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## Humane society offers food pantry for those in need

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Most everyone goes through hard times at some point in their life. This is why the Martin County Humane Society has started a free food pantry on the front porch of the animal shelter. The pantry is stocked with dog and cat food along with other items for the care of animals, at no charge.

Humane Society Vice President Susan Wittmer said that the hope is that no dog or cat in Martin County spends a night hungry. "We are here to help all dogs and cats in Martin County, not just the ones the shelter takes in."

The food pantry is available on the shelter porch 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is not locked. The Martin County Humane Society board members simply request that anyone taking food or items from the pantry only take what they need to get by and not go overboard. Wittmer said they want to help all the animals and since the food pantry may not be fully

### Deadline to run in city Primary is Friday

The 2019 City of Loogootee Primary Election will be held May 7, 2019. Candidate filing began January 9, 2019 and will end on Friday, 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 City Mayor, Loogootee City Clerk/Treasurer, Loogootee City Council-at-Large (one position) and Loogootee City Council Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. At this point, noone has filed for Clerk/ Treasurer.

April 8, 2019 is the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration. Please call the clerk's office to make sure your registration is correct 812-247-3651 or you can go to [www.Indianavoters.com](http://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 county clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

The following have filed:

Mayor City of Loogootee  
Roger S. Downey, Democrat  
Noel D. Harty, Democrat  
Loogootee City Council At-Large  
Ronald (Ron) Gilbert, Democrat  
James Richard Taylor, Democrat  
Loogootee City Council District 1  
Teresa M. Nolley, Democrat  
Loogootee City Council District 2  
Tim (Biggin) Lawrence, Democrat  
Ruth Smith, Democrat  
Loogootee City Council District 3  
Carroll Rayhill, Democrat  
Loogootee City Council District 4  
Donald Rick Norris, Democrat  
Collin J. Padgett, Democrat

stocked at all times, they do not want the same people taking food over and over. They want it known that the pantry is not there to feed someone's dog or cat year-round, but only when a family has a fund shortage one week.

The animal shelter building, inside and out, is equipped with 24-hour video surveillance so the humane society board members have access to the cameras from their smart phones at any time and can see who is coming and going. "If someone takes advantage of the shelter, we will know it," said Humane Society Board Member Courtney Hughett. Hughett also noted that any items outside the food pantry are not to be taken as some donors leave things on the porch or in the barrel on the porch, for the shelter animals.

Anyone who has extra food they do not want, or need, can help keep the food pantry stocked. The shelter does not need to be open for residents to get in the pantry. The humane society board would like to limit the pantry to only Martin County residents at this time.

The Martin County Humane Society also continues to offer low-cost spay and neuter transports on the third Monday of every month to Pets Alive in Bloomington. The cost to have a cat fixed is \$30 and a dog is \$60. The hu-

## County council hears from community corrections, prosecutor

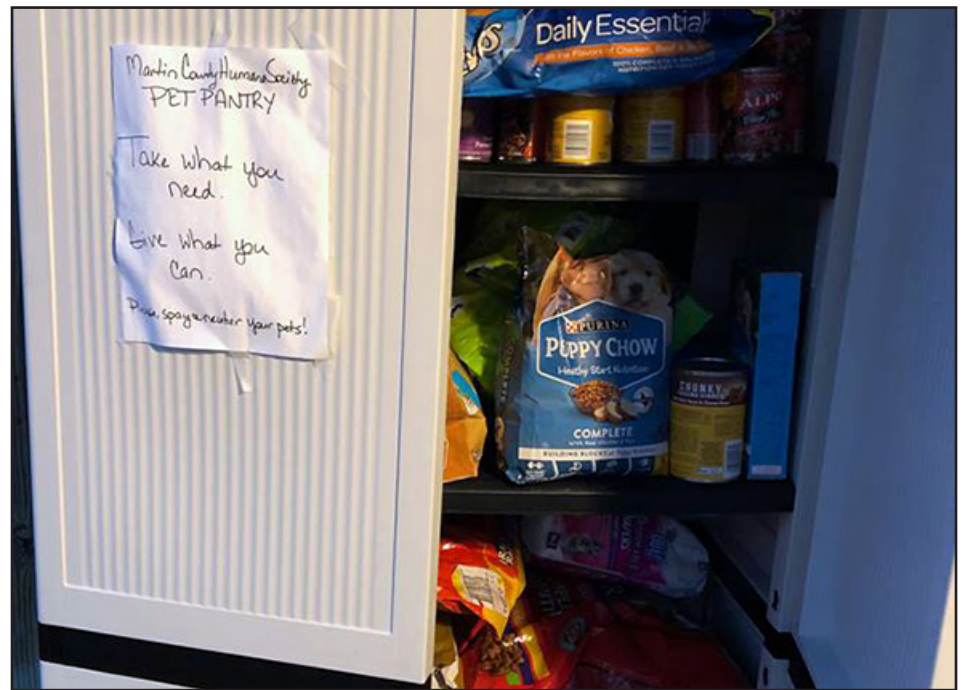
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The Martin County Council met Monday night, February 4.

Community Corrections Road Crew Supervisor Rhonda Hardwick presented the council with the community service annual report for 2018. Council Member Buck Stiles asked for more information about how the road crew is helping various government entities. Hardwick explained that the road crew does help the highway department, the City of Loogootee and the Town of Shoals. She said they do a lot of work at the Loogootee Pool with mowing and some doing community service help at the Loogootee Wastewater Plant and in the city taking down Christmas lights, etc. Council Member Buck Stiles said he is glad they are doing this but just wanted more detailed information on how they are helping the government entities. "That's good information to know, thank you," he told Hardwick.

Tim Kinder, Martin County Alliance Director, gave the council an update on progress on the Martin County portion of the WestGate Tech Park. He said in the second half of 2018, the Martin County portion had one building expansion and two new businesses go in.

Kinder also spoke about the upcoming broadband summit that is being held to gather information on improving broadband service in the area. A study has already been done and they confirmed that the need is there. Council Member Barb McFeaters spoke about the importance of improving broadband service in the county cit-



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Martin County Humane Society food pantry, on the animal shelter's front porch contains pet food to help those struggling financially.

mane society has been offering this service for five years and have sent well over 1,000 dogs and cats to be fixed. Pets Alive brings their climate-controlled box truck to the shelter on the third Monday of each month to pick up the registered dogs and cats and take them to Bloomington. They return the

animals the next day after overnight observation. Anyone wanting to sign up their pet can visit the animal shelter during open hours, Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. or Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Only those who fill out the paperwork and prepay will have a spot reserved. Phone calls and emails will not be accepted as a reservation.

## Ice fishing accident results in death

Indiana Conservation Officers are concluding a death investigation of a 55-year-old Loogootee man who fell through the ice on Friday, February 1. The Daviess County Sheriff's Office received the call around 7 p.m. and multiple agencies responded.

South East Fire District rescue personnel were able to bring Roger L. Williams to shore who was pronounced dead at the scene by the Daviess County Coroner's Office.

The ice thickness at the time of the incident was approximately two inches where Williams went into the water. He had not been in contact with anyone for several hours before he was found and was not wearing any type of personal floatation device.

Responding agencies included the Daviess County Sheriff's Office, Indiana Conservation Officers, South East Fire District, Washington Township Fire Department, Southwest Medical and the Daviess County Coroner's Office.

No ice is safe ice and when in doubt, don't go out. Below are some guidelines for the amount of weight fresh solid ice can hold.

One inch of ice - STAY OFF!

Four inches of ice - Needed to support the weight of a person

Five inches of ice - Needed to support weight snowmobile or ATV

Eight inches of ice - Needed to support a medium weight truck

For more information on ice safety please visit the following links:

[www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3601.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/3601.htm)

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vhl-4wRCZ\\_7w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vhl-4wRCZ_7w)

ing online college classes, businesses moving into the area, etc.

Kinder told the council that the Alliance will be paying for the Martin County government website if the council is okay with it. Auditor Bobbie Abel will serve as the county's point of contact to get information to the developer. The Alliance will pay the \$4,100 for the creation of the site and \$360 for one year of hosting. The county will have to pay the \$360 each year after the first. The council had no issue with creating the website.

The council approved an additional appropriation for the prosecutor for \$25,000. Of that, approximately \$4,000 will be for construction to fix security issues at the prosecutor's office, per Prosecutor Aureola Wright. \$11,000 is for furniture and equipment that will be county-owned. She said this was to reduce any disruption in county business for any new prosecutor as the former prosecutor owned much of the furniture and equipment in the office and took it when he left. Wright said that some of the furniture purchased was used, to save the county money. Also, \$10,000 is for a new server. It was noted that the former prosecutor asked for the money for a server in December and it was approved however that money was used for other claims before he left office. Wright noted that there will be future money requests for computers, and she wanted the council to be aware. She would also like to discuss having security cameras installed in the future in and outside of the prosecutor's office.

The council also approved an ad-

# CLASSIFIED ADS

## HELP WANTED

### The Loogootee Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of Reserve Police Officer. This is a non-paid position.

Applicants must be:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. Have received a high school diploma or G.E.D.
3. Be 21 years of age.
4. Be in good physical health.
5. Be free of a felony conviction.
6. Must possess a valid driver's license.
7. Must pass a mandatory drug-screening test.
8. Must be willing to complete a pre-basic course.
9. Applicants must reside in Martin Co.
10. Applications may be picked up at 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours
11. Close date for this process in February 8, 2019.

## WALTON GREENHOUSES

We have an opening for general greenhouse help beginning in March and continuing through May. The successful candidate will be able to work independently doing such jobs as filling pots with soil, moving trays of filled pots to their locations in the greenhouses, watering, some planting, gathering orders together, loading plant trays onto trailers, climbing ladders to hang baskets and other general tasks. This employee must be able to lift 30-40 pounds and be able to work in hot or cold conditions. Hours differ, some may be past 5:00pm during April and May. Occasionally in March there could be days the employee will not be needed.

This is a temporary job. The ideal candidate would be physically fit and be able to work in a fast paced environment. Pay is determined by experience or abilities.

Contact us at 812-295-4227 or [jwalton77@frontier.com](mailto:jwalton77@frontier.com).

## THE LOOGOOTE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER

Qualification standards require that an applicant:

- A. Must be a resident citizen of the United States.
- B. Must be 21 years of age to apply.
- C. Must have a high school diploma or GED certificate.
- D. Cannot have a felony conviction.
- E. Cannot have a misdemeanor conviction involving "domestic violence" that would prohibit the applicant from handling a firearm.
- F. Must possess a valid driver's license from their state of residence.
- G. Cannot have been dishonorably discharged from the military.
- H. Must pass a mandatory drug screening test.
- I. Must be willing to reside in the City of Loogootee
- J. Must be physically able to perform duties of a police officer.
- K. The Board of Works and Public Safety will make the final determination on which applicant will be extended an offer of employment.

Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Department, 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours. Close date for this process is February 18, 2019.

## OPEN INTERVIEW EVENT

Friday, February 8, 2019  
8 am—5 pm



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# COUNCIL

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ditional appropriation to cover the contract for the county's ambulance service for \$210,000 - \$135,000 from CEDIT (county economic development income tax) and \$75,000 from LOIT (local option income tax) Public Safety. The money for the contract was overlooked last year at budget time and the council had to wait until 2019 to approve the funds.

The soil and water district didn't ask for enough money in their budget last year to cover the 50 cent per hour raise for employees. The council approved \$55 to cover that cost. Auditor Abel said there will be more of those requests in the future from other departments.

Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins talked to the council about the mental health annual report. The Samaritan Advisory Board, one of Martin County's representation, is in need of a mental health professional to serve on the board, for Martin County. Collins said they are putting their heads together to come up with a person to serve in this position.

Collins told the council that at these meetings, Martin County has the largest number of participants. Knox, Daviess, Pike and Martin counties are a part of the board and Collins feels like Martin County is getting noticed more due to the participation.

The main Samaritan Center is in Vincennes but there is a satellite location in Loogootee. After speaking to the leaders of the Samaritan Center, the service days in Loogootee were increased from two to three days. The Samaritan Cen-

ter provides assessments to community corrections clients as pertaining to addiction, mental illness, etc. She said the center is only open during the day and clients that work cannot make it in during their hours. Collins said she is going to work on getting the center to start providing some evening hours. Alcohol is the main addiction being treated by the center. Collins said this is deceiving because these are people who are seeking help and doesn't include those who are not seeking help.

Collins also said that Martin County only had one event provided by the Samaritan Center last year but other counties in the group had multiple. This is something she is going to work on this year.

Sheriff Chief Deputy Josh Greene gave the council a check for \$102,415 from Vigo County for four months of housing inmates in the Martin County Jail. The money goes into the county's general fund. The jail currently has 24 Vigo County inmates and 62 local inmates. The jail averages 24 out-of-county inmates at a time. Greene said the large number of local inmates limits what they can accept from Vigo County.

The council thanked Animal Control Officer Josh Hughett for his work on the puppy mill that was raided recently. Hughett said he could not have done it without the sheriff's department's reserve officers who are unpaid but stayed at the property with him throughout seizing the animals. The council also noted the community outpouring of support to which Hughett said was unbelievable.



## Students, staff of the month

-Photo provided

The Loogootee Elementary Students and Staff Member of the Month were recently chosen for January. In the front row, from left to right, are Isabella Spears, Austin Willis, Jackson Richer, Zoey Harder, Hattie Humerickhouse, Breah Kidwell, and Lincoln Campbell. In the back row, from left to right, are Abbi Bradley, Savannah Green, Mrs. Jill Toy, Anniston Kelso, and Rylee Gibson. Not pictured was Marly Jones.

## Truelove United Methodist Church

# SOUP SUPPER

Saturday, February 9  
4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
at the church

Menu includes:

Chicken Noodle soup, Chili, and Vegetable Soup,  
Hot Dog or Coney Dog, Pie or Cake,  
and Drink for a free-will donation.



## ERIC JONES

William Eric Jones passed away on Monday February 4, 2019 at St. Vincent Hospital in Evansville. A resident of Loogootee, he was 67.



He was born on November 9, 1951 in Paoli, Indiana.

Eric married Doris (Hart) Jones on July 16, 1993.

He was a Deacon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Jasper and taught Sunday school there. Eric was a "Jack-of-all trades", he enjoyed being outdoors and was a hard worker. He worked as a mine worker at Gypsum, helped at the ATM car lot in Loogootee, Greenwell's Hardware, O'Reilly's auto parts, and a maintenance supervisor for both nursing homes in Loogootee. Eric most of all, loved his family and loved God.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Dianne.

Eric is survived by his loving wife of 25 years, Doris; their children, Michael Scott (Tonya Marie) Jones, Mary Ellen Day, James L (Beth) Day, his grandkids, Ariel Lynn (David) Derr, Jonathan Allan Jones, Dalton Andrew Barker, Abigail Helen Marie Barker, Austin James Day, and many friends.

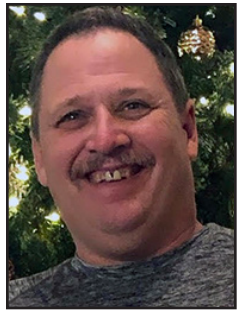
A funeral service will be held Friday February 8 at 11 a.m. at Blake Funeral Home with Pastor Roger Pratt officiating. Visitation will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, February 8, and continue until the time of service. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers friends may donate to the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church in Jasper to help with missions.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## ROGER WILLIAMS

Roger L. Williams passed away Friday February 1, 2019 in Daviess County. A resident of Alfordsville, he was 55.



He was born September 27, 1963 in Daviess County; son of the late Virgil "Pat" and Phyllis (Shelton) Williams.

Roger was a member of the Alfordsville Christian Church. He was an outdoors man, a Barr-Reeve sports fan, an avid hunter, and loved to spend time with his family, grandchildren, a great niece and nephew, and his dog, "Scamp".

He was a member of the National Wild Turkey Confederation and the NRA.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Virgil and Phyllis, an infant daughter, Stephanie, and brother-in-law, Greg Taylor.

He is survived by his daughter, Michelle (Cameron) Sherfick of Montgomery; his grandchildren, Nathaniel, Brennan, and Adira Sherfick; his sister, LaRita Taylor of Jasper; his nieces; Brittney (Adam) Beier, Haley (Stevie) Cummins, several cousins, and many friends.

A funeral service was held this morning, Wednesday February 6 at Alfordsville Christian Church with Jason Denton officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family request

donations be made to the Barr-Reeve Scholarship Foundation.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com)

## LINDA K. TAYLOR

Linda K. Taylor passed away on January 27, 2019 in Washington. A resident of Washington, she was 79.

She was born in Burn City on October 30, 1939; daughter of the late Casimir and Evelyn Rose (Niehaus) Steczyk, and was a 1957 graduate of Ferdinand High School. Linda married Larry Dean Taylor on January 30, 1978, and he preceded her in death on August 1, 2012.

Linda had worked for Masterbrand Cabinets as a sprayer and was a member of the Methodist Church in Loogootee. She loved quilting, sewing, reading, walking and dearly loved cats.

She is survived by son, Brad (Stacy) Taylor of Washington; three daughters, Cindy (Dave) O'Brien of Loogootee and Donna (Chuck) Kirkley of Loogootee, Ilene Cortes of Loogootee; two brothers, Keith (Jane) Steczyk of Jasper and Tom Steczyk of Ferdinand; six grandchildren, Ashley O'Brien, Chris Taylor, Caitlyn Williamson, Clayton Williamson, Matthew Taylor and Mercedes Cortes; great-grandchild, Olivia Grace Taylor; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and two step-mothers, Flora Steczyk and Burtha Steczyk.

Services were held Friday, February 1 at Ed Lee Mortuary North Chapel in Washington with Pastor Debbie Payne officiating. Burial followed at Goodwill Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorial donations may be made to the Martin County Humane Society, 507 N Oak St, Loogootee, IN 47553. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.edleemortuary.com](http://www.edleemortuary.com).

## RALPH KIDWELL

Ralph Joseph Kidwell died Saturday, February 2, 2019 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Evansville. He was 89.



He was born on February 23, 1929; son of Curtis and Beatrice (McCann) Kidwell and raised in Loogootee. He was a farmer and also former owner of the Black Beam Bar. He was a United States Army Veteran, serving in the Korean War.

He enjoyed watching sports, going to the horse races, camping, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ralph Curtis Kidwell; parents, Curtis and Beatrice Kidwell; brother Robert Kidwell; and sisters; Dorothy Smith and Laverne Risacher.

He leaves his wife, Ruth (Hembree) Kidwell; sons, James and Joe Kidwell; daughters, Karen Kidwell, Linda Stoll, Ellen Bruner, Glenna Kidwell, Carol Overly, and Marla Funk; stepchildren, Tina Ziegler and Rick Ziegler, and Debbie Zink; his sister, Jeanne Parsons, many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by the Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11 a.m. Thursday February 7 at the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 9 a.m. until the time of

the service. Burial and military rights will follow at St. Mary Barr Township.

Condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## JAMES MORRISON

James R. Morrison passed away Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at the Prairie Village Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Washington. A resident of Shoals, he was 81.

He was born February 21, 1937 in Greene County; son of Harvey Burton Morrison and Malinda Belle (Lester) Morrison. He married Sue Ellen Romick and she survives.

He graduated Linton High School, retired from NAD Crane and was a veteran of the United States Army.

Survivors also include three daugh-

ters, Lorelei (Fred) Nelson of North Carolina, Velena Morrison of Washington, and Janara Morrison of Loogootee; three sons, Clay (Nikki) Morrison of Florida, Les (Rhonda) Morrison of Michigan, and Joseph (Lindsey) Morrison of Newburg; 11 grandchildren, two great grandchildren; and one sister, Christen Berry of Linton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and twelve brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 2 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pastor Tom Watson officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

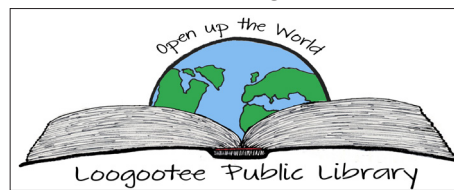
The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes was in charge of the arrangements.

## Blood of My Ancestor Family Reunion

Loogootee and Shoals will be the host of an upcoming Blood of My Ancestor family reunion. Everyone is invited to attend, but a special invitation is given to Howard, Cannon, Montgomery, Prutt, Goldsberry and Lyon descendants. The event will be held Thursday, August 22 starting at 4 p.m., ending Saturday August 24 at 3 p.m. The agenda is as follows:

Thursday August 22 - 4 p.m. Meet and Greet at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519 US-231, Loogootee.

Friday August 23 - Cemetery crawls beginning at Crane Naval Base at 9 a.m. They will be visiting Bogg's Creek and West Union cemeteries. Because the hill is steep at Bogg's Creek, Crane is considering having vehicles to transport attendees up and down the hill for those unable to hike it. Lunch that day will be around noon at Pizza Junction, 401 John F Kennedy Avenue and Wood Street. The cemetery crawls continue after lunch at Mount Calvary and Goodwill cemeteries in Loogootee.



## 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". The book is available to purchase from any Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) member. FOLL will also have books at German American Bank and Martin County Chamber of Commerce for sale. The cost is \$19.99 per book. We appreciate their generous donation and hope to see a volume 2 in print soon.

On Tuesday evening, February 12, the library will have Valentine Bingo for Books and a craft at 5 p.m. Kids aged 2, accompanied by a parent, up to age 8 are invited to participate. There will be a limit of 12 kids because of lack of space. Pre-registration required.

### New Books

Mystery: "Judgment" By Joseph Finder, "Connections in Death" by J.D. Robb, "The Wedding Guest by Jonathan Kellerman," and "Crucible" by James Rollins.

Inspirational Fiction: "With Winter's First Frost" by Kelly Irvin, "I Owe You One" by Sophie Kinsella, "Mending Fences" by Suzanne Woods Fisher, and "A Faithful Gathering" by Leslie Gould.

Fiction: "The Silhouette Girl" by V.C. Andrews and "Letters from Peaceful Lane" by Janet Daily.

Saturday August 24 - Attendees will meet at 9 a.m. at the Martin County Historical Society and Museum in Shoals for a tour and time for research for those who would like to do so. The historical society's vice president, Lisa Hendrixson, has confirmed the request for a visit that morning. Attendees will end the day, if the weather will cooperate, with a fried chicken picnic lunch at The Overlook. Afterwards, they will take a walk to Jug Rock and perhaps to the bridge. The event's planner, Carolyn Ann Howard, author of Blood of My Ancestor, will be taking ideas for where to take the walk. They will say our goodbyes at 3 p.m. that Saturday, giving travelers time to return home before dark.

All times are Loogootee/Shoals local time.

If you would like further information, you can email Carolyn Ann Howard at [carolyn.howard@live.com](mailto:carolyn.howard@live.com) or go to the event's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/events/502032883596973/](http://www.facebook.com/events/502032883596973/). Reservations are required.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 28

1:28 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:46 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

7:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

8:16 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:02 a.m. - Received a report of harassment near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:59 a.m. - Received an alarm call north of Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded and all was secure.

12:39 p.m. - Deputy Wright took one inmate to the doctor.

1:37 p.m. - Received a horse complaint near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

2:08 p.m. - Deputy Lents took four inmates to court.

8:27 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, Deputy Wright, and Town Marshall Eckert responded. No one was transported.

10:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

1:50 a.m. - Received a report of reckless driving near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

6:13 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded and all was secure.

9:00 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:08 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:11 a.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:12 a.m. - Deputy Lents took one inmate to the doctor.

9:18 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi on SR 450. Captain Dant responded.

10:55 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded. No one was transported.

1:08 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

1:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

2:05 p.m. - Received an alarm call north of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded and all was secure.

5:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

9:44 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

9:55 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

10:17 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:56 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded, and all was secure.

12:56 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took two inmates to court.

2:17 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Dant, Deputy Wright, Loogootee Captain Hennessee, ICO Doane, Haysville Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received request for lift assistance near Crane. Crane Fire responded.

5:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

2:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. No one was transported.

5:25 a.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded and all was secure.

6:46 a.m. - Jailer Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

7:44 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock north of Loogootee.

10:05 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

4:03 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Wright and Shoals Fire responded.

11:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Reed and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1:03 p.m. - Received a report of a property dispute near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:31 p.m. - Deputy Reed performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

7:53 p.m. - Received a report of trespassers southeast of Shoals. Orange County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Reed, and ISP Trooper Sexton responded.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

1:07 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

3:37 p.m. - Deputy Lents performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of a theft southeast of Shoals. Deputy Lents responded.

8:46 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Reserve Deputy Gibson responded.

9:27 p.m. - Received a report of a

shooting in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris, Deputy Reed, Reserve Deputy Gibson, Sheriff Roush, and ISP Troopers responded.

11:24 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Deputy Reed and Reserve Deputy Gibson responded.

## Traffic stop results in meth and heroin arrest

On Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 11:24 p.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a report of a reckless driver northbound on US Highway 231, south of Loogootee. Martin County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy Gibson responded to the area. Deputy Gibson located the vehicle and, after observing a moving violation, initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Soon after, Deputy Reed and Sheriff Roush arrived to assist. The driver was identified as Paul D. Adkins, 41, of West Virginia, and a passenger was identified as Chelsea N. Dunbar, 30, of Bicknell.

Deputy Reed asked Adkins if there were any narcotics in the vehicle and he advised that marijuana was present in the vehicle. Deputy Reed utilized his narcotics-certified K9 Virka for a free air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. K9 Virka gave a positive indication for the odor of narcotics. Officers then searched the vehicle, resulting in the location of two grams of methamphetamine and half a gram of heroin, along with marijuana and additional drug paraphernalia.

Mr. Adkins and Ms. Dunbar were arrested and transported to the Martin County Security Center, without incident.

Adkins was charged with possession of heroin, a Level 6 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and possession of para-



PAUL ADKINS



CHELSEA DUNBAR

phernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Dunbar was charged with possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Barbara S. Hager**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lori Deanna Sims**, of Martin County, Indiana, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, containing 5 acres, more or less.

**Patricia K. Keefe**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Patricia K. Keefe and Audra P. Deckard**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 4 in Horsey's Addition to the Town of Shoals, Martin County, Indiana.

**Patricia K. Keefe**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Patricia K. Keefe and Audra P. Deckard**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land 30 feet in width off of the southeast end of Lot 5, Horsey's Addition to the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis; the said 30 foot tract of land being the backend of said Lot 5 and measuring 60 feet across Lot 5 as said lot was platted.

**Kristie Jackson**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Jondavide W. Hopkins and John J. Hopkins**, of Lawrence County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, lying in Halbert Township, Martin County, In-

diana, containing 0.92 acres, more or less.

**Patricia K. Keefe**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Patricia K. Keefe and Audra P. Deckard**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot 5 in Horsey's Addition to the Town of Shoals, formerly Memphis, Indiana.

**Dianna L. Overall**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dianna L. Overall and Dennis L. Overall**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 62 and 42 feet of even width off of the west side of Lot Number 62 in the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Timothy L. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana to **The Estate of Carl J. Sanders**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A part of the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 12.058 acres, more or less. Tract II: A part of the west half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.629 acres, more or less.

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# COURT NEWS

*Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed December 28

Joshua R. Hedrick, criminal recklessness, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

William R. Bradley, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Joy M. Grace, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Gary L. Sager, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### January 2

Virgo Dupcil, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 4

Jonathan M. Moffitt, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### January 9

Kimberly A. Power Black, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 10

Kevin J. Abel, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Ryan J. Sipes, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Kailey B. Meadows, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### January 11

Morgan M. Combs, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### January 14

Tyler Dale Smith, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Lonnie W. Pruettt, Jr., driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 15

Alejandro G. Garcia, operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Thomas J. Ehrman, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Luis S. Contreras, operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Michael T. Black, neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with a passenger less than 18 years of age, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 16

James Michael Hert, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Level

6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; neglect of a dependent, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Angelique R. Gerkin, dealing in methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony; possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 Felony; dealing in marijuana, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Level 6 Felony; neglect of a dependent, a Level 5 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### January 18

Jessica L. Martin, escape, a Level 5 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jessica L. McClure, neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

William T. Lucas, neglect of a dependent resulting in bodily injury, a Level 5 Felony; false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor.

### January 22

Chad M. Dunham, check deception, a Level 6 Felony.

### January 23

Brock Eugene Gill, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Charles E. O'Connor, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Level 6 Felony.

### January 29

Julia K. Arney, 11 counts of cruelty to an animal, Class A Misdemeanors.

Stuart M. Barrett, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Brian M. Conley, two counts of domestic battery, Level 6 Felonies; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES

### DISMISSED

### January 28

James M. Nelson, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

### January 23

Crane Credit Union vs. Laura Hall, civil collection.

### January 24

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Curtis S. Kidwell, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Johathan D. Weh, civil collection.

### January 25

Crane Credit Union vs. Wade S. Arvin, civil collection.

Christina F. Crane vs. Dwight D. Crane, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company vs. Paul T. Taylor and Treasurer of Martin County, mortgage foreclosure.

### January 28

Capital One Bank vs. Rhonda Parker, civil collection.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Derek D. Holt, civil collection.

Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company vs. Paul T. Taylor, Mark L. Taylor, Old National Bank, US Department of Treasury/Internal Revenue Service; Treasurer of Martin County, mortgage foreclosure.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

## New Suits Filed

### January 25

Crane Credit Union vs. Amber Ankeny, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Joshua D. Sexton, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

### January 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Mackenzie D. Walker in the amount of \$1,555.11.

### January 31

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Thomas R. Flynn in the amount of \$540.29.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, JANUARY 28

12:20 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

1:15 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

1:35 p.m. - Captain Hennette tagged two abandoned vehicles on Wood Street.

5:35 p.m. - Male came on station to report criminal mischief.

7:21 p.m. - First responders were requested on Crane Street for a medical call.

9:29 p.m. - First responders were requested in Bramble for a medical call.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

10:09 a.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

11:30 a.m. - Captain Hennette cited a male into court for possession of marijuana.

2:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

6:54 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:08 p.m. - Caller reported a 911 hang-up at County Court.

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

10:18 p.m. - First responders were requested on Poplar Street for a medical call.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

9:00 a.m. - Caller reported a slide off on State Road 550.

10:55 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the ambulance service.

1:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on some juveniles.

5:39 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

9:56 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody matter.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

11:56 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

3:45 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

6:34 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a residential alarm.

6:45 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

9:09 p.m. - Female reported a broken-down vehicle near Cooper Street.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:45 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

4:57 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a dog.

7:40 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on US 231.

10:56 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

3:00 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a traffic accident.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:45 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

2:34p.m. Officer McBeth responded

the defendant Brandon D. Wildman in the amount of \$2,015.48.

### February 4

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Miranda L. Beaver in the amount of \$1,128.64.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jaime L. Browder in the amount of \$6,118.74.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Eric L. Moffatt in the amount of \$2,356.41.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

### January 23

Joel T. Potts of Loogootee and Liza R. Denson of Loogootee.

to a business alarm.

5:12 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on JFK Avenue.

9:46 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Hwy 50.

11:06 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

10:45 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

6:15 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on some dogs. Animal Control was contacted.

6:36 p.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to a gas leak on Reason Avenue.

7:34 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

9:25 p.m. - Caller reported hearing gunshots near Cooper Street.

# ARRESTS

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

10:47 a.m. - Ceorra Holt, 20, of Loogootee, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

7:36 p.m. - Jeffery Stewart, 42, of Oolitic, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a syringe, and OWI refusal. He is being held without bond.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:45 a.m. - Chad Dunham, 32, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

1:28 a.m. - Jesse Daniels, 31, of Jasper, was arrested by Deputy Reed for operating while intoxicated and operating while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond.

## The latest edition of the State Police Road Show

Catch the latest edition of the "Indiana State Police Road Show" radio program every Monday morning at your convenience.

This week's show features retired First Sergeant Rich Myers who is currently the Morgan County Sheriffs. Myers was the host of the Indiana State Police Road Show for several years. Also joining the show is Captain David Bursten.

You can view the show on the Indiana State Police YouTube Channel at: State Police Road Show Guest Sheriff Rich Myers

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



**QUOTES:**

\*As I sat, strapped in my seat waiting during the countdown, one thought kept crossing my mind – every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder. -John Glenn

\*When the white missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land. They said, "Let us pray." We closed our eyes. When we opened them, we had the Bible and they had the land. -Desmond Tutu

\*America is the only country where a significant proportion of the population believes that professional wrestling is real, and the moon landing was faked. -David Letterman

\*I'm not a paranoid, deranged millionaire. I'm a billionaire. -Howard Hughes

\*After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box. -Italian Proverb

\*When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife. -Prince Philip

\*A computer once beat me at chess, however it was no match for me at kick-boxing. -Emo Phillips

\*Wood burns faster when you have to cut and chop it yourself. -Harrison Ford

\*The best cure for sea sickness is to sit under a tree. -Spike Milligan

\*Lawyers believe a man is innocent until proven broke. -Robin Hall

\*Kill one man and you're a murderer, kill a million and you're a conqueror. -Jean Rostand

\*Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars yet I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million. -Arnold Schwarzenegger

\*If life were fair, Elvis would still be alive today and all the impersonators would be dead. -Johnny Carson

\*Home cooking. Where many a man thinks his wife is. -Jimmy Durante

\*The first piece of luggage on the airport carousel never belongs to anyone. -George Roberts

\*If God had intended us to fly, he would have made it easier to get to the airport. -Jonathan Winters

\*The weather person is the only person that I know that can be wrong 99.9 percent of the time and still have a job the next day. -Johnny Caron

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The President: William Howard Taft (1909-1913)

Notable First: First president entrapped by a White House plumbing fixture.

Background: Taft weighed in at between 300 and 350 pounds while he was president. He was so big that one morning he got stuck in the White House tub – and had to call his aides to help him get out. Taft subsequently ordered a tub large enough to hold four average-sized men. He never got stuck again.

Why are the Dodgers called the Dodgers? Formed in Brooklyn, New York, in 1890, Brooklyn had hundreds of trolleys zigzagging through its streets, and pedestrians were constantly scurrying out of their way. That's why their baseball team was called the Brooklyn Trolley Dodgers (later shortened to Dodgers). The team moved to L.A. in 1958.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Merit board meeting**

The Martin County Sheriff's Merit Board will meet Monday, February 11 at 1 p.m. in the jail.

**Chamber meeting**

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, February 20 at noon at West Boggs Park Activity Center. Anyone interested in activities of the Chamber are welcome to attend.

**ACCTS Banquet**

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual ACCTS (Area Churches Honoring Christ Together in Service) Banquet will be held Friday, February 22 at 6 p.m. in the lower level of St. John's Center in Loogootee. The meal is free of charge and everyone is invited to attend.

**Broadband summit**

There will be joint meeting to educate and discuss ways to remove barriers for the expansion of broadband services in Martin County. The meeting will pull together elected officials from the Martin County Commissioners, Martin County Council, Town of Crane, City of Loogootee and the Town of Shoals. The meeting will take place on Thursday, February 21 at the Martin County Community Building. The meeting will start at 6 p.m. and is being convened by the Martin County Alliance. The meeting is open to the public and press.

**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**

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**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](http://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.

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## 2019 Reserved youth turkey hunts on DNR properties

Youth hunters, i.e., those who will be younger than age 18 on the day of the hunt, may apply for reserved turkey hunts March 18-29. The youth wild turkey hunting season is April 20 and 21 on selected DNR properties.

Youth hunters or an adult representing them must register in person or by phone during the normal office hours for the property they wish to hunt. Hunters are allowed to register for only one property.

A limit will be placed on the number of youth hunters allowed to hunt a respective property each hunting day in an attempt to provide quality hunts for participants.

Participating fish & wildlife areas include Atterbury, Chinook, Crosley, Deer Creek, Fairbanks Landing, Glendale, Goose Pond, Hillenbrand, Hovey Lake, Jasper-Pulaski, Kankakee, Kingsbury, LaSalle, Pigeon River, Roush Lake, Sugar Ridge, Tri-County, Wabashiki, Willow Slough and Winamac. Youth hunts are also being offered at Mississinewa Lake and Salamonie Lake.

Those wanting to sign up for Chinook or Wabashiki hunts may do so at Deer Creek FWA. Those wanting to sign up for Fairbanks Landing or Hillenbrand hunts may do so at Goose Pond FWA.

A drawing will be held on Monday, April 3, at properties where the number of registered hunters exceeds the spots available. A youth hunter may be drawn for either one or both hunt days, depending on the number of applicants. All applicants will be notified of drawing results by mail.

Applicants must possess a 2019 Youth Consolidated Hunting & Trapping License, a 2019 Non-Resident Youth Spring Turkey License with a gamebird habitat stamp privilege, or Lifetime Comprehensive Hunting License. Apprentice hunting licenses of the types named above also may be used.

To register a youth for one of the hunts, this information is needed: Hunter's name, type of license and license number, date(s) in which applying, mailing address, phone number, and parent or guardian's name, address

and phone number

Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until noon at properties in the Central Time Zone, and one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. on properties in the Eastern Time Zone.

Youth hunters who are selected for the hunt may check in at any time each day until the end of legal hunting hours for that property. Properties will not have a daily no-show drawing. Hunters interested in possible unfilled quotas at a property should call that property for more information before showing up.

During youth wild turkey season, hunters younger than age 18 on the day of the hunt can take a bearded or male wild turkey. The youth must be accompanied by someone age 18 or older.

The youth hunter may use any legal shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow. The adult accompanying the youth hunter must not possess a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow while in the field. The accompanying adult must be licensed if they are assisting by calling or if the youth is using an apprentice license.

Here is contact information for the different properties:

Atterbury (812) 526-2051  
 Crosley (812) 346-5596  
 Deer Creek (765) 653-0453  
 Glendale (812) 644-7711  
 Goose Pond (812) 512-9185  
 Hovey Lake (812) 838-2927  
 Jasper-Pulaski (219) 843-4841  
 Kankakee (574) 896-3522  
 Kingsbury (219) 393-3612  
 LaSalle (219) 992-3019  
 Mississinewa (765) 473-6528  
 Pigeon River (260) 367-2164  
 Roush (260) 468-2165  
 Salamonie (260) 468-2125  
 Sugar Ridge (812) 789-2724  
 Tri-County (574) 834-4461  
 Winamac (574) 946-4422  
 Willow Slough (219) 285-2704

To purchase a Youth Consolidated or Turkey license go to [INHuntFish.com](http://INHuntFish.com).

For wild turkey hunting regulations go to [eregulations.com/indiana/hunting/wild-turkey/](http://eregulations.com/indiana/hunting/wild-turkey/).

For turkey hunting safety tips go to [wildlife.IN.gov/2710.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/2710.htm).

## Farmer sentiment improves following USDA's second MFP payment announcement, Farm Bill approval

BY KAMI GOODWIN

Purdue University News Service

Agricultural producers were more optimistic about the agricultural economy in January, but they remain concerned about farmland values, according to results from the January Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. The barometer, which is based on 400 survey responses from agricultural producers across the country, rebounded to a reading of 143 in January, a 16-point improvement from December.

"This survey provided us with the first opportunity to measure farmers' sentiment following the announcement of USDA's second round of Market Facilitation Program (MFP) payments and the passage of the 2018 Farm Bill," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "It appears that these two announcements provided a significant boost to producer sentiment regarding both current and future economic conditions," said Mintert.

In January, both of the barometer's two sub-indices saw an uptick since December, with the Index of Current Conditions rising to 132 from 109 and the Index of Future Expectations rising to 148 from 135.

Increases were also seen in the Large Farm Investment Index, which measures whether producers feel this is a "good time" or a "bad time" to make large farm investments like machinery or buildings. Over the past few months, producers have been slowly expressing a more favorable view towards making large investments in their farming operations, with the index climbing 11 points from December and up 20 points from September, when the investment index bottomed out.

However, the same cannot be said for farmland values. According to the January survey, the percentage expecting higher farmland values over the next 12 months declined from 17 to 13 percent in December and, when asked to look ahead 5 years, producers expecting higher farmland values declined 2 points to 48 percent.

To better understand farmers' plant-



The next plants to start are the cole crops—cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and Brussel sprouts. These are cool-season crops and may be started in a fashion similar to onions. Once the seeds sprout, these plants may be grown in a cold frame.

A cold frame is simply a box, usually made of wood, with a window or clear plastic on top. It is time to get planting, at least for some early-season crops. The first crop to be seeded is onions and it is time to plant seeds in order to have onion plants ready for setting out in the garden in mid-March. Planting onions from seeds can be a little tricky. The seeds need humidity and warm soil to germinate. One way to do this is the plant a tray with the seeds, water the soil until evenly moist and cover it with plastic. Then place the tray on the top of a refrigerator or some other appliance that will provide a little heat from the bottom to warm the soil. You can do the same thing with a grow mat. Once the seeds have sprouted, the tray needs to be moved into a sunny location or placed under grow lights so the young plants will photosynthesize. You will need to remove the plastic or create a way to hold the plastic off of the plants.

Traditionally, a cold frame is placed on the south side of a greenhouse or a house to benefit from the protection from the north winds and from some heat from the building. The frame needs to be one to two feet high to give the plants room to grow. One often sees frames in which the back is a foot higher than the front, with angled sides. This allows the box to capture more sun. You may use spray foam to fill any cracks in the frame. You will also need some way to ventilate the box on sunny, warm days when the box may get too hot for the young plants. This may be just a piece of a two-by-four or a temperature-triggered vent mechanism that may be purchased from a garden supply catalogue. Should we get another arctic cold snap, the box may need some additional insulation.

Bags of leaves or straw bales may be put on the box and covered with a tarp at night. The plants will still need light in the day, so this will have to be removed daily.

Seeds may also be started by directly seeding them into a hot bed. Structurally, the hot bed looks a lot like the cold frame. The main difference is that a hot bed has a source of heat. That heat may come from a heat tape or coils that warm the soil or it may come from the decay of organic material, usually horse manure. To build a hot bed, the area under the frame must be dug out to 24 to 36 inches. Put in a layer of manure, covered with a six-inch layer of planting medium. I recommend a mixture of good topsoil and aged compost. Do not use potting or garden soil that contains fertilizer. Too much fertilizer will cause the young plants to become spindly.

To determine when you should plant seeds for other crops, look on the seed packet. Most will tell you the number of days that they should be planted prior to transplanting into the garden, usually six to eight weeks. Since our frost-safe date is May 10, summer crops like tomatoes, peppers and eggplant will need to be seeded about the middle of March. You may start some earlier if you plan to grow them in raised beds but be ready to provide some protection should we have a late frost. Squash, cucumbers, melons and other cucurbits need warm soil for development, so plant seeds in mid-April to transplant them into the garden the first of June.

Of course, most of the transplants will be available at garden centers when it gets closer to planting time but growing your own from seed allows you to try new varieties that may not be available as plants and it is cheaper to buy a packet of seed than a tray of seedlings. Besides, it is fun and fulfilling to grow your own plants. Do not limit yourself to vegetables, herbs and flowers may also be started from seed. It is a great way to bring more variety to your garden.

ing intentions in 2019, the survey asked farmers who planted soybeans in 2018 what their plans are for 2019. Two-thirds of respondents said their soybean acreage will be the same as in 2018, but 25 percent of soybean producers said they intend to reduce their soybean acreage in 2019 compared to last year. Looking specifically at farmers who plan to reduce their soybean acreage in 2019, 58 percent of them said they will reduce acreage by more than 10 percent, while 42 percent said they would reduce acreage by 10 percent or less. This represented a shift in attitudes among soybean farmers from last fall. Back in November, among farmers that plan to reduce their soybean acreage, 69 percent of them said they planned to reduce their 2019 soybean acreage by more than 10 percent.

Lastly, when producers were asked about soybean futures, four out of ten respondents (43 percent) said they expect November 2019 soybean futures to fall below \$8.50 sometime between mid-January and summer 2019. The negative perspective on soybean prices helps explain producers' plans to re-

duce their 2019 soybean acreage.

Read the full January Ag Economy Barometer report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>. This month's report includes additional information about producer's expectations for U.S. ag exports and their farm's operating costs and whether their farm will have to carryover operating debt into 2019 from prior years. Each month Mintert also provides an in-depth analysis of the barometer. That video is also available at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>.

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

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# Grazing Bites

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I wasn't going to talk about the weather in this issue. I will say though, that I believe most livestock producers are really appreciating any rock pads that they have built. It's one thing to have snow on top of ice, but in much of the state, that was over the top of mud. I also was a bit envious of the northern portion of the state that I've referred to before as being in semi permafrost, until the polar vortex hit.

I really don't mind mud occasionally, it's certainly expected in the livestock business, but not for weeks or months on end. Most producers are done grazing for the winter or their pasture wishes they were done. The impact of a bunch of cows on water saturated soils can be quite disturbing, no pun intended.

Areas with heavy vegetation from stockpiled forage are also barely able to hold up, even moving animals every day. If there is not much vegetation left, then the chance of it being "plowed" is inevitable.

The forage residual acts like a buffer up to a point. When there is a lot of plant material present on the soil surface and livestock create divots in the sod and soil, the hooves move some vegetative matter into the soil. I'd like to think that there might be something positive about that.

Think about this; divots in the soil with copious amounts of decaying plants jammed in them. If there is sufficient nitrogen in the system, then this material could break down into useful organic matter, and if soil life is present (fungi, bacteria, worms, etc.) then it will make use of this material and even pull some of it into the soil profile. This certainly could speed up the process of conversion of above-ground nutrition for plant and terrestrial life use. Normally, root growth and turnover have more impact on increasing soil organic matter.

Second, I wonder if there is any possible benefit of the divot itself. Talk about thinking way outside the box! Besides possibly helping to speed up any deposited plant material on the soil surface, if the soil is presently aggregated and functioning properly, and there is a normal freezing and thawing processes, then these divots could help increase water infiltration and reduce runoff in the long run. There are a lot of ifs in that statement, but it's still worth the effort to try to make lemonade out of lemons. Of course, I would never do this on purpose. If there is little vegetation present, then most likely, you don't have good soil aggregates present and more likely compacted soil. This is quite often the fact on overgrazed sites, especially on continuously grazed pastures.

The other possible positive attribute might be the creation of an improved environment for frost-seeding legumes into the stand. Severely damaged fields will probably require more TLC, if not total renovation in some cases. I think it is important that we limit the amount of damage whenever possible. The livestock must be somewhere over winter, especially after all grazing is done. It is best to limit that to only one field to limit the damage. The establishment of good pasture is not cheap. It's also best to not use the same field for overwintering every year or that field will most likely become a weedy mess due to the loss of desirable species.

I was asked recently about temporary or summer cover for overwintering ar-

reas. Overwintering areas, especially because of winter feeding, tractor tracks, a lot of disturbance, and an overabundance of nutrients and organic material are often a mess once the growing season starts up again. I'll address how to handle these areas and what to seed on them in March or April but for now I want to point out that these areas should always be a good distance from any water body. You need to keep at least a two hundred-foot buffer between winter feeding areas and streams, creeks, ponds, or any other water body. That two-hundred-foot buffer should also be left year-round with good vegetation on it to help filter out sediment and nutrients. Heavily disturbed pastures should also be buffered, but usually require less of a buffer since they usually still are capable of some filtering. Standing in the field should give you some good insight as to what is happening and where.

The impact on these wet soils is also somewhat dependent on the animals present. Small ruminants, such as sheep or goats, don't do quite as much damage due to size. Surprisingly for some, their little hooves seem to do more compacting sometimes than larger grazing ruminants. Smaller sized cattle certainly have less impact than heavier cattle. It's best not start down that rabbit hole today, but cattle size is a good topic.

Back to where I started, mud is certainly worse around feeding, watering, and other concentrated areas, so most producers could benefit from having some heavy use area pads for winter use, especially when the ground stays wet and is not frozen. These are fairly simple and economical practices to construct.

Start by leveling the area. Remove excess organic matter, manure, and top soil if necessary, to get a firm foundation to build on. Geo-textile fabric is laid down first, followed by crushed limestone, usually #53's, which is applied 6-8 inches deep depending on the site and conditions. Finish it with a couple inches of lime. The lime makes it easier to scrape and/or clean later and a little lime spread out on the field or pasture certainly won't hurt anything.

These pads supply a firm well drained area for feeding hay in rings, feeding silage in bunkers and for areas around watering tanks. Similar designs can also be used for concentrated walking areas and lanes. If you happen to be on softer or wetter soils, then a layer of #2 lime stone could be laid underneath for a firmer base.

Mud increases stress for both humans and the livestock. Mud increases energy requirements and at the same time can decrease intake. Mud can also tend to increase disease problems. Bottom line is mud can cost you big bucks!

Rock and geo-textile fabric is cheaper than concrete and requires less maintenance than rock alone. These feed pads can also be placed right along the outside fence line, adjacent to a road or drive. In this way, the silage, grain, or hay can easily be fed without entering the field with the tractor.

Heavy use protection areas are cost-shareable practices available through several USDA programs. Contact your local Soil and Water Conservation office for more information.

Keep warm, dry, and don't lose your boots in the mud with the next thaw and we'll look forward to "keep on grazing!"

# Reserved turkey hunt permits available online

Turkey hunters can apply for a reserved turkey hunt online by visiting [hunting.IN.gov](http://hunting.IN.gov) from February 4 to March 22. Click on the "Reserved Hunt Info" link. The online method is the only way to apply.

No late entries will be accepted. Applicants must possess a valid hunting license for the species they wish to hunt.

The application process is now consolidated into the online services website along with Licenses, Check-In Game, and HIP registration. A DNR online account is not required to apply.

Hunts without registration fees will follow the same process as those with a fee. For hunts with no fee, you still will be asked to "Add to Cart, Proceed to Checkout and Place Order." If the transaction total is \$0, you will not be asked to enter credit card info.

For draw-hunt results, there is a "click here" link on the home page, or you can log in to your online services account. The link from the home page will only show hunts that you registered for when the date of the hunt is still upcoming. Logging in online to your account is required for you to see the full history of your past hunt registrations from previous years.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized, random drawing. Drawing results will be available at <https://secure.IN.gov/apps/dnr/portal/#/home>. Click on the link in the Reserved Hunt Box to see the status of your hunt registrations within two weeks after application deadlines. An email will be sent to applicants when results are posted.

Turkey hunts open for application are:

-Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-29.

-Aukiki Wetland Conservation Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge: April 24-26; April 27-29.

-Chinook Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28.

-Crosley Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28.

-Deer Creek Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28.

-Fairbanks Landing Fish & Wildlife

Area: April 24-26; April 27-28.

-Glendale Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28.

-Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28.

-Hillenbrand Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28.

-Hovey Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28.

-J.E. Roush Lake Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-Jasper-Pulaski Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-Kingsbury Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-LaSalle Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-Mississinewa Lake: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge: April 24-25; April 26-27; April 28-29. (Youth only: April 20-21).

-Pigeon River Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-Salamonie Lake: April 24-26; April 27-29; April 30-May 2; May 3-5; May 6-8; May 9-12.

-Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 28-29.

-Tri-County Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

-Winamac Fish & Wildlife Area: April 24-26; April 27-28; April 29-May 1; May 2-4; May 5-7; May 8-10; May 11-12.

Only one application is allowed per license holder. No changes can be made once the application is submitted.

More information is available at [dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishwild/5834.htm).

## Ag outlook, succession workshop planned

Agricultural producers and their families can learn more about maintaining local farms now and into the future at a workshop presented by county organizations.

Farm economic forecasts as well as how to successfully transfer the family farm will be featured at the Dubois County Ag. Outlook and Farm Succession Planning Workshop, to be held March 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. EST at the Venue 1408, 1408 N. Main Street, Huntingburg. The event is free and open to the public, although registration is required due to limited seating, meal, and materials.

Purdue Extension ag. economist Dr. Chris Hurt will discuss 2019 farm and market trend expectations and how to prepare for them. Gary McCall, German American Bank vice president for estate and business planning, will explore steps every farm needs to think about to someday transfer the family farm, and Kenneth Eck, Purdue Extension educator, will talk about the "Code Red" system for preserving and locating farm-related records and materials during unexpected disasters and transitions.

The workshop is being hosted by Purdue Extension - Dubois County and German American Bank.

To register for the event or for more information, contact the Purdue Extension - Dubois County office at 812-482-1782 or [duboisces@purdue.edu](mailto:duboisces@purdue.edu). Registration is open until February 25.

## Learn about submerged towns at Patoka Lake

Learn about the land before Patoka Lake was created during a presentation Saturday, February 16, at 1 p.m. at the Dubois Branch Library, 5506 E. Main Street, Dubois.

Titled "Land Beneath the Lake," the presentation will discuss the three former towns that are now covered by the waters of Patoka Lake. View old photographs and hear stories from days gone by from Fred Dillard's memoirs. Enjoy short stories from local resident John Ash's book, "Patoka Tales." See old relics left behind by the folks that once called this area home.

This program is free to the public. Patoka Lake ([on.IN.gov/patokalake](http://on.IN.gov/patokalake)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.



## National unemployment bumps up to 4 percent in January

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 304,000 in January, and the unemployment rate edged up to 4.0 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job gains occurred in several industries, including leisure and hospitality, construction, health care, and transportation and warehousing.

### Household Survey Data

Both the unemployment rate, at 4.0 percent, and the number of unemployed persons, at 6.5 million, edged up in January. The impact of the partial federal government shutdown contributed to the uptick in these measures. Among the unemployed, the number who reported being on temporary layoff increased by 175,000. This figure includes furloughed federal employees who were classified as unemployed on temporary layoff under the definitions used in the household survey.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rate for Hispanics increased to 4.9 percent in January. The jobless rates for adult men (3.7 percent), adult women (3.6 percent), teenagers (12.9 percent), Whites (3.5 percent), Blacks (6.8 percent), and Asians (3.1 percent) showed little change over the month. In January, the number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) was little changed at 1.3 million and accounted for 19.3 percent of the unemployed.

The labor force participation rate, at 63.2 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.7 percent, changed little over the month; both measures were up by 0.5 percentage point over the year.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) increased by about one-half million to 5.1 million in January. Nearly all of this increase occurred in the private sector and may reflect the impact of the partial federal government shutdown. (Persons employed part time for economic reasons would have preferred full-time employment but were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.)

In January, 1.6 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, essentially unchanged 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 426,000 discouraged workers in January, little different than 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 January had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

### Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 304,000 in January, compared with an average monthly gain of 223,000 in 2018. In January, employment grew in several industries, including leisure and hospitality, construction, health care, and transportation and warehousing. There were no discernible

impacts of the partial federal government shutdown on the estimates of employment, hours, and earnings from the establishment survey.

In January, employment in leisure and hospitality rose by 74,000. Within the industry, job gains occurred in food services and drinking places (+37,000) and in amusements, gambling, and recreation (+32,000). Over the year, leisure and hospitality has added 410,000 jobs.

Construction employment rose by 52,000 in January. Job gains occurred among specialty trade contractors, with increases in both the nonresidential (+19,000) and residential (+15,000) components. Employment also rose in heavy and civil engineering construction (+10,000) and residential building (+9,000). Construction has added 338,000 jobs over the past 12 months.

Employment in health care increased by 42,000 in January. Within the industry, job gains occurred in ambulatory health care services (+22,000) and hospitals (+19,000). Health care has added 368,000 jobs over the past year.

Over the month, employment in transportation and warehousing rose by 27,000, following little change in December. In January, job gains occurred in warehousing and storage (+15,000) and among couriers and messengers (+7,000). Over the year, employment in transportation and warehousing has increased by 219,000.

In January, retail trade employment edged up by 21,000. Job gains occurred in sporting goods, hobby, book, and music stores (+17,000), while general merchandise stores lost jobs (-12,000). Employment in retail trade has shown little net change over the past 12 months (+26,000).

Mining employment increased by 7,000 in January. The industry has added 64,000 jobs over the year, almost entirely in support activities for mining.

Employment in professional and business services continued to trend up over the month (+30,000) and has increased by 546,000 in the past 12 months.

Employment in manufacturing continued to trend up in January (+13,000). Over-the-month job gains occurred in durable goods (+20,000), while employment in nondurable goods changed little (-7,000). Manufacturing employment has increased by 261,000 over the year, with more than four-fifths of the gain in durable goods industries.

Employment in federal government was essentially unchanged in January (+1,000).

Federal employees on furlough during the partial government shutdown were counted as employed in the establishment survey because they worked or received pay (or will receive pay) for the pay period that included the 12th of the month.

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

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.5 hours in January. In manufacturing, both the workweek and overtime decreased by 0.1 hour to 40.8 hours and 3.5 hours, respectively. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls held at 33.7 hours.

In January, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 3 cents to \$27.56, following a 10-cent gain in December.

Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 85 cents, or 3.2 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 3 cents to \$23.12 in January.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for November was revised up from +176,000 to +196,000, and the change for December was revised down from +312,000 to +222,000. With these revisions, employment gains in No-

vember and December combined were 70,000 less than previously reported. After revisions, job gains have averaged 241,000 per month over the last 3 months. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors. The annual benchmark process also contributed to the November and December revisions.)

## Gov. Holcomb appoints Loogootee woman to state soil conservation board

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced several new appointments and reappointments to various state boards and commissions.

Governor's Council for People with Disabilities

The Governor appointed the following members to the council, with terms expiring April 30, 2021:

Beth DeHoff (Plainfield), family support coordinator with IU Health Physicians, will join the council.

Jennifer Noffsinger (Goshen), staff with the Elkhart County 4-H Fairgrounds, will join the council.

The Governor also appointed the following members to terms expiring December 31, 2021:

Jim Aegerter (Greenwood), representing individuals with disabilities, will join the council.

Brandy Dickerson (Indianapolis), retention specialist with Easterseals Crossroads, will join the council.

Drew Dietrick (Indianapolis), production control analyst with the Marion County Board of Voter Registration, will continue his service on the council.

Ledrena Girton (Indianapolis), personal care attendant with QRL, will join the council.

Ayden Jent (Indianapolis), public information officer with the City of Indianapolis, will join the council.

Amanda Moore (Fishers), director of leadership development with YMCA of Greater Indianapolis, will join the council.

Angela Vandersteen (Greenwood), business development manager for Tangram, Inc., will join the council.

Indiana Law Enforcement Training Academy Board

The Governor appointed the following members to the board:

Starke County Sheriff Bill Dulin (Ora) will join the board. His term will expire December 31, 2022.

Chief Patrick J. Flannelly (Lafayette) will join the board. His term will expire June 30, 2022.

Morgan County Sheriff Rich Myers (Martinsville) will join the board. His term will expire Dec. 31, 2022.

Vanderburgh County Sheriff Dave Wedding (Evansville) will join the board. His term will expire December 31, 2022.

Native American Indian Affairs Commission

The Governor appointed the following members to the commission, with terms expiring Dec. 31, 2022:

Scott Brewer (Granger), senior vice president of government affairs, community relations, and security with the Four Winds Casino Resort, will join the commission and will serve as chair.

Felica Ahasteen-Bryant (Westfield), director of the Native American Educational & Cultural Center at Purdue University, will join the commission.

Dorene Red Cloud (Indianapolis), assistant curator of Native American Art at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, will join the commission.

Peter Magnant ( Mooresville), retired, will continue his service on the commission.

Paul Strack (Monroeville), retired, will continue his service on the commission.

Sally Tuttle (Kokomo), retired, will continue her service on the commission.

Soil Conservation Board

The Governor appointed the following members to the board, with terms expiring Jan. 1, 2023:

Amy Burris (Loogootee), farmer at Burris Family Farms, will join the board.

Martin Chattin (Decker), president of Chattin Brothers, Inc., will continue his service on the board.

Robert Eddleman (Indianapolis), associate supervisor for the Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District, will continue his service on the board.

Spinal Cord & Brain Injury Research Fund Board

The Governor made one new appointment to the board, with a term expiring November 30, 2022:

Annette Seabrook (Indianapolis), CEO at Community Rehabilitation Hospital North, will join the board.

Statewide Independent Living Council

The Governor appointed the following members to the council, with terms expiring Dec. 31, 2021:

Abigail Fleenor (Greensburg), volunteer with Life Church, will join the council.

Joseph Gunn (Indianapolis), graduate student at Indiana University SPEA, will join the council.

Erin Hall (Indianapolis), executive director of interagency relations and compliance with INDOT, will continue her service on the council.

Theresa Koleszar (Indianapolis), director of FSSA's Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, will join the council.

Cynthia Rockwell (Wolcottville), retired attorney with Rockwell & Jansen, LLC, will continue her service on the council.

Tammy Themel (Greenwood), CEO of accessABILITY Center for Independent Living, Inc., will join the council.

Frederick Vaiana (Westfield), attorney with Voyles Vaiana Lukemeyer Baldwin & Webb, will continue his service on the council.

Worker's Compensation Board

The Governor made one new appointment to the board, with a term expiring January 1, 2023:

Sandra O'Brien (Valparaiso), attorney with Mindel & Associates, will join the board.