhill, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. All was okay.

1:40 p.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

2:42 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Loogootee. Martin County Highway responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, west of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

5:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:09 a.m. - Loogootee Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

2:58 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals. Deputy Wright and Deputy Lents responded.

5:04 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50 near Shoals. Loogootee Police Department responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a report of a deer in the roadway south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

9:21 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

3:35 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

5:54 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

10:04 a.m. - Received a report of poaching northwest of Shoals. Captain Dant, Deputy Wright, and ICO Watkins responded.

10:50 a.m. - Deputy Lents took two inmates to court.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:50 p.m. - Deputy Lents took four inmates to court.

1:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:50 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded, and all was okay.

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

2:30 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

3:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee on US 231. Loogootee Chief Rayhill re-

sponded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:47 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:58 p.m. - Jailer Gordon transported one inmate back to the Branchville Correctional Facility.

9:15 p.m. - Received a horse complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

12:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Seymour, Loogootee Captain Hennette, and ISP Trooper Lents responded. No one was transported.

11:05 a.m. - Received a report of property damage north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

11:28 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

Loogootee Police log

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

1:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

5:06 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50. Officer Floyd located the vehicle and the driver checked okay.

8:56 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

9:30 a.m. - Female came on station to speak with an officer regarding a child custody issue.

11:33 a.m. - Male requested to an officer for a child exchange.

3:40 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

6:02 p.m. - Male requested an officer for a child exchange.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

1:18 a.m. - Female reported a possible violation of a protective order.

9:05 a.m. - Female came on station to request transient assistance.

10:28 a.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up on JFK Avenue.

11:01 a.m. - Female requested a welfare check on a male.

11:34 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

12:38 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

3:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill tagged an abandoned vehicle on Grant Street.

5:15 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Riley Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4

9:13 a.m. - Caller reported a speed-

ing vehicle on Hwy 50.

5:40 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

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

11:45 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Park Street.

11:55 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

9:13 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

10:13 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

10:53 a.m. - Caller requested an officer for a property exchange.

12:33 p.m. - Caller reported a verbal dispute on SW 1st Street.

2:19 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

8:31 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on North Line Street.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was secure.

1:15 p.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

3:55 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

5:07 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:40 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Deputy Wright responded.

6:38 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Crane. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:10 a.m. - Received a report of an accident southwest of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:24 a.m. - Received a report of theft north of Shoals. ISP responded.

10:54 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. Crane transported the subject to the hospital.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded assisted by Chief Deputy Greene.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of debris on SR 450 just north of US 50. Deputy Wright responded.

4:58 p.m. - Received a report of trash dumping in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

6:36 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

11:18 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler near Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Harmon, Reserve Deputy Greene, Deputy Seymour, and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. All was okay.

7:33 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism north of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

8:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:58 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with an equipment fire north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense, Williams Fire, and Huron Fire responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Shoals. Sheriff Roush contacted the owners.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:50 p.m. - Received a horse complaint near Loogootee. The owners were contacted.

6:01 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

11:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:47 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received a report of a person causing a disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 28, 2019, 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.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1

4:53 p.m. - John Moffitt, 46, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Lents and charged with criminal trespass, public intoxication, resisting law enforcement, and battery. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Wright.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2

12:54 a.m. - Virgo Dupcil, 27, of Florida City, Florida, was arrested by Deputy Reed for operating while intoxicated endangerment and operating while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

8:23 p.m. - Leo Mayo, 28, of Jasper, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth on a Martin County Writ of Attachment and is being held on a \$500 bond.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

11:05 a.m. - Michael Critser, 52, of Lawrence County, was arrested by Deputy Wright for being wanted in Lawrence County for battery causing serious bodily injury. He was transported to Lawrence County.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

1:05 p.m. - Brooke Wolven, 23, of Daviess County, was arrested by Sergeant Keller on a Daviess County warrant and transported to the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

2:55 p.m. - Michael Black, 41, of Linton, was arrested by Loogootee Officer McBeth and charged with operating while intoxicated, neglect of a dependent, possession of marijuana, and possession of a controlled substance. His bond was set at \$25,000 10%.

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

Kailey B. Meadows, 20, of Loogootee, and Ryan J. Sipes, 23, of Bedford, were arrested by Loogootee Police and charged with possession of marijuana, invasion of privacy, and neglect of a dependent.

May 2019 Primary Election

The 2019 City of Loogootee Primary Election will be held May 7, 2019. Candidate filing will begin today, January 9, 2019 and end on February 8, 2019 at noon.

This election only includes registered voters in Perry 1, 2, 3, and 4. Candidates can pick up forms for filing at the Martin County Clerk's Office. The offices that will appear on ballot are Loogootee Mayor, Loogootee Clerk/Treasurer, Loogootee City Council-at-Large (one position) and Loogootee City Council Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

April 8, 2019 is the deadline to reg-

Indiana Statewide Corridor Planning Study

INDOT's Statewide Corridor Planning Study (SCPS) has been launched to supplement the non-project specific 2018-2045 Long-Range Transportation plan, establish intermediate and long-term visions for select transportation corridors, and compile general planning information for each corridor. Information gathered will include stakeholder and public input, traffic growth, future mobility and safety deficiencies, pedestrian needs, economic and tourism data, and land-use and socio-economic impacts.

This information will be used to develop a range of strategies to address future transportation needs and decisions.

This public survey site is designed to enable stakeholders and citizens to provide location-specific comments regarding transportation issues, concerns, and needs. Click on the desired map corridor and complete and submit the Add A Comment dialog box that appears. Comments received will

COURT NEWS

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed December 27

Crane Credit Union vs. Janice A. Haney, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Ryan O. Lawrence, civil collection.

Mary Ellen Padgett vs. Fredrick D. Padgett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company vs. Jason P. Jones, Treasurer of Martin County, and Indiana Department of Revenue, mortgage foreclosure.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed December 26

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Don Breeden, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Misty Kelsey, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Tara J. Cronin, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Andy F. Blanton, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Joshua E. Milligan, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. James K. Salmon, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Joshua Payne, complaint.

December 27

Crane Credit Union vs. Nicole M. Huff, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Shirley L. Christy, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Kenneth E. Smith, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Mackenzie D. Walker, complaint.

ister to vote or make any changes to an existing registration. Please call the clerk's office to make sure your registration is correct at 812-247-3651 or you can go to www.Indianavoters.com. This website will also show you who is on your ballot and other election information. You can call the clerk's office at any time to request an absentee ballot by mail. The last day to submit an application for absentee voting by mail is April 29, 2019. For any questions regarding the election or voter registration please call the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

be reviewed by INDOT staff, edited for clarity if needed, and displayed for others to see and vote upon.

Please Note:

The SCPS only evaluates non-interstate state facilities that serve a statewide mobility function (e.g. high speed, high truck volume, and connector to large population centers). The SCPS will not evaluate U.S. 31, U.S. 30, and State Road 37 because of ongoing study/activities on these corridors.

INDOT will compile and evaluate all comments on all corridors. Comments on the SCPS corridors (shown in red) will be included in the corridor profiles. Comments regarding non-SCPS corridors will be provided to those corridor management teams.

Comments that contain offensive language will not be posted.

To launch the online public survey for the Statewide Corridor Planning Study, click here: <https://communityremarks.com/indiana/>

National unemployment bumps up to 3.9 percent for December

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 312,000 in December, and the unemployment rate rose to 3.9 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in health care, food services and drinking places, construction, manufacturing, and retail trade.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 3.9 percent in December, and the number of unemployed persons increased by 276,000 to 6.3 million. A year earlier, the jobless rate was 4.1 percent, and the number of unemployed persons was 6.6 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.6 percent) and Blacks (6.6 percent) increased in December. The jobless rates for adult women (3.5 percent), teenagers (12.5 percent), Whites (3.4 percent), Asians (3.3 percent), and Hispanics (4.4 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of job leavers increased by 142,000 in December to 839,000. Job leavers are unemployed persons who quit or otherwise voluntarily left their previous job and immediately began looking for new employment.

In December, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.3 million and accounted for 20.5 percent of the unemployed. Over the year, the number of long-term unemployed was down by 205,000.

The labor force participation rate, at 63.1 percent, changed little in December, and the employment-population ratio was 60.6 percent for the third consecutive month. Both measures were up by 0.4 percentage point over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers), at 4.7 million, changed little in December but was down by 329,000 over the year. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In December, 1.6 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 375,000 discouraged workers in December, down by 99,000 from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.2 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in December had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 312,000 in December. Job gains occurred in health care, food services and drinking places, construction, manufacturing, and retail trade. Payroll employment rose by 2.6 million in 2018, compared with a gain of 2.2 million in 2017.

Employment in health care rose by 50,000 in December. Within the industry, job gains occurred in ambulatory health care services (+38,000) and hospitals (+7,000). Health care added 346,000 jobs in 2018, more than the gain of 284,000 jobs in 2017.

In December, employment in food services and drinking places increased by 41,000. Over the year, the industry added 235,000 jobs, similar to the increase in 2017 (+261,000).

Construction employment rose by 38,000 in December, with job gains in heavy and civil engineering construction (+16,000) and nonresidential specialty trade construction (+16,000). The construction industry added 280,000 jobs in 2018, compared with an increase of 250,000 in 2017.

Manufacturing added 32,000 jobs in December. Most of the gain occurred in the durable goods component (+19,000), with job growth in fabricated metal products (+7,000) and in computer and electronic products (+4,000). Employment in the nondurable goods component also increased over the month (+13,000). Manufacturing employment increased by 284,000 over the year, with about three-fourths of the gain in durable goods industries. Manufacturing had added 207,000 jobs in 2017.

In December, employment in retail trade rose by 24,000. Job growth occurred in general merchandise stores (+15,000) and automobile dealers (+6,000). These gains were partially offset by a job loss in sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores (-9,000). Retail trade employment increased by 92,000 in 2018, after little net change in 2017 (-29,000).

Over the month, employment in professional and business services continued to trend up (+43,000). The industry added 583,000 jobs in 2018, outpacing the 458,000 jobs added in 2017.

Employment in other major industries, including mining, wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, and government, showed little change over the month.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 0.1 hour to 34.5 hours in December. In manufacturing, both the workweek and overtime increased by 0.1 hour to 40.9 hours and 3.6 hours, respectively. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls held at 33.7 hours.

In December, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose 11 cents to \$27.48. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 84 cents, or 3.2 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 9 cents to \$23.05 in December.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for November was revised up from +155,000 to +176,000, and the change for October was revised up from +237,000 to +274,000. With these revisions, employment gains in October and November combined were 58,000 more than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 254,000 per month over the last 3 months.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



It's 2019, I'm 76 years young and wearing out, and I still have so many unanswered questions:

*I haven't found out who let the dogs out

*Where's the beef

*How to get to Sesame Street

*Why Dora doesn't just use Google Maps

*Why do all flavors of Fruit Loops taste exactly the same

*How many licks does it take to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop

*Why eggs are packaged in a flimsy carton, but batteries are secured in plastic that's tough as nails

*Why "abbreviated" is such a long word

*Why is there a D in "fridge" but not in refrigerator

*Why lemon juice is made with artificial flavor, yet dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons

*Why they sterilize the needle for lethal injections

*Why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only "a penny for your thoughts"

*Why does the Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star have the same tune

*Why did you just try to sing those two previous songs

*Just what is Victoria's Secret

*Where is Waldo

*Can you hear me now

*And do you really think I am this witty? I actually got this from a friend, who stole it from her brother's girlfriend's uncle's cousin who

lived next door to an old classmate's mailman.

Now it is your turn to take it from me. Send it to someone who needs a laugh.

Thanks, Elaine.

THOUGHTS

*You know when you buy a bag of salad and it gets all brown and soggy? Cookies don't do that.

*Trust me on this one. It doesn't matter how cold you get, never wear a ski mask into a bank.

*Sometimes you might feel like no one's there for you, but you know who's always there for you? Laundry. Laundry will always be there for you.

*People say love is the best feeling, but I think finding a toilet when you have diarrhea is better.

*I try to make protein shakes, but they keep coming out as margaritas.

*Do more of what makes you forget your phone.

*Let's all take a moment to recognize the true heroes of the season... elastic waist bands.

*I don't need a personal trainer as much as I need someone to follow me around and slap unhealthy foods out of my mouth.

RIDDLES

*What do you get when you cross a bell with a skunk? Jingle smells

*What did the cell say when his sister stepped on his foot? Mitosis

Make someone smile today!

Loogootee Girls' Basketball SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



-Photo by Shelley Christmas

MAELEE HAWKINS

Maelee Hawkins is a senior basketball player for the Loogootee Lady Lions. Maelee's best memory of her basketball career at LHS was during her junior year when they beat North Knox by one point for the Blue Chip Conference title. Other than Jack Butcher Arena, her favorite gym to play in is Springs Valley because it is a sunken gym like JBA and also because Larry Bird played there. Her favorite all-time player is Aulani Sinclair, Indiana University. Between a last second shot of a dunk or a half court toss, Maelee said she would choose a half court shot. Maelee is planning to attend IUPUI and major in radiology.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, January 10 at 4 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. This is the board's reorganizational meeting and is open to the public.

Food pantry hours

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

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school-age children every Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 200 West Main Street next to the post office. For more info, call 812-709-2525.

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!

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Loughmiller Machine, 12851 E 150 N, Loogootee. The public 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 5:30 p.m.

Solid waste board

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

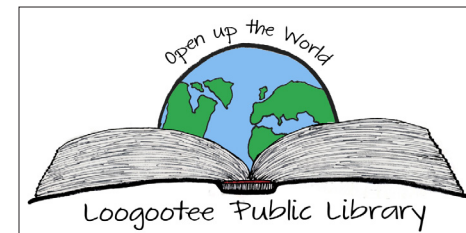
Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

The Loogootee Senior Citizen Center, located in the annex building attached to JFK Gym on JFK Avenue in Loogootee provides activities for seniors every Monday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. For \$5 a year, seniors can participate in Euchre tournaments, games, puzzles, etc., with other local seniors. Anyone interested is welcome to stop by, there are no age or residency requirements to participate. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.

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BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Marla Kalb Williams-Vanhoy and Patty Williams compiled stories that people sent them about Loogootee into a book called "Memories of a Small Town". They graciously have pledged the proceeds from the book to the new library building fund. The book is available thru Amazon.com plus Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) ordered several copies to sell. FOLL will have books at German American Bank and Martin County Chamber of Commerce also.

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) members voted to change the monthly meeting day and time to the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the library.

The library will be closed Monday, January 21, 2019 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

On Friday, January 4, Universal Design President Brett Schipp met at the library with area contractor and subcontractors for a pre-bid conference. There were approximately 25 at the meeting including Mayor Noel Harty. Mr. Schipp explained the bidding process, timeline, and answered questions. The bids are due at the library on Monday, January 14, 2019 by 5 p.m. A special board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 to award the contract. The groundbreaking date will be determined after the contractor is chosen and construction will begin in March.

New Books

Mystery: "Verses for the Dead" by Preston & Child, "The Boy" by Tami Hoag, "A Delicate Touch" by Stuart Woods, "New Iberia Blues" by James Lee Burke, and "In a House of Lies" by Ian Rankin.

Fiction: "Fulfillment" by Barbara Delinsky, "Turning Point" by Danielle Steel, and "Untouchable" by Jayne Ann Krentz.

Inspirational Fiction: "Under the Midnight Sun" by Tracie Peterson.

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.

DHPA hosting photo contest

The Indiana Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) is once again asking the public for photos for its annual Historic Preservation Month photo contest.

DHPA works to preserve buildings and the built environment and is looking for photos to celebrate that effort. Specifically, the division is interested in photos of something that has been preserved, is in the process of being preserved, or desperately needs to be preserved.

The subject in the photo must be in Indiana and at least 50 years old. The image must show something that was designed and/or built.

Send an 8x10 inch matted image, along with the registration form by April 5. The link for the registration form is below. Photographs can be color or black and white, and there is a separate category for digitally enhanced photos. The basic requirements are:

Images must be 8x10 inch prints, mounted or matted on or with a white 11x14 matte board.

The registration form must be attached to each photo.

Limit of three photos per person.

For a complete list of guidelines and the registration form, go to dnr.IN.gov/historic/3994.htm.

NEW LISTING!



MLS#201844481

Enjoy beautiful views of West Boggs Lake from your own private park-like setting at 7 Apple Dr! This ranch home with front covered deck and rear composite porch, makes one-level living easy with 3 bedroom, 3 full baths & 3 car heated and cooled garage on double lot with boat dock!

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton

NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

It is 45 degrees outside today as I write this article. I normally appreciate mild winter weather, but when it rains, and temperatures remain above freezing, except for a frivolous teasing of heavy frosts, a pasture can get pretty ugly. I, for one, wouldn't mind a little free concrete right now, you know, frozen ground. For many of us, 2018 was an extremely wet year. Some parts of Indiana, including where I live ended up with over 60 inches of rain. That makes me think of a Clint Eastwood quote, "If you think it's going to rain, it will."

Strip grazing stockpiled forage is usually a delight. Of course, it is best accomplished under dry or frozen conditions. If the pasture of stockpile is heavy (at least 3,000 pounds of dry matter per acre), then it can often be grazed even under fairly wet conditions without too much long-term damage but, you will need to have a watchful eye.

Under wet conditions make sure you are providing sufficient allotments daily according to your set time frame. If livestock start to run low before the next move, you will often see some pacing along the temporary fence line as they patiently (not) wait for the next move. Their pacing creates a lot of soil disturbance and pugging. Pugging can quickly turn a nice pasture into what appears to be a wallow. The hooves create pockets of compacted soil that bury the remaining plant tissue quickly. These highly disturbed areas of bare soil are then prone to erosion, especially if they are on sloping land and will most likely be a weedy mess next spring. You can reduce the impact by allocating out a little more than normal and by not being tardy in rotating to the next allowance.

The livestock still need mineral and water. Most likely than not, particularly due to the time of year and less use of temporary water systems, permanent type water tanks are used. When permanent water tanks are used, the moves or allocations of stockpile usually start from that location and move out from there with no back fencing, so livestock can go back to the water and mineral if it is left at the same spot. Under wet conditions, some trailing is inevitable in that path to the water. There is not a lot you can do about it under wet conditions. I probably try to extend temporary water systems way beyond a sensible time frame just to reduce this disturbance. I have found that the feeding of bale of hay unrolled on that area as the last event for that field for the season is not a bad idea.

Fields that are grazed with less forage mass present under these same wet conditions will have more damage. The lack of surface plant material along with the reduced complementing root structure is more prone to pugging, compaction, and more visual soil and thus even erosion. Okay, we have all done this at one time or another, by accident or simply neglect and the first thing to cross your mind when you see the field all mucked up is, dang, that's not very pretty and it won't look much better next spring.

I hate bare soil. Bare soil is nothing less than a missed opportunity for forage production and at the same time an invitation for unwanted plants and weeds. Come spring, something is going to be growing in that bare spot and

you will want it to be plants with some grazing or biological benefits. Now is a great time to look at the situation and opportunities to improve.

By this time of year, any seeding of forages would be considered a dormant seeding. Seeds planted now will lay there until the right conditions present themselves closer to spring. Most producers with pasture or hay ground understand the concept of "frost-seeding." Frost-seeding is taking advantage of the freeze-thaw process of the soil during winter months. When water in the soil freezes, it moves upward, pushing some soil with it. This creates little pockets for seed to fall into, especially slick smooth seeds like clover. This process provides a good environment for seed-to-soil contact and good conditions for that seed to grow later. Soils that have been disturbed and that have more soil visible are subject to more heaving due to a lack of enough vegetative buffers. Soils that are bare or that have thin cover will freeze quicker and deeper. Soils with heavy cover sometimes don't freeze much at all.

If you already have some clover planted and are just enhancing what you have, then utilize improved varieties for the best results. If not, then you should inoculate the seed with the appropriate rhizobium. The seed may germinate and thrive without it, but it will do so much better if it is present, especially if one of the goals for planting the legume is as a nitrogen source for the grass component of the stand. The clover fills in the gaps or voids in a grass stand, especially disturbed ones. Adding clover to help fix these sites makes sense. Clover adds diversity, boosts yields, provides pollinator loving plants to the pasture, and there are some benefits, especially with red clover, in reducing or diluting endophyte-infected tall fescue issues.

If there is a lot of disturbance, then the situation gets more challenging. You certainly don't want to fill in all those voids with legumes. High amounts of some legumes, especially white clover, can increase the risk for bloat. What you really want is something to fill in those voids until the perennial forages can take hold again and compete successfully with opportunist weeds in the spring. By early spring, anything growing in those spaces that can be consumed as forage and not a weed, even temporarily, is a good thing.

Planting grasses into existing grasses is almost always risky at best. Those new little seedlings can't compete with established plants; it's just too much competition. Typical tall cool-season forage seeded, such as orchardgrass and tall fescues, don't come up fast enough in the early spring and by the time they are really starting to grow, the established plants are already outgrowing and outcompeting them. One grass that potentially can fit this bill is perennial rye grass, especially in the southern part of Indiana. In normal weather conditions, it will come on early enough to get a foothold and at least provide enough cover to help reduce weeds and some quality forage too. This rescue method with perennial ryegrass does have some risk, and often does not remain long-term.

Keep on grazing!



In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

As we begin a new year, we look forward to another year in the garden. Some people make resolutions for the New Year. I should resolve to refrain from buying more plants than I can get planted in my garden this year, but I know that I will be somewhere that will make me break that resolution. So, why bother? It is certain that I will either find some plant I desire on sale in a garden center and will buy more specimens than I need, or I will be at a garden society sale and be unable to resist buying one of each color of a flower being offered for sale. I have no more room for houseplants, but when visiting someone last week who has an aloe plant of a different species from the ones I have, what do I do?—Ask for a cutting to start another plant! It is an addiction! Perhaps I should join plants anonymous and attend meetings.

I really do not mean to make light of those who suffer from life-damaging addictions. While I have spent more on plants than my budget allows, I have never spent so much that it truly meant doing without any necessity. Still, I need to be more responsible with plant acquisition. When I see a new plant that offers bigger or better flowers, or interesting foliage, or which promises to attract desirable wildlife, I just cannot resist. With my knowledge of landscape principles, I know that it is better to repeat the use of a limited number of plants in a landscape, yet I still have the desire to have one of everything. I am a hopeless plant collector.

The result has been that Sandhill Gardens has a staggering number of plant species and cultivars. I have been to botanical gardens that actually do not have as many different types of plants as I have in my gardens. Still, I have included enough repetition in the gardens to keep them from appearing to be a haphazard collection of plants.

I have also created a garden that has interest in four seasons. For New

Year's Day, I created a centerpiece using plant material cut from my garden that morning. It included blue holly, deciduous holly, rhododendron leaves, mahonia, red-twig and yellow-twig dogwood and a branch from a contorted filbert. Even in the middle of winter, there is beauty and interest in the garden and beauty that I can share with others through arrangements.

I do have some plans for 2019 in the garden. I hope to get mulch down earlier to hold down the weeds later in the growing season. I plan to increase the number of deciduous hollies in various places in the gardens. The bright red berries of the female bushes supply that needed repeat element in the winter. It also means that there will be more berries for the birds to enjoy through the winter. I have been rooting cuttings of azaleas and rhododendrons and hope to have several ready to transplant into the gardens in the spring. My goal is to line the path to the cave with them. I can imagine the scene they will make when they are in bloom. I know my cuttings will take several years to mature, so I also will be on the lookout for plants from other sources. Last year, I was fortunate to come across someone who was digging out some rhododendrons that had outgrown the place where they had been planted. I asked for the bushes and brought them home. Most of them survived through the summer and I am hopeful that they survive their first winter. If they do, that usually means that they will live for many years. Unlike the person who planted them close to a building years ago, I have given them plenty of room to grow.

If you have not made your gardening plans for the spring, January is a good time to begin. Seed and nursery catalogues will arrive daily. Thumb through one and dream of what could be. The greatest gardens on earth began as dreams.

Monroe Lake to host bald eagle driving tour

See bald eagles in the wild during a driving tour at Monroe Lake Saturday, January 26.

The tour is self-guided and runs from 1 to 3 p.m. It will have six outdoor shoreline stops, each staffed by experienced birders who will assist attendees in viewing eagles and other birds through spotting scopes.

Tour attendees can also get an up-close look at a bald eagle and several other raptors at a bonus indoor tour stop featuring live education birds from Hardy Lake.

Advance registration is \$5 for adults (\$3 for children) and is available through January 24 by calling 812-837-9546 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Walk-up registration is \$7 for adults (\$4 for children) at the Paynetown Activity Center on Jan. 26 beginning at 12:30 p.m.

All attendees must check in at the Paynetown Activity Center to pick up a tour map and get their event badges, which must be worn in a visible location while visiting tour stops.

The Paynetown Activity Center is lo-

cated next to the swimming beach inside Paynetown State Recreation Area, 4850 S. State Road 446, Bloomington. Admission to Paynetown SRA is free during the winter months.

Complimentary cocoa and cookies will be available for tour attendees at the Paynetown Activity Center; attendees are encouraged to bring their own travel mug. There will also be eagle crafts to make, bird checklists, and lake maps.

The Fourwinds Lakeside Inn, located on the other side of Monroe Lake at Fairfax SRA, is offering a special lodging rate of \$69 per night for a lake-view room on the nights of January 25 and 26. Rooms must be reserved by January 19 at 812-824-2628 and you must specify that you plan to attend the eagle tour.

Fourwinds guests can receive a "buy 1 get 1 free" discount on walk-up registration for the Bald Eagle Driving Tour by showing their hotel receipt/confirmation (for the night of January 25 and/or 26) at the Paynetown Activity Center.

For more on Monroe Lake, see on.IN.gov/monroelake.