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Six young ladies are seeking the title of Miss Martin County at this year's Martin County 4-H Fair. From left to right are Kristin Norris, Kendra Troutman, Heather Harshaw, Megan Hawkins, Mallory Berry, and Katie Sims. The queen contest will be held Friday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the free stage on the fairgrounds.

Six vie for Miss Martin County title as fair starts next Friday

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The 2018 Martin County 4-H Fair will start next Friday, July 13 and end on Tuesday, July 17. The official fair may not start until next week however this Saturday, July 7, the ag tractor driving contest will be held on the fairground at 9 a.m.

On Friday, July 13 the community building will be open to the public starting at 5 p.m. Also, at 5 p.m., the Color Me Green Run, sponsored by the Martin County Jr. Leaders, will begin. From 5-7 p.m., you can sign up for silent auction items. From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., amusement rides will be held on the fairway. The queen contest will take place on the free stage at 6:30 p.m. and then the antique tractor pulls will start in the grandstand area at 7 p.m. The cost for general admission to the tractor pulls is \$5 with children under five being free. Pit passes are \$10. For more information, contact Dan Wagler at 812-617-5286.

Starting on Saturday, July 14, the community building will be open to the public and the beef show will start in the livestock arena. At 11 a.m., a robotics demonstration will be held on the free stage. At 1 p.m. the rabbit show will begin in the livestock arena and at 4 p.m. a lawn tractor driving contest will be held. From 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, bids will be accepted for silent auction items. From 6-10 p.m. amusement rides will be set up in the fairway. The sheep show will start in the livestock arena at 7 p.m. and also at 7 p.m., the farm tractor and truck pulls will be held in the grandstand area. The cost for general admission to the tractor and truck pulls is \$5 with children under five being free. Pit passes are \$10. For

more information, contact Dan Wagler at 812-617-5286.

On Sunday, July 15, the community building will be open to the public at noon. At 1 p.m. Farm Bureau games will be set up in the livestock area. At 2 p.m. is the poultry show and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. a health fair will be held. At 3 p.m., a robotics demonstration will again be held on the free stage and the registration for the kiddie tractor pull will begin. The kiddie tractor pull, sponsored by the Martin County Jr. Leaders, will start at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. on Sunday, the goat show will be held in the livestock arena. From 5-7 p.m., bids can be put in for silent auction items and from 6-10 p.m. amusement rides will again be open. The baby show will be held on the free stage at 6 p.m.

On Monday, July 16, the day begins with the horse and pony show in the horse arena at 8 a.m. At 5 p.m. the community building will be open to the public. Also at 5 p.m., the cookie stacking and watermelon seed spitting contests, sponsored by the Martin County Jr. Leaders will begin. From 5-7 p.m., bidders can once again sign up for silent auction items. At 6 p.m. the swine show will be held in the livestock arena and from 6-8 p.m. caricature drawings will be offered on the fairway. From 6-10 p.m. the amusement rides will be open.

The final day of the fair, Tuesday, July 17, the community building will be open to the public starting at 5 p.m. Silent auction items can be bid on from 5-6:30 p.m. and the winners will be announced in the livestock arena at 6:45 p.m. The supreme showmanship will take place in the livestock arena at 5:30 p.m. followed by the livestock auction in the arena at 7 p.m. Projects will be released between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Highway department has new pavement problems

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett presented several road issues to the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night, July 3. First, Padgett showed photos of damage done to the newly paved Butler Bridge Road. They suspect a driver did a "burnout" on the road, tearing into the pavement. The commissioners gave Padgett the okay to make repairs.

The second set of damages happened on newly-paved 250 North and 100 South. Local companies caused the damage due to 100 South being the detour from Hwy. 50 when road construction was taking place in Montgomery recently. The cost of repairs is \$14,580. Padgett asked the commissioners if they wanted him to go forward with the repairs while waiting for the drivers' insurance company to send a claim. The commissioners agreed and voted to have E&B Paving make the repairs for the stated amount.

Padgett also talked to the commissioners about drivers trying to go around their paving equipment. He said that despite having up "road closed ahead" signs, drivers are trying

to get past the paver anyway and getting stuck in the ditches. His crew will be starting on Mt. Calvary Road on Monday and he asked the commissioners for suggestions on how to close the area to traffic. The crew will be paving from the Loogootee City limits to Reinhart Road. The commissioner suggested the highway department do the road in as many sections as possible and close the road for each section, allowing, whenever possible for detours through the Brickyard Road and Bellgrade areas. It was also suggested that the highway department and sheriff's department alert drivers on their facebook pages.

Courtney Hughett, representing the Martin County Humane Society, presented the animal shelter's quarterly report for April through June. The shelter took in 96 dogs and cats in that three months and adopted out 54. 19 of the dogs taken in are on hold due to an investigation. Eight dogs and cats were claimed by their owners as well and one cat was trapped/neutered and released. The shelter spent \$6,245.74 in vet bills for shelter and public animals and \$1,179.42 for utilities, trash removal, phone and internet, water and gas.

County council gets inmate update, talks about animal shelter

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council met Monday, July 2. All council members were present for the meeting.

Sheriff Travis Roush told the council that he currently has 68 inmates in the jail with 15 of them from Vigo County. He also reported that he has received \$66,000, to date, for housing out-of-county inmates.

The council approved Pat Hale-Dorrell and Carolyn Parsons-Downey as their appointments to the Loogootee Public Library Board.

Courtney Hughett, with the Martin County Humane Society, gave the animal shelter's quarterly report. She also told the council about the shelter's plan to hire part-time staff to help out depending on what kind of funding the county and City of Loogootee are able to provide. She informed them of the conversation she had with the Martin County Commissioners at their meeting a few weeks back. The money to the animal shelter comes out of the commissioners' budget.

Hughett said that the county already gives the animal shelter \$5,500 a year but that goes toward vet bills and operating expenses.

The council agreed that paid staff members were needed at the shelter and said they would do what they could to help once budget hearings rolled around in September.

Council Member Buck Stiles asked Hughett how many residents the shel-

ter has helped with spaying and neutering. Hughett replied that she didn't have the grand total however each quarterly report lists that number. The last three months the shelter helped fix
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Fireworks-related accident in Shoals

The Martin County Sheriff's Office investigated a fireworks-related accident on Saturday morning in Shoals.

On June 30 at 11:33 a.m., the Martin County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of a fireworks accident, which occurred on Mill Road, near Shoals. The caller stated the injured subject was transported in a black passenger car to the parking lot of RJ's Convenience Store. Sergeant Keith Keller was in Shoals and immediately responded.

Sergeant Keller and units from the Shoals Volunteer Fire Department arrived within two minutes. After Sergeant Keller observed the extent of the subject's hand injury, he immediately requested the assistance of Air Evac. The subject was identified as John M. Osborne, 49, of Loogootee.

Martin County EMS arrived on scene and transported Osborne to a landing zone in Shoals. Air Evac transported Osborne to the University of Louisville Hospital. Osborne's condition wasn't known at the time of this release.

Responding agencies were: Martin County Sheriff's Office, Shoals Volunteer Fire Department, Martin County EMS, and Air Evac.

How to help pets beat the heat COUNCIL

BY AMY PATTERSON NEUBERT
Purdue University News Service

As the summer heat intensifies, pet owners need to think from nose to paws when keeping their pets cool and well hydrated, especially if the dog or cat is overweight, elderly or a specific breed, says a Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine expert.

“There are some breeds, such as short-nosed pugs or Persian cats, that are not able to pant or breathe well in the heat,” says Dr. Lori Corriveau, pet wellness veterinarian in the college’s Small Animal Community Practice. “When an animal is overheated they excessively pant or drool because they cannot sweat like humans. Their nose structures, as well as age or being overweight, can make it more challenging for the animal to cool off naturally.”

Signs of overheating include the animal looking droopy, struggling to breathe, showing signs of weakness or

dizziness or collapsing. More severe symptoms can include seizures, bloody diarrhea or vomiting. If an animal appears to be overheated, provide them cool, not cold water, as well as a fan to circulate air, Corriveau says. If the symptoms are more severe, then a veterinarian needs to see the animal.

Other tips from Corriveau for pets in the heat:

- * Shade and water is a must for any outdoor pet. The water should be in a sturdy container to prevent spills.

- * Cars are too hot, even if the windows are down.

- * Exercise dogs in the morning or at night when temperatures are cooler.

- * Use your hand to test the heat of the sidewalk or asphalt. Without shoes, pets’ paw pads can blister. If the dog has to be outside, there are booties or shoes available.

- * Exotics, especially chinchilla and guinea pigs, are very sensitive to heat. Provide extra water and a fan.

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13 cats and six dogs. Stiles then asked if the shelter pays for the whole cost of the spay or neuter. Hughett replied that with vouchers, that is usually the case however some pay for part of the expense, depending on their financial ability.

The council members also asked how much the shelter thought they would need to hire staff to help out with daily tasks. Hughett replied that she was not sure since it’s never been done before. She noted that if they get funding, they will use it for that purpose only and if money is left over, they will notify the county before the next budget year. She said it’s much like the animal control officer position which was new to the sheriff’s department last year. Sheriff Roush started it as a pilot program and was unsure how many hours animal control would put in.

Council Member Stiles asked Sheriff Roush how much he has spent on the position. Sheriff Roush replied that so

far this year, it was roughly \$2,600. He noted that some weeks his animal control officer may have very few calls and other weeks the ACO can be on dozens of calls. Roush said with it being a pilot program, it is still very new, so he is requesting \$10,000 in his budget next year for the position, the same as this year. The animal control officer started in April of 2017 and is required to be part-time.

The council told Hughett they will do what they can for the animal shelter at budget hearings in September. Budget hearings will be held September 10 and 11 at 8:30 a.m.

The council will hold their regular monthly meeting prior to the start of budget hearings on September 10.

Mark Franklin, representing Coroner Tina Franklin, told the council that due to only having \$6,000 for this year in his autopsy fund, he will be making an additional appropriation request at next month’s meeting to cover the remainder of the year.

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MARK TAYLOR

Mark Anthony Taylor passed away Saturday, June 30, 2018. A resident of Loogootee, he was 48.

He was born on December 25, 1969 in Washington; son of Kenneth and Ruth (Lengacher) Taylor. He enjoyed playing guitar and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his son, Casey (Allyssa) Taylor of Loogootee; sister, Sheila (Spencer) Gingerich of Washington; four grandchildren, Dayson Taylor, Bladyn Taylor, Emberlyn Taylor and Fallyn Taylor.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Dorothy Taylor and Elmer and Emma Lengacher.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 5 at the First Assembly of God Church, 320 South Meridian Street, Washington, Indiana 47501, with Pastor Michael Anderson officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the First Assembly of God Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.edleemortuary.com.

JERRY BUSSINGER

Jerry E. Bussinger, 75, of Loogootee, passed away at 6 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at his home. A resident of Loogootee, he was 75.

He was born October 25, 1942, in Loogootee; son of the late Eugene "Gene" and Lola (Melvin) Bussinger.

He is survived by his wife, Mary (Crays) Bussinger of Loogootee; sons, Daniel Bussinger and Jerry (Starlla) Bussinger, both of Loogootee; grandchildren, Moriah and Sarah Bussinger; siblings, Barb Wilkins of Martinsville and Mary Jean Chestnut of Greenwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Lola Bussinger; sib-

lings, Bill Bussinger, Betty Bussinger and Lucy Lagle.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, July 6 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial will follow in Goodwill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 6 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contribution may be made to Blake Funeral Home.

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

GENEVA MEADOR

Geneva Joyce (Atchley) Meador passed away at her home on the evening of June 30, 2018. A resident of Shoals, she was 89.



She was born March 1, 1929 in Oak Grove, Arkansas; daughter of Raymon and Bessie (Minick) Atchley. She married L.F. Meador on August 6, 1950 in Green Forest, Arkansas and he survives.

She was a teacher in Trinity Springs, a substitute teacher for Shoals Community Schools and in her later years, was a homemaker. She was the founder of the Shoals Baptist Church where she served as church pianist. She was also a charter member of the 1st Baptist Church in Jasper.

Survivors include, her husband, one son, Raymon Meador and wife, Kathy, of Milltown; one daughter, Betty Lindauer and husband, Jeff, of Jasper; one brother, Norman Glen Atchley of Fayetteville, Arkansas; one sister, Ramona Nance of Green Forest, Arkansas; six grandchildren, Robert (Ashley) Stevens, Angela (Chad) Vogler, Shane Leinenbach, Justin (Courtney) Leinenbach, Raymon (Ashlee) Meador Jr and Nicole (Dusty) Arney; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 6 at Faith Baptist Church in Loogootee with Pastor Jim Lilly officiating. Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals. Services will be conducted at the Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church in Oak Grove, Arkansas. Burial will be in the Glenwood Cemetery in Green Forest Arkansas. The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes are in charge of arrangements.

ELSIE JACKSON

Elsie Mae (McKibben) Jackson passed away at 7:40 a.m. June 27, 2018 at the Franciscan Health Center in Indianapolis. Formerly of Shoals, she was 92. She was born May 28, 1926 in Shoals; daughter of James C. and Sara (Springer) McKibben. She was raised by her step-mother, Violet Patterson.

She attended Martin County Schools and The Beauty College of Indianapolis, was a supervisor for Link Belt in Indianapolis and was employed by Crane Naval Depot and RCA. She attended the United Brethren and Methodist Church.

Surviving relatives are, a son, Cosmas A. (Dianna) Raimondi of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Laura (Scott) Baker of Greenfield, Teresa (Brent)

Lawson of Greenfield, Jessie Raimondi of Indianapolis, Doran Santacrocce of Dublin, Ohio; Anna Mundy of Terre Haute, Lisa (Walter) Brown of Indianapolis and Charles R. (Kathy) Kidwell of Mitchell; 13 great-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews also survive.

She is preceded in death by her parents, step mother, two sons, Gerald R. Kidwell and James F. Raimondi; brothers, George McKibben and Charles McKibben; half-brother, Gary Peach and two grandsons, Frank Raimondi and Roger Kidwell.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 7 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with burial in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Visitation will be noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home.

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

BETTY HENDRICKS

Betty Ann Hendricks passed away Monday, June 25, 2018 at Wellbrooke of Westfield. A resident of Loogootee, she was 87.

She was born in Attica on November 12, 1930; daughter of Kenneth and Audra (Powell) McConkey.

Betty Ann was an assistant vice president for Forum Credit Union, in the Indianapolis area, for many years. At age 40, she returned to school and earned her teaching degree from Butler University and was a substitute teacher for a few years. She was a former member of University Park Christian Church in Indianapolis, and enjoyed scrapbooking, games, cards, arts and crafts and sewing. She was a huge sports fan and

loved watching sports on TV.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandy Eisenhut; son, Greg Hendricks; and three grandchildren, Dylan Eisenhut, Jackson Hendricks and Cody Kester.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Ronald G. McConkey, who passed away in 2014.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity.

The family has entrusted cremation to Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, Noblesville-Fishers.

Mega close-up photos featured in new Outdoor Indiana magazine

Outdoor Indiana magazine's July-August issue features a cover photo essay on macrophotography, the art of taking photos extremely close to the subject and includes tips for those who want to try it. The cover photo is an extreme close-up of purple coneflower taken at Prophetstown State Park.

Other feature subjects include the Buffalo Trace, an ancient highway American bison took through southern Indiana, and the Miami Indians' historic account of the Battle of Mississinewa during the War of 1812.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, JUNE 25

7:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Captain Dant responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:09 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:55 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out east of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

11:06 a.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Captain Dant, Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Lents, and ISP Qualkenbush responded.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

12:40 p.m. - Captain Dant performed a vehicle identification check near Loogootee.

1:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

12:25 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking on US 150, east of Shoals. Deputy Reed and ISP Trooper McBeth responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was available for Loogootee Fire, so Shoals Fire responded for assistance. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:30 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:22 p.m. - Received a report of a tree falling on a house in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Martin

County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

12:35 p.m. - Received a report of a stalled semi on US 50, west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Captain Dant, ISP Trooper Qualkenbush, and Shoals Fire responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of power lines down and sparking near Hindostan. Shoals Fire responded.

12:50 p.m. - Received a report of power lines down on Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Shoals Fire responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:00 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to court.

1:14 p.m. - Received a report of trees across US 231, south of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller and INDOT responded.

1:17 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:23 p.m. - Received a report of trees down near Shoals. Martin County Highway responded.

1:33 p.m. - Received a report of trees down in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received a report of trees down in Shoals. Sheriff Roush responded.

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of trees down on SR 550 near Lacey. Shoals Fire, Chief Deputy Greene, and ISP units responded.

1:51 p.m. - Received a report of trees down on Witt Road. Martin County Highway responded.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a report of property damage in Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Sherfick School Road. Martin County Highway responded.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee on US 231. Sergeant Keller responded.

3:47 p.m. - Received a report of a

tree down on SR 450, north of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

4:47 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on McBride's Bluff Road. Shoals Fire responded.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on Haw Creek Road. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:28 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across SR 150. Shoals Fire responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of kids playing in the road north of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

12:28 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Keller responded.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across US 50, west of Shoals. Captain Dant, ISP Trooper Qualkenbush, and Shoals Fire responded.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

9:55 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:35 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Captain Dant responded.

2:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:47 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Reed responded.

10:00 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

10:21 p.m. - Received a report of an odor of gas in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

11:34 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Shoals. Deputy Reed, Deputy Wright, Town Marshal Eckert, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire responded.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

9:50 a.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

12:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:52 p.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

2:28 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

2:39 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

3:15 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:10 p.m. - Received a report of a structure fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire, Lost River Fire, Martin County Civil Defense, Deputy Shinn, ISP Trooper Johnson, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

2:33 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Crane. Deputy Wright, Loogootee Officer Floyd, and two Greene County deputies responded.

4:00 a.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

5:27 a.m. - Received a report that the structure fire east of Shoals, from earlier, had rekindled. Shoals Fire responded.

7:20 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a fire alarm call in Shoals. Shoals Fire responded, and all was okay.

12:56 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

1:48 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, north of Loogootee. ISP Trooper responded and stopped the vehicle.

2:52 p.m. - Deputy Shinn assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

4:43 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:23 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

3:12 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright responded.

11:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Air Evac responded. The subject was transported to U of L Hospital in Louisville.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on SR 150, east of Shoals. Sergeant Keller, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

3:52 p.m. - Received a report that a building had fallen in the roadway near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Deputy Shinn responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee First responders, and Coroner Franklin responded.

9:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to IU Health in Bedford.

10:14 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident east of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

10:17 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

ARRESTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

3:45 p.m. - Diana Schutte, a 55, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated refusal and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. She is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Captain Dant, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, and ISP Trooper Qualkenbush.

9:20 p.m. - Charles Chadd II, 39, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Reed on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

12:38 a.m. - James Sears, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Town Marshal Eckert and charged with public intoxication and disorderly conduct and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Reed, Deputy Wright, and Loogootee Officer Floyd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

5:13 p.m. - Matthew Parola, 30, of Linton, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents for possession of meth, possession of marijuana, possession of para-

phernalia, and operating while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Keller and ISP Trooper Sexton.

6:05 p.m. - Dane Bolin, 30, of Lyons, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents and charged with possession of meth, possession of marijuana, and obstruction of justice. He is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest were Sergeant Keller and ISP Trooper Sexton.

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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 May 30

Justin M. Franklin, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Arlin R. Stoll, 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.

Danny R. Bruner, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Anthony S. Wilson, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

Amanda S. Wilson, domestic battery, a Class 6 Felony.

May 31

Matthew G. Baxter, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 5

Tracy M. French, driving while suspended, 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.

June 6

Amanda S. Wilson, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Anthony S. Wilson, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 7

Matthew R. Evans, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 11

Joseph J. Monsewicz, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Andrew W. Lyon, four counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors.

Steven S. Craig, domestic battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Class 6 Felony; domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Miles N. Holler, possession of a narcotic drug, a Class 6 Felony; unlawful possession of a syringe, a Class 6 Felony.

June 13

Bridget J. Adams, 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; leaving the scene of an accident, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Robert C. McIntyre, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Bridget J. Adams, possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony; 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; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 15

James R. Honeycutt, counterfeiting, a Class 6 Felony.

June 19

Adam S. Salmon, possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony.

Dustin A. Cramer, unlawful possession or use of a legend drug, a Class 6 Felony; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 22

Cecil E. Canady, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 25

Atalaya A. Cartegena, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Christopher C. Hupp, two counts of burglary, Class 4 Felonies.

Charles C. Jones, dealing in marijuana, a Class 6 Felony; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

May 22

Stacy L. Fields, convicted of possession of methamphetamine, a Class 6 Felony, amended from a Class 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 479 days suspended and credit for 34 actual days previously served plus 34 Class A credit days. Defendant received 14 months of probation.

Lee H. Sorrells, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 365 days suspended and credit for 20 actual days previously served plus 20 Class A credit days. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

May 31

Joshua A. Cave, convicted of false informing, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 213 days suspended and credit for 76 actual days previously served plus 76 Class A credit days. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 22

Stacy L. Fields, neglect of a dependent, a Class 5 Felony, dismissed; maintaining a common nuisance – controlled substances, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Lee H. Sorrells, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

May 31

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

June 5

Heather A. Fox, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

June 20

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Chelsey Fisher, civil collection.

June 21

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Amanda Campbell, civil collection.

Progressive Paloverde Insurance Company vs. Patricia A. Jones, civil tort.

June 25

Second Round Sub, LLC vs. Staci Morrow, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

May 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midland Funding, LLC and against the defendant Thomas Truelove in the amount of \$2,867.72.

June 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff U.S. Bank National Association and against the defendants Ann L. Bleemel and Anna

N. Rees for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$50,938.83.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Melissa Godrey in the amount of \$18,418.59.

June 19

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Personal Finance Company and against the defendant Matthew Phillips in the amount of \$1,948.04.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 20

White River Cooperative vs. Jesse W. Mahan, complaint.

White River Cooperative vs. Michael A. Beasley, complaint.

White River Cooperative vs. Anthony A. Amick, complaint.

White River Cooperative vs. Roy W. Cullison, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

June 6

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Harold P. Byer in the amount of

\$1,217.54.

June 7

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Krista D. Fields in the amount of \$1,013.34.

June 25

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant Mark Bechtold in the amount of \$3,547.38.

June 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Deanna Bauernfiend and against the defendant Jacob Wade in the amount of \$1,001.19.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 18

Mark O. Roach of Loogootee and Martha R. Weaver of Loogootee.

Joseph M. Qualkenbush of Shoals and Cynthia B. Stalker of Shoals.

June 21

Kimberly Ann Twigg of Loogootee and Russell Eugene Cook II of Loogootee.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JUNE 25

2:29 a.m. - Caller advised of possible drug activity.

7:30 a.m. - Female reported a theft from her vehicle.

8:10 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

3:15 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint on East Broadway Street.

8:15 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26

10:30 a.m. - Caller reported a loose dog at McDonalds.

12:22 p.m. - Female reported a tree limb struck her residence.

12:50 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a tree across the road on US 231.

3:53 p.m. - Caller reported a wounded deer on US 231.

8:33 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

7:15 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted a motorist.

8:45 a.m. - Female caller reported being harassed by another female.

2:05 p.m. - Male caller reported a theft.

2:47 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231. Chief Rayhill located the driver.

5:32 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Queen Street.

8:07 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Wood Street.

10:02 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on Park Street.

10:21 p.m. - Male reported a leaking tank at the Co-Op.

11:04 p.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

11:05 a.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

2:15 p.m. - Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm.

5:16 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on JFK Avenue.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported an unknown vehicle on her property.

10:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

2:33 a.m. - Officer Floyd assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

4:00 a.m. - First responders were requested on John Street for a medical call.

12:56 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless

driver on US 231.

2:41 p.m. - Female reported a civil complaint.

6:42 p.m. - First responders were requested on Mt. Calvary Road for a medical call.

8:05 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

10:34 a.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

4:06 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

5:55 p.m. - Caller reported an unresponsive male on Fairview Street.

9:42 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

11:05 p.m. - Male reported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 50.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

10:17 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

3:34 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

5:08 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at Los Bravos.

8:51 p.m. - Female reported a violation of a protective order.

The Martin County Highway Department is now taking bids for hot mix for the 2019 season.

Bids should include separate estimates for the following projects:

- GRADED RD from Mt Olive Rd intersection to Saw Mill Rd
- GOODWILL CEMETERY RD from Hwy 231N to Fairview St
- MOUNT PLEASANT RD / BROOKS HOUSE RD from Hwy 550 to 231S.
- 800N from 231N to the Martin/Daviess County line

Deadline to submit sealed bids is July 13, 2018 at 4 p.m in the Auditor's Office.

For questions please call the Martin County Highway Department 812-247-2666.

More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



Morris and his wife, Esther, went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter."

Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is fifty dollars, and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

One year, Esther and Morris went to the fair and Morris said, "Esther, I'm eighty-five years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter ride is fifty dollars and fifty dollars is fifty dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But if you say one word, it's fifty dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, fifty dollars is fifty dollars!"

because then the word "premeditated" gets thrown around in the courtroom.

*My daughter wanted a Cinderella-themed party, so I invited all her friends over and made them clean my house.

*My secret talent is getting tired without doing anything.

*flawsome (adj.) an individual who embraces their flaws and knows they're awesome regardless.

*The road to success is always under construction. [Lily Tomlin]

ANSWERS TO RIDDLES

1. One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter.
2. Same middle name.
3. A Ginger Snap.
4. He tractor down.
5. The one with the tiger behind it, because if it hasn't eaten in 7 years it's dead.
6. A hot diggity dog!

Make someone smile today!



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 martin-countyvs2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of June, the veteran service officer assisted six veterans and had two meetings. The veterans' van took five trips transporting five 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 Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave the recycling center earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Food pantry hours

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

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Karen at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Tourism meetings

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

Solid waste board

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

Soil and Water meetings

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

Attention Senior Citizens

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

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There is a current need for CASS Instructors for both

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Applicants may submit resume & references to:
CASS @ MCCC, 211 SE 1st Street, Loogootee, IN 47553
or E-mail: amoney@martincounty.in.gov

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Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

I certainly didn't expect the blessed amount of rain that has fallen on most of Indiana in the last month. In some areas, the amount could be considered more of a curse than blessing, especially on cropland. It certainly has made making dry hay a challenge. I am still happy to have the moisture.

My pasture was getting fairly dry before the rains started; dry enough that growth was slowing down. I had already slowed down the speed of the livestock to allow a little extra rest and now I have picked up momentum again. I'm delighted to see good re-growth of forage in paddocks not far behind where livestock had just been.

With more vegetation now and new growth still coming, it is not hard to maintain excellent cover and let the

livestock take the best and leave and/or trample the rest. Measured soil temperatures under these conditions have been very good, usually in the upper 70's at two inches of depth. This amazes me, especially with some of the extremely hot weather we have had lately. This temperature is very important. At soil temperatures in the 70's, 100% of moisture is usable for plant growth. Highly disturbed pastures or overgrazed thin pastures usually have higher soil temperatures. If those temperatures reach 95-100 degrees, only about 15% of the moisture is now able to be utilized for plant growth, the rest is lost through evaporation and transpiration. It is not difficult to maintain cover and optimize all the vegetative growth and production we can get; just don't get

behind the eight ball.

Just a side note, cooler soil temperatures are enjoyed by the grazing livestock too. Some people get pretty serious about having shade for animals during hot weather. Shade certainly has benefits, especially when temperatures and humidity are both over 85. But, a cool water source close at hand and cool soil that's being maintained by good ground cover also plays a very important part. Animals in pastures with good forage, cool soils and cool water at hand tend to lay down in the field more and don't seek shade as much, even when available. The ground can be very cooling. Grazing livestock like water that ranges from about 37 degrees to 65 degrees. Doesn't that sound like temperatures two legged critters like too? Most spring, well, and even a lot of municipal water is around 50-54 degrees.

By maintaining ground cover and the vegetative solar panel, with adequate moisture, production should be very good with the only other two main contributing factors being fertility and management. If grazing livestock are managed where they are moved to fresh forage on a regular basis and not allowed to continuously graze or take multiple bites on the same plant before being moved forward, maintaining cover is not difficult at all. They don't have to be moved everyday, but the more often they are given new fresh forage, the more content they will be and also the less likely they will overgraze individual plants.

I'm a huge fan of utilizing long, fairly narrow, linear fields for pasture and using temporary fence to allocate new forage to the livestock. Generally, especially when new growth is limited, I recommend to use a back fence to prevent livestock from going back and re-grazing forages that need to be resting for later use. With adequate amounts of forage to work with, especially when new allocations are higher in quality than where the livestock have just eaten, stepped, or soiled, backgrazing is very limited as long as you keep them moving forward in a timely manner. If you don't move them quick enough and they run out of fresh forage, they will go back and take a second or third bite and/or graze regrowth which will retard future growth and grazing. This kind of system is very feasible and workable on fields where water is not readily available across the field. As long as the walking distance isn't too far, generally no more than 1,200 feet, AND they are not in the field more than seven to ten days, this progressive forward moving will prevent most problems. Longer grazing periods or walking distances will promote backgrazing, trailing and movement of nutrients from outer reaches being grazed closer to the water source.

If you have any warm season grasses and you haven't already started grazing them, now is good time to start. Most people tend to wait too long. These warm season forages can include switchgrass, big bluestem and Indiangrass. Switchgrass comes on the earliest, almost too early here in the Midwest because it is ready to graze about the same time cool season forages are

also at peak. It can be taken as hay and then grazed later in July or August. You don't want switchgrass to mature because quality will drop quickly. The same thing is pretty much true for big bluestem and Indiangrass. The best grazing and quality will be in the vegetative stage. If you've not started grazing it yet and see the beginnings of any seed heads, it is time to start. Big bluestem and Indiangrass should be 24 to 30 inches tall prior to grazing and then grazed ideally no shorter than about 12-15 inches. At these stop grazing heights, they will rebound quickly and provide a lot more growth. If taken down short, they will take longer to grow back. They rarely should be taken down less than six inches. These warm season forages absolutely love this weather we have been having. When grazing these forages, all of the cool season forages get a break and continue to grow to provide future grazing. As I've said many times before, more grazing days means less inputs and less work; remember, the cows are supposed to be working for you, not you for them!

Lastly, I want to talk about clipping just a bit. Everyone thinks that clipping pastures is always needed. I hear all kinds of reasons and some are valid. Weed control is certainly a good reason. The threshold for weed control is usually when weeds are reaching 30% canopy. At 30% canopy, weeds are blocking enough sunlight to really start impacting production. A noxious weed threshold is a lot less. Removal of seedheads is the next reason I hear and generally with the fear of pinkeye. It does take three constituents for pinkeye; a host cow, which often is a silent carrier, an irritant which could be a seedhead or dust creating watery eyes, and flies to transport it from the carrier to non-resistant animals. Lastly, and probably the most common reason is aesthetics. I have to admit that a nicely mowed pasture does look good, but more often than not, we are not able to clip high enough to not remove forage that could have been grazed. If vegetation is very heavy, a lot of that clipped vegetation ends up laying on top blocking sunlight and retarding growth. In forage studies, when I weighted before and after grazing on both unclipped and clipped, cows removed more from the unclipped than clipped meaning we not only were spending money where perhaps not needed, but we may have lost some grazing days too. Some things still just make me stop and scratch my head.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Purdue Forage Management Day – August 9, 2019 - Feldun – Purdue Ag Center in Bedford. Flyer for all the Purdue DTC trainings can be found at: https://ag.purdue.edu/agry/Documents/2018_DTC_BROCHURE.pdf

7th National Grazing Lands Conference – December 2-5, 2018, Reno, Nevada. "Take the Gamble Out of Grazing."

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/>

In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

The Fourth of July is a traditional reminder for several gardening activities. It is the time to make the final cut on tall sedums and mums. You may cut them back by a third. This will make the plant less likely to split and fall and will delay the blooms until later in the fall. Remember that you can use the cuttings to start new plants. Simply put the cuttings into a tray of moist potting medium. Keep it watered and in a few weeks the cuttings will have rooted and may be planted in the garden.

It is also time to take soft-wood cuttings on azaleas, rhododendrons and other spring-blooming shrubs. Soft wood is tissue that is new growth and is still green, or may have brown streaks as it is just beginning to harden. Take cuttings near a leaf node. The hormones which trigger adventitious roots are greater at the leaf nodes. Be sure to have a container of water when taking cuttings. The cuttings need to be put in water immediately. Taken properly, one should not be able to see the cut marks on the shrub. Take cuttings where the shrub needs to be shaped or on a part of the shrub that is not normally visible. Prepare a tray filled with sterile potting mix and moisten it. Pour some rooting hormone powder into a shallow dish. Take a cutting and strip the bottom leaves. Dip the end in water again and then touch it to the rooting hormone powder. Using a dowel rod, make a hole in the potting mix and put the cutting into the hole. Press the mix down around the cutting. Once the tray is full, water it well and place it out of direct sun. The cuttings need high humidity, which may be achieved by putting the tray under clear plastic. Monitor the tray daily and water when necessary. The potting medium should be kept moist, but not soggy. It is not likely that every that every cutting will root, but you should be able to check for root formation in about six weeks. I usually like to grow cuttings in pots for a year or so before putting them in the garden. Remember that pots expose the roots during winter months, so they should be given protection through the winter. Next spring, you may plant the new shrubs in your gar-

den or share them with others.

Another way to propagate plants is by layering. The simple way to do this is to bend a branch down to where it touches the ground. Using a sharp knife, wound the stem at a leaf junction and remove the surrounding leaves. Cover the area with soil. I usually place a stone on top to ensure the bent branch stays on the ground. Wait until next spring to see if the new shrub has taken root. It can then be dug and planted elsewhere.

Remember that it is illegal to asexually propagate plants which are patented, even for personal use. This law protects plant breeders and allows them to recoup the costs of developing improved plant varieties.

Information from the 2018 National Gardening Survey has been released and the statistics are encouraging. The survey finds that 77 percent of the households in the United States participate in some type of gardening activities. This includes all types of growing plants, including houseplants and hydroponics. This percentage is the highest it has ever been in the 35-year history of the gardening survey. The greatest increase is in the 18 to 34-year-old category, which now accounts for 29 percent of gardeners. It is encouraging that young people have taken to growing plants. Another area of great growth is in indoor gardening. Thirty percent of the households in the survey reported buying at least one houseplant last year. Total average gardening spending also reached a new pinnacle. The average gardening household spent \$503 on gardening-related purchases. This includes plants, soil, chemicals, tools and other garden-related items. That is up more than a hundred dollars from the previous year.

Whether you garden on several acres or just have a tomato plant in a bucket, welcome to America's favorite hobby. Whether you garden to raise your own food or just have a houseplant to decorate your home, gardening connects us with the earth and is a great way to celebrate the freedom we enjoy in this country.