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28 Loogootee firemen now receive stipend

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee City Council met Monday night, January 8. Council Member Teresa Nolley was not present for the meeting but all other members were present.

Fire Chief JD Flynn requested that three reserve firefighters be added to the payroll for a total of 28 firefighters. He said this would leave zero reserve (unpaid) firefighters. Council Member Tim Lawrence said the fire department, for 25 years, operated with unpaid reserve firefighters and he doesn't understand why it is changing now. He said reserve firefighters in the past, could not be paid until a spot opened up in the paid positions.

Flynn said it is degrading to have some firefighters not paid while others

are. Council Member Lawrence replied that he doesn't see how it would be degrading to be a volunteer firefighter. "Being a volunteer fireman, if you don't want to do it, you shouldn't do it," said Lawrence.

Lawrence said he just wants to make it known to the fireman that they should never think being a volunteer, and not a paid firefighter, is degrading.

Flynn said that the interest in firefighting is very slim anymore and he wants to do what he can to keep the firemen he has.

Council Member Roger Downey asked Flynn if 28 paid firemen were going to be enough now. He said that over the years, the number continues to increase – from 10 to 20 to 25 now 28. Downey said he's just asking.

Flynn replied that there is a lot more equipment involved now and more

training due to the Department of Homeland Security.

Flynn was asked why the department stopped doing the junior firefighters program. Flynn replied that there was no interest. He said if a high school senior approached him with interest in firefighting, he would certainly revisit starting the program again.

The council voted to approve the three additional paid firemen for a total of 28.

The council voted for Ruth Smith to serve as the council's president for 2018 replacing Carroll Rayhill who said it was someone else's turn.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones told the council that the bill was \$21,950 for the concrete work on the police department parking lot. The council had previously approved the work.

The council agreed to pay \$3,000 to

the sheriff's department annually for the use of the county's animal control officer.

Mayor Noel Harty opened two bids from Bonnie Leasing and Arvin Crushed Stone for materials, sand, gravel, etc. The council voted to go with the low bid of Bonnie Leasing.

Mayor Noel Harty made the following appointments for the year:

- Isha Wright-Ryan as the city attorney
- Ron Gilbert and Jason Greene to the board of public works and safety
- Kelly Rayhill as Loogootee Police Chief
- JD Flynn as Loogootee Fire Department Chief
- Bo Wilson as public works superintendent
- Nancy Spaulding as utility clerk
- Phyllis Panko as mayor's administrative assistant and collections clerk
- Mary Davis as city hall custodian
- Tim Lawrence and Mayor Harty to the solid waste board
- Karen Slaven, Ron Gilbert and Georgia Cunningham to the Loogootee Park & Recreation Board

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Humane society has remaining grant funds to help residents

The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter still has some funds available from a \$5,000 grant from the Banfield Foundation to help residents in the county, who need financial assistance, pay their vet bills. The deadline to use the funding is February 28, 2018.

Many times, Martin County residents call the animal shelter looking for help for their pets who may have been injured, are sick, have a costly disease, etc. Since the humane society operates on donations, rarely is there extra money available to assist with animals outside the shelter. This grant changes that. While there are already programs in place in the state, along with the humane society's partnership with Pets Alive Spay/Neuter Clinic, to help people get their pets spayed or neutered, there are no programs to help pay vet bills for other issues. The grant received by the humane society cannot go toward covering anything related to spaying and neutering, only non-routine vet visits.

So far, the grant money has helped with annual vaccinations, heartworm testing and treatment, tumor removal,
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City looking for park board members

The City of Loogootee is looking for someone to serve on its Park and Recreation Department Board for 2018. The board meets typically one time per month and is involved in fundraising activities throughout the year. This is a volunteer position requiring a strong passion for community betterment and parks and recreation. If interested, please contact the Loogootee Mayor's Office at 812-295-4770.

Sheriff needs radios, new security cameras

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Sheriff Travis Roush approached the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, January 8, explaining a need for more handheld radios for his department. He explained that he has four reserve deputies who have to borrow radios from the jail and return them after each shift. He also has an incoming deputy who will need a car and handheld radio. He would like to buy seven handheld radios and one car unit for a total of \$16,000. The council verbally gave Roush permission to move forward with the purchase however it cannot officially be voted on until after it's advertised. They will vote on it at the next meeting. The money, Roush said, will most likely come from a CD in the 9-1-1 fund. He will have to verify that the CD money can be used for

such a purchase.

Roush also brought to the council's attention the need for new security cameras in and around the jail. He said there are 23 cameras currently and several areas of the jail that are not in the camera view. The quality of the cameras is also lacking, causing an issue with reviewing any issues that may come up. The council and Roush discussed when the cameras were purchased and Council Member Lynn Gee, whose husband used to be sheriff, said that she doesn't recall them being replaced since her husband left office in 1998. The council talked about the fact that security cameras have been upgraded substantially since the 1990s. No decision on purchasing the cameras was made however the council told Sheriff Roush to get quotes.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, gave the

shelter's annual report. The council thanked the humane society for their continued work controlling the pet population. Council Member Randy Winger also noted that it is impressive that the shelter continues to have zero animals euthanized. Hughett responded that the humane society board of directors feels that, as small as Martin County is, there should not be a need to euthanize dogs and cats. "If we are working hard enough, we should be able to get them all adopted," Hughett said of the volunteers. Hughett also thanked the county for their annual contribution to the animal shelter noting that it would be much harder to operate without it.

The council made the following appointments:

- Kenny Inman to the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Board
- Barb McFeaters to the Good Samaritan Advisory Board, the Martin County Alliance Board, and the Community Corrections Advisory Board
- Randy Winger to the SIDC Board
- Rich Summers to the Solid Waste Board
- Warren Albright to the Economic Development Commission
- Warren Albright and Keith Gibson to the Redevelopment Commission
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Active shooter workshop

During the township meetings recently held by the Martin County Sheriff's Department, they fielded several questions about "active shooter" situations. Therefore, they will be sponsoring an "Active Shooter" workshop on Wednesday, February 21, at 6 p.m., at the Martin County Community Building. They encourage all organizational leaders to attend, especially, those that work in confined areas, such as churches, banks, schools, and other office-like settings. This hope this workshop will be very empowering and equip citizens with a skill set to increase survivability in an active shooter scenario. R.S.V.P is not required, and snacks and refreshments will be provided.



Students 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 Ryken Farhar, Hattie Humerickhouse, Liam Qualkenbush, Holden Lingenfelter, Jake Lottes, and Caleb Park. In the back row, from left to right, are Bailee VanMeter, Libby Taylor, Natalie Arthur, Reed Brittain, and Tessa Davis. Not pictured was staff member, Mrs. Cindy Lichlyter. Student of the month sponsors are McDonald's, Dairy Master, Jones Marathon, Running with Scissors, Blake Hi-Y Carwash, Jolene McAtee, Hawkins Healthcare, and Edward Jones.

Donnelly, Young, Hollingsworth tour Crane with Gen. David Goldfein

U.S. Senators Joe Donnelly and Todd Young, and Congressman Trey Hollingsworth (IN-09), on Monday, hosted General David Goldfein, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, at Naval Support Activity Crane in Crane, Indiana. General Goldfein is the highest-ranking officer in the Air Force and is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During the visit to Crane, Donnelly, Young, Hollingsworth, and Goldfein, accompanied by Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Crane Commanding Officer Captain Mark Oesterreich, toured several labs on base and heard from both uniformed and civilian personnel whose work helps keep Americans safe and ensure our service members maintain a technological advantage over potential adversaries. They also discussed Crane's growing support to the Air Force and potential avenues for an increased Air Force presence at Crane.

Senators Donnelly and Young, Congressman Hollingsworth, General Goldfein, and Captain Oesterreich today at Crane.

Donnelly, member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said, "Crane's cutting-edge work provides our warfighters with the tools they need to succeed. I'm so proud to have brought General Goldfein here to see firsthand Crane's growing work for the Air Force and discuss how we can build a permanent Air Force presence at Crane in the future."

Young, member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said, "I am grateful that General Goldfein accepted the invitation to visit Crane. General Goldfein was impressed by the professionalism and skill of the workforce at Crane, as well as their critical and growing contribution to our national security. I look forward to working with him to continue increasing Crane's extraordinary support to the Air Force."

Hollingsworth said, "As rogue nations like North Korea and Iran continue to threaten American lives, I am

proud to stand with hard-working Hoosiers here at Crane who are working tirelessly to protect Americans. I look forward to working with General Goldfein to support and invest in America's global strategic dominance."

Goldfein said, "The work being done at Crane is absolutely essential. To the men and women at Crane, I just want to say thank you for the incredible work you're doing."

Oesterreich said, "We were honored to have General Goldfein at Crane. It was exciting to show General Goldfein some of Crane's capabilities, as well as many of the people whose work directly supports the Warfighter. I would like to thank Senators Donnelly and Young for initiating this visit."

FIREMEN

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-Lonnie Hawkins to the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Board

-Richard Taylor as building commissioner for the city

-Jolene McAtee, Van McAtee, Teresa Nolley, Mitch Green, Brad Wade and Carolyn and Roger Downey to the Summerfest Committee

-Bo Wilson, Marty Tarrh, and Gianna Armstrong to the stormwater utility board

-Jim Floyd, Denny Green, Chris Bledsoe, and John Stoll to the advisory plan commission

-Mike Engleman, Judy Blackwell and Elaine Renoire to the zoning appeals board

Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill reported that for 2017, his department had 371 cases, 122 criminal arrests, 245 traffic arrests, 404 property damage accidents, six personal injury accidents, 3,008 calls for service, 75 golf cart registrations, 42 handgun permits, 28 arrests in the K9 division and 35 K9 vehicle searches.

Fire Chief JD Flynn reported that for 2017 the fire department was dispatched 112 times – 80 medical and 32 paid fire runs.



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SHERIFF

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The council also discussed the re-appointment of Mitch Green and Donna Hawkins to the Martin County Park Board and whether council members could be appointed. They noted that they may want a council member on that board to have a better handle on what the group is doing. After a bit of discussion, they decided to re-appoint Green and Hawkins and revisit those appointments down the road.

The council also questioned if they had an appointment due on the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA). No appointment was noted and Council Member Rich Summers asked Bobbie Abel, who was the note taker for the meeting, to check with Auditor January Roush on that appointment.

GRANT

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and many other illnesses or injuries to dogs and cats around the county. Grant funds are only available to Martin County residents.

Anyone needing assistance or for more information on qualifications for assistance, can stop by the animal shelter during open hours Monday or Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. or email mchs@frontier.com. Grant money cannot be paid to an individual, checks must be made out to the vet providing the services.

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SARAH MASON

Sarah M. Mason, formerly of Shoals, passed away at 4:55 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2017. A resident of Seymour, she was 49.

She was born in Washington on December 1, 1968; daughter of the late Coy Cecil and Carolyn Sue (Coulter) Johnson.

She was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. She enjoyed learning about her heritage with the Cherokee Nation.

She was preceded in death by her son, Devin Mason; parents, Coy and Carolyn Johnson; and brother, Harold Johnson.

She is survived by her children, Allysha Mason and her fiancé, Jason Sipes of Shoals and Derek Mason of Colorado; grandchildren, Asher Sipes, Polarra and Langdon Price, Lucas Ray Underwood-Mason, Victoria Renee Maxine Mason and Tucker Mason; sister, Dottie (Timothy) Troutman of Shoals, Kim Spurgeon of Shoals, and David Johnson of Tunnelton.

Graveside services will be conducted at noon, Saturday, January 13 at Bryantsville Church of Christ Cemetery in Mitchell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Old National Bank in Care of Allysha Mason for Sarah Johnson Funeral Expenses.

Condolence may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

RUTH BRAUN

Ruth V. Braun passed away at 7:50 a.m. Friday, January 5, 2018, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper. A resident of Jasper, she was 94.

She was born November 26, 1923 at Lost River Township, Martin County; daughter of Merlin and Elsie (Cooper) Winger. She married Curtis C. Braun on July 1, 1945. He preceded her in death on December 31, 1987.

Ruth was a homemaker and an active member of the Central Christian Church in Huntingburg, where she taught Sunday school for 47 years, and was a member of the church choir for many years. She shared her musical talents for many years at area nursing homes. She enjoyed daily cross word puzzles, gardening, bird watching and was an avid reader. Survivors include daughter, Linda (R.J. Pete) Sermersheim of Jasper; son, Douglas (Jane) Braun of Jasper; four grandchildren, Libby Sermersheim and Katie (Sean) Sreniawski, both of Indianapolis; Audra (Jamie) Levy of Jasper, IN and Jill (Keith) Haas of Lexington, Kentucky; eight great grandchildren, Grant, Hannah, Joel, Sylvia, Jake, Anna, Olivia and Nora; and three sisters, Rose Bauernfiend and Eldean (Gene) Sherfick, both of Shoals and Pat Underwood of Huntingburg.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Joyce Trambaugh and two brothers, Woodrow Winger and Merlin Winger Jr.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 9 at the Becher-Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper with burial following at Fairview Cemetery. The Rev. Craig Taylor officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Central Christian Church or to a favorite charity.

LORENE JEWELL

Lorene May Jewell passed away at 6:14 p.m. January 6, 2018 at the St.

Charles Healthcare Center in Jasper. A resident of Otwell, she was 95.

She was born January 15, 1922 in Bedford; daughter of Homer and Blanche (Hawk) Robbins. She married George Edward Jewell in 1954 and he preceded her in death.

She was employed at Crane, Spring Mill State Park and was a custodian at Burris Elementary School in Mitchell.

Survivors include three daughters, Karen White of Bloomington, Lucille Willis of Otwell and Georgia Sons of Orleans; one son, Leslie Robbins of Carpentersville, Illinois; a step son, Bernard Lee Jewell of New Albany and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by three brothers, Gerald Robbins, Victor Robbins, and Leslie Robbins; and a sister, Winnie Robbins.

Funeral services will be held today, Wednesday, January 10 at 2 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. John Moffitt officiating. Burial will be in the Trinity Springs Cemetery. Visitation was held today, Wednesday, from 11 a.m. until the time of service.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

LINDA SHAW

Linda Sue Shaw passed away at her residence on January 6, 2018. A resident of Radcliffe, Kentucky, she was 78.

She was born March 13, 1939 in Shoals; daughter of Elmer and Virginia (Shipman) Fahr. She married Donald L. Shaw on May 27, 1956 in Shoals and he preceded her in death on September 18, 2014. She graduated Shoals High School, was a homemaker, a member of the Shoals United Methodist Church and a member of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by one daughter, Lisa Holmes and husband, Ronald, of Flat Rock, Illinois; two sons, Donald Shaw II and wife, Donna, of Eaton, Colorado and Kent Shaw and wife, Robin, of Clarksville, Tennessee; four grandchildren, Benjamin Shaw of Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; Mark Shaw of Springfield, Virginia; Jason Randall of Radcliffe, Kentucky; and Shannon Randall of Radcliffe, Kentucky; four great-grandchildren, Kylie Shaw, Aubrey Shaw, Gabrielle Shaw and Christopher Anschutz.

Preceding her in death are her parents, husband and a brother, Jerry Fahr.

Funeral Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, January 13 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals. Burial will be in the Spring Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

KERI SMITH

Keri Lynn Smith, formerly of Anderson, passed away Thursday, January 4, 2018 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 49.

She was born October 22, 1968 in Anderson; daughter of Joe Manis and the late Bettie Lou Manis.

She enjoyed her grandchildren and spending time with them.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Lou Manis.

She is survived by her husband, Chuck Smith of Loogootee; children, Kyle Ringham of Bargsersville and Kel-

si (Tony) Huston of Anderson; grandchildren, Braylee and Aaliyha Huston; parents, Joe and Sandy Manis; siblings, Ben and Brett Manis and Geri Manis and many nieces and nephews.

Keri will be cremated and a memorial will be held in Anderson at a later date.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral in Loogootee.

DONALD JACKSON

Donald Ralph Jackson passed away Sunday, January 7, 2018, at Mt. Vernon Nursing and Rehab. A resident of Mt. Vernon, he was 75.

He was born March 28, 1942 in Dubois County; son of the late Ernest and Jewell (Parsons) Jackson.

He was a 1960 graduate of Loogootee High School. He served in the Indiana National Guard. Don worked with the Indiana State Police for 31 years, and was a Sergeant. He was also Posey County Sheriff and a bus driver for the MSD of Mt. Vernon. Don was a member of the Hadi Shrine, Beulah Masonic Lodge, where he was a Master Mason, and American Legion Post 5.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Janet Jackson; and sister, Rena Lay.

He is survived by his daughter, Brandi (Troy) Ricketts; grandchildren, Alyssa (Keegan) Mosby and Zachary Bauer; great-grandchildren, Melody and Lincoln Mosby; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 11 at First Christian Church, 1403 Country Club Rd., Mt. Vernon, with Rev. John Hilbert officiating and burial to follow in Bellefontaine Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m., Wednesday, January 10, at Schneider Funeral Home, 512 Main St., Mt. Vernon, and from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. service time on Thursday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church.

CONNIE RAYMAN

Connie Carol Rayman passed away at 7:53 p.m. Saturday, January 6, 2018, at her home. A resident of Washington, she was 72.

She was born April 12, 1945 in Washington; daughter of Isaac and Agnes G. (White) Lamb. She attended Washington High School and retired as a Nurse's Aide after 20 plus years. She loved crocheting, spending time with children and her pets.

She is survived by her children, Vicki Lee (David) York of Shoals and Steven T. Rayman of Evansville; grandchildren, John Cline, Eric Rayman, Matthew Lorimer, Brianna Lorimer and Bryten York; one great grandson, Eli Rayman; two sisters, Sharon (Roy) Nicholson of Huntingburg and Barbara (Gary) Leonard of Jasper; several nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by parents; her husband, Thomas J. Rayman on February 22, 2003, whom she married, August 1, 1964; and granddaughter, Anna Pauckner Rayman.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 11 at Ed Lee Mortuary. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Memorial donations may be given to Oak Grove Caretakers, P.O. Box 2306,

Washington, Indiana, 47501. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

CHARLES ELLIS

Charles Ellis passed away at 9:20 a.m. Saturday, January 6, 2018. A resident of Walkerton, Indiana, he was 79.

He was born March 26, 1938 in Bramble; son of the late Asa and Mary (Hulbert) Ellis.

He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Walkerton. He was previously employed at AM General. He enjoyed farming, restoring tractors, traveling and spending time with family.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Linda (Horn) Ellis; daughter, Deb Stoner; sisters, Annie Cunningham, Dorothy Spears and Margaret Wagoner; parents, Asa and Mary (Hulbert) Ellis and many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

He is survived by his children, Theresa Lynn (Randy) Hunt of Osceola and Rick Ellis of Walkerton; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, Harry Ellis, Jim Ellis, Bill Ellis and John Raymond Ellis, all of Loogootee; sisters, Ruth Strange of Bloomington and Mary Keller of El Paso, Texas; son-in-law, Mike Stoner; one brother-in-law and one sister-in-law.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 11 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, January 10 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

ANNE O'NEAL

Anne F. O'Neal passed away on January 6, 2018. A resident of Loogootee, she was 96.

She was born June 12, 1921; daughter of James and Anastacia (Hopkins) O'Neal. She graduated from St. John High School in 1938 and earned her Bachelor and Master's Degrees from Indiana University.

After college, Anne followed sister, Alma, to New York and started her career as a nutritionist, then moving on to Chicago, before beginning her 36 year teaching career. She started in South Bend, and continued to Princeton before moving to Indianapolis Public Schools, where she concluded her career.

She was the last remaining sibling of James and Anastacia. Preceding her to the gates of Heaven along with her parents, were brothers, Bernard and Joe and sisters, Mary Alice (Foster), Alma (Walker), Dorothy (Norris), and Marjorie (Reising).

She is survived by 17 nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 13. Burial will follow in St. John Cemetery.

Visitation at the church will be begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, January 13 until time of service at the St. John the Evangelist Church.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Online condolences can be made online at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

2:52 a.m. - Received a report of gas leak in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:52 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

10:56 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist west of Shoals.

1:04 p.m. - Received an animal complaint South of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:24 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

2:43 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:21 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:37 p.m. - Received a report of vehicle on fire north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:43 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

5:36 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

9:23 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

6:08 a.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

6:09 a.m. - Received a report of loose horses in Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

7:30 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals.

8:11 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with property dispute. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:15 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:10 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

10:18 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism east of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:29 a.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Crane Village. ISP Trooper Wilson responded. Everything checked out okay.

12:45 p.m. - Received a report of property dispute in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

1:04 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

2:04 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:09 p.m. - Received a report of scam phone calls in Shoals.

4:53 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane First Responders responded.

6:09 p.m. - Received a report of found license plates south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

10:39 p.m. - Received a report of semi fire east of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and Loogootee Officer Floyd re-

sponded.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:58 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:48 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

10:40 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

11:16 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

11:20 a.m. - Sheriff Roush assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

1:38 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush, ISP Trooper Lents, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of theft in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:10 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

4:37 p.m. - Received a report of illegal trash dumping south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:45 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

8:00 p.m. - Received a report of burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving west of Loogootee. ISP Trooper Beaver, ISP Trooper Johnson, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

5:41 a.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

8:44 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:20 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:41 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

10:13 a.m. - Received a report of accident south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Loogootee Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:55 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took three inmates to court.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of theft south of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

1:47 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

1:53 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:00 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took four inmates to court.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt and responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd, Martin County Ambulance, and Martin County Coroner responded.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of car-

deer accident east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

7:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

7:14 p.m. - Received a report of domestic dispute in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

7:55 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

4:09 a.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded. Everything checked out okay.

8:31 a.m. - Received a report of commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded. Everything checked out okay.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of residential burglar alarm south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded. Everything checked out okay.

1:14 p.m. - Received a report of civil dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of a brush fire south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire Department, and Lost River Fire Department responded.

2:37 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:55 p.m. - Received a report of loose horses north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

4:33 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist north of Loogootee.

5:23 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

8:00 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:48 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright responded.

9:27 p.m. - Deputy Wright assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

10:04 p.m. - Received a report of illegal hunting east of Loogootee. Conservation Officer Doane responded.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

6:16 a.m. - Received a request for

ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Crane First Responders responded.

7:15 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

9:17 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist south of Shoals.

12:52 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Sergeant Keller, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

12:58 p.m. - Received a report of domestic disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:36 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist east of Shoals.

7:16 p.m. - Received a report of car-deer accident in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

5:51 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals First Responders responded.

9:24 a.m. - Received a report of horse loose on US Hwy 450. Sergeant Keller responded.

10:06 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with property exchange in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

11:14 a.m. - Received a request for ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:06 p.m. - Received a request for welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded. Everything checked out okay.

1:05 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:16 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:46 p.m. - Received a request for ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of brush fire south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire Department, Shoals Civil Defense, Lost River Fire Department, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

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CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS & SENTENCING

Travis Arvin, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony and operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 696 days suspended and credit for 25 actual days previously served plus 9 Class B credit days. Defendant received 22 months of probation.

Jennifer Yoder, convicted of resisting law enforcement, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 541 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. Defendant received 17 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

Amber N. Donnelly, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Travis Arvin, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Jennifer Yoder, neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed December 29

Josh Kollmeyer vs. Emily Wendholt, petition for dissolution of marriage.

January 2

Terri L. Alcorn vs. Aaron L. Alcorn, petition for dissolution of marriage.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

January 5

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Co-Op and against the defendant Daniel L. Harder in the amount of \$2,556.72.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

7:14 a.m. - Male came on station to report a theft.

1:13 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

4:15 p.m. - Female reported property damage.

8:30 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

10:53 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

8:11 a.m. - Male caller requested to speak with an officer regarding personal property.

10:58 a.m. - Caller reported harassment.

12:45 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

3:16 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted with a property exchange.

9:37 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in the McDonald's parking lot.

10:39 p.m. - Caller reported a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:23 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

1:50 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a two-vehicle accident.

2:43 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

8:00 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

11:30 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle making bad passes on Hwy 50.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

12:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral procession.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

3:50 p.m. - Caller reported property damage in Wendy's parking lot.

4:13 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

6:58 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

7:56 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Cedar Street.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

4:09 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

9:45 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

7:09 p.m. - Caller reported a semi without lights.

10:47 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

12:52 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

12:58 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Redwing Trailer Court.

2:25 p.m. - During a traffic stop, Officer McBeth filed charges on a male juvenile for possession of alcohol.

4:35 p.m. - Caller reported a civil issue.

8:35 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

10:06 a.m. - Female requested an officer assist with a property exchange.

12:06 p.m. - Female caller requested an officer do a security check at a residence.

5:36 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a traffic stop.

5:44 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with an out-of-control juvenile.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:43 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a suspicious person on US 231.

Real estate transfers

Richard Farhar, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lana Allen**, of Martin County, Indiana, two and one-half acres in a strip of even width off of the east side of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter, Section 7, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, and also two and one-half acres in a strip of even width off of the east side of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 5 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Knights of Columbus Building Association, of Martin County, Indiana to **Fred M. Doyle Memorial Corporation**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 3 in the original plat of the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, a part of Lot Number 4 in the original plat of the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Jennifer Carrico n/k/a Jennifer Turano, of Martin County, Indiana to **Aaron Qualkenbush**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The southwest corner of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 4 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 acre, more or less. Also, a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1 acre, more or less.

Kimberly R. Kyger, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brooke Jones**, Lot Number 10 in Summers, Cannon and Crane Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Commonly known as 210 Sycamore Street, Loogootee, IN.

Braun Family Properties, LLC to **James Edward Kirby and Cari A. Kirby**, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 10 acres, more or less.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

1:06 a.m. - Thomas Miller, 18, of Cannelburg, was arrested by Deputy Reed and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. ISP Trooper Johnson assisted with the arrest.

9:20 a.m. - Ryan Mangus, 35, of Vincennes, was arrested by ISP Trooper Dotson on a Martin County warrant for probation violation and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

12:20 p.m. - Jesse Kane, 51, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant for probation violation and is being held without bond. ISP Trooper Lents assisted.

3:59 p.m. - David York, 55, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with operating while intoxicated-endangerment, operating while intoxicated with a BAC of 0.15 or more, and false informing. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Chief Deputy Greene assisted.

8:35 p.m. - Andrew Lyon, 37, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with maintaining a common nuisance, neglect of a dependent, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. ISP Trooper Beaver assisted with the arrest.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

10:28 p.m. - Jessica Neal, 30, of Jasper, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan on a Martin County warrant for failure to appear and is being held without bond.

10:50 p.m. - Harry Bond, 51, of Ohio, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment and possession of marijuana. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond. Deputy Shinn assisted.

10:50 p.m. - Christopher Snyder, 36, of Ohio, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of marijuana and visiting a common nuisance. He was released on his own recognizance. Deputy Wright assisted.

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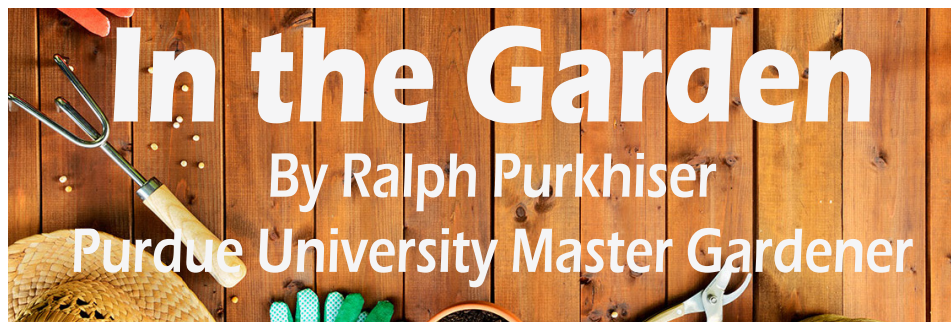


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The new year arrived with an Arctic blast. Several people have asked about what damage the cold weather has done to landscape plants. The answer is that we will just have to wait and see.

While temperatures have been near zero, the cold did not arrive suddenly. We have gradually cooled over the past several weeks, and plants certainly entered into dormancy before the extreme temperatures arrived. Most plants should survive with no problems. However, as gardeners have pushed the planting zones because of recent warm winters, using plants that are less hardy, some plants may incur some damage, and some may even be killed. Traditionally, much of southern Indiana has been considered to be in the USDA zone 5 for hardiness. A few years ago, the USDA drew new boundaries for the zones and most of this area was placed in zone 6. Many people began planting zone 6 plants. When we get cold snaps that are more typical of zone 5, one may expect zone 6 plants to suffer.

Other plants may survive, but the cold blast may affect the blooms next spring and summer. One of the popular plants in this category is the big-leafed hydrangea. Actually, we are fortunate to get blooms on these hydrangeas one year out of four. When the flower buds are damaged, the plant will recover and re-grow stems and foliage, but they will have few, if any flowers. I suspect that this cold snap will prove to have been cold enough to kill the flower buds for 2018.

In other plants, the flower buds do not develop until spring, but the exposed stems of the plants may be killed by the cold. Two trees that have been popular in recent years fall into this category—mimosa and crape myrtle. Traditionally, in southern Indiana, crape myrtles have been grown as shrubs, because the stems did not survive the winters and the plants were cut to the ground to regenerate each year. However, with

improved hardiness because of breeding and some warmer winters, many crape myrtles have grown into small trees. It is really impossible to tell yet what the fate of these plants will be this year. Both crape myrtle and mimosa tend to be slow to break dormancy, so I recommend giving them some time to see if they will set leaves on the old wood. If not, they should still come back from the roots and bloom, but the blooms will be a little later than if the plant comes back on old wood.

Desiccation may also be a problem for plants, especially for evergreens. The cold arrived with little moisture and the winds have dried out foliage. At Sandhill Gardens, this is most evident in the leaves of the many hellebores. Although considered herbaceous perennials, the leaves of hellebores usually remain green until late in the winter. However, the dry cold has already caused this year's leaves to turn brown. This will not affect the blooms and the plants will most likely survive, but they are a good indicator that other evergreen plants may also have some problems. During periods when temperatures are above freezing, I would advise some supplemental watering of evergreens, especially those which have been planted for only a few years.

While the cold may have some effect on the gardens, the warmer weather this week may cause more concern. If the warm weather lasts long enough, it may cause some plants to break dormancy. Since we will likely have more wintery weather, this could cause problems for plants. The other problem that comes with freeze-thaw cycles is the heaving of soils, which we discussed in recent columns. Vigilance is necessary to spot plants whose roots become exposed due to heaving and to take action to cover them. Plants that were set out in the fall are very susceptible to heaving, so check on your new plants whenever conditions allow you to get out into the garden.

Spring Tonic 2018 set for March 3

The Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners have announced plans for the eleventh annual Spring Tonic to be held on March 3 at the Orange County 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building. Spring Tonic allows gardeners to shake off the winter chill, regardless of the weather outside, and spend a day learning about gardening topics. The event includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Also during the event, a variety of vendors will be selling their wares.

Four speakers will present a total of five educational topics. The doors open at 8 a.m., with the program beginning at 9 a.m.

The first morning speaker will be Megan Cain of Wisconsin. Megan is the author of "The Creative Vegetable Garden". Her program for the morning will be "10 Mistakes I Made in My Garden So You Don't Have To". In the afternoon, Megan will present "Beyond the Herb Rack: Using Herbs Creatively in the Vegetable Garden".

Will Drews, of Vincennes, is the

Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District Natural Resource Specialist. He will be speaking on "The Plight of Pollinators and What You Can Do to Help".

Vanderburgh County Extension Educator Larry Caplan will return to Spring Tonic. Larry's program this year is entitled "Chiggers and Midgees and Ticks...Oh My!" Larry is always an entertaining and informative speaker.

John Scott Foster of Carmel will be the final presenter of the day. John is the executive director of Friends of Hamilton County Parks. He will present "Making Your Garden Attractive for You and Wildlife".

Spring Tonic is open to the public. Master Gardeners attending will be awarded 5 hours of continuing education credit. Admission is \$35 per person, if paid by February 16. Thereafter, the cost will be \$40. To register, contact the Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners at hhm13@gmail.com or call 812-278-6794

Weak future outlook drives producer sentiment lower

BY JENNIFER STEWART-BURTON
Purdue University News Service

Agricultural producers indicated they have reduced optimism heading into 2018, according to the December reading of the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer.

The barometer fell to 126 in December, a two-point drop from November's 128 and the second straight month of declines in producers' sentiment toward the health of the agricultural economy. The barometer is based on a monthly survey of 400 agricultural producers from across the country.

The decline was driven by producers' thoughts on the future, as measured by the Index of Future Expectations — one of the barometer's two sub-indices. The Index of Future Expectations fell 7 points in December to 120. The index has fallen 15 points just since October.

"Two specific survey questions capture the recent erosion of producers' forward-looking sentiment," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "The share of producers expecting 'better' financial positions for their farms fell to just 20 percent in December, while the share expecting 'worse' financial positions climbed to 30 percent. Both of these responses are the least optimistic levels in more than a year."

A similar trend occurred with regard to the overall agricultural economy. Sixty-three percent of respondents said they expect "bad times" over the next 12 months.

One bright spot in the December report is the Index of Current Conditions, which jumped 10 points to 139. That reading was supported by subtle changes in producers' thoughts about large farm investments, Mintert said.

"When asked if now is a good time to buy large investment items, such as buildings or machinery, 32 percent of respondents said it was," he said. "That's marked improvement from the just 21 percent of respondents who thought the timing was right for large investments back in August 2017. The August reading was a survey low, while the December reading is the second-highest."

That said, 62 percent of respondents still believe that now is a bad time for large farm investments.

Read the full December Ag Economy Barometer report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>. This month's report includes additional information about farmers' sentiments toward bringing a new generation into their farming operations.

The Ag Economy Barometer, Index of Current Conditions and Index of Future Expectations are available on the Bloomberg Terminal under the following ticker symbols: AGECBARO, AGECCURC and AGECFTEX.

Indiana Hunter Education Class at Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds

An Indiana Hunter Education Course is slated for Saturday's January 13 and 20 at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds. Classes will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday 13th and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday 20th. Participants must attend both days to complete the course. All Indiana residents are invited to complete this FREE course.

All instruction will be by Indiana conservation officers and certified Indiana volunteer hunter education instructors. Certification is required for anyone born after December 31, 1986, who wishes to purchase an Indiana hunting license. The course will cover ethics, safety, laws, survival and safe handling **NRC to meet January 16 at Fort Harrison State Park**

The Indiana Natural Resources Commission will conduct its next bimonthly meeting on Tuesday, January 16, at Fort Harrison State Park.

The meeting begins at 10 a.m. (EST) at the park's Garrison Ballroom, 6002 North Post Road, Indianapolis.

The agenda and downloadable related materials are posted at nrc.IN.gov/2354.htm.

The NRC is an autonomous board that addresses topics pertaining to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

NRC members include the DNR director, heads of three other state agencies (Environmental Management, Tourism Development, and Transportation), six citizens appointed by the governor on a bipartisan basis, the chair of the NRC's advisory council, and the president of the Indiana Academy of Science.

practices for archery, black powder and firearms. Lunch will be provided for participants and attending family members on both days for \$5/person/day. To sign up, visit www.passitonindiana.com. There is a 150-student limit for the class and pre-registration is required. This course is being sponsored by the Dubois County Shooting Sports Instructor Council and Dubois County Sportsmen. For questions, call (812)685-2447.

Patoka Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

Outdoor Indiana magazine features round barns

The January-February issue of Outdoor Indiana magazine features a cover story on the movement to preserve the Hoosier state's round and polygonal barns. Such barns were always rare, even in their heyday. At least 226 such barns were built in Indiana between 1874 and 1936, more than in any other state. Only 73 are left.

The 48-page full-color magazine also includes an article on the various ways and whys people volunteer at Indiana's state park properties, and another on the land that was acquired for preservation by the Harrison Conservation Trust, Bicentennial Nature Trust and Healthy Rivers Initiative in 2017.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores for \$4. A one-year, six-issue subscription costs \$15. A two-year subscription costs \$28. Subscribe online for yourself or as a gift or read excerpts at OutdoorIndiana.org. New subscriptions ordered before February 1 will receive a 2018 calendar while supplies last.

Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I keep hearing in my mind the tune "Baby It's Cold Outside." In the last week or so, I've received several inquiries on water systems from producers trying to diagnose pump issues or other problems. I guess I just couldn't be left out of that crowd because I now have a leak in an area where I had moved some soil around late summer.

Sometimes trying to figure out exactly what is going on with a leak can be difficult. An example of that is trying to find a leak in a long pipeline run going down a hill. The leak is most likely not where the water is coming to the surface, but where it found the easiest route out. That spot is quite often close to the actual elevation of the leak, very similar to the workings of a spring. If the pipeline is three feet deep, then start looking about three feet in elevation uphill from the leak. Sometimes you are lucky, especially if it is on relatively flat ground and the water just surfaces from the same spot.

It is always good to adhere to good installation practices when installing pipeline. Before covering up a newly installed pipeline, it is always best to pressurize it for a day to check for leaks before burying it. If you have tees going off those lines, it never hurts to write down reference points, take a GPS point and or picture before coving it all up for later reference. That has paid off for me more than once, especially when I wanted to add on to the system. I like to install a tee with a short stub of pipe on it for any spot where I might want to add on in the future. That stub of a pipe is a lot easier to connect to than having to splice in a tee after the fact.

The next thing I highly recommend is installing some shut-off valves. Just like switches on an electric fence system, shut-off valves do two valuable things; they help you narrow down where the problem is and then allow you to be able to just shut off that portion of the system. I prefer ball-type shut-off valves. They take a lot of abuse and the handle on them is normally very effective for shutting off with a tool from ground level. For most smaller ball valves, a piece of 1.5- or 2-inch PVC pipe can be notched and used as a handle to turn these valves off and on from the surface.

The shut-off valve should be installed at the same depth of the pipeline. A piece of 4- or 6-inch schedule 40 PVC pipe can be then installed over the valve. Notch out the lower end to fit over the pipe, dig down a little below the valve and backfill with some river gravel or large stone to provide a little drainage, and then place a cap on top of it to keep debris out and the valve clean. I put a small piece of foam insulation in the lid to help retain any possible geothermal warmth during the cold months. If you drill a small hole (1/8 inch) in the lid, you will find it makes getting the lid off easier and you can also run a string up through it with a knot on it to keep from losing that foam piece. Aluminum bubble-wrap insulation is also good.

Water systems that are put in above the freeze line, temporary or seasonal systems, need to be drained prior to deep freeze temperatures. For all systems that are not temporary or seasonal, that depth varies some, but it needs to be below freezing levels. It is normally recommended that the minimum depth be at least 3 feet for most of southern Indiana and up to 4 feet for the northern part of the state. If the pipeline is going under a road, lane, or an area with lim-

ited cover such as a barn lot, it is advisable to run it a foot deeper.

We talk about forage residual and residue quite frequently when it comes to forage management, but it is also important for the water lines. That sod layer on top the soil is actually very good insulation. If you have to dig a hole for some reason in the winter, you don't choose a spot where the soil is bare (hopefully there is no bare soil), but rather a spot where there is heavy sod. I'm confident that if I had had my normal cover on that area of my leak, I wouldn't have had a problem. I will procrastinate a day or two with that portion of the watering system shut-off in hopes that the weather will warm up a little.

I really like working with schedule 40 PVC pipe. It is fairly easy to splice into and fittings are easy to glue together, as compared to other types of pipe. But on rare occasions, especially under very adverse cold weather conditions and either not deep enough or lacking sufficient insulation, the freezing and thawing of the soil can occasionally pop a joint. The section where I have the problem with the pipe is at least 36 inches below the surface...but limited ground cover on that spot. I had moved some soil to divert some water and just didn't get enough fall growth back on it. I'll throw the weather under the bus, too dry when I needed to get some good growth, and now too dang cold!

Back to the subject of shut-off valves. If you are on municipal water, then being able to shut off a leak as soon as possible will certainly save you money. You and or your livestock are still going to need water, so hopefully any issues are narrowed down to a particular tank, hydrant, or specific water line so you can use another tank or system until that problem area is fixed. If you are using a well, the pump will be cycling a lot more often than normal if you have a leak. If the leak is bad, it will run almost constantly. If you don't know where the leak is, then shut off valves to different parts of the system until the pump is working normally, not losing pressure. That will help narrow the search down.

I'm glad that we don't have winters this cold every year. It is a good reminder to make sure to install systems for all types of weather, have a water contingency plan, and of course, maintain that vegetative cover for multiple reasons.

Most livestock prefer water between the temperatures of 37 and 65 degrees Fahrenheit. Cows will consume a fair amount of snow, especially if they are grazing stockpiled forages or winter annuals covered with it. Could it be the only source of water in some cases? This is a good question and the answer would probably begin with the words, "it depends." The moisture content of what the cattle are grazing and their personal water needs play a big part here, with dry (non-lactating) cows, snow probably most likely is sufficient. But, if water is available...I've never seen them turn it down which tells me they still prefer to be able to drink some, and liquid water (or warmer water) utilized won't require as much energy.

When planning ahead, especially thinking about what you might need or like to do for the next grazing season or winter, consider contacting your local Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office for assistance on planning and possible financial assistance.

Keep on grazing!

4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



4-H Enrollment ends January 15!

Time is running out to enroll for 4-H 2018. Don't miss out on all of the fun!

Did you know that 4-H is more than agriculture and home economics? We have a robotics club open to grades 3-12, a tractor club, a shooting sports club, and so much more. If you have an interest in writing, cake decorating, teaching, home design, or baking, you need to join 4-H! Are you looking to do more community service in Martin County? Then Junior Leaders is the club for you. Are you hoping to earn scholarships for college or present confidence at your first job interview? 4-H can help with that as well. You just need to join!

Enrolling is easy, just go to www.4honline.com and follow the prompts to re-enroll if you are renewing your membership as a 4Her. If you have any questions, please call the office. If you will be a new 4-Her, please call the Extension Office at (812) 295-2412 for assistance in enrolling. Currently enrolled volunteers must also re-enroll before the deadline on January 15. Enrolling early is important in receiving all the latest news and information from Purdue Extension.

The Extension Office is offering a cooking workshop for any youth grades 3-12 on Saturday, January 13, 2018. This fun filled day will include creating dishes for breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert. Plus, every attendee will receive useful kitchenware! Join us to

learn how to make easy, healthy, and tasty meals. Spots are limited so register early by calling (812) 295-2412. The workshop begins at 9 a.m. and runs until 4 p.m. Registration fee for youth not completely enrolled in 4-H before January 13 is \$15. This fee is waived for youth completely enrolled in 4-H.

The Martin County Extension Office offers programs for classrooms and other youth organizations in STEM subjects, the arts, and leadership. This year's National Youth Science Challenge is Incredible Wearables. Students get the chance to build a wearable fitness device that tracks heartrate, steps, and other functions. Other programs offered are Captain Cash, a grade school program focused on money management; Makers, activities related to science, technology, engineering, and math; and Arts Management, a high school program focused on the business side of working in the arts. If you are interested in bringing any of these programs to your classroom or group, please contact Stacy at (812) 295-2412.

Upcoming Events

Horse & Pony meeting - January 15 at 6 p.m. at the MC Learning Center

4-H Volunteer meeting - January 16 at 6 p.m. at the MC Learning Center

Cooking Workshop - January 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the MC Community Building

Shooting Sports Club meeting - January 22 at 6 p.m. at the MC Community Building



Making A Difference

MARTIN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

By Curt Johnson
MCCF Executive Director



-- ARISTOTLE --

"The whole is greater than the sum of its parts." So, what does a quote from an ancient Greek philosopher and scientist have to do with you and I here in Martin County in 2018? You've probably seen it used before to make a point about working together to accomplish something good, something more than could have been done individually. So, you bet, here's another time to see it.

-- SMALL FOR BIG --

And I've said it before that we are a small county. Nothing new there. But as we've seen more than once, our residents come together to make our county better. So many times, people volunteer their time and talent to help pull together that important event, to improve the quality of life in some way for someone in our community. People from a small county can make a big difference when they work together.

-- YOUR GIVING PLAN --

This same thought also applies when you start thinking about your giving plan for the year. You'll need to decide how much you can donate to a charity to have some kind of an impact on a concern that is important to you. Some people donate money whenever there's an event or celebration. Sometimes instead of buying gifts, they donate in honor of a loved one. Some can donate a significant amount of money, but the majority of us are not that fortunate.

-- LITTLE BITS ADD UP --

But, there is an amount this is right

for each of us. Pick some percentage of your income or a specific amount that you want to donate and how often. And it can be a small amount. Whatever or however you do it is fine; just stay committed to your cause. Over the year it adds up. And if many people commit to donating what they can, together it adds up to make a big difference. It's "strength in numbers."

-- YOUR MCCF --

The MCCF is here to help you put your giving plan into practice. We start the new year with some new board members that give us good representation across the county. Please contact any of them to start that conversation about how you can be a part of something bigger.

The 2018 MCCF Board of Directors are:

Dan Gregory, President; Alan Lagree, Vice-President; Brian Esch, Secretary; Vicky Bauernfiend; Liz Chattin; Melissa Courter; Jenell Hoffman; Candace Roush; Garry Smith; Phillip Smith; and Annette Taylor

-- MORE INFORMATION --

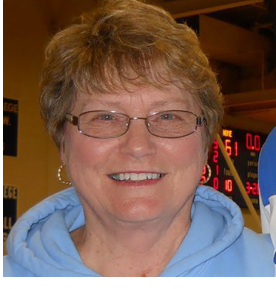
For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or mccf@cfpartner.org.

You are also welcome to visit our website at www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm, follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF, and "like" the MCCF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation.

More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Most of these appeal to my warped sense of humor:

-I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?

-I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

-When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90 percent of their body. Men are so polite that they only look at the covered parts.

-A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

-Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

-America is a country that produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy and people who won't cross the street to vote.

-You know that tingly little feeling you get when you like someone? That's your common sense leaving your body.

-Did you know that dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?

-My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

-I think my neighbor is stalking me since she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

-Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

-You're not fat, you're just easier to see.

-If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of

payments.

-I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out."?

-I can't understand why women are okay that JC Penney has an older-women's clothing line named, "Sag Harbor".

-My therapist said that my narcissism causes me to misread social situations. I'm pretty sure he was hitting on me.

-My 60-year kindergarten reunion is coming up soon, and I'm worried about the 175 pounds I've gained since then.

-Denny's has a slogan: "If it's your birthday, the meal is on us." If you're in Denny's and it's your birthday, your life sucks. (What about Macaroni Grill?)

-The pharmacist asked me my birthdate again today. I'm pretty sure she's going to get me something.

-The location of your mailbox shows you how far away from your house you can be in a robe before you start looking like a mental patient.

-I think it's pretty cool how Chinese people made a language entirely out of tattoos.

-Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch.

-The reason Mayberry was so peaceful and quiet was because nobody was married. Andy, Aunt Bea, Barney, Floyd, Howard, Goober, Gomer, Sam, Earnest T. Bass, Helen, Thelma Lou, Clara, and, of course, Opie were all single. The only married person was Otis, and he stayed drunk.

Make someone smile today!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, January 17 at noon at Wendy's in Loogootee. Anyone wishing to come early and network, can arrive at around 11:15. Anyone interested in being a part of the Chamber is encouraged to attend.

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, January 11 at 4 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The meeting is open to the public.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, January 11 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

Democrat meeting

The Martin County Democrat Party will meet Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. in City Hall in Loogootee. They will be discussing the upcoming election this year and the candidates that plan to run on the Democratic Party ticket. Anyone interested in running please attend.

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 Wednesday of each month at 7 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. Members of the humane society are invited to attend.

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.

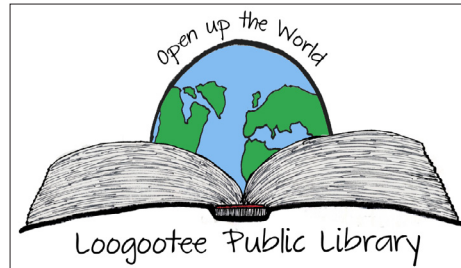
Attention Senior Citizens

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 free-will donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation, so enough food is prepared.

Drawing class starts Saturday, January 13

A drawing class, for people aged nine to 90, will begin on January 13. This class will meet at the Martin County Learning Center on Saturday afternoons from 1-2:30 p.m. The first class will be January 13. This class will meet a total of four Saturdays, the last one being February 3.

Cost will be \$12 per session. All materials will be provided. Students will draw still-life set ups and landscapes. Since ink will sometimes be used, it would be a good idea to wear old clothes and bring an outdoor folding chair. Whether you are a beginner or experienced in drawing there will be plenty of challenges to stretch your skills and attain confidence. You are welcome to bring a drawing board and your own paper if you wish. To register or for information, call Bill Whorrall at 812-388-6639.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

If you are a Daviess-Martin REMC customer, you receive "Electric Consumer" magazine in the mail. In the January 2018 edition on page 3, Editor Emily Schilling shares her dislike of winter however she does enjoy snuggling under a warm blanket reading a good book. She encourages everyone to warm up with a good book this winter season. She has chosen to re-read books from her childhood to see if she loves them as much now as she did when she was a child. I love that idea. I would like to challenge everyone reading this to open a book and read during the next three months.

NEW BOOKS:

DVDs: "Cars 2", "The Glass Castle", "The Mountain Between Us", and "Despicable Me 3",

Nonfiction: "Fire and Fury" by Michael Wolfe and "Tales from the Seed Tick Creek Valley" by Anthony Smith.

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.

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Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: Creek Rocks

Thursday: Roast Beef or Beef Manhattans

Friday: Beer Battered Cod Fish Sandwich

Friday night: Seafood Boil

Saturday: Soup and Sandwich

Saturday night: Prime Rib

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