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New massage business

A ribbon cutting was held Monday, August 5, for a new Loogootee business Bodywork by Blythe, owned by Blythe Jeffers. Blythe is a licensed massage therapist specializing in both medical and sports massage. Bodywork by Blythe is located at 402B JFK Avenue in Loogootee. Appointments can be made by calling 812-661-8911 or by visiting <https://blythejeffers.glossgenius.com/services>.

Commissioners' meeting centers around road issues

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, August 6.

County Attorney Dave Lett asked the commissioners what they wanted to do about a property owner doing improvements to former County Road 31 after he was told not to. Lett said the issue went to court and the court ruled it is the county's right of way and they are not required to improve it. The property owner, in order to have access to his property, has gone past the barricades put in place by the highway department and continued to do work anyway. Commissioner Paul George said they are not interested in having the road put back in. He said there are other landowners who are affected. "It's not all cut and dry," said Commissioner George. Attorney Lett recommended the commissioners file an injunction and get an order restricting any more work on the property. He said it's his legal point of view that the county owns the right of way and controls what is or isn't done in that right of way. Commissioner Cody Roush asked if the commissioners could just dissolve the right of way. Lett replied that this would take negotiations with the neighboring property owners and for now they need to take steps to stop further intrusion. The commissioners told Lett to move forward. Lett said he will have the highway superintendent do what needs to be done to restrict access.

A resident from Day Road approached the commissioners about damage he claims was done to his fence when the highway department removed three downed trees after a storm on May 28. He said the highway worker pushed the trees into his fence and then left them. He said he got a quote to fix the fence and can present it to the commissioners for payment or he can take them to court. Highway Superintendent Scott Seals said he drove the road that morn-

ing before any work was done and the trees had fallen on the fence. He said he didn't know what the resident was talking about. "Are you blind?" asked the resident. "I'm not blind at all, sir," said Superintendent Seals. Seals went on to say he took pictures of the trees on the fence before his crew member arrived. Commissioner Roush said the county doesn't own trees so the trees that fell had to belong to the property owner. He added that he has had the fire department cut downed trees on his property in the past and they don't clean up the trees that are cut. He said he knows it's frustrating but it's not the job of the fire department or the highway department to dispose of the cut-up trees. Attorney Lett suggested the property owner reach out to his insurance carrier to see if they would cover any of the damage. He told the property owner that the insurance agent could call him.

Another resident in the audience asked if any repair work is planned for her road, East 550 South. She said there are a lot of potholes that need to be filled. Commissioner George said that road has been on the list for chip and seal. Superintendent Seals said it probably won't be done this year, however. Commissioner George said the potholes can be filled now though.

Superintendent Seals asked that no residents run dozers or track hoes down county roads. Commissioner George agreed saying it shouldn't be done because it's damaging the roads. This prompted residents in the audience to question what is to be done if the roads need snow removal or trees removed or grading and the highway department hasn't been on their road to do it. They asked if they were allowed to continue to help with their own roads. The commissioners and county attorney struggled to give an answer. Both Commissioners George and Roush said they themselves have also done some sort of work on (See 'COMMISSIONERS' on page 2)

County council moving forward with bond that will raise property taxes

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council discussed issuing a bond for up to \$3,562,000 at their meeting Monday morning, August 5. The purpose of the General Obligation Bond is to renovate areas of the courthouse, the former Old National Bank building and the former Shoals Recycling building, both of which the county recently purchased. The money would also go to pay back the money borrowed to pay for the former Old National Bank building that was purchased for \$385,000. Along with the bond would come an estimated 5 percent interest and an increase in residents' property taxes. It is unknown at this time how much this would affect property taxes. The bond could be issued for 20 or 30 years.

County Attorney Dave Lett explained that the county is eligible to take out a bond for the \$3,562,000, however they don't have to go for the maximum. He said the amount needed for renovations to the three buildings would be determined by Core Facilities and then decided on by the county council.

Lett said the commissioners would like to see all the county offices in one location in Shoals, instead of being spread out around the county. Council Member Monty Gregory noted that they want to get rid of the rent being paid for the prosecutor's office and community corrections as well.

Gregory said he thinks the council and commissioners need to meet in closed-door session to discuss which offices would go where in the three buildings, to see what renovations need to be done.

Council Member Jordan Dant asked Attorney Lett if a public meeting need-
Shoals Middle School receives field trip grant

Students at 57 Indiana schools will experience the outdoors during the 2024-25 school year thanks in part to a grant program that supports field trips to Indiana State Parks and other state park-managed properties.

Shoals Middle School received a grant for students to visit McCormick's Creek.

The Discover the Outdoors Field Trip Grant Program is for all K-12 schools and is administered through the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF), the supporting nonprofit of the DNR.

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of donors, the individual grant limit for this school year was doubled from the previous school year. Grants of up to \$500 are now awarded to fund transportation costs, program fees, and classroom supplies related to the field trips. These donations have also allowed the program to more than double the total dollars distributed.

The program is expected to distribute \$24,966 this year, the largest amount in its existence. An estimated 4,809 K-12 students will benefit.

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ed to be held regarding the bond. Lett replied that it didn't because a legal notice will be published in the newspaper but the council can decide if they want to have one anyway to get taxpayers' feedback.

The council then voted to move forward with the bond by approving the associated resolution. Council Member Adam Greene voted against it. The timeline of the bond issuance would have to be completed by the end of August.

In other business, Auditor Michelle Norris presented the estimated maximum tax amounts for each unit of Martin County government. According to the estimates, a four percent increase in the maximum levy has been approved by the state.

The council approved appropriating \$1,400 for the sheriff's department that came from the sale of vests to the Loogootee Police Department. Sheriff Josh Greene said they will use the money to provide vests to incoming officers.

The council approved spending \$23,840 from ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to pay for tree mitigation by the bridge on Brickyard Road, which is being replaced with a federal grant. According to the guidelines, the county has to replant any trees that are removed during the bridge replacement process. It was noted that the county is still two years out from that bridge project starting.



Scholarship -Photo provided

Shown above is Allie Henninger who was recently presented with the Martin County Community Foundation Terri Sullivan Callaway Scholarship for \$2,486. This scholarship is specifically for nursing students. Tom and Sue Strange established this scholarship in recognition of the nursing shortage and in memory of their daughter, Terri. Allie is attending the University of Southern Indiana for a degree in Nursing.

FIELD TRIP

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Since the program's start in 2013, a total of 287 field trip grants have been awarded, giving 25,200 students the opportunity to visit state parks at a reduced cost to schools and students. With this year's awards, more than \$75,000 in overall funding has been distributed to allow students to visit an Indiana state park for a guided hike or talk with an interpretive naturalist.

The fund was established in memory of Tom Huck, a longtime DNR employee who was an ardent supporter of outdoor experiences for children in parks. In addition to generous individuals, periodic support for the program is provided by the Indiana Master Naturalist Advisory Council, the Indiana Parks Alliance, and the INRF.

"We appreciate the generosity of those

who contribute to Indiana's youth," INRF director Jody Kress said. "We hope to see this program grow so we can educate more students across the state about our natural and cultural legacy."

To donate to the field trip program, visit IndianaNRF.org. Indiana has 24 state parks, eight reservoirs, two state forest recreation areas and two off-road state recreation areas eligible for field trip funding. Field trips to state park properties engage students in learning about Indiana's fish, forest, wildlife, natural habitats, and conservation. All receiving schools are listed here: https://events.in.gov/event/dnr-field-trip-grants-awarded-to-57-indiana-schools?utm_campaign=widget&utm_medium=widget&utm_source=State+of+Indiana

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their roads to help and they appreciate residents doing that. Neither would specifically say if they would continue to allow it, however.

Auditor Michelle Norris said the judge has a request to purchase new metal detectors for the downstairs. Discussion ensued on whether buying metal detectors would be beneficial without having anyone available to man them. Sheriff Josh Greene said a wand is used now and even with metal detectors, a wand will have to be used if there is a red light, so he doesn't think the metal detectors are necessary. Commissioner Roush said the metal detectors are going to cost \$17,000 and then having someone full-time to stay with the detectors is going to cost even more. The commissioners tabled the issue.

The next commissioners' meeting is Tuesday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m.

~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

'We must demand they be devoted to the public's interests at all times'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Did you know there have been 2 meetings in the past 2 weeks regarding the Mid-States Corridor? Neither did I. It makes one wonder why these meetings were not made known to the public.

The first meeting was about 2 weeks ago at the Loogootee City Hall with Mike Braun's spokesperson Ms. Jan Hicks. She was in town for a community outreach and Q & A session, with the Mid-States Corridor a main topic. Guess what? No one from the community attended. It wasn't because no one was interested, it was because there was no public notification. This begs the question, did the press know? Did the mayor know? Did the city and county councils know? Did the Martin County Alliance know? If any of these entities knew of the meeting, why didn't they share the information with the public? If none of them knew, then why did Jan Hicks show up? Have our elected officials and stakeholders become indifferent to the Mid-States Corridor, or are they too busy to do their jobs?

The second meeting was this past Friday. It was the Lochmueller Group/Mid-States Corridor RDA Board meeting. Mark Schroeder and Ken Mulzer, Jr. chaired this meeting. At the start of the meeting, Mr. Schroeder stated they would have no discussion nor take any questions, as this was "just a financial meeting". There were no other attendees except for a small number online. With the recent announcement that funding has been secured to start the Tier 2 studies, a "financial meeting" is the correct forum

to ask questions and discuss the Mid-States Corridor's future and the project in general. Again, the issue here is who is planning these meetings and why are they being done so in secret? Shouldn't there be complete transparency?

Both of these meetings were opportunities lost by the taxpaying public to query our elected and appointed leaders on issues that affect our communities. Are our elected leaders so aloof that they see no need for the public's input? It's been apparent since the beginning of the Mid-States Corridor Project that Hank Menke, Mike Braun, Shane Lindauer and the rest of the Dubois/Spencer County cabal feel this way. They have repeatedly, and publicly, shown this to be the case. But our own local city and county officials? I can't bring myself to accept they are cut from the same cloth. Maybe I've been wrong.

As residents and interested members of our communities we must hold all of our elected officials to account. We must demand they be open, above board, honest and devoted to the public's interests at all times. We need them to be informed and to inform the public and the press. Without this mutual trust and respect we cannot make the improvements to our communities, to restore our communities to their former economic well-being. We, and our leaders, need to have vision, fore-sight and above all else information. With these we can have healthy debates and foster greater progress for our future.

It's us, our local leaders and the press who will stop the Mid-States Corridor. We must all stand together and keep saying "No" to the Corridor.

Jim Arvin
Rutherford Township
Martin County

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OBITUARIES

MARY RINGWALD

Mary Rose Ringwald, formerly of Loogootee, passed away at 11:25 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at her home. A resident of Jasper, she was 71.

She was born June 17, 1953, in Washington; daughter of the late Thomas Joseph and Rose Eileen (Donnelly) Nolan.

Mary married Joseph Ringwald on November 6, 1976, and he preceded her in death.

She graduated from Indiana State University in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in social studies education with a minor in Library Science. Mary worked for various libraries before working full time for the Loogootee Public Library. She loved her job and retired as the Director. After retirement, she volunteered at different libraries in Dubois County.

Mary was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of Isabella. She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper. Mary loved genealogy, history, and watching hockey.

She was preceded in death her husband Bruceville Monday-Saturday.

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band, Joe Ringwald, who passed away on November 1, 2013; her parents, Thomas and Rose Nolan, and granddaughter, Kelly Fleckenstein.

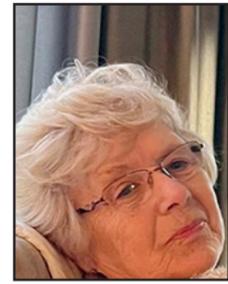
Mary is survived by her children, Katie Fleckenstein of Indianapolis, Erin (Ian) Doyle of Jasper, Tommy Ringwald of Huntingburg, Sarah (Steven) Burch of Westfield and Simon Ringwald of Jasper; grandchildren, Zach (Michelle) Fleckenstein, Emily Fleckenstein (fiancé, Danny Humfleet), Ally (Geoffrey) Bright, Kyle Fleckenstein, Sophie, and Elle Burch; great-grandchildren, Lily, Ellie, and Kathryn Fleckenstein; and siblings, Rachel (Dixon) Rich of New Hudson, Michigan, Pamela Nolan of Vincennes, and Kathleen (Ron) Nicholson of Lawrenceburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker on Monday, August 5 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society, Dubois County Humane Society, or the Corning Heritage Center.

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

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Mary Rose Ringwald.



EVELYN PHILLIPS

(Jerry) Phillips on April 5, 1996.

She worked in a furniture factory in Jasper. She retired in 2012, started cross stitching and making quilts while taking care of her youngest grandson and great grandson. She was most commonly referred to as Gran by her family and their friends.

She was always ready to bake a batch of cookies or make a strawberry pie to share with others. Holidays would not be complete without her homemade peanut butter fudge, a variety of candies and cookies. She knew everyone's favorite treat and would make it for them.

Evelyn along with her JOFCO co-workers were actively involved in Dubois County Relay for Life for many years.

She was a member of the Loogootee Christian Church and loved Jesus.

Evelyn is survived by her daughters, Marty Kay (John) Arvin and Deann (Jason) Weidenbenner; her grandsons, Jeremy (Danni) Arvin, Austin (Julie) Bailey, and Kade Weidenbenner and great grandson, Kyler Arvin, all from Loogootee. She is also survived by her sister, Karen (Delmar) Stevens of Bloomington.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Earnest (Roy) and Wenoma Cooper and her sister, Donna Bowersock.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, August 6 with Rev. Ed Frost to officiate. Burial followed in Goodwill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following: Loogootee Christian Church (Building Fund) or Martin County Humane Society.

Online condolences can be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Arrangements by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

EVELYN PHILLIPS

Evelyn Mae Phillips passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at the UoFL Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, with her daughters by her side. A resident of Loogootee, she was 76.

Evelyn was born December 15, 1947, in Linton; daughter of Earnest (Roy) and Wenoma (Abrams) Cooper. She was the middle daughter. She attended school in Scotland and Bloomfield, Indiana.

Evelyn married Jack Mauder on June 5, 1965. She was also married to Gerald

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Martin County Sheriff's Department activity log

SUNDAY, JULY 28

12:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 2, Chief Deputy Keller, ISP Trooper Watson, Haysville Fire Department and Daviess County Units responded. No one was transported.

8:56 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Corporal Hawkins responded.

12:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart responded.

1:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:21 p.m. - Received a call from ADT advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals. ISP Master Trooper Lents and Corporal Hawkins responded.

8:29 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check on a pontoon boat in Loogootee. Deputy Baumgart and Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

8:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a possible theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark and Deputy Baumgart responded.

11:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting assistance north of Shoals. Major Reed responded.

11:44 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

MONDAY, JULY 29

7:00 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance northeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to IU Bedford.

7:18 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner responded.

9:35 a.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

11:01 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible traffic hazard east of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner responded.

11:50 a.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

3:28 p.m. - Received a call requesting a deputy in Crane. Deputy Baumgart responded.

4:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries south of Shoals. Captain Gibson, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

5:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 50, traveling east. Deputy Baumgart responded.

5:39 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a two-vehicle accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Captain Gibson, Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner, Loogootee Officer Garab, Deputy Baumgart, Indiana Conservation Officer Mann and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

5:52 p.m. - Received a call reporting a trespasser in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner and LPD Officer Garab responded.

5:53 p.m. - Received a call reporting vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner, Loogootee Officer Garab and Loogootee Officer Shultz responded.

7:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Shoals. Captain Gibson

responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible dispute in Shoals. Captain Gibson and Deputy Baumgart responded.

9:03 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north. Major Reed and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

2:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-tree accident with no injuries south of Shoals. Major Reed, Deputy Baumgart, Shoals Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded.

3:04 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Major Reed and Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:22 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Major Reed, Loogootee Officer Garab, Haysville Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:03 a.m. - Received a call reporting the smell of smoke at a home in Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:33 a.m. - Received a call requesting a lift assist in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. No one was transported.

10:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Medic 3, Loogootee Assistant Chief Wagoner and Loogootee Captain Rayhill responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:28 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. INDOT was notified.

11:42 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

11:44 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Captain Gibson responded.

12:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded. No one was transported. INDOT was also notified.

12:16 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down northeast of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:36 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller and Martin County Highway Department responded.

12:38 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree limb on a power line on Crane base. Transferred call to Crane 911.

12:57 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check on a trailer. Sergeant Wells responded.

1:50 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:38 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:48 p.m. - Received a call reporting an abandoned vehicle in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:32 p.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee.

7:23 p.m. - Received a call reporting a wallet being found in Loogootee. Loogootee Police has possession of wallet.

8:14 p.m. - Received a call reporting a sewage grinder alarm going off northwest of Loogootee. Loogootee City Utilities was notified.

9:59 p.m. - Received a 911 call and landline call reporting cows in the roadway north of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart re-

sponded. The owner was notified.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

5:35 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

7:05 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling south near Dubois County. Transferred call to Dubois County 911.

7:20 a.m. - Received a call reporting a neighbor dispute east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:12 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with medical personnel. Medical personnel responded.

9:23 a.m. - Received a call reporting the recovery of stolen ATV parts northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson and Indiana Conservation Officer Mann responded.

11:33 a.m. - Received a report of a possible trespasser south of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

12:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line. ISP Master Trooper Lents and Captain Gibson responded.

12:41 p.m. - Received a report of a neighbor dispute east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

2:07 p.m. - Received a call reporting someone moving barricades from the roadway. Martin County Highway Department responded.

2:58 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

3:20 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Baumgart responded.

3:23 p.m. - Received a report of a theft east of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

4:43 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible trespassing in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

8:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals. Deputy Baumgart responded.

9:58 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Major Reed, Deputy Baumgart, Loogootee Officer Clark and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

1:07 a.m. - Received a call from Care Center advising of a fall detection in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Deputy Baumgart responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:07 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Clark responded.

7:38 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

8:25 a.m. - Received a 911 call on Crane Base. The call was transferred to Crane 911.

9:39 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling south toward Dubois County. The call was transferred to Dubois County 911.

12:10 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Lost River Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:24 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn northeast of Shoals.

1:22 p.m. - Received a report of two disabled vehicles north of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Rayhill and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:22 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Captain

Gibson, Corporal Hawkins and Shoals Fire Department responded.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Captain Gibson responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of a two-car accident south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Deputy Branham, Haysville Fire Department and Big John's Towing responded. No one was transported.

3:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the same accident.

3:21 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

3:26 p.m. - Received a call from Johnson Control advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Crane. Keyholder advised to disregard.

3:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and INDOT responded.

3:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Captain Gibson responded.

3:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Deputy Branham responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

4:47 p.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm northeast of Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

5:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

5:41 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Corporal Hawkins responded.

5:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no one on the line southeast of Shoals. Deputy Branham responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of suspicious vehicles east of Shoals. Corporal Hawkins responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Officer Clark and Loogootee Officer Baumgart responded.

9:52 p.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard north of Loogootee. Deputy Branham responded.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

5:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Shields and Big John's Towing responded.

5:51 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Department responded.

6:03 a.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

7:31 a.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn in Loogootee.

9:12 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Loogootee Chief Hunt responded.

11:22 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 South, traveling north. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

11:32 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Loogootee. Martin County Highway Department responded.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, traveling east. Corporal Hawkins responded.

2:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Sheriff Greene responded.

3:00 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with a deputy. Deputy Baumgart (See 'SHERIFF'S LOG' on page 5)

COURT NEWS

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

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed

June 26

Jackson Enrique Ramos Ruiz, knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Rosa E. Vega, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

July 1

Justin T. Mize, reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kevin Dyke, resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; false identity statement, a Class A Misdemeanor; resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Julia Dyke, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony.

July 8

Joshua T. Rush, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor; refusal to submit to breath or chemical test, a Class C Infraction.

Isiah James Edward Winger, resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 Felony; criminal recklessness, a Class B Misdemeanor; reckless driving, a Class C Misdemeanor; knowingly or intentionally operating a motor vehicle without ever receiving a license, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 9

Ashley B. Harris, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Christopher R. Earley, false identity statement, a Class A Misdemeanor.

James D. Johnson, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 16

Travis D. Tredway, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

July 19

Jonathan R. Raber, minor transporting alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

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

Sean D. Winger, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Roger E. Livingston, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Kasey-Anne Marie McCarty, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Brian K. Wagler, operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Cameron B. Ackerman, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony.

July 22

Hayden D. Burton, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Aden D. Graber, minor consuming alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Lyndon L. Graber, minor in possession of alcohol, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 24

Joseph Dills, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor; two counts of battery, Class B Misdemeanors.

July 25

James D. (Hunt) Sears, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; obstructing traffic, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Candice L. Stone, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Byron Reed, operating a vehicle with an ACE of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 26

David A. Jones, possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony; driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 29

Shayla B. Brewer, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 6 Felony.

James D. (Hunt) Sears, intimidation, a Level 6 Felony; resisting law enforcement, a Class A Misdemeanor; battery by bodily waste, a Class B Misdemeanor; disorderly conduct, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

July 25

Christopher R. Early, convicted of false identity statement, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 4 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 2 actual days previously served plus 2 Class A credit days.

July 29

Jeremy Lee Sanders, convicted of battery resulting in bodily injury to a person less than 14 years of age, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 2,190 days with the Indiana Department of Corrections with 730 days suspended and credit for 134 actual days previously served plus 45 Class B credit days. Defendant shall serve the remaining 1,281 days at the Indiana Department of Corrections however, defendant may serve his sentence through Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Electronically Monitored Program which includes 96 hours of community service so long as defendant remains eligible. Defendant received 24 months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

July 29

Jeremy Lee Sanders, two counts of child molesting, fondling or touching with child under 14, Level 4 Felonies, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

July 25

Jefferson Capital Systems, LLC vs. Brenda Sergent, civil collection.

July 27

LVNV Funding, LLC vs. Robert Turner, civil collection.

July 29

Crane Credit Union vs. Danniell Smoot, civil collection.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

July 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Marty Peek in the amount of \$30,019.99.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

July 25

Alexandra Carwile vs. Zachery Carwile, petition for dissolution of marriage, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

July 26

Rosemary Harder vs. Lannan Grain Farms (Denise & Joe Lannan), complaint.

SHERIFF'S LOG

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responded.

3:22 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received a call reporting a disabled vehicle west of Shoals. Loogootee Sergeant Wagoner responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Garab and Deputy Erwin responded.

6:22 p.m. - Received a report of a possible traffic hazard east of Loogootee. Deputy Erwin responded.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JULY 29

10:38 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to the Marathon gas station.

5:39 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Garab responded to a call on US Highway 231.

5:52 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Garab responded to a call on Butcher Boulevard.

TUESDAY, JULY 30

4:09 a.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on US Highway 231.

8:33 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Chief Hunt and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on JFK Avenue.

10:34 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Rayhill responded to a medical call on Arvin Street.

12:07 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Sheridan Street.

1:32 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Washington Street.

2:13 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Doyle Avenue.

2:23 p.m. - Officer Rayhill responded to a call on Stark Street.

7:23 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call at the Loogootee Police Department.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

12:23 p.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call on US Highway 231.

9:58 p.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on State Road 550 in Shoals.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

5:07 a.m. - Officer Clark responded to a call on US Highway 231.

7:38 a.m. - Chief Hunt responded to a call near West Boggs Park.

3:37 p.m. - Officer Floyd responded to a call on High Street.

4:47 p.m. - Officer Baumgart responded to a call on Cherry Street.

6:15 p.m. - Officer Clark and Officer

Baumgart responded to a call at Poplar Care Strategies.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

6:03 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Mulberry Street.

3:22 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Washington Street.

3:43 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call near Peaks Road.

6:00 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call near Crane Credit Union.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

6:23 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Main Street.

10:14 a.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call near Cale Road in Shoals.

12:36 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at the Produce Patch.

3:52 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Main Street.

5:05 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on Grant Street.

5:40 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on US Highway 231.

6:08 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on Mt. Calvary Road.

11:23 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on Stark Street.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

10:07 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call at Redwing Trailer Court.

3:30 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner responded to a call on US Highway 50.

5:51 p.m. - Sergeant Wagoner and Officer Garab responded to a call near Cemetery Road.

6:21 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on Main Street.

9:07 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on Cedar Street.

9:45 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call on Walnut Street.

10:53 p.m. - Officer Garab responded to a call on George Lane.

ARRESTS

TUESDAY, JULY 30

5:49 p.m. - Joshua Arthur, 32, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

11:03 p.m. - Kyle Gruber, 53, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

12:54 a.m. - Jacob Jones, 37, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Baumgart and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

3:33 p.m. - Anthony Jones, 74, of Shoals, was arrested by Corporal Hawkins and charged with neglect of a vertebrate animal. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

12:46 p.m. - Dulcie Hart, 43, of Oakland City, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

3:52 p.m. - Bradley Coleman, 48, of

6:57 p.m. - Received a request to speak with a deputy. Deputy Shields responded.

7:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:14 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn southeast of Shoals.

10:07 p.m. - Received a report of a tree in the roadway northeast of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

11:20 p.m. - Received a call from Johnson Control advising of a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. ISP responded.

Crothersville, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

4:12 p.m. - Jared Lester, 41, of Spencer, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-endangerment. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

12:03 a.m. - Michael Norris, 44, of Indianapolis, was arrested by Deputy Shields and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

12:10 a.m. - Krista Michael-Pope, 32, of Bloomington, was arrested by Deputy Shields for possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and unlawful possession of a syringe. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond. Loogootee Officer Garab assisted with the arrest.

5:58 p.m. - Timothy Utt, 40, of Vincennes, was arrested by Deputy Erwin and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of anabolic steroids and possession of a syringe. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

9:20 p.m. - Jeffrey Friede Jr., 45, of Jasper, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Garab and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated-refusal. He is being held on \$10,000 10% bond.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

12:25 a.m. - Anthony Clements, 39, of Crane, was arrested by Deputy Shields and charged with domestic battery with a prior. He is being held without bond.

12:25 a.m. - Jessica Bauerle, 43, of Crane, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Garab and charged with strangulation and domestic battery with bodily injury. She is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.



By Gordon Grindstaff

I'm sitting here wondering what I could write about, but I keep getting distracted thinking about tomorrow, it's laundry day for me here in the Grindstaff household. This is one of the household chores that I picked up when I became Susie's full-time caregiver.

Although I tend to make it one, doing the laundry is not a difficult task; our washing machine has most of the current technological advances, so it ends up making most of the decisions on how I want the clothes washed. The machine has several settings for making that decision; most of which I don't use because I'm a little weak on classifying items that go in the wash.

For instance, let's say, distinguishing 'heavy duty' items from 'delicates'. What exactly makes an item heavy duty or delicate? Should Susie's clothing be considered delicate, or does it go in the 'normal' cycle? Where does my flannel shirt go?

As a result of these questions, What I mostly end up doing is selecting the 'activewear' setting; it's a safe, middle of the road, wash.

There is also a small compartment above the machine tub labeled 'liquid bleach 1 cup max'. I don't use that at all due to something I did many years ago while trying to help Susie with the laundry. I don't remember the details; I just remember all of our clothes had little white spots on them. No bleach for me.

And speaking of white, another thing I don't do is separate the colored clothes from the whites even though that seemed to be necessary in previous years. Being a cradle-Catholic, when I just put everything in the hamper into the washer, I sometimes wonder if I'm getting dangerously close to a minor sin of omission by not sorting out the whites from the pile of dirty clothes. (1)

I suppose you could say that when it comes right down to it, my job consists mostly of putting the clothes in the machine then adding detergent and fabric softener. Loading the washer, a top loader, is the hardest part of the task. I have to distribute the pieces evenly around the tub, trying to keep the load balanced so that the machine doesn't pull a chubby checker and starts jumping around during the spin cycle.

As for selecting a detergent, here's a startling observation from Wikipedia for you to mull over as you start your day. There are approximately 39 (or were) different brands of laundry detergents on various grocery store shelves. (2). They can be in one of four main formulas, liquid, powder, pods and strips.

How was I supposed to know which one to pick? I finally decided that in selecting a detergent, my only requirement is a liquid, preferably on sale, that comes in a white container with the words 'free and gentle' prominently displayed on the front. (3)

Which brings me to the other laundry products I only know about from television advertising. The only one I use is a stain remover, thanks to some advice from someone. I have forgotten who. So, on laundry day, my trusty bottle of 'Spray and Wash' hangs from my belt just like John Wayne had his six-gun.

The rest of the laundry product world is still a mystery to me. For instance, I really don't know if I have to use fabric softeners in the washing machine since I also have sheets of fabric softener for the clothes dryer, so I just use both.

Other than that, I stay away from the rinses, neutralizers, boosters and the scent producing beads, especially the one that makes random women in the mall sniff at strangers' clothes when they walk by; makes me wonder what's in those beads.

I don't know that I will ever figure out how best to do the laundry with all the different products that companies are trying to sell me. Combine that with the 9 different cycle settings on the washer, 4 water temperature choices, as well as how deep you want the water, and you have my head spinning.

And if that's not bad enough, in researching this column, I just learned that when the washer is finished, I'm not done when I've thrown the clothes in the dryer. I need to add dryer balls. Yes, dryer balls. Don't ask.

Ahh, well. Life was so much simpler when we just took our overalls down to the crick, dipped them in the cold water and then beat them against a rock for a little while. Sorry folks, no going back now.

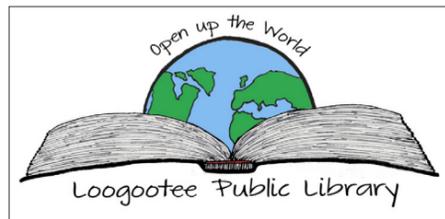
G2 notes:

1: I vaguely recall my mother sorting clothes but I really have no idea how she kept our clothes clean. I have spent a good part of the day trying to remember what she did. We had a clothesline, so she washed our clothes somehow. I'm pretty sure there was no washing machine. I do vaguely remember a scrub board and a wash tub but God, I hope that wasn't what she had to use. That woman already had way too much on her plate.

Concerning the clothesline, I do remember it well, running through the hanging clothes, knocking the clothesline pole out from under the line, resulting in the clothes dropping into the grass.

2: It's been a long time since I have seen an advertisement for Rinso or Oxydol but if you happen to have a box of either, they're going for big bucks on eBay.

3: That doesn't mean you get it for nothing; it means that the formula is free of dyes and perfumes. I know, you would think a manly man such as myself would not be concerned with things like that but despite my manly appearance, I happen to have very sensitive skin. Hard to believe, isn't it? -



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Since the demand for "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance has increased, the library added two more copies to the collection. You can put a hold on a copy through the Evergreen website or request the staff do it for you. Staff have been asked about the movie, but it isn't available on DVD, it is a Netflix movie.

The library is circulating a survey to help gather input for the library's five-year plan. Please take a moment to fill one out. Thank you in advance.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jones Family Reunion

The 51st Annual Jones Family Reunion for descendants of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones will be Saturday, August 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Eastern time) at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant, 15519 US Highway 231, Loogootee, IN 47553 (located approximately three miles north of Loogootee on Hwy. 231). A Dutch-treat lunch from the restaurant's buffet/menu will be at noon. Since this is the first year at a restaurant, an RSVP to Trudy Sutton, 812-709-0376 (text or call) by Friday, August 2 is requested. An approximate count is needed to provide to the restaurant so enough seating and food is available.

Truck and Tractor Pull

The Martin County Truck and Tractor Pull will be held Friday, August 16 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, August 17 at 6 p.m. at the 4-H fairgrounds. Friday will feature antique tractors and Saturday will be farm stock. General admission is \$10 and children seven and under get in free. Concessions will be available. For more information, contact Dan Wagler at 812-617-5286.

Community corrections meetings

The Martin County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet in executive session Thursday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the community corrections office at 211 SE 1st Street in Loogootee. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel records classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b)(7). The meeting is closed to the public. An open meeting will follow the closed-door meeting at around 8:30 a.m.

Dog/Cat Wellness Clinic

The next scheduled dog and cat wellness clinic at the Martin County Humane Society Spay/Neuter Clinic will be Friday, August 16 from 5-6 p.m. The clinic offers low-cost vaccines, testing, microchips, nail trims, etc. No appointment is

required, first come first serve.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at The River Church in Shoals. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry, on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 a.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 Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) meets the third Tuesday of the month at the SWCD office located at 404 JFK Avenue in Loogootee. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. (April-October) and at 6:30 p.m. (November-March). Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please call 812-295-3149 for assistance.

New Effective STORE hours July 29

MONDAY	9AM-6PM
TUESDAY	9AM-6PM
WEDNESDAY	9AM-6PM
THURSDAY	9AM-6PM
FRIDAY	9AM-4PM
SATURDAY	9AM-4PM
SUNDAY	11AM-4PM

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

It is State Fair time! The Indiana State Fair started August 2 and continues through August 18. The fairgrounds are closed on Mondays, but six days a week, the event is a showcase for Indiana agriculture. While I hear many people in southern Indiana who say they prefer the Kentucky State Fair, I am loyal to the Hoosier state exhibition. Indiana's fair is a true fair, and not just a stay-in-the-air-conditioning business forum.

Of course, 4-H and FFA are a huge part of the Indiana State Fair. Hoosier youths have worked hard and have won the right to exhibit or compete at the fair. Attending their competitions and viewing their exhibits show support for our young people. Once again, I am serving as a judge in the Horticulture Building, and I am always amazed at the quality of the produce, flowers and herbs exhibited by Hoosier 4-Hers. The Horticulture Building has a lot more than 4-H exhibits. There are also exhibits in the open-class competitions and horticulture-related businesses. You may see competitions for specific flowers and vegetables, gourds and even Christmas trees. While not a true horticulture product, honey and the bees that make it get prominent billing. After all, bees are responsible for the pollination of many of our crops.

Of course, there is much more to the fair than just the horticulture building. My personal favorite spot is the pioneer village and the gardens in that area. The village also features pioneer crafts, traditional music and exhibits of antique farm equipment. Since I am a collector of old garden tools, I love to look at the various implements and try to figure out how they were used. It has been a tradition for me to buy a new broom at the fair. One may watch a broom being made, and these "corn" brooms are of top quality.

There are a few other display gardens at the fairgrounds, and I always visit them to see what has changed since my last visit. The butterfly garden outside the DNR pavilion is always a busy place. Another

educational garden area demonstrates the importance of plants in water quality.

Animals come and go at the fairgrounds, so it depends on the day you visit as to what animals you may see. I urge you to take time to watch 4-Hers showing their animals. You will be impressed by the skill of these young people.

No fair visit would be complete without visiting the old-fashioned Hook's drugstore and the commercial building on Main Street. You will find all sorts of merchandise being demonstrated. After all of that, you owe yourself a treat. Food vendors are everywhere, and the variety is staggering. I always try to get something that is not generally found around my hometown. I cannot confirm it, but I have been told that calories consumed at the Indiana State Fair do not count against your diet.

I rarely visit the midway, but I am told that it is one of the best carnivals around. My rides are usually limited to the tractor-pulled trams that circle the fairgrounds constantly, helping visitors to get from one event to another.

Rated as one of the ten best state fairs in the nation, the Indiana State Fair is definitely Hoosier pride on display. Make a trip to Indianapolis and enjoy a Hoosier tradition.

Hunter Education Course

A Hunters Education Course will be held Friday and Saturday, September 20 and 21 at Faith Baptist Church in Loo-gootee. On Friday, the class will be held from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In order to be certified, students must attend the entire class including all sessions.

Anyone born after December 31, 1986 is required to be certified in Hunter Education before they can purchase a hunting license.

You can register for the course at www.indianahuntereducation.com. For more information, contact Kendrick Fuhrman or Tony Mann at 812-837-9536.



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

What defines a weed? The most fitting definition is simply a plant out of place. For instance, pigweed in a garden is typically unwanted and considered out of place. Similarly, a volunteer corn plant in a soybean field might be seen as a weed, since it disrupts the desired crop. In a pasture setting, defining a weed can be nuanced, often requiring careful consideration of its impact on the ecosystem, its usefulness, desirability of the livestock present, and its compatibility with desired vegetation.

A weed can sometimes be beneficial to a pasture system when it aligns with the grazing preferences of livestock and does not overly compete with other desirable perennial vegetation. For instance, certain weeds may provide additional forage options during different seasons or conditions, supplementing the diet of grazing animals. Moreover, they can contribute to biodiversity and soil health by adding organic matter and improving nutrient cycling. When managed properly, these weeds can enhance the overall resilience and productivity of the pasture ecosystem without compromising the growth of desired vegetation.

Crabgrass is often considered a weed due to its rapid growth and ability to invade lawns and gardens. However, in a pasture setting, crabgrass can have significant forage value, especially when it is immature. Young crabgrass plants are highly palatable to grazing livestock and can provide nutritious forage during certain times of the year when other grasses may be less abundant or nutritious. This characteristic makes crabgrass a valuable supplementary "forage" that can support the nutritional needs of livestock in a pasture system, demonstrating how a plant labeled as a weed can offer benefits when managed appropriately. Most tall fescue pastures are riddled with crabgrass which often helps to meet nutritional needs during the summer slump period when most cool-season grasses usually take a bit of a siesta.

Some people prioritize aesthetics over anything else. You need to ask three questions: From what view are you looking? What is the true economic and forage impact threshold? And, are the plants toxic or invasive?

Personal thresholds of weeds, especially some particular weeds, is often very low for some people. A single specimen in some cases might cause weed anxiety. Too many times the roadside view of a field appears a lot worse than reality. Before taking action, walk around the field and see up close what the situation is really like. Quite often, it is not nearly as bad as you thought.

Look at the canopy. In other words, how much sunlight are the weeds intercepting and preventing from getting to desirable forage? In cool-season grass pastures, the typical weed threshold for canopy coverage is often set at around 10 percent to 20 percent. This means that weeds are managed to ensure they do not exceed 10 percent to 20 percent of the total ground cover within the pasture. Frequently, they are a lot lower than this threshold.

This threshold allows for some weed presence without significantly impacting the growth and productivity of the desired forage, thereby maintaining the desired balance between forage quality and weed control. The bigger those weeds get, especially ones that can grow tall and wide, the fewer of them that are tolerable. Two or three small plants per square

yard are normally under the above mentioned threshold. If not removed by grazing/browsing or perhaps a hoe, then they can quickly grow to be above that threshold and require removal by some means. When canopy approaches 30 percent, forage yield is almost always impacted unless the "weed" is somewhat desirable forage for the livestock present.

Depending on the species of the weed, high density, short duration grazing will take out quite a few weeds, especially if those weeds tend to be desirable species for the type of grazing livestock. Small ruminants such as goats and sheep quite often do a better job of weed control than cattle on a regular basis. This is especially true when the weeds are small and young. Some "weeds" then just add to the diversity of the salad bar.

Cattle do a better job when they are concentrated on a smaller allotment for a short period of time, ideally less than 24 hours. This creates an environment where there is more competition between animals for the forage present that results with more even grazing and less selectivity. Recovery of desirable species is then key to help them provide good competition over undesirables for the next grazing.

Quite often the bushhog is utilized a little prematurely. You must assess that weed threshold and also the amount of grazable forage present prior to mowing. Sometimes, and mainly due to not being able to mow high enough, valuable, grazable desirable forage is impacted. In most cases, you are better off grazing it first and taking to a desirable stop grazing height and then clipping it post grazing. Just make sure to do so prior to seed set on the undesirable species. Spot mowing or spraying also disturbs less grazable forage.

Generally, you can not graze your way out of a weedy situation if those plants are not at least somewhat desirable to the grazing livestock. Animals can be conditioned to eat some species. Plants that are considered toxic should never be forced to be consumed.

Some species that most would consider weeds can be desirable and nutritious for some grazing livestock. Giant ragweed is sought after by most goats and sheep, crabgrass like mentioned earlier is highly desirable to cattle. Tick-trefoil (*Desmodium*), which most people see as a nuisance because of the "stick-tight" seed pods, is extremely good forage and desirable to most grazing livestock with a relative feed value of up to 120 until flowering. Leguminous plants like tick-trefoil can fix significant amounts of nitrogen, often contributing 50 to 200 pounds of nitrogen per acre per year.

Some "weedy" appearing pastures can be extremely productive because of increased diversity. There must be a healthy balance and action taken when undesirable plants exceed the threshold of productive and nutritious grazing and negatively impact production or animal health. Toxic and invasive species should always be controlled. Remember, it is not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities
Forage Sorghum Field Day – September 10 - Feldon-Purdue Ag Center, Bedford, IN – RSVP by September 5 to SheltonB@Purdue.edu or 812-279-8554.
Please send comments or questions to grazingbites@gmail.com.

Request for Proposals

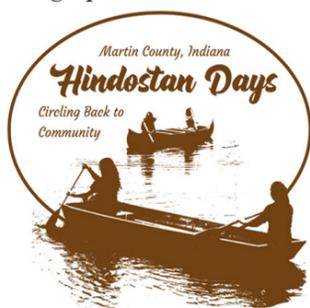
The South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. is soliciting bids to procure Audit and Tax Services. The South Central Region 8 Workforce Board, Inc. is a nonprofit organization, providing oversight of the region's public employment and training system servicing Brown, Daviess, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. August 26, 2024. Specific information regarding this Request for Proposal may be obtained at <https://www.in.gov/dwd/compliance-policy/wdb/>.

4th Annual Hindostan Days Vendor Applications Open!

Hindostan Days vendor applications are now available and being accepted until September 1. Vendor applications can be picked up at the Martin County Historical Museum during open hours.

The 4th Annual Hindostan Days event will be held Saturday, 28th from 10 am-6 pm.

- Vendor spaces will be \$25 each.
- Vendor spaces will be 12x12.
- Vendor must provide own shade canopy (not required), tables, chairs, etc.
- Vendor spaces will be located in grassy areas.
- Vendors may purchase up to two (2) additional spaces.
- Vendor spaces will be assigned prior to the event date.



All guidelines are outlined in the vendor application form.
The Hindostan Days Committee reserves the right to refuse any submitted vendor application form.

National unemployment edges up to 4.3 percent for July

The unemployment rate rose to 4.3 percent in July, and nonfarm payroll employment edged up by 114,000, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment continued to trend up in health care, in construction, and in transportation and warehousing, while information lost jobs.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures

labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment

survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate rose by 0.2 percentage point to 4.3 percent in July, and the number of unemployed people increased by 352,000 to 7.2 million. These measures are higher than a year earlier, when the jobless rate was 3.5 percent, and the number of unemployed people was 5.9 million.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (4.0 percent) and Whites (3.8 percent) increased in July. The jobless rates for adult women (3.8 percent), teenagers (12.4 percent), Blacks (6.3 percent), Asians (3.7 percent), and Hispanics (5.3 percent) showed little or no change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of people on temporary layoff increased by 249,000 to 1.1 million in July. The num-

ber of permanent job losers changed little at 1.7 million.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) changed little at 1.5 million in July. This measure is up from 1.2 million a year earlier. The long-term unemployed accounted for 21.6 percent of all unemployed people in July.

The labor force participation rate, at 62.7 percent, changed little in July and was little changed over the year. The employment-population ratio was little changed at 60.0 percent in July but is down by 0.4 percentage point over the year.

The number of people employed part time for economic reasons rose by 346,000 to 4.6 million in July. 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.

The number of people not in the labor force who currently want a job increased by 366,000 to 5.6 million in July, largely offsetting a decline in the previous month. These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the 4 weeks preceding the survey or were unavailable to take a job.

Among those not in the labor force who wanted a job, the number of people marginally attached to the labor force, at 1.6 million, was little changed in July. These individuals wanted and were available

for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, also changed little at 405,000 in July.

Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment edged up by 114,000 in July, below the average monthly gain of 215,000 over the prior 12 months. In July, employment continued to trend up in health care, in construction, and in transportation and warehousing, while information lost jobs.

Health care added 55,000 jobs in July, similar to the average monthly gain of 63,000 over the prior 12 months. In July, employment rose in home health care services (+22,000), hospitals (+20,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+9,000).

Employment continued to trend up in construction in July (+25,000), in line with the average monthly gain over the prior 12 months (+19,000). Employment in specialty trade contractors continued its upward trend in July (+19,000).

In July, employment continued to trend up in transportation and warehousing (+14,000), with job gains in couriers and messengers (+11,000) and warehousing and storage (+11,000). These gains were partially offset by a job loss in transit and ground passenger transportation (-11,000). Transportation and warehousing has added 119,000 jobs since a recent low in January of this year.

Employment in social assistance continued its upward trend in July (+9,000), but at a slower pace than the average monthly gain over the prior 12 months (+23,000).

Information employment declined by

Indiana Department of Insurance announces new all payer claims database website

The Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) announces the launch of the Indiana All Payer Claims Database (APCD) website. The Indiana APCD is a statewide database that collects healthcare claims information from various sources, such as health insurers, and provides valuable healthcare insights for all Hoosiers.

This interactive tool allows consumers to shop for health care services by comparing price and quality of care across the state. For example, if you are in need of a knee replacement you can select your insurance, procedure, and zip code on the database. You will then see a list of health care providers that perform the service within a certain distance of your zip code, the quality rating for that facility, and the average out-of-pocket cost.

"The Indiana All Payer Claims Database website will provide valuable insights into healthcare costs, quality, and utilization patterns across our state. By making this data accessible, the APCD website will be an invaluable tool in driving data-based decisions, and ultimately enhance the well-being of Indiana residents," said IDOI Commissioner Amy L. Beard.

In addition to the benefits for healthcare consumers, the Indiana APCD may provide valuable information to employers, researchers, and policy makers. Indiana employers can glean more information

20,000 in July but has changed little over the year.

Government employment was little changed in July (+17,000). Employment growth in government has slowed in recent months, following larger job gains in 2023 and the first quarter of 2024.

Employment showed little change over the month in other major industries, including mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; manufacturing; wholesale trade; retail trade; financial activities; professional and business services; leisure and hospitality; and other services.

In July, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls increased by 8 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$35.07. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 3.6 percent. In July, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 9 cents, or 0.3 percent, to \$30.14.

The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 34.2 hours in July. In manufacturing, the average workweek edged down by 0.2 hour to 39.9 hours, and overtime edged down by 0.1 hour to 2.8 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 33.7 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for May was revised down by 2,000, from +218,000 to +216,000, and the change for June was revised down by 27,000, from +206,000 to +179,000. With these revisions, employment in May and June combined is 29,000 lower 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.)

about the quality of care their employees receive and strengthen their decision making about benefit design and network optimization for employees. Additionally, researchers and policy makers can study healthcare utilization and cost trends by service type and location across the state.

Improving healthcare price transparency has been a priority for Governor Holcomb. The Indiana APCD was part of Governor Holcomb's Next Level Agenda and authorized by the Indiana General Assembly.

"Our partnership with Onpoint marks a significant milestone in advancing our data management capabilities. We're confident that this collaboration will enhance our ability to deliver innovative data insights that will benefit our stakeholders across the state," said Jonathan Handsborough, Executive Director of the IDOI APCD.

The Indiana Department of Insurance partnered with OnPoint Health Data to create the APCD. OnPoint developed the first-of-its-kind APCD for Maine in 2003 and is a recognized industry leader on APCDs, developing more than 50% of the APCDs nationally since that time. The Indiana APCD adheres to industry-leading data privacy and security standards and follows the strictest federal and state security requirements.

Visit the Indiana APCD website at <https://www.apcd.idoi.in.gov/>.

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