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## County council talks road money

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett attended the Martin County Council meeting Monday night, April 2, at their request. Padgett told the council he is not quite sure what they want to know about the highway department as he is required to report to the commissioners. Council President Rich Summers said that a few council members would like to see the bi-weekly reports Padgett gives to the commissioners showing what highway employees are working on.

Commissioner Dan Gregory, who was also in attendance, said that every commissioners' meeting, Padgett gives the commissioners a break down of what each employee did and where they did it, the prior two weeks. He told the council that if they wanted a more in-depth look at what is being done, they should attend the commissioners' meetings as a lot is discussed each time.

Council Member Buck Stiles said the reason he wanted to know what the highway department is doing is because he feels they are not all on the same page. He said while he appreciates Padgett bringing the two-week work schedule, that's not really what he had in mind as far as information. He said he had asked for information on the Community Crossings grant and the amount the county is receiving from the gas tax and the BMV's increase in fees for high-mileage vehicles. He said he thought they had discussed with the highway department that the extra money coming in was supposed to go only to paving county roads. He said he was

under the impression that the bridges were all in pretty good shape.

Highway Superintendent Padgett replied that they repaired the worst bridges at the time however a new bridge inspection was just completed and there are several bridges in need of attention again.

Council Member Randy Winger said he likes that Padgett brought them the work schedule and he likes that the council can see what the highway department has been working on.

Padgett said as far as the grant money from Community Crossings, a list had to be compiled prior to applying for the grant. The county contracted with a firm to do a road assessment and to also figure out which roads in the county are the most traveled. They took a list of the worst, highly-traveled roads and then over several commissioners' meetings, broke that list down to the number of roads that could be done with the grant money. Roads that have been done include 100 South, Windom Road, Anderson Hill, Abel Hill and Killion Mill. They have done prep work, including ditching and evaluating culverts, and will now be paving Butler Bridge Road to Ridge Road, Mt Calvary Road to the Reinhart Road intersection, Dover Hill Road to Rama Dye Road, and Cale Road to Mt. Olive Road. There are around 130 miles of blacktopped roads in the county, total.

Padgett said they can't afford to do all the roads at one time, so they are doing increments. And paving will start as soon as the weather cooperates.

Commissioner Gregory added that the extra money from the gas tax started coming in last fall (around \$45,000

a month on average) but too late for paving season. The money from vehicle registrations has not started coming in yet and the county just received \$136,349 in Crane timber money from 2016. He said that extra money will go toward repairing the roads as well. Auditor January Roush said that they knew the increase in gas tax was coming last year so that increase was included in the highway's budget for 2018, so is already factored in.

Gregory also asked the council, if possible, the commissioners would like to see the \$112,000 that comes from the road funds to pay highway employees' health insurance, get moved to a different fund. Auditor January Roush said that years ago, the then-commissioners wanted the highway department to start paying their own way which is how the health insurance got moved to their budget. Gregory said, if they could have that extra money, it would go toward the roads as well.

Council Member Stiles said the highway department needs to "sell themselves" more by letting the public know what they are doing. He said taxpayers, who don't go out driving all the county roads, don't see what is being done and the highway department needs to get that information out to the public.

Padgett replied that the blacktop budget, three years in a row, was just \$180,000. He said they never even started the paver because the money allotted for paving went toward patching. "You don't pave with \$180,000 in your budget," he said. Now, with the extra money coming in with the Community Crossings grant and the gas tax and registration fee money, they can start play-

ing catch-up. Commissioner Gregory noted that it would not be an overnight process, it would be 10-plus years to get the roads back to decent condition.

In other business, Extension Educator Stacy Brown told the council that she has given her notice. Her last day is April 13. She is going to work for Indiana University. She thanked the council and the county for all that has been done to make 4-H a success. She does not know at this time who Purdue will choose to replace her.

The council approved a \$10,000 extra money request from the judge to pay for psychiatric evaluations in an upcoming murder trial.

The council approved \$19,000 toward the new jail officer recently approved. Sheriff Travis Roush said he has hired for the position and it's a female ex-military 23-year-old.

The council also approved \$90,000 for the highway department's motor vehicle highway fund due to an error made during budget time last year.

Courtney Hughett, representing the Martin County Humane Society, gave the animal shelter's quarterly report. The animal shelter took in 69 dogs and cats from January to March and had 45 adoptions and 13 animals claimed by their owners. The shelter, as of March 31, had 10 dogs and 14 cats. There are also four cats at Petsense in Jasper awaiting adoption.

The council approved Augie Bauer and Susie Brewer being appointed to the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA).

The council will hold budget hearings September 10 and 11 this year with budget adoption on October 1.

## NSWC Crane collaborates with Marine Corps at Advanced Naval Technology Exercise

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) participated in the Advanced Naval Technology Exercise (ANTX) – 2018 Urban 5th Generation Marine (U5G) Exploration and Experimentation Exercise from March 22-25 at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, California.

The goal of events like U5G ANTX is to reinvigorate warfighter capability in contested urban environments by detecting and identifying capability shortfalls and then rapidly exploiting those gaps with fire and maneuver.

U5G demonstrations and exercises will accelerate operational and technical feasibility assessment and inform future investments. The five areas of focus were: Situational Awareness, Counter-Reconnaissance, Fires and Effects, Command and Control (C2), and Maneuver.

"Cooperation and collaboration are essential to U5G ANTX success," said Dr. Brett Seidle, NSWC Crane's Technical Director. "The insight gained into technologies that may improve or accelerate fielding of operational capabilities for the Navy and Marine Corps is invaluable."

The U5G ANTX is an innovative approach to concept of operations and capability development that integrates

engineers, technologies and operators into a dynamic development team. It is a model for combat development that yields immediate prototype capabilities to solve vexing problems.

"This type of effort is exactly what our engineers and scientists love to be part of," said Andy Brough, NSWC Crane's Expeditionary Warfare Lead. "Working alongside Marines and other warfighters to understand their needs and issues, and learning what technologies are best suited to help them, is what Navy labs like NSWC Crane are all about."

ANTX exercises are led by the Naval Research and Development Establishment where industry, academia, and government research and development organizations are invited to demonstrate emerging technologies and engineering innovations in operationally relevant environments and scenarios.

NSWC Crane is a naval laboratory and a field activity of Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) with focus areas in Expeditionary Warfare, Strategic Missions and Electronic Warfare. NSWC Crane is responsible for multi-domain, multi-spectral, full life cycle support of technologies and systems enhancing capability to today's warfighter.



U.S. Marines with 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division test Step In Visor and Low Profile Mandible during Urban Advanced Naval Technology Exercise 2018 (ANTX-18) at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, California, March 21, 2018. The Marines have been provided the opportunity to assess the operational utility of emerging technologies and engineering innovations that improve the Marine's survivability, lethality and connectivity in complex urban environments. (U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Rhita Daniel) (Photo by Lance Cpl. Rhita Daniel)



# Loogootee Elementary Term 3 Honor Roll

## THIRD GRADE

High honors: Reed Brittain, Alaina Diamond, Isaiah Jones, Anniston Kelso, Brynn Lengacher, Haley Mason and Clayton Miller

Honor roll: Peyton Blackwell, Jayda Donnersberger, Zakkery Doyle, Emmett Graber, Brendan Green, Skyler Hudson, Callaway Inman, Ava Jeffers, Lilly Lottes, Tucker Mayfield, Sadie Owen, Jocelynn Sims, Libby Swartzentruber, and Carter Walton

## FOURTH GRADE

High honors: Paxton Arvin, Mason Britton, Cora Consley, Cami Crays, Brody Gilbertson, Joe Graber, Dax Lee, Montana Scales, Libby Taylor and Owen Tompkins

Honor roll: Anderson Aiman, Chloe Allen, Julianna Baker, Carson Brown, Brooklyn Carrico, Daniel Farhar, Colt Kerns, Macy Knepp, Chloe Lawson, Marley McAtee, Caitlyn Meade, Madison Nail, Olivia Nonte, Chloe Ramsey, Savanna Sitzman, Noah Smith, Declan Todd, Bailee VanMeter, Lovena Wagler and Evan Williams

## Absentee voting for Martin County

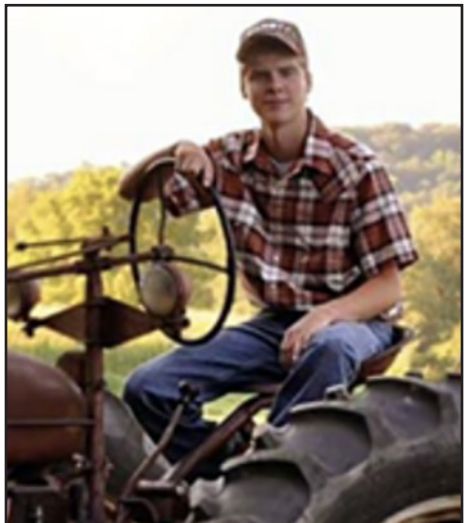
Anyone wishing to vote absentee by mail can call the clerk's office at any time to request an application to vote by mail. The last day an application to vote by mail will be accepted is April 30, 2018. Anyone wishing to vote absentee in person may do so beginning April 10, 2018 at 8 a.m. at the clerk's office in the courthouse. Absentee voting will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The clerk's office will be open on Saturdays April 30 and May 5 from 8 a.m. to noon. The last day to vote absentee in person is Monday, May 7 at noon.

The last day to register or update your voter registration is April 9, 2018. To make changes or to register you can go to [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com) or stop at the clerk's office for a registration form. If you have any questions, please contact the clerk's office at 812-247-3651.

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**PHILLIP TROUTMAN**

Phillip David Troutman, son of Chris and Alison Troutman, was born on June 21, 2000. Siblings include Jessica Troutman. Phillip participated in FFA while in high school. His favorite school memory was driving tractors to school and it started pouring down rain and Sam Bruner's tractor broke down, so he had to wear a trash bag as a poncho while his dad pulled him. Phillip plans to attend Vincennes University and get a good paying job.



**ABIGAIL STOLL**

Abigail Ruby Stoll, daughter of Brian and Christy Stoll, was born on October 2, 1999. Siblings include Olivia, Noah, Eli, and Anna Stoll. Abigail participated in Beta club, SADD club, Mayor's Youth Council, Student Council, Spanish club, and was class president while in high school. Her favorite school memory was being able to help create and set up the school prom in junior year. Abigail plans to attend Vincennes University for Nursing.



**TAYLOR GEORGE**

Taylor George was born December 31, 1999 and is the daughter of Dana George and Chris Wyatt, and Paul and Eva George. Her siblings are Tyler George, Reeva Dorsey, Sistora Neely, Edmund Neely, Ellie Neely, Zafira Neely, and Eddie Wyatt. Taylor was active in Pep Club and softball. Her favorite memory of high school was meeting her best friend, Marshall. She plans to attend Vincennes University for one year and get her welding certificate and live a happy life.



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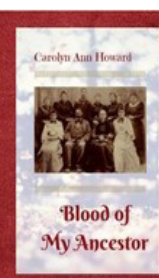


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# Obituaries

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## SHARON LAWSON

Sharon Lawson passed away at her residence Monday, April 2, 2018 at 3:30 a.m. A resident of Jasper, she was 58.

She was born on October 13, 1959, in Peru, Indiana; daughter of Alyous and Johnnie (Clark) Spencer.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

Survivors include her mother, Johnnie Spencer; her husband, John Mehlinger; daughter Crystal Fultz and John Brett, daughter Heather Trentlage and husband Mark; step-son Kris Lawson; eight grandchildren, Hope, Nathan, Kadence, Kaylee, Emma, Maddie, Abigail and Andrew; and four brothers, Joe Spencer, Robert Spencer, James Spencer and Alyous Spencer.

No services are planned at this time.

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

## JOHN CLEMENTS

John Richard Clements passed away at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, March 28, 2018 at Scenic Hills Care Center in Ferdinand. A resident of Loogootee, he was 84.



He was born June 5, 1933 in Loogootee; son of the late Chet and Doris (Doyle) Clements. Richard was a United States Army Veteran and served overseas during the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion Post 120 and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

He worked at Midwest Printing for several years as a lithographer. He was an avid Loogootee Lions and Indiana University basketball fan and enjoyed

watching IndyCar racing.

He is survived by his children, John (Connie) Clements of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Kathy Burton of Jasper; grandchildren, Jill (Kwame) James, Cassie Clements, Brian and Evan Howell, Brent (Brandy) Burton and Travis Burton; and great-grandchildren, Amare, Jasmine and Brooklyn James.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ruth (Jones) Clements; parents, Chet and Doris (Doyle) Clements; and son-in-law, Tony Burton.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker this morning, Wednesday, April 4, at 10 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

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

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## JOHNNIE MASON

Johnnie Zelvin Mason passed away April 1, 2018 in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 74.

He was born April 9, 1943 in Linton; son of John Nelson and Delema May (Sisk) Mason. He married Cathy A. Hill on June 1, 1969.

He was an Army veteran and served in the states and overseas in Korea and Santa Domingo in the Dominican Republic, in the 111<sup>th</sup> M.P. 3<sup>rd</sup> Company of the U.S. Army from April 1965 thru April 1967. He attended Linton Stockton Schools and retired from Crane Ammunition Depot in 2001 with 30 years of service as an ordinance worker, warehouse and field storage worker.

John loved spending time with his children and grandchildren, the all-time joy and passion of his life. Family was very important to him. He loved reminiscing about his childhood and the colorful people who shaped his life growing up in West Linton. Reading and watching NASCAR were favorite pastimes.

He was a wonderful husband and father. A true and honest friend who will be forever loved and missed by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife Cathy, two daughters, Zoe (Chris) Breeden of Freedom and Heather Mejia of Washington; one son, Benjamin C. Mason of Burns City; nine grandchildren, Paul (Stephanie) Breeden, Greg (Hayley) Breeden, Sarah Breeden, Katora Harris, Cassidy Harris, Gabriella Mejia, Samantha Mejia, Shawna Mason and

Haley Mason; three great-grandsons; four brothers, Bill Joe (Earlena) Mason of Linton, Gary Ray (Debbie) Mason of Linton, George L. Mason of Tyler, Texas and Carl F. "Pug" Mason of Evansville; one aunt, Mildred Mason of Linton; and several cousins, nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Gregg N. "Dode" Mason and Ronnie E. Mason; one sister in infancy, Edna Jane; and aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Anderson-Poindexter Memory Chapel in Linton. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Scotland Cemetery. A visitation will be Wednesday from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes and the Anderson-Poindexter Memory Chapel are in charge of the arrangements.

## BILLIE JO HOLLANDER

Billie Jo (Thompson) Hollander passed away at home surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. A resident of Cannelburg, she was 77.

She was born October 28, 1940 in Washington; daughter of William and Helen (Wilson) Thompson. She attended Alfordsville School. She was a member of All Saints Catholic Church, Wide Awake Homemakers Club and a Daviess County 4-H Leader. She enjoyed gardening and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

She is survived by her children, Debra (John Pat) Hart and Karen (Richard) Dye, both of Cannelburg; grandchildren, Alisa (Stephen) Sargent of San Antonio, Texas, Anthony (Liz) Hart of Newport, Kentucky; brother, Michael (Beverly) Thompson of Loogootee; two great-grandchildren, James Hart and Ellie Hart; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Anthony "Tony" Hollander on August 16, 2015, whom she married, March 15, 1958; daughter, Toni Kay Hollander; parents, William and Helen Thompson; sister, Gail Graber

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 7 at St Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield with Father James Koressel as celebrant. Burial to follow in St. Martin Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, April 6 at All Saints Catholic Church in Cannelburg.

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, MARCH 26

12:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:36 a.m. - Received a report of a stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded. The vehicle was located in Ohio.

7:39 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Shoals. Captain Dant and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

1:05 p.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:06 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle near Loogootee. Captain Dant and Loogootee Fire responded.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

3:14 a.m. - Deputy Reed recovered a stolen vehicle from Evansville. The vehicle was located in Crane.

5:33 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

10:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

12:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

1:50 p.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

7:40 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:35 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

3:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:10 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:18 a.m. - Received an animal complaint west of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:00 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

5:08 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29

7:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:17 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:34 a.m. - Received a report of smoke in a house in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Chief Deputy Greene, and Reserve Deputy Greene responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, westbound towards Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and checked the driver.

10:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

12:42 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, northbound towards Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

1:15 p.m. - Received a complaint of loud music in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

3:15 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:44 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:43 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

10:38 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

1:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:03 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth, Deputy Reed, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

7:47 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

10:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Shinn responded.

10:49 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle hung up in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 1

4:20 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

1:19 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

1:21 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

1:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. ICO Mann and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:28 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle identification check

near Loogootee.

5:54 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance north of Shoals. Deputy Wright and Chief Deputy Greene responded.

8:46 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist near Loogootee.

9:00 p.m. - Deputy Reed assisted a motorist in Loogootee.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, MARCH 27

8:12 p.m. - Justin Boyd, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29

8:30 p.m. - Ian Martin, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and endangerment. He is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

1:00 p.m. - Christopher Cox, 37, of Williams, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant

and is being held without bond.

2:02 p.m. - Jonathan Payne, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with forgery and possession of meth. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Chief Deputy Greene.

9:45 p.m. - Trista Strange, 27, of Loogootee, was incarcerated for violation of a court order. She is being held without bond.

10:52 p.m. - Andy Holt, 39, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper McBeth and charged with domestic battery and is being held without bond.

## Martin County Humane Society ANNUAL AUCTION Saturday, April 7

Item viewing from 5-6 p.m. Auction starts at 6 p.m.  
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- Perfect Slopes North - (2) lift tickets
- Bark Magazine - (4) subscriptions
- Evansville Otters - (4) general admission tickets, (2) inflatable passes (2) popcorns
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway (4) tickets to IndyCar Grand Prix
- Disney Orlando - (4) park hopper passes
- African Safari Wildlife Park - (2) VIP passes for up to 8 people each
- Holiday World - (2) tickets
- Raging Waves Waterpark - (2) tickets
- Indianapolis Indians - (4) reserved seats
- The Office - \$200 office furniture credit
- Chicago's Pizza French Lick - (4) gift cards for two-topping pizzas
- West Boggs Park - (2) 2018 gate passes
- Earth Rated Products - gift box of products and accessories
- French Lick/West Baden Indoor Karting - (2) Arrive N Drive races
- Cincinnati Reds - (4) view level or (2) terrace line tickets
- Greene's Body Shop - \$40 gift certificate, (2) t-shirts, (2) Koozies, (4) pens
- CVS - Spring wreath
- Blake Car Wash - (3) VIP car wash coupons
- Printing Express - Gift card for 250 business cards
- Mattingly Feed Store - Bag of Kent dog food
- Williams Bros. Pharmacy - Frozenpeaz hot/cold therapy pack
- Isha Wright-Ryan Attorney - One hour of legal services gift certificate
- Hawkins Health Center - Ice pack and 30-minute massage certificate
- Daviess-Martin REMC - weather radio
- Crane Credit Union - \$50 gift card and promo items
- Mesker Park Zoo - (4) admission tickets
- Teresa Lundy - (4) Longaberger taco holds and (1) Longaberger salsa set
- Indianapolis Zoo - (2) admission tickets and (1) parking pass
- Tropicana Evansville Casino - One night stay for two and dinner for two
- Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant - (4) \$25 gift certificates
- Emilee Summers Massage - 60-minute massage certificate
- Main Street Salon, Odon - Kenra shampoo and conditioner
- AMC Theatre Vincennes - (2) movie passes
- Odon Tavern - Gift certificate, (2) mugs, t-shirt, frisbee
- Marathon Loogootee - (2) \$25 gift cards
- Connie Jones - (6) Seraphim Classics angel figurines
- Hilltop Candle Shop/Sierra Rutledge - (2) candles
- Indiana State University - (4) baseball tickets, (4) basketball tickets & (4) football tickets
- Chicago Cubs - Autographed Brian Duensing photo
- Mutts Comics - Autographed comic signed by the artist
- The Beach Waterpark - (2) tickets
- Builders Best - (4) sets of three decorative baskets
- Mt. Pleasant Creations - Framed print
- Bobe's Pizza Express Washington - \$25 gift card
- Jump N Jax Washington - (2) jump passes
- Jennifer Northover - juicer
- Indiana Pacers - Autographed Corey Joseph jersey
- Lupine Pet - Collar and leash combo
- Kings Island - (2) general admission tickets
- Horseshoe Casino - One night stay, (2) \$15 food vouchers, (2) \$10 casino cash
- Indiana University - Autographed Archie Miller photo
- Martin County Journal - One year of advertising
- Montana Mike's Steakhouse - (4) \$15 gift certificates
- Solar lighted owl (Anonymous donor)
- (3) Longaberger baskets
- (3) Handmade blankets
- R.J's/Jones Oil - (2) \$50 gift certificates
- Camp Canine Training/Dewey Osborne - Three week training session for one dog
- Conner Prairie - (4) admission tickets
- Charlie Bridgewater - (4) handmade birdhouses, handmade "Joy" yard ornament & children swinging yard ornament
- Gasthof Amish Village - One-night stay & (2) buffet dinner/drink certificates
- Kathy Burns - Handmade stained glass piece
- Theresa Stuffle - Thirty One basket filled with dog goodies
- Lisa's Salon - Biolage shampoo & conditioner
- Jasper Engines & Transmissions - Grill set, spice set and sauce set
- Greenwell's Hardware - Scraper, zip ties, channel locks & tape measure
- Lynn Gee - Handmade dog-themed bag filled with dog goodies
- Running With Scissors Salon - Straightening iron and (6) sample hair products
- Hometown Flowers & Gifts - Wreath
- Indy Eleven Soccer - (2) admission tickets to a home game
- Tractor Supply Washington - Two buckets filled with an assortment of products
- Indiana Theatre Washington - (4) movie tickets
- Bill Dobson Washington - Oil change
- Chastain's Flowers & Gifts - Wreath
- Fire Ring King - Fire ring
- Toy's Auto Parts - (2) tshirts & wrench set
- Wittmer Furniture - Decorative wall clock
- The Lodge of Loogootee - (2) \$50 gift certificates
- Sweet Endings Creations - (2) decorative wall hangings and (1) wooden flower basket
- Lori Lundy - "You can't buy love but you can rescue it" sign
- Broadway Salon - (3) certificates for hair cuts, waxing, etc.
- Bradley's Bar & Grill - \$20 gift certificate
- Rising Star Casino - One-night stay, dinner for two and choice of breakfast or lunch
- French Lick Resort - One night stay
- Red Bones Bar & Grill - (2) \$25 gift certificates
- China Wok - \$30 gift certificate
- Jeffer's Auto Odon - Car wash kit
- Small Blessings Therapeutics - 30-minute massage
- Loogootee Public Library - Spa day gift basket
- Old National Bank Loogootee - dog treat gift bag
- Arvin Crushed Stone - \$50 gift certificate
- Megan Crays - Tupperware canister set
- Indianapolis Colts - Colts bag with promotional items
- Julia Albright - Children's toys, candle, lotion set

ITEMS ARE STILL COMING IN!



# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed March 5

Noah J. Cox, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Steven T. Hammack, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Zachary D. Carrico, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

### March 12

Christopher D. Grace, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Sean A. Kiser, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

William T. Lucas, theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Evelin V. Aleman, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; visiting a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class B Misdemeanor; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Nicholas J. Guy, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Christopher Villanueva, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Bryce A. Mathena, maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor; illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### March 19

Jacob R. Nonte, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Darla R. Minnie, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony.

Charles R. Wallace, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony.

### March 20

Joshua A. Cave, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jonathan E. Speaks, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Elbert K. Edwards, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Branden K. Harris, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Courtney E. Sutton, four counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanor.

ors.

Ricky J. Lind, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Carol A. Henness, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### March 22

Oceana B. Sheild, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Victoria L. Mullens, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

### March 27

Luke C. Reed, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor; illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Delbert L. Salmon, Jr., burglary, a Class 5 Felony; theft, a Class A Misdemeanor; habitual offender sentence enhancement.

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

### February 27

Travis S. Bauernfiend, convicted of criminal confinement, a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2 years with 0 days suspended and credit for 235 actual days plus 235 Class A credit days.

David A. Brinker, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections as a direct commitment through Martin County Community Corrections with 383 days suspended and credit for 82 actual days previously served plus 82 Class A credit days.

### February 28

Daniel L. Goepfner, convicted of criminal recklessness, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 543 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

### February 27

Travis S. Bauernfiend, domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; interference with the reporting of a crime, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; habitual offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

David A. Brinker, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

### February 28

Daniel L. Goepfner, intimidation, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed.

### March 1

Charles E. O'Connor, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 30 actual days previously served plus 30 Class A credit days.

### March 22

David E. Jones, operating with a .15 ACE with prior conviction occurring within five years, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; neglect of a dependent, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; two counts of operating white intoxicated with previous conviction within

five years, Class 6 Felonies, dismissed; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

Clint A. Watson, escape, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; failure to return to lawful detention, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed March 23

Capital One Bank vs. Michael Tompkins, civil collection.

### March 26

Personal Finance Company, LLC vs. Loren Spears and Laura Spears, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS March 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, MARCH 26

4:36 a.m. - Caller reported a theft of his vehicle on North Line Street. The vehicle was later located abandoned in Ohio.

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported her vehicle had been vandalized.

1:05 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Officer McBeth assisted with a funeral procession.

1:17 p.m. - Female reported her vehicle had been vandalized.

2:06 p.m. - Male caller reported a theft from Marathon. Female suspect was located.

3:53 p.m. - Loogootee Fire assisted with traffic for a broken down semi on US 231.

9:46 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 27

12:11 p.m. - Chief Rayhill and Captain Hennette assisted the ambulance service with a possible overdose.

3:33 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

7:52 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

7:57 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

9:02 a.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

12:45 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a residential alarm.

4:18 p.m. - Male reported a dispute in Country Place Apartments.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on West Broadway Street.

7:42 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted in a civil dispute.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 29

9:38 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Captain Hennette located the vehicle.

12:42 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious people selling items on Grant Street.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

2:45 p.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

8:32 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute in the McDonald's parking lot.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 30

10:05 a.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

1:30 p.m. - Caller reported loud music near Sunset Trailer Court.

2:00 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a court order.

2:15 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

8:30 p.m. - Caller reported kids playing in the road on Park Street.

Central Mutual Insurance Company and against the defendant Arley Dixon for civil plenary in the amount of \$2,862.97.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT New Suits Filed March 22

Mary Davis and Rosemarie Murray vs. Janet S. French, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS March 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Seth J. Sorrells in the amount of \$2,469.64.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES March 23

David Evan Shaw of Shoals and Nakkisha Renea McBeth of Shoals.

10:40 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 31

11:15 a.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

2:23 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

5:03 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in the McDonald's parking lot.

10:50 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle stuck in his driveway.

11:14 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on US 231.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 1

8:18 a.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

1:19 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

1:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

7:48 p.m. - Caller reported property damage.

9:45 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

## Real estate transfers

**Ronald Gilbert and Laura Jean Gilbert**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Allison Baker and Amanda Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 18,444 square feet and/or 0.4234 of an acre, more or less, except a section containing 0.096 of an acre, more or less.

**Timothy L. Wagler and Karmen D. Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Karmen D. Wagler**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 37 in Oliver & Taylor's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

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By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director



--YOUTH AND THE FUTURE --  
“We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Youth. Future. Those two words belong together for so many reasons. Youth have so much to look forward to. Youth have choices to make to get to their future. The youth are our future, whether we try to build it for them or we prepare them for it.

-- WE HAVE AN INTEREST --  
We all have a vested interest in helping our youth to learn, grow and become capable adults. They will be making decisions that affect our community, our county, and beyond. And they will be impacting our own lives when we adults will be relying on them for our care and well-being. It's important that we be a part of their growth.

So how can we help? As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, mentors, and any other adult close to our youth, you guide and shape them. You should know that everything you do teaches them about adult life and guides them toward their own future. We need to be sure that we are positive role models. We can also encourage our youth's involvement in organizations that focus on youth growth and development.

-- JUNIOR LEADERS --  
One such organization in Martin County is the 4-H Junior Leaders. The Junior Leaders are in grades 7-12 and assist the adult volunteers in the 4-H clubs and projects. And just as importantly, they serve as mentors and

role models to the younger 4-H members by sharing their experiences with them. These youth are learning to become our future leaders.

-- SERVING AND GIVING --  
The Junior Leaders also serve the community by playing bingo with senior citizens, holding an Easter Egg hunt, sponsoring a day camp for our youth, and volunteering to other charitable organizations. They also give back and pay it forward to our community by donating to the area 4-H scholarship fund and the Butler Collegiate fund for Riley blankets, and are currently working on a “4-H Takes a Bite Out of Hunger” campaign.

-- MCCF HELPS --  
The goal of the 4-H Junior Leaders is to teach our youth how to become positive role models and productive future leaders. The MCCF is pleased to be able to help these youth grow and, at the same time, be such a valuable resource in our community. Shown in the picture is Dan Gregory (MCCF Board member) presenting a \$300 grant to the Junior Leaders to support their efforts as they build for the future.

-- MORE INFORMATION --  
For more information about the MCCF, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org). You are also welcome to visit our website at [www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm](http://www.cfpartner.org/mccf.htm), follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF](http://www.twitter.com/MartinCountyCF), and “like” the MCCF Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation](http://www.facebook.com/mcccommunityfoundation).



Pictured is Dan Gregory (MCCF Board President) at the recent Ag Day talking about the importance of our 4-H Junior Leaders and presenting them a \$300 grant.

# Purdue, special operations experts join forces to drive defense innovation at Purdue@WestGate

BY SARAH K. MILLER  
*Purdue University News Service*

Special Actions Technology Group (SATG) could drive innovation in southern Indiana with its relocation to Purdue@WestGate and involvement in Purdue University's Institute for Global Security and Defense Innovation.

SATG is a service-disabled veteran-owned small business composed of retired special operations personnel, scientists, engineers and defense acquisition and requirement experts.

“Special Actions Technology Group will be a key asset at Purdue@WestGate in order to bridge the gap between leading-edge technology and Department of Defense needs,” said Mike Dodd, the managing director for the Institute of Global Security and Defense Innovation. “Combined with our cross-cutting research capabilities and Purdue's core competences in STEM, SATG brings a wealth of knowledge that will put the latest tech in the hands of our warfighters.”

Michael Cooper, founder and chief executive officer, established SATG in 2009 as a consulting firm to assist industry in mapping technical strengths to technical requirement gaps of special operations forces, Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and across government.

“National security requires agile and rapid development of advanced technologies to defeat emerging threats both overseas and within our borders,” Cooper said. “To counter these dangers, we will work directly with Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane and WestGate will provide us the necessary environment to fill this critical need.”

Cooper has 22 years of service in United States Army Special Forces and more than 30 years of tactical, operational and strategic knowledge in United States Special Operations Command. SATG is the newest member of the co-working space at WestGate Academy, the Lock & Key. SATG has a second location in Ft. Myers, Florida.

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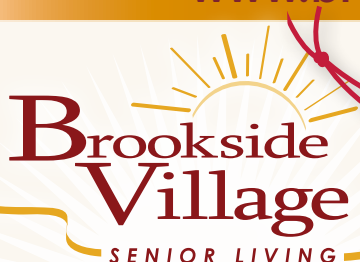
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## LHS Girls' Basketball awards banquet



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Loogootee Varsity Girls' Basketball Award Winners, from left to right, are Brooklyn Jones (rebounds), Tyanna Graber (field goal percentage, free throw percentage, 70% free throw club, assist leader, and Diane Kiefner MVP); Julianne Bell (Haigerty Mental Attitude Award), Kalea Flemming (defense award), and Makenzie VanHoy (70% free throw winner club).



-Photo provided

Loogootee Girls' Basketball 5th/6th grade award winners, from left to right, are Kennedy Huff (most improved), Brianna Eckerle (mental attitude), Ashley Green (hardest worker/hustle) and Madison Waggner (offensive scoring leader).



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Loogootee Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Award Winners, from left to right, are Jaelyn Walker (assist award); Isabelle Waggner (free throw and field goal percentage); Addie Nolley (rebounds); and Mackenzie VanHoy (free throw and field goal percentage).



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Loogootee Girls Basketball 8th grade award winners, from left to right, are Kylie VanHoy (offense award) and Madison McAtee (defense award).



-Photo provided

Loogootee Girls' Basketball 7th grade award winners, from left to right, are Savannah Stevens (most improved), Anastasia Toy (mental attitude), Mallorie Sutton (Miss Hustle), Brenna Wade (mental attitude) and Madison Esch (most improved).

### Kindergarten, pre-school immunization clinic

The Martin County Health Department Immunization Clinic will be open on Friday, April 6 for any child who will be attending kindergarten or 4/5-year-olds who will be attending pre-school in the fall.

Hours for this special clinic will be from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. In addition to this special clinic date, the health department conducts immunization clinics every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.

to noon and from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the first Wednesday of each month the clinic remains open until 6 p.m. Please bring your child's immunization record and insurance card for billing purposes. No appointment is necessary.

The health department office is located in the Shoals Federal Building (Post Office). Please call 812-247-3303 if you have any questions.



### Students/staff member of the month

Loogootee Elementary recently chose their students and staff member of the month for March. In the front row, from left to right, are Karmen Wilson, MKenna Gregory, Sydnee Salmon, Kensleigh Carrico, Chase Sergent, and Lauren Nolan. In the back row, from left to right, are Emmett Graber, Jocelynn Sims, Mrs. Ashley Roach, Evan Williams, Declan Todd, and Sophia Toy. Sponsors of student/staff member of the month are Dairy Master, McDonald's, Jones Marathon, Jolene McAtee, Edward Jones, Blake Hi-Y Carwash, Running with Scissors, and Hawkins Healthcare.

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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



Lawyers should never ask a Georgia grandma a question if they aren't prepared for the answer. In a trial, a southern small-town prosecuting attorney called his first witness, a grandmotherly, elderly woman to the stand.

He approached her and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know me?"

She responded, "Why, yes, I do know you, Mr. Williams. I've known you since you were a boy, and frankly, you've been a big disappointment to me. You lie, you cheat on your wife, and you manipulate people and talk about them behind their backs. You think you're a big shot when you haven't the brains to realize you'll never amount to anything more than a two-bit paper pusher. Yes, I know you."

The lawyer was stunned. Not knowing what else to do, he pointed across the room and asked, "Mrs. Jones, do you know the defense attorney?"

She again replied, "Why yes, I do. I've known Mr. Bradley since he was a youngster, too. He's lazy, bigoted, and he has a drinking problem. He can't build a normal relationship with anyone, and his law practice is one of the worst in the entire state. Not to mention he cheated on his wife with three different women. One of them was your wife. Yes, I know him."

The defense attorney nearly died.

The judge asked both counselors to approach the bench and, in a very quiet voice, said, "If either of you idiots asks her if she knows me, I'll send you both to the electric chair."

Jim, Scott and Alex are tired after traveling all day and check into a hotel. When they get to reception, they find out they'll have to walk 75 flights of stairs to get to their room because the elevator is out of order.

Jim suggests that they do something interesting to pass time while they walk the 75 flights. Jim will tell jokes, Scott will sing songs, and Alex will tell sad stories.

So, Jim tells jokes for 25 flights, Scott sings songs for 25 flights and Alex tells sad stories for 24 flights. When they reach the 75th floor, Alex tells his saddest story of all, "Guys, I left our room key at reception."

Tom was at the hospital visiting with his best friend Larry who was dying.

Tom asked, "If there is baseball in heaven will you come back and tell me?"

Larry nodded yes just as he passed away.

That night while Tom was sleeping, he heard Larry's voice in a dream, "Tom..."

"Larry! What is it?!" asked Tom.

"I have good news and bad news from heaven."

"What's the good news?"

"There is baseball in heaven after all, but the bad news is you're pitching on Tuesday."

### THOUGHTS:

\*Do what you feel in your heart to be right – for you'll be criticized anyway. -Eleanor Roosevelt

\*Givers have to learn to set limits because takers don't have any.

\*Why can't you play cards on a small boat? Because someone is always sitting on the deck.

\*Bowling Alley: Please be quiet. We need to hear a pin drop.

\*Cafeteria: Shoes are required to eat in the cafeteria. (Socks can eat any place they want.)

\*Car Dealership: The best way to get back on your feet — miss a car payment.

\*Happiness is when you realize your students turned out to be genuinely good people.

\*Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation. -Walter Cronkite

\*If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.

\*Everything can change in the blink of an eye... But don't worry; God never blinks.

\*Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.

\*Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.

\*Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.

\*It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.

\*When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.

Make someone smile today!

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**ARLO is a male beagle, 8+ years old, loves everyone! He is neutered, up to date on shots and tested negative for heartworms. Adoption fee is \$80. The Martin County Humane Society Animal Shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. To see all available animals, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet in executive session on Thursday, April 5 at 6 p.m. in the superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees. The meeting is closed to the public in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b).

### Burns City Cemetery Meeting

The Burns City Cemetery Annual Meeting will be held Monday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Burns City Methodist Church. All are invited to attend. Also, mowing season is right around the corner and all decorations left on the ground needs to be removed on or before April 15.

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, April 18 at noon at Pizza Junction in Loogootee. You can call in your lunch order ahead at 812-295-3333. Anyone interested in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce is invited to 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.

### 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.

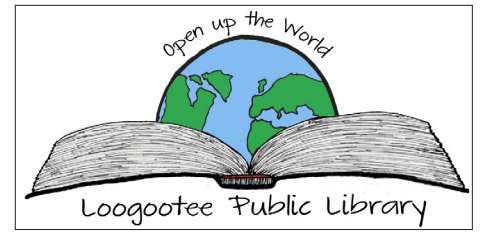
### Soil and Water meetings

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. Seniors are also offered lunch at the Loogootee Senior Center every Monday and Thursday. A freewill donation is requested. Call 812-295-3130 to make a reservation.



BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Recently, Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) had a Euchre Tourney fundraiser at the VFW and the winners were Emily Summers and Pat Fowler. BBQ pulled pork sandwiches donated by Pat Hale and Coney dogs made by Jennifer Lannan plus chips and a drink were available for a donation. There were lots of wonderful homemade cookies and brownies baked by Pat Hale, Mae Stuffle, Shirley Jeffers, Annetta Dawson, Susan Harwood plus mini caramel cheesecakes made by Betty Huelsman. All proceeds will go toward the new library.

On Friday, April 6 from 10:30-2:00, Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) and the Library Fundraising Committee will have a cookout fundraiser in front of the library. Dewig's Brats and Odon Locker Marinated Chicken will be available along with chips and pop for a suggested donation of \$5. There will be homemade goodies and pie available for a donation. All proceeds will go toward the new library.

### NEW BOOKS:

Mystery Fiction: "I've Got My Eyes on You" by Mary Higgins Clark, "Queen Anne's Lace" by Susan Wittig Albert, and "Miss Julia Raises the Roof" by Ann B. Ross.

Fiction: "A Nantucket Wedding" by Nancy Thayer.

Inspirational Fiction: "The Road Home" by Beverly Lewis and "A Breath of Hope" by Lauraine Snelling.

NonFiction: "Living a Life You Love" by Joyce Meyer.

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](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.



Library Euchre winners Pat Fowler (above) and Emily Summers (below).



## TOY'S AUTO PARTS, INC.

Loogootee (812) 295-2312	Shoals (812) 247-3321	Jasper (812) 634-2222	Washington (812) 254-2540
Sullivan (812) 268-5252	Martinsville (765) 342-6623	Linton (812) 847-4494	
Jasonville (812) 665-3969	Bicknell (812) 735-3545	Bloomfield (812) 384-4453	





I am not sure if March went out like a lamb or a lion, but I am sure that the total of the month's weather must have been a zoo. We had a little bit of everything and April is getting off to a similar start. However, each day draws us closer to the ultimate warmer weather. Gardening season is upon us.

Despite the rainy weather, I was able to plant a few potatoes in my raised beds on Good Friday. That tradition grows from an old belief that burying the seed potatoes on the day Christ was placed in the tomb will result on a quick sprouting. I do not really believe the day has anything special to potatoes, but it is sometimes fun to do something that reminds me of my childhood days.

Actually, the weather has little impact on the way that I have raised potatoes in recent years. In a raised bed, I place the seed potatoes, cut to leave at least two "eyes" on each portion, in the bed, covering them with some compost and soil mixture. As soon as I see growth on the surface, I use a piece of plastic fencing to surround the bed. As the plants grow, I fill in around them with additional mulch, leaf mold or straw. After the potato plants have bloomed and begin to die back, I can just remove the fencing and pick up the potatoes. While this might not be practical for large scale production, it has been a way for me to raise just a few red potatoes for my personal use.

I also had help from a great niece and great nephew in planting seeds in the greenhouse. Among the seeds planted were several types of herbs. Most of

my herbs will eventually be transplanted into containers. Many butterflies use herbs as their larval host plants, so I like to have enough herbs to feed the caterpillars and still have herbs for culinary purposes.

Many of the culinary herbs come to us from the Mediterranean area, where soils are poor and the weather is usually dry. Successfully growing herbs must duplicate that environment and that is why herbs lend themselves to being grown in pots. The first rule for growing herbs in containers is to use a proper soil. If the soil is too fertile, the herb growth will be lanky and weak. Do not use potting soil that contains fertilizer when potting herbs. Herbs will grow best in a planting mixture formulated for palms, cacti and succulents, or you can make your own mix. I start with a good quality soil, but not one that contains fertilizer or moisture control crystals. Good drainage is a must for herbs, so I mix in some grit. I may use small gravel or even grit sold for poultry. To this, I add a little compost. Make sure the container you choose also has good drainage and pot up the herbs. Put the pots in an area that receives at least six hours of sun per day. Even herbs like to have a little shade from the late afternoon sun.

Over the Easter weekend, I also attended a movie with some of the nieces and nephews. "Sherlock Gnomes" confirmed my suspicions that the garden statuary in my garden somehow comes to life when I am not looking. Now, if I could only convince them not to hide my tools.



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of March, the veteran service officer assisted 13 veterans and had six meetings. The veterans' van took three trips transporting three veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

**DRIVERS NEEDED** for the veterans' van. I am aware that we all have very busy lives and very little free time which is why I am looking for reliable drivers to add to my call list. I am looking for **VOLUNTEERS** that are willing to transport a veteran possibly one trip a week to medical appointments at VA hospital and clinics in the surrounding area. This is not a paid position. You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

The veterans' van only transports to appointments at VA hospitals and clinics. You must contact me for transportation needs. Do NOT contact the driver's directly, they do not have the van schedule. The veterans' van is not a part of the DAV program. It is funded by Martin County taxpayers so we only transport Martin County residents.

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and southern clinics on Mondays. The veterans' van will NOT leave the recycling center earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

The Veterans Crisis Line provides confidential help for Veterans and their families. Call at 1-800-273-8255 (PRESS 1) for help.

## Kayaking for beginners

Try kayaking before investing in a boat at a beginners' kayaking lesson at Patoka Lake on Saturday, April 21.

Participants will meet the Patoka Lake interpretive naturalist at the beach at 1 p.m. Eastern Time. Participants can try several styles of kayaks and paddles, learn about necessary gear, and hear about the best places for paddling on Patoka.

All equipment including life jackets will be provided. The event is open to anyone ages 12 and older. The cost is \$5 per person. Space is limited to the first 50 people who register.

For more information and to register, call 812-685-2447.

Entrance to Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area on Patoka Lake costs \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Patoka Lake is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

## Spring turkey season starts April 25 in Indiana

The spring turkey season in Indiana is April 25 through May 13, 2018. The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey for the spring season. Spring turkey hunting is allowed statewide.

Youth wild turkey season is April 21-22.

To hunt wild turkey, a valid turkey hunting license and a valid game bird habitat stamp privilege are required.

Those that have a lifetime comprehensive hunting, lifetime comprehensive hunting and fishing, or resident youth hunt/trap license can hunt turkey and do not need to purchase the game bird habitat stamp because it is included with those license types.

A separate turkey hunting license is required when hunting during each turkey hunting season — one for the spring season and one for the fall season.

Game bird habitat stamp privileges are good for both spring and fall seasons in the same calendar year.

Turkeys can be hunted only with:

- A 10-, 12-, 16- or 20-gauge shotgun loaded with pellets of size No. 4, 5, 6, 7 or 7½. Nontoxic shot is required while hunting turkey on some DNR properties. Call the property for additional information.

- A muzzleloading shotgun not smaller than 20-gauge and not larger than 10-gauge, loaded with pellets of size

No. 4, 5, 6, 7 or 7½. Combination loads using shot sizes other than these are illegal.

- Bow and arrow

- A crossbow

Wild turkeys may be hunted only from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. All DNR properties managed by the Division of Fish & Wildlife have spring season hunting hours one-half hour before sunrise until noon for properties on CDT and until 1 p.m. for properties on EDT. Call the property for additional information.

Hunters are required to register their harvested turkey within 48 hours of the kill. This can be done one of three ways:

- Self reporting online through the DNR's CheckIN Game system (CheckINGame.dnr.IN.gov)

- Calling 800-419-1326 (a \$3 fee applies)

- Finding a check station, license vendor, or retailer who will file the information for you through CheckIN Game.

Once the turkey is registered with the CheckIN Game system, a confirmation number will be generated. The number must be recorded on a temporary transportation tag and kept with the turkey until processing begins.

For an online printable version of a temporary transportation tag, see [www.wildlife.in.gov/files/turkeytag.pdf](http://www.wildlife.in.gov/files/turkeytag.pdf).

## Sentiment falls as producers express concerns about ag exports

BY JENNIFER STEWART-BURTON  
Purdue University News Service

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer fell to 135 in March, given uncertainty around trade relations and possible implications for U.S. ag exports.

The 5-point decline in sentiment comes as a result of producers' less-optimistic perceptions of both current conditions and future expectations. The Index of Current Conditions fell 9 points in March to 134, while the Index of Future Expectations dropped by 4 points to 135. The barometer and both sub-indices are based on a monthly survey of 400 U.S. agricultural producers.

On the March survey, producers expressed both concern and uncertainty surrounding trade. Nearly half (47 percent) of respondents said that a trade war negatively impacting agricultural exports was somewhat likely, compared with just 28 percent who thought it was unlikely. The remaining 25 percent indicated uncertainty with a neutral rating.

Producers also were asked about the likelihood of a U.S. withdrawal from the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). More than one-third expressed uncertainty, while 28 percent expected the U.S. to remain in NAFTA and 34 percent said they expect the U.S. to exit the agreement.

"Interestingly, when comparing results from the two trade questions, a larger share of respondents reported a significant decline in agricultural exports from a trade war was more likely than the U.S. withdrawing from NAFTA," said James Mintert, director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture and principal investigator on the barometer project. "These results are important for two

reasons. First, nearly half of producers rated the risk of a trade war as at least somewhat likely. Second, producers' concerns about risks to agricultural trade are broader than just the ongoing NAFTA situation."

The March survey also asked producers whether they thought now was a good time to make large farm investments, such as machinery or buildings. At 68 percent, the portion of producers indicating now is a bad time to make large investments is the highest level observed since May 2017. Mintert said this could be related to the trade situation.

"Concerns about agricultural exports, especially as they relate to Chinese tariffs on U.S. ag products, could be one reason why fewer producers said now is a good time to make large farm investments," he said.

Read the full March Ag Economy Barometer report 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: AGECBARO, AGECCURC and AGECFTEX.

## Fishing in Indiana this year

Indiana's four free days of fishing, this year, are April 21, May 19 and June 2-3, 2018. Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters on Free Fishing Days.

On all other days, only youth (age 17 and younger) and a few other special anglers are exempt from the license requirement.

If you enjoyed the Free Fishing Days, you can purchase an annual license at [www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/9339.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/9339.htm) (license year is April 1 to March 31 of the following year).



# 4-H NEWS

By Stacy Brown

Martin County Purdue Extension Educator



Horse and Pony Horsemanship and Ranch Riding Clinic

The Martin County Horse and Pony Club, The Rough Riders, will be hosting a clinic on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. David Davis will be teaching horsemanship skills and ranch riding. The clinic will include lunch and costs \$15 per horse. There is a \$5 discount if you clean your stalls. You must provide your own horse. The clinic will take place at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. No pre-registration is required.

#### 4-H Camp

It's time to start thinking about 4-H Camp. This year's camp will be held in Santa Claus from June 11 through 13. The theme this year is Around the World. We'll also include the Olympics within the theme. 4-H Camp is a great trip that teaches STEM, leadership, independence, and teamwork. It builds self-confidence and kids get the chance to meet other kids from surrounding counties.

Camp is open to all active 4-Hers in grades 3-6. Applications were mailed out along with more information about camp. If you did not receive yours, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412.

#### YQCA Training Dates

If you are showing livestock at the fair, you should have received information on YQCA in the mail. YQCA is the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training. Any 4-H member taking a livestock project (beef, dairy, sheep, goats, swine, rabbit, and poultry) must take this training before May 15. While this is a new statewide requirement, it should not be viewed as just another rule, but rather as an important educational opportunity for 4-H livestock members. Making this a statewide exhibition requirement is how Indiana 4-H ensures that 4-H members learn about quality assurance, but it really has nothing to do with animal exhibition. The reason for requiring YQCA is for youth to learn best management practices with their animals.

The final training in Martin County is April 16 at 6 p.m. at the fairgrounds, however other trainings are available at

neighboring counties. For a complete list, please call the Extension Office at 812-295-2412. The training takes one hour and is \$3 per 4-Her. To do the training online, you must pay a fee of \$12 per 4-Her. Information on how to register will be in the mailing that was sent. If you did not receive the mailing, please call the Extension Office.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life, Become a 4-H Volunteer

Becoming a 4-H volunteer is easy, just phone the Extension Office at 812-295-2412 and ask for the appropriate forms to be mailed to you. Once we get all of the forms back and conduct a brief interview, you're finished. Being a volunteer with 4-H means you get the chance to help Martin County youth learn leadership and life skills through project completion, camps, workshops, and educational outreach programs.

#### Livestock Weigh-In Dates

The 2018 livestock weigh-in dates have been finalized. All 4-Hers participating in cattle, sheep, goats, and/or poultry will receive information and registration forms in the mail soon. Please have all of this information filled out before coming to the weigh-ins. This year DNA hair samples will be required from cattle going to the Indiana State Fair. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Sheep & Goat Weigh-in: Saturday, May 5 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Swine Weigh-in: Saturday, May 12 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

Poultry Blood Testing: Saturday, June 9 at the fairgrounds 9-11 a.m.

#### Upcoming Events

4-H Council Meeting: April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building

Shooting Sports Meetings: April 9 and April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Community Building

Horse & Pony Meetings: Every third Monday of the month at the fairgrounds.

Jolly Jug Rox Meetings: April 2, April 16, May 1, May 22, June 11, June 26 all at 6 p.m. at Hindostan Church

Junior Leaders Meetings: April 22 at 5 p.m. (bingo at senior housing following).

## Study: U.S. soybean production, exports would fall if China imposes tariffs

BY DARRIN PACK

Purdue University News Service

Chinese soybean imports from the U.S. could drop by as much 71 percent if China were to impose trade restrictions on U.S. soybeans in response to U.S. tariffs on Chinese products, according to a study for the U.S. Soybean Export Council conducted by Purdue University agricultural economists Wally Tyner and Farzad Taheripour.

Using an advanced version of the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) model developed at Purdue, Taheripour and Tyner projected the outcome of several prospective scenarios in which the Chinese government were to adopt tariffs ranging from 10 to 30 percent on U.S. soybeans. China is the world's largest soybean importer, buying 93 million metric tons of soybeans in 2016, mostly from Brazil, the U.S. and Argentina. Nearly two-thirds of all U.S. soybean exports - 62 percent - go to China.

Currently, the soybean trade is relatively unrestricted by tariffs or other border measures, Tyner said, but that could change if the Chinese decided to

retaliate for tougher U.S. trade policies targeted at China.

The analysis by Taheripour and Tyner produced a wide range of results under different assumptions of protection rates, model parameters, and product coverage. Their best estimates of possible impacts of Chinese tariffs on soybean imports from U.S. show that if the Chinese were to adopt a 10 percent tariff on U.S. soybeans, U.S. exports to that country could fall by a third - 33 percent. Total U.S. soybean exports could decline by 18 percent, and total U.S. soybean production could drop by 8 percent, the study showed.

In a scenario where China imposed a 30 percent tariff, Chinese imports of U.S. soybeans could drop by 71 percent, total U.S. soybean exports could fall by 40 percent, and total U.S. soybean production could decrease by 17 percent.

Taheripour said Chinese tariffs could sharply decrease the producer price of U.S. soybeans in the short term while over a few years prices would fall by 2 and 5 percent under the respective 10 and 30 percent tariff scenarios.



Nobody is short of moisture. I look forward to just having firm footing again. When you can't walk across the yard without splashing water up on you, it's wet.

The livestock are also getting tired of the wet conditions and continuous showers. I've had several calls from people looking for hay. This is a really bad time to be running out. The latest call was someone who had just fed their last bales and did not want to turn out on pasture yet until they had enough forage growth. That is exactly what I like to hear. If you turn out too early, the grass never gets much of a chance to get good leaf cover. Grazing too early in the spring does nothing but remove that solar panel the plants need to start building sugar and growing new roots. The forages really need to be able to canopy and get a good start before animals begin removing the top growth otherwise production will be reduced.

It is still better to find and feed poor hay and supplement it to meet nutritional needs than to start grazing too early, especially when it is wet. Soybean hulls or corn gluten can make good supplemental feed. Neither seems to drop the pH of the rumen as much as starchy grain. This is important, because if you are going to be relying on forages and rumen pH is too low, it kills off enzyme-producing flora needed to break down the cellulose in forages.

Back to the wetness factor. Fields that were grazed down tight last fall or over winter as stockpiled forage will not have adequate standing dry matter or fiber available and are not the best fields to start grazing early anyway. If there is little or no above-ground plant growth or residual, then there is not going to be a lot of root mass below the surface, especially if those forages were kept short for long periods of time. This scenario, combined with extremely wet conditions, is a quick way to totally pug up and severely damage a field, making it look like it has been plowed with hooves. Grazing too early and under wet conditions reduces desirable plant populations, creates compaction, and opens up the soil for erosion by reducing soil cover, which provides opportunities for numerous weeds and warmer, less productive soils. It is just better to wait for good grazing conditions.

Those fields grazed short last fall will also lack sufficient fiber to go with all the washy high-water, high-protein forage that will come on with first growth. All ruminant livestock need to balance the carbon-nitrogen ratio in their rumen to maintain that mat. If they don't, then they will not perform the way you want them to and have less gain and less milk production. The plants just go through their system faster than they can effectively utilize it. You know what means--don't stand too close behind those cows! You've heard me say that several times before. If you don't believe me, well, I'll let you test that.

If you would look at the manure consistency during that time period, it could be very thin, almost watery, not that pudding consistency that is ideal for the rumen.

Fields that do not have adequate dry matter to go along with lush new growth will need to be supplemented to keep the animals in balance. This is a good time to put out some low-quality hay, baled corn stalks or even straw because if they need it, they will eat it.

I hope you have been able to keep at least one or two fields with some stock-

pile forage for early spring use. Stockpiled forages left from the previous season mixed with that new growth grass makes for a nicely balanced sward for grazing in the spring and a really nice place to calve. There is little to no mud, and good quality, balanced forage to eat. If you have never tried it, you will wonder why you haven't been doing it.

These rains will eventually provide some really nice pasture. Just remember, don't get in too big of a hurry to start grazing. I know, it takes about all the patience you can muster up. Ideally, forages should be at least 6 to 10 inches tall before grazing begins. You will not want to remove too much and leave at least 4 to 5 inches to keep that solar panel active and the plant growing, especially for most cool-season grasses, such as orchardgrass and tall fescue. That stop-grazing height is the shortest forage in the field, not the tallest left behind. This is the time of year when you just need to keep moving forward once you start grazing. Generally, the faster the grass is growing, the faster the cows should be moving forward. This helps to keep the forages under control. As the forage growth starts slowing down, then the rotation should also slow down which will allow for longer rest periods before being grazed again.

It will soon seem like you have more forage than you can use at the moment, but resist the urge to cut too much for hay. Long wet springs often are followed by hot, dry summers. The more forage residual left behind, the more drought resistant the pasture will be. I know it sounds a bit crazy talking about droughts when you're standing in water, but it has happened, and very well could again and it's best to be prepared. Besides, do you need all the hay that you produce? Pasture yields, when managed well, can actually out-yield hay fields with the same fertility. Why? Because you are leaving adequate live plant residual (green leaf) behind to grow back quicker and induce some more tillering. Haying also promotes less diversity and increased diversity usually means increased yield and over a greater period of time.

I recommend stopping to think about how many days you are relying on hay in your operation. I've heard Jim Gerish say numerous times; paraphrasing him, "Winter feed costs are the main expense for most cow-calf producers...period." "We feed hay to the extent that we make hay." "Cow producers in Michigan, Missouri and Mississippi all feed hay for about 130 days a year." It would pay us all to seriously think about how much we feed. Do the higher livestock numbers pay for all of the extra inputs required to keep them? Could you make more with less; that is something to pencil out on one of these rainy days. I would encourage you to shoot for 60 days and no more than 90. It is possible, with some planning, to accomplish it with less also.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Stock Dog Workshops - April 27, 28, and 29, 2018 - For more information contact Denice Rackley at denice.r@lycos.com or 605-842-6321. Special Free Demonstration - April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2 pm, Switzerland County.

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/>