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## Loogootee, Shoals receive grants for school safety

The Indiana Secured School Safety Board recently approved more than \$14 million in matching grants to enhance school security by allowing local school corporations to add resource officers, equipment and conduct threat assessments. These grants include \$35,000 for Loogootee Schools and \$30,240 for Shoals Schools.

During the board meeting, applications were approved for 388 schools that qualified for the Secured School Safety Grant program. Each school must produce a 50 percent match to qualify.

"Indiana continues to be national leader in the safety and preparedness of our schools," said Bryan Langley, board chair and executive director of the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). "With support from Governor Holcomb and legislators, this funding will help continue that trend to support schools as they plan and implement safety measures that protect students, educators, administrators and visitors."

The funds include an additional \$5 million approved by the Indiana General Assembly at the governor's request. With the recent board approval, the Indiana Secured School Safety Grant program has provided more than \$53 million since 2014 to enhance safety and security in schools.

Award letters were sent this month to school administrators. By statute, the Indiana Secured Schools Safety Board is administered by IDHS. Visit the

IDHS website for a complete awards list.

### Background Information

The Indiana secured school safety grant program was created in 2013 to support initiatives to ensure schools are safe and secure.

The program supports a dedicated state grant fund that provides matching grants to school corporations, accredited non-public schools, charter schools or a coalition of school corporations and/or charter schools applying jointly to employ a school resource officer, conduct a threat assessment, purchase equipment to restrict access to the school or expedite the notification of first responders.

School corporations, charter schools or coalitions with an average daily membership of at least 1,000 can apply for grants up to \$50,000 annually. Schools with membership of less than 1,000 can apply for grants up to \$35,000 per year.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security

Established in 2005, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) leads the way to a safer and more secure Indiana. With jurisdictions involving emergency management, building code enforcement, as well as training and certification for first responders around the state, IDHS works around the clock to protect the people, property and prosperity of Indiana. For more information about IDHS, visit [dhs.in.gov](http://dhs.in.gov).

## Lt. Governor unveils updated Indiana Broadband Map

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch announced yesterday that the Indiana Broadband Map now reflects the most recent data available, which will create a better understanding of the broadband landscape in the state.

"Broadband impacts our lives in a number of different ways — education, workforce, healthcare, economic development and quality of life," Crouch said. "It is imperative we have affordable and accessible high-speed broadband in all of our communities. Having an updated statewide map that show areas we are lacking will better shape appropriate policies to address additional broadband investments."

In 2009, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration awarded federal grants to Indiana to create the Indiana Broadband Map. Up until 2014, the funds were used to create a map that provided detailed information on where broadband was provided, at what speeds, in what fashion and by which providers.

The federal funding ended in 2014, and seeing a lack of updated information, Crouch along with the Indiana Office of Technology have utilized data from the Federal Communications Commission and updated the map.

"Having sufficient broadband speeds

for rural Indiana and the Hoosiers that call it home is a part of Governor Eric Holcomb and my Next Level Agenda," Crouch said. "Our agencies, and the new Director of Broadband Opportunities will be able to utilize this map to identify what areas are unserved and under-served so those communities are not left behind."

Crouch said that an up-to-date map will help guide policymakers when they are looking at initiatives aimed at improving the lack of affordable high-speed broadband in rural areas.

Revisions to the map will continually be made to improve functionality. To view the map visit [www.indianabroadbandmap.com](http://www.indianabroadbandmap.com).

## MCCF grant application deadline approaching

The Martin County Community Foundation is accepting applications for the 2018 Impact Grant Cycle which funds charitable programs and projects that serve Martin County. Last year thirteen Martin County projects were funded through the grant cycle; the grants ranged from \$500 to \$3,000 each.

Grant application packets are now available online at <http://www.cfpartner.org/mccfgrants.htm> or at the new Martin County Community Foundation office located in the Community



## Taking a sip

-Photo by Bill Whorrall, [www.billwhorrallart.com](http://www.billwhorrallart.com)

Eastern tiger swallowtail larvae eat the leaves of a variety of woody plants including wild cherry, tulip, birch, ash, cottonwood, and willow. Adults eat the nectar of flowers from a variety of plants including butterfly bush, milkweed, Japanese honeysuckle, phlox, lilac, ironweed, and wild cherry.

## Election, school board information

The 2018 General Election will be held November 6, 2018. October 9, 2018 is the deadline to register to vote or make any changes to an existing registration. Please call the Martin County Clerk's Office to make sure your registration is correct, 812-247-3651, or you can go to [www.Indianavoters.com](http://www.Indianavoters.com). This website will also show you who is on your ballot and other election information.

You can call the clerk's office at any time to request an absentee ballot by mail. Absentee voting in the clerk's office will begin on October 10, 2018.

Loogootee School Board Districts 1, 2, and 3 and Shoals School Board Districts 1 and 4 will be on the November ballot. The first day to file a petition for school board is July 25, 2018 and the last day is August 24, 2018 at noon.

The following are the candidates for County/Town Offices in the Martin County 2018 General Election:

Martin County Assessor  
Carolyn S. McGuire (R)  
Martin County Circuit Court Clerk  
Gerald D. Montgomery (R)  
Martin County Prosecutor  
Aureola S. Wright (R)  
Michael Steiner (D)  
Martin County Sheriff  
Travis Roush (R)  
T.A. "Andy" Burkhardt (D)  
Martin County Commissioner District 2  
Paul George (D)  
Martin County Council District 1  
Dean Crandall (R)  
Randy L. Winger (D)  
Martin County Council District 2  
James A. (Buck) Stiles (R)

### Martin County Council District 3

Barb McFeaters (R)

### Martin County Council District 4

Sheri J. Bowling (R)

Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins (D)

### Center Township Trustee

Charles S. Hamilton (R)

### Center Township Board

Norma J. Baker (R)

Kenneth L. Brett (R)

Larry L. Downs (R)

### Halbert Township Trustee

Exzelia Montgomery (R)

### Halbert Township Board

Kimberly L. Albright (R)

Stephanie (Stevie) J. Horton (R)

Travis Montgomery (R)

### Lost River Township Trustee

Mildred C. Brown (R)

### Lost River Township Board

Alice Dianne Butler (R)

Keith Emmons (R)

Bruce Fithian (R)

### Mitcheltree Township Trustee

James "Pup" Norman (R)

Tammy Jo Gore (D)

### Mitcheltree Township Board

Kay Belcher (R)

Charity (Belcher) Tolbert (R)

Becky Sellers (R)

### Perry Township Trustee

Jason Hennette (D)

### Perry Township Board

Anthony "Tony" J. Dant (D)

Julie A. Green (D)

Brandi Hennette (D)

### Rutherford Township Trustee

Terry J. Street (D)

### Rutherford Township Board

Jeff Horney (R)

Danny L. Berry (D)

Virgil Scott Street (D)

### Crane Town Clerk/Treasurer

Linda Ann Willoughby (R)

### Crane Town Council --- Vote for 3

Ronald L. Barker (R)

David T. Johnson (R)

Roy E. Vaught (R)

Bernard Butcher (D)

Judith A. Harlow (D)

Dennis W. Hughes (Denny) (D)

### Shoals Town Clerk/Treasurer

Sierra Rutledge (D)

### Shoals Town Council --- Vote for 3

Cary D. Albright (R)

Earl Boyd, Jr. (R)

(See 'ELECTION' on page three)





## ROGER DOWNEY Downey announces candidacy for Loogootee Mayor

Roger Downey has announced his candidacy to run for Mayor of Loogootee next year. He will be on the Democratic ticket in May of 2019.

Downey is currently employed as a sales representative with Wabash Food Service, of Vincennes.

He and his wife, Carolyn Parsons-Downey, have been married for more than 37 years. Both are graduates of the Loogootee High School Class of 1979.

Downey also attended Vincennes University.

The couple has three children, Christa and husband, Zach; Nick and wife, Jessica; and Blythe and husband, Joby and seven grandchildren. Downey was elected to the Loogootee City Council in 2015 and says it has been very rewarding for him to serve the citizens of Loogootee. He added that he looks forward to serving as mayor in 2020.

Anyone with questions or comments for Downey, can call him at 812-639-8106 or email [rsdbench@hotmail.com](mailto:rsdbench@hotmail.com).

Larry Fellers will serve as Downey's treasurer and can be reached at 812-295-8437.

# National unemployment bumps up to 4 percent for June

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 213,000 in June, and the unemployment rate rose to 4.0 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job growth occurred in professional and business services, manufacturing, and health care, while retail trade lost jobs.

### Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 4.0 percent in June, and the number of unemployed persons increased by 499,000 to 6.6 million. A year earlier, the jobless rate was 4.3 percent, and the number of unemployed persons was 7.0 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (3.7 percent), adult women (3.7 percent), and Asians (3.2 percent) increased in June. The jobless rate for teenagers (12.6 percent), Whites (3.5 percent), Blacks (6.5 percent), and Hispanics (4.6 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs increased by 211,000 in June to 3.1 million, and the number of reentrants to the labor force rose by 204,000 to 2.1 million. (Reentrants are persons who previously worked but were not in the labor force prior to beginning their job search.)

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) increased by 289,000 in June to 1.5 million. These individuals accounted for 23.0 percent of the unemployed.

In June, the civilian labor force grew by 601,000. The labor force participation rate edged up by 0.2 percentage point over the month to 62.9 percent but has shown no clear trend thus far this year. The employment-population ratio, at 60.4 percent, was unchanged in June and has essentially been flat since February. The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was little changed in June at 4.7 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time

employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

In June, 1.4 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little different from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 359,000 discouraged workers in June, down by 155,000 from a year earlier. (Data are not seasonally adjusted.) Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.1 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in June had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

### Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 213,000 in June and has grown by 2.4 million over the last 12 months. Over the month, job gains occurred in professional and business services, manufacturing, and health care, while employment in retail trade declined. Employment in professional and business services increased by 50,000 in June and has risen by 521,000 over the year.

Manufacturing added 36,000 jobs in June. Durable goods manufacturing accounted for nearly all of the increase, including job gains in fabricated metal products (+7,000), computer and electronic products (+5,000), and primary metals (+3,000). Motor vehicles and parts also added jobs over the month (+12,000), after declining by 8,000 in May. Over the past year, manufacturing has added 285,000 jobs.

Employment in health care rose by 25,000 in June and has increased by 309,000 over the year. Hospitals added 11,000 jobs over the month, and em-

ployment in ambulatory health care services continued to trend up (+14,000).

Construction employment continued to trend up in June (+13,000) and has increased by 282,000 over the year.

Mining employment continued on an upward trend in June (+5,000). The industry has added 95,000 jobs since a recent low point in October 2016, almost entirely in support activities for mining.

In June, retail trade lost 22,000 jobs, largely offsetting a gain in May (+25,000).

Employment showed little or no change over the month in other major industries, including wholesale trade, transportation and warehousing, information, financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and government.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was unchanged at 34.5 hours in June. In manufacturing, the workweek edged up by 0.1 hour to 40.9 hours, and overtime edged up by 0.1 hour to 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls remained at 33.8 hours.

In June, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 5 cents to \$26.98. Over the year, average hourly earnings have increased by 72 cents, or 2.7 percent. Average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 4 cents to \$22.62 in June.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for April was revised up from +159,000 to +175,000, and the change for May was revised up from +223,000 to +244,000. With these revisions, employment gains in April and May combined were 37,000 more than previously reported. (Monthly revisions result from additional reports received from businesses and government agencies since the last published estimates and from the recalculation of seasonal factors.) After revisions, job gains have averaged 211,000 per month over the last 3 months.

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# Obituaries

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## PHYLLIS GOODPASTER

Phyllis Yvonne Goodpaster passed away on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 89.



She was born June 21, 1929 in Gatliff, Kentucky; daughter of Phillip Kinder and Nancy (Peace) Cline.

**PHYLLIS GOODPASTER** She was a member of the Methodist Church in Burns City. She enjoyed playing golf, bowling, and archery, and was an avid sports fan throughout her life.

Phyllis is preceded in death by her husband, Russell E. Goodpaster; her parents, Phillip Kinder and Nancy Cline, and her son, John "Buck" Goodpaster.

She is survived by her children; Phil (Chrystal) Goodpaster of Loogootee, Nick (Lorelie) Goodpaster of Waldorf, Maryland, and Debbie (Dean) Miller of Montgomery, 13 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and one brother, Kevie (Rovena) Kinder of Ohio.

A funeral service will be conducted on Friday, July 13 at the United Methodist Church in Loogootee at 10 a.m. with Pastor Gary Elsten officiating. Burial will follow in Bethel Cemetery in Orangeville, Indiana.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 12 from 4 until 8 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home.

## PHYLLIS WILDMAN

Phyllis Ann (Crane) Wildman passed

away peacefully at her home Tuesday morning, July 3, 2018. A resident of Shoals, she was 87.

She was born February 8, 1931 in Martin County; daughter of William Daniel Crane and Rhoda Mae (Jewell) Crane.

She married the love of her life Andrew Jackson Wildman Jr. on August 15, 1945 in Shoals. There was much rejoicing on this day as it was the end of World War II with victory over Japan, with Harry S. Truman being president and dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima a short time before. Together they built a wonderful life. Phyllis was a homemaker, a wonderful cook, and always kept a garden, sharing much with family, friends and neighbors.

In her younger life she was a nursing assistant with her sister in Indianapolis. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star serving twice as Worthy Matron and holding the Star Point of Esther for many years until her age and disabilities prevented her from doing so. She was also a member of the Extension Homemakers Club, Jug Rox Grandmothers Club and Hillcrest Christian Church.

Survivors include one son, Anthony Lowell (Peggy) Wildman of Shoals; one daughter, Esther Elaine (Eugene) Cottingham of Shoals; two grandchildren, Lorie (Mike Curry) Canada of Bloomington and Andrew (Christa) Cottingham of Indianapolis; five great-grandchildren, Jordan (Jennifer) Canada of Bloomington, Jacob Canada of Bloomington, James Curry of Bloomington, Kylie Cottingham of Indianapolis and Logan Cottingham of Indianapolis and three great-great grandchildren Alex Hickman, Garrett Hickman and Conner Hickman, all of Bloomington. She also leaves a number of nieces and nephews as well as many great, great-great, great-great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and four siblings, Johnny Crane, Marie (Crane) Franklin, Leon (in infancy) and Lowell Crane. She was the last of her family.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 8 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Brother Charlie Scott officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Andrew Cottingham, Lorie Canada, Jordan Canada, Jacob Canada, Victor William Neideffer and David Armstrong.

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

## HELEN SHEETZ

Helen Lois Sheetz passed away at 10:37 a.m. Saturday, July 7, 2018 at the Loogootee Health and Rehab. A resident of Loogootee, she was 97.

She was born February 9, 1921 in Washington; daughter of John Ferguson and Phobie (Thombleson) Ferguson. She married Gilbert Sheetz June 10, 1939 and he preceded her in death November 6, 1978.

She attended Washington Schools, was a homemaker, was of the Christian Faith and enjoyed gardening, mowing, quilting, sewing and being with her family.

Survivors include, two daughters, Catherine Yvonne (Joe) Summers of Loogootee, Roxie Kay (Bill) Hunt of Loogootee; three grandsons, Kevin (Cathy) Hunt of Rantoul, Illinois; Kelly (Dana) Hunt of Buffalo, Illinois; and Larry Summers of Loogootee;

one grand-daughter, Terri (David) Nicholson of Aurora; one sister, Nora Tate of Bloomington; one sister-in-law, Barbara Ferguson of Greenwood; great-grandchildren, Donald (Ashley) Nicholson, Katherine (Zach) Bass, Stephanie Hunt, Abigail Hunt, Sarah (Brandon) Jones, Allyson Hunt, Aubrielle Hunt and Brian Hunt; great-great grandchildren, Gavin Bass, Mila Jones, Noah Nicholson and Luke Nicholson and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, five brothers, Henry, James, Sam, Tom and Robert Ferguson and two sisters, Marcella King and Lucy Gough.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 10 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Rev. Mike Strawn officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Union Cemetery.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes handled the arrangements.

## FLOYD GOODMAN JR.

Floyd E. Goodman Jr. passed away July 7, 2018 in his home after a battle with cancer. A resident of Loogootee, he was 68.



He was born on January 25, 1950; son of Floyd E Goodman Sr. and Lorraine Carter. He graduated from Effingham High School in 1968. He relocated to Martin County upon his military retirement in 1989.

Floyd strived to epitomize the phrase "For God, My Country, and My Family" during his daily life. He placed his faith in Jesus Christ at age 15 and remained faithful throughout the remainder of his life. As a part of this commitment, he served the Lord as a Treasurer and Deacon for his church for many years. To honor his country, Floyd served in the United States Air Force, earning two commendation medals before retiring after 20 years of dedication as a ground radar and airfield specialist. Lastly, he remained true to his love and the vows of marriage to his high school sweetheart, Brenda K. (Cummings) Goodman, for 48 years until his death.

In addition to fulfilling each of these commitments, Floyd spent a great deal of time making those around him laugh with his playful sense of humor

and slightly sarcastic nature. He also loved sharing the Word of God with others at every opportunity. With the remainder of his free time, he could be found "junking", debating politics, watching Fox News, hiding money from his wife, and spending time with his friends and family.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, of Loogootee; daughter, Kathy (Rich) Baker of Effingham, Illinois; sons, Charles (Tasha) and Steve (Cristina) Goodman, of McKinney, Texas; grandchildren, Ashley White (Brandon Balcer), Kolbee Baker, Sierra Blankenship, Emma Goodman, and Brendan Goodman; great-grandchildren, Aubriana White and Kylan Balcer. Other surviving family members include sisters, Tana (Terry) Hazlett, Betty Johnson and brothers, Michael (Tina) Goodman, Terry Goodman, and Cliff (Kari) Goodman, as well as many aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd E. Goodman Sr. and Lorraine Wilkerson.

A funeral service will be conducted this evening, Wednesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home with Pastor Carl Williams officiating.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 11 from 5 p.m. until the time of service.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Assembly of Christ, 240 S John Street, Bloomfield, Indiana 47424.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

## ELECTION

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Clint D. Hoffman (R)  
Dick Cresgy (D)  
Cecil L. Ragsdale (D)

The following is a list of polling sites for the election:

Perry 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6  
St. John's Center, 408 Church Street Loogootee, In 47553  
Perry 5 and Rutherford  
St. Martin's Church Hall, 524 Whitfield Rd, Loogootee, IN 47553  
Perry 7 and Crane  
Bramble Conservation Club, 1024 Bramble Rd., Loogootee, IN 47553  
North Center and Mitcheltree  
Dover Hill Church Of Christ, 15581 N. State Rd 450, Shoals, IN 47581  
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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JULY 2

10:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:11 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:21 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Captain Dant, Sergeant Keller, ISP Trooper Beaver, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

3:20 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Loogootee.

9:02 p.m. - Received a report of an unsecure business in Shoals. Deputy Reed and Deputy Seymour checked and secured the building. The owner was contacted.

### TUESDAY, JULY 3

2:15 a.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

8:03 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Captain Dant, Martin County Ambulance, and Martin County Coroner responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

10:34 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Martin County Ambulance, Martin County Civil Defense, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of property damage near Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:45 p.m. - Captain Dant took four inmates to court.

1:46 p.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

8:30 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

11:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Deputy Seymour and Loogootee Captain Dant responded. All was okay.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

12:20 a.m. - Received a report of a possible car fire in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert, Deputy Reed, and Shoals Fire responded. It was a false alarm.

7:47 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded and all was okay.

8:29 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

9:02 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

9:13 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin

County Ambulance responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:48 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of smoke on US 150, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

1:58 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Civil Defense and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:28 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

11:15 p.m. - Received a report of a

reckless driver east of Shoals on US 150. Deputy Seymour responded.

### THURSDAY, JULY 5

12:06 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd and Deputy Wright responded. All was okay.

7:17 a.m. - Jail commander Abel took one inmate to the hospital.

9:34 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

12:51 p.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

2:13 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 150. Captain Dant, Sheriff Roush, Chief Deputy Greene, Shoals Fire, Lost River Fire, Martin County Ambulance, and Martin County Civil Defense responded. Also assisting was the Orange County Sheriff's Office and IDEM. One subject was transported to IU Health in Paoli.

2:49 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled motorist south of Loogootee on US 231. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

4:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a request for

an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### FRIDAY, JULY 6

5:33 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:51 a.m. - Jail Commander Abel took one inmate to the doctor.

9:50 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene performed a vehicle identification north of Shoals.

1:13 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

4:20 p.m. - Received a report of a theft north of Shoals. Deputy Shinn responded.

11:12 p.m. - Received a fireworks complaint in Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

### SATURDAY, JULY 7

7:13 a.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted the Paoli Police Department on a search in Shoals.

9:30 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:58 a.m. - Received a report of trash in the roadway on US 231, south of Loogootee. Community Corrections Road Crew responded.

12:03 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist on US 50, west of Shoals.

1:40 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Sergeant Keller responded. All was okay.

2:55 p.m. - Sergeant Keller assisted a motorist in Shoals.

5:51 p.m. - Received a call of a dispute between tenant and landlord. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:32 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

8:35 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright responded.

9:23 p.m. - Received a noise complaint near Shoals. Deputy Shinn and Deputy Wright responded.

### SUNDAY, JULY 8

7:35 a.m. - Sergeant Keller removed a tree on US 50, west of Shoals.

9:20 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check west of Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

1:38 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

2:50 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers on US 150. Deputy Shinn responded.

# CLASSIFIED ADS

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

May 29

Danny R. Salmon, convicted of official misconduct, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 6 months suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Danny Salmon, convicted of receiving stolen auto parts, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 1.5 years with 6 months suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

June 4

Anthony R. Lawson II, convicted of operating while intoxicated, a Class A Misdemeanor and operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 547 days with 481 days suspended and credit for 33 actual days previously served plus 33 Class A credit days. Defendant received 18 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

May 29

Danny R. Salmon, dealing in a schedule I controlled substance, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Danny Salmon, theft, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; official misconduct, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed.

June 4

Anthony R. Lawson II, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating while intoxicated with previous conviction within 5 years, a Class 6 Felony, dismissed; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence enhancement, dismissed.

June 26

Joseph G. Turano, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; habitual vehicular substance offender sentence en-

## ARRESTS

MONDAY, JULY 2

12:16 a.m. - Joseph Turano, 62, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with invasion of privacy and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest was Deputy Reed.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

1:03 a.m. - George Ringen, 58, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with driving while suspended prior, possession of a controlled substance, and two warrants. He is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Wright, Deputy Shinn, and Deputy Seymour.

8:03 p.m. - Eric Kern, 43, of Bedford, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of a controlled substance and two Lawrence County warrants. He is being held without bond.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

8:15 p.m. - Joseph Miller, 30, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with possession of meth and is being held without bond.

hancement, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 28

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Glen Cunduff, civil collection.

July 3

Crane Credit Union vs. Stephan R. Gyetko, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Stephen Crace, civil collection.

Crane Credit Union vs. Dana Brewer, civil collection.

Brian Bloom vs. Jon Hoffman, civil tort.

Nancy Cronk and Edmond J. Cronk, II vs. Jon Hoffman, civil tort.

Bradley A. Jones vs. Julie A. Jones, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

June 28

Crane Credit Union vs. Travis J. Bridgewater, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Christopher W. Thompson, Jr., complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Alvin Dukes Jr., complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Lisa A. Cook, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Nancy Phillips, complaint.

Crane Credit Union vs. Connie S. Gilmore, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

July 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Crane Credit Union and against the defendant William L. Flanders in the amount of \$874.59.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Matthew A. Johnson**, of Martin County, Indiana and **Christin D. Johnson**, of Orange County, Indiana to **Joseph M. Qualkenbush and Cyndi B. Stalker**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 7 in Section 1 of Sawmill Ridge.

**Barbara J. Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Norma J. Lundy**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 4.7 acres, more or less.

**Barbara J. Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Arlie Payne**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 2 acres.

**Billy D. Howell**, of Dubois County, Indiana; **Judith A. Connerly**, of Lawrence County, Indiana; and **Darcus J. Abel**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Gary V. Burris and Wanda Burris**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 67 in Keck's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Dona A. Rose**, of Martin County, Indiana to **the State of Indiana**, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.061 acres, more or less.

**Jeffrey W. Troutman and Vida R. Troutman**, of Dubois County, Indiana to **Charolette A. Sorrells**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south fractional Section 21, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.193 acres, more or less.

**U.S. Bank National Association to Ryan David Burgan and Shalana Lynn Burgan**, a part of the west half of the northeast quarter of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 3 West, Mar-

# Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JULY 2

11:11 a.m. - Female called and reported another female was harassing her.

11:21 a.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at the intersection of Broadway and JFK.

12:46 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Street.

6:15 p.m. - Male reported a theft from Bloomfield Road.

9:43 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Bowling Trailer Court.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

2:15 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle alarm going off on West Washington Street.

9:45 a.m. - Caller reported two dogs running loose on Sheridan Street.

12:02 p.m. - Male caller reported a burglary at his residence.

4:14 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

7:43 p.m. - First responders were requested at West Boggs for a medical call.

8:30 p.m. - First responders were requested on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for a medical call.

11:05 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

11:35 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on East Broadway Street.

11:41 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on Mill Street.

1:58 p.m. - First responders were requested at West Boggs for a medical call.

7:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:15 p.m. - Caller reported a civil complaint.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

12:06 a.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a business alarm.

2:49 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a broken-down vehicle.

6:49 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

9:41 p.m. - Female requested a welfare check on a male.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

8:28 a.m. - Loogootee Fire checked a CO detector on North Oak Street.

1:13 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231. Vehicle was located.

5:15 p.m. - Female reported harassing text messages.

7:30 p.m. - Male reported harassment.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

11:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

4:15 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

8:34 p.m. - Male requested a vehicle identification check.

9:00 p.m. - Male reported someone trying to kick his front door in.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

1:38 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a residential alarm.

7:30 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

7:54 p.m. - Male reported harassment.

11:30 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

tin County, Indiana.

**John D. Truelove**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin R. Boyd and Riza L. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 24 and one-third of Lot Number 25. Also, a tract of land in Lot Number 23 in Horsey's Addition to the Town of Shoals.

**Gerald L. Gammon and Dana L. Gammon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dana L. Gammon and Gerald L. Gammon**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: The southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, in Martin County, Indiana, containing 40 acres, more or less. Tract II: Part of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 16, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, except all that part of said quarter quarter now lying east of the Shoals-Hillham road, containing 24 acres, more or less. Also, the east half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, containing 20 acres, more or less. Containing 84 acres, more or less.

**Gerald L. Gammon and Dana L. Gammon**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Dana L. Gammon and April D. Sutton**, of Martin County, Indiana, the west half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 3 West in Martin

County, Indiana, containing 20 acres, more or less.

**Terry D. Hoopingarner and Carolyn L. Hoopingarner**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles W. Bell III and Shannon Bell**, of Daviess County, Indiana, 9 acres in Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

**Frances L. Swayze**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Leah D. Payne**, of McCracken County, Kentucky, Lot Number 6 in McCormick's Subdivision of Lot 103 in Chenoweth's Extension to the Town of West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana.

**Adam C. Hudson**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Aaron T. Hudson and Kristen E. Hudson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.87 acres, more or less.

**David S. Harder**, of Martin County, Indiana to **John D. Harder**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

**William D. Dickey**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Steven Rimmel and Phyllis Rimmel**, of Vermillion County, Indiana, Lot Number 27 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

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## More Neat Stuff



Whenever the alarm goes off after-hours at the office where I work, the security company calls me at home and I have to go back and reset it.

Late at night I got one of those calls. As I was getting ready to head out the door, my husband gruffly said, "You're not going down there by yourself at this hour."

Just as I was thinking, how thoughtful of him, he added, "Better take the dog with you."

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, "Congratulations! You're the father of twins."

"That's odd," answers the man. "I work for the Minnesota Twins!"

A nurse then yells the second man, "Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!" "That's weird," answers the second man. "I work for the 3M company!"

A nurse goes up to the third man saying, "Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets." "That's strange," he answers. "I work for the Four Seasons hotel!"

The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. "What's wrong?" the others ask. "I work for 7 Up!"

### WHY IT'S GREAT TO BE A DOG:

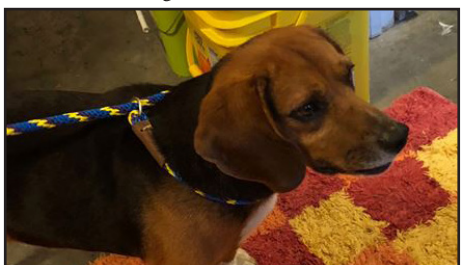
1. No one expects you to take a bath every day.
2. If it itches, you can scratch it.
3. There's no such thing as bad food.
4. A rawhide bone can entertain you for hours.
5. If you grow hair in weird places, no one notices.
6. You can lie around all day without worrying about being fired.
7. You don't get in trouble for putting your head in a stranger's lap.
8. You're always excited to see the same people.
9. Having big feet is considered an asset.
10. Puppy love can last.

### THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

\* So, what if I don't know what "Armageddon" means? It's not the end of the world.

\*Correct punctuation: the difference

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



WAGS is a male beagle mix, 3-4 years old, very sweet, fine with cats and other dogs. Adoption fee is \$80. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all available animals, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

between a sentence that's well-written, and a sentence that's, well, written.

\*Escalators don't break down . . . they just turn into stairs.

\*I intend to live forever . . . or die trying.

\*A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

\*At what age is it appropriate to tell my dog that he's adopted.

\*Want to hear a pizza joke . . . nah, it's too cheesy.

\*What about a construction joke? Oh, never mind, I'm still working on that one.

\*Did you hear the one about the rope? Skip it.

\*I used to be in a band. We were called "lost dog." You probably saw our posters.

\*I childproofed the house . . . but they still get in!

\*To the mathematicians who thought of the idea of zero, thanks for nothing.

\*What did E.T.'s mother say to him when he got home? "Where on Earth have you been?"

\*I got a new pair of gloves today, but they're both "lefts" which on the one hand is great, but on the other, it's just not right.

My wife found this flyer taped to a neighborhood telephone pole: "Found, male yellow Lab, very friendly, loves to play with kids and eat Bubbles. Bubbles is our cat. Please come get your dog."

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. In return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

Make someone smile today!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, July 12 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

### Lady Lions Golf Scramble

The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Loogootee Lady Lions Basketball Golf Scramble will be held Saturday, August 18 at 9 a.m. at Lakeview Golf Course. The scramble will be four men/women in A-B-C-D format. Cost is \$45 per person or \$180 per team. To register, call Brian Smith at 812-381-1026 or Lonnie Hawkins at 812-947-8413. Food and drinks will be provided at the golf course during play.

### Gift Basket Bingo

Everyone is invited to participate in a benefit for the Loogootee Lion Backers on July 14, 2018. A bingo hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council #732 will be at 7 p.m. in the K of C basement. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Ten games of regular Bingo will be played. Each winner will receive a themed basket valued between \$50-\$75. Some of the baskets will be filled with camping supplies, cash, lottery tickets, summer essentials, movies, and more! Concessions will be available serving nachos, baked goods, and drinks. You must be 18 years old to play.

### 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

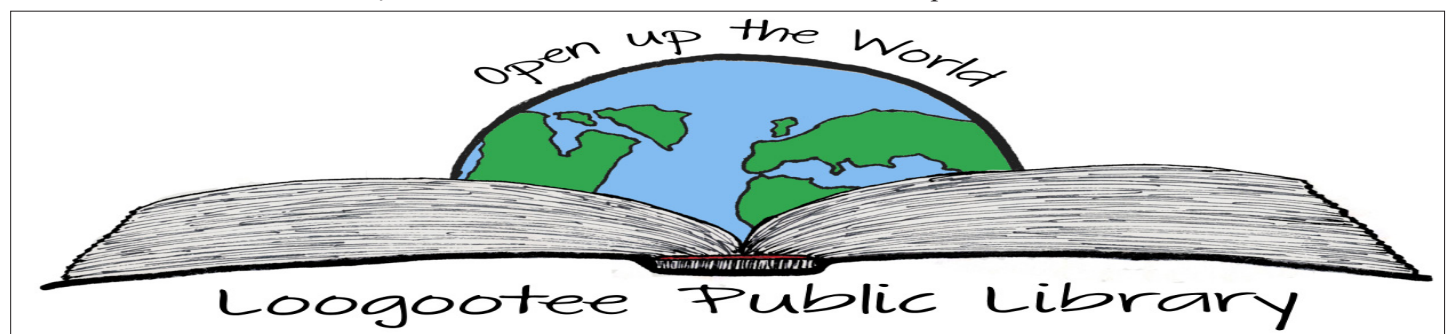
The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### 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](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.



During the Summer Reading Program, "Library Rocks" at the Loogootee Public Library, several events have taken place. In the top, left photo, Silly Safari with Chris Coyote visited with children. In the bottom left photo, the library has partnered with Loogootee Elementary to provide programming for PAWS Club but all kids registered in the summer reading program are welcome to attend. Crafts, music, art, and STEM programming are held 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. In the photo, top right, David Fisher, the Rope Warrior, held a program at Loogootee Elementary West. Mr. Fisher holds a Guinness World Record and was on the Today Show and America's Got Talent. He performed many tricks but included many of the kids in his jump roping demonstration.





Gardens are always changing. Sometimes the changes come from the fact that plants are maturing and getting large. Sometimes plants die or are damaged in storms. Real gardeners know that a garden is never finished, even when one has completed an installation plan.

At Sandhill Gardens, I have amassed several plant collections, but one of my favorites has been my collection of hostas. More than fifty different varieties of hosta grow in the garden beds. I have several large trees that help provide shady conditions needed by hostas. For years, I have credited the proximity of the cliff behind my house with being a deterrent for deer, which love to eat hostas. However, for the past two years, the deer have definitely found my hosta beds and I fear that the collection will be wiped out if they continue to be grazed so completely.

I have begun taking some steps to save some of the more rare and expensive plants. I have moved them to more sheltered areas closer to the house in hopes the deer will not find them. This leaves a lot of area in the shade of the maple trees where grass refuses to grow. The challenge is to find plants that will survive in the shade but which are not on the preferred menu for deer. I know that deer will eat almost anything if they are hungry, but most years, there is enough forage to keep them from starving without turning to plants they do not like.

Actually, there are some hostas on the non-preferred list. Deer tend to avoid the hostas with thick, crinkled leaves. It looks funny to see a large Brother Stephan hosta untouched in an area where other hostas have been decimated. I will be looking for other hostas with similar leaves to include in my beds.

Another shade plant collection here are Sandhill Gardens is the hellebore

collection. While not as extensive as the hosta collection, I do have about 20 different cultivars. I have written about my love of hellebores in the winter garden, but they actually are also a good plant for the summer. The thick leaves of most hellebore species are credited with deterring the deer. During the summer, clumps of hellebores increase and remain dark green well into winter. There are only a few hellebores with variegated foliage, but there are some distinct differences in the leaves of different species to provide some interest. I will definitely be moving more hellebores into the areas where the deer have been grazing.

The deer have also ignored my pulmonaria or lungwort plants. These plants supply beautiful pink, white and blue flowers to the shade garden in early spring, but the spotted, fuzzy foliage continues to provide some interest into the summer. The major enemy of lungwort is slugs, so surrounding them with some sort of sharp mulch will help to keep them looking good.

Brunnera is a good plant to fill in for variegated hostas. While the patterns on brunnera are not as varied as hosta variegation, the large leaves of Great Alexander will definitely brighten up dark spots. The early spring blue flowers are a bonus, but the stems on which the sprays of flowers are held do need to be pruned out to keep the clusters looking good for the summer. I have several different brunnera varieties and the deer have avoided them thus far.

Even amid hostas, Solomon's seal offers a contrasting growth habit. Wands of leaves arch in clusters. Flowers that resemble tiny bells grace the underside of the leaves in spring. Solomon's seal will grow into a thick clump, so it is not a good neighbor for less vigorous plants. A variegated form actually is my favorite Latin plant name—*polygonatum odoratum variegatum*. Say that three times.

Ferns are another type of shade-loving flora which deer avoid. Next week, we will take a look at the variety of ferns that are hardy in our area.

## Producer sentiment inches up despite commodity price decline and continued trade war concerns

Agricultural producer sentiment rose slightly in June according to the Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer. The increase was unexpected given unresolved trade war concerns and sharp price declines for key commodities, including corn, wheat and, especially, soybeans during the month. The June barometer reading of 143 was only 2 points higher than May. The barometer is based on a monthly survey of 400 agricultural producers from across the country.

"In June, we saw a sizeable drop in commodity prices that caught many observers by surprise," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture, "But, despite the price decline, producers' appraisal of current economic conditions improved compared to May. However, it was clear from survey responses that uncertainty regarding the agricultural outlook increased considerably."

The barometer's rise was underpinned by an increase in the Index of Current Conditions, which climbed to 138 compared to a reading of 132 a month earlier. The Index of Future Expectations remained nearly unchanged with a reading of 146 in June, 1 point higher than in May.

Each month the survey asks producers whether they expect "good times" or "bad times" in U.S. agriculture, both one-year and five-years ahead. This month, respondents provided mixed responses with many producers shifting to "neutral" and away from a "good" or "bad" response, that suggests a rise in uncertainty for the future. Several times a year, the barometer also asks producers if they expect prices for key commodities to move higher, lower or remain unchanged over the next 12 months. Compared to the beginning

of 2018, producers have been slowly signaling that they expect commodity prices to recede and this trend continued in June with an increase in the percentage of producers expecting lower prices.

The June barometer survey also asked producers how much their crop acreage changed in 2018 and whether or not they use flexible cash rental leases to rent farmland. As expected, most farmers' crop acreage did not change in 2018 compared to a year earlier, but the survey revealed that some farms were expanding crop acreage rapidly. For example, 8 percent of farms increased their crop acreage by more than 10 percent, and 6 percent of farms increased their crop acreage by up to 10 percent in 2018, compared to 2017. Usage of flexible cash rental leases has been increasing recently and, among the farms in the survey that rent cropland, 36 percent reported they plan to use a flexible cash rent lease on some of their acreage.

"Flexible cash rent leases provide a way for farm operators to share some risk with land owners, while also providing landowners some of the stability that comes with a cash rental agreement. The increase in volatility in crop agriculture could be stimulating interest in flexible cash rent leases," said Mintert.

Read the full June Ag Economy Barometer report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>. This month's report includes additional information on producer's motivations for utilizing flexible cash rents and making large investments in their farm operations.

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

### 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Astronomy Star Party at Patoka Lake

The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Star Party is scheduled for Saturday, July 14 from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Patoka Lake Nature Center then from 8 p.m.-11 p.m. (or later) at the Patoka Lake Beach. Enjoy a special presentation by members of the Louisville & Evansville Astronomical Societies and the Stonebelt Stargazers of Bedford as they share their knowledge of the solar system. Special program times are as follows:

Noon to 4p.m. at the Nature Center  
12 p.m. "The Planets" – P is for Planet, P is for Pizza

1 p.m. "The Summer Solstice" – Learn about the first day of summer and the importance of this day

2 p.m. "Universe Scale" – Contemplating Distances to the Planets, Stars, and Galaxies

3 p.m. "Meteorites" – Things Do Fall From the Sky!

1 to 3 p.m. Constellation Crafts – where kids can make it and take it.

12 to 4 p.m. Solar Observing - Safely view the Sun through specially filtered telescopes.

8 to 11p.m. at the Beach

8 to 11 p.m. "Stars on the Beach" Amateur astronomers will share their knowledge of the night sky and have telescopes set up for viewing of celestial wonders. A special astronomy presentation will be held at 8 p.m.

### Patoka's Cruise-In with a View open car show

Join Patoka's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual car show with a view at the Patoka Lake Beach on Saturday, July 21. The show will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. EDT in the upper beach parking lot overlooking the lake. \$20 entry donation is accepted but not required. Motorcycles are welcome too! Day of registration will begin at 9 a.m. at the event site. The entrance fee to Patoka Lake will be waived for all participants. Come on out rain or shine! The first 50 registered vehicles will receive a dash plaque. Trophies will be awarded! Enjoy music, food, door prizes and a large silent auction. All proceeds from

this event will support the educational birds of prey at the Nature Center. This program is brought to you by the Patoka Lake Volunteers. For questions or to register, call Ivy at (812)267-7460. The public is invited to attend.

The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents (\$9 out of state) is required for the Newton Stewart State Recreation Area, Patoka Reservoir, located north of Wickliffe Indiana, Highway 164.

For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events, please call the Nature Center at 812-685-2447.

### 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.

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