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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Work continues on the bell tower on the former courthouse, now the Martin County Museum in Shoals. Multiple renovations have been done to the building, built in

## Historical society updates council on museum work

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

Bill Greene, president of the Martin County Historical Society, and Alyssa Kerns, treasurer, updated the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, August 6, about the updates being done to the museum and former courthouse.

Greene explained that the restoration of the bell tower is ongoing. He said the company hired to do the work has a true passion for history and is working very hard to retain the value of the bell tower. They have discovered many boxes of documents that had been stored in the bell tower and the historical society received a grant to clean and store those documents. Also, it was discovered that the bell in the tower has silver in it which not only makes it valuable, it makes it very high quality.

One issue Greene talked about was the fact that the museum does not have heating or cooling. He noted that while volunteers' and visitors' comfort is a concern, the documents and artifacts the museum is housing are his major concern. He said that the lack of a climate-controlled area could ruin documents, so the historical society has the heating and cooling issue at the top of their priority list. They are working with Messmer Mechanical on a quote. Also, the windows need to be restored. He estimates the total cost of both projects to cost around \$250,000. The window estimate was \$133,000. The historical society board is also figuring out a way to pay the heating and cooling bills once it is in place as the museum has not had that bill for many years.

Greene also talked about other work

that has been completed in the museum including fixing the masonry on the outside of the building, adding a handicap ramp and door on the back of the museum, and redoing the drywall in the downstairs of the building using a \$5,000 grant from US Gypsum.

Alyssa Kerns talked about the historical society's finances. She said that memberships stand at 718. When the historical society first started the push for new members, there were only 100. Memberships are \$10 a year. Kerns said that it costs roughly \$12,600 a year to operate the museum. Those costs include electricity, water, advertising, printing and mailing the quarterly newsletter, purchasing supplies and computer equipment, and paying for insurance. Kerns said that the historical society had to file a long form 990 this year and it was the first time ever due to the society taking in more than \$50,000 in a year. The society has received around \$200,000 in grants over the past year.

Greene thanked the county council for their help with funds to go toward the bell tower and also for the county's contribution of \$3,000 toward the annual operating budget. Kerns reiterated that the council's contribution is essential for the running of the museum.

Greene said Martin County's Bicentennial is in 2020 and the goal has been to have the museum in good shape prior to planning for that celebration. "The history we have here in Martin County is rich. Very rich," he said. Greene said the current historical society board wants to get things in place now for the future of the museum, to sustain it and keep it around for future generations. (See 'MUSEUM' continued on page 2)

## Andrew Stone sentenced on two felony counts

On August 3 a sentencing hearing was held in the Martin Circuit Court concerning Andrew Stone, 34, of Shoals. On May 15, 2018 a jury trial was held, and Stone was convicted of battery on a public safety official resulting in bodily injury, a level 5 felony, and resisting law enforcement with a vehicle, a level 6 felony.

Stone was sentenced to four years in the Indiana Department of Correction on the level 5 felony and 1.5 years on the level 6 felony. The sentences will be served concurrently.

"I hope this sends a very clear message that if someone crosses the line and attacks and injures a law enforcement officer that we will do everything we can to ensure that significant prison time will be the end result. Police officers have a dangerous job and we, as a society, cannot tolerate that behavior," said Mike Steiner, Martin County Prosecutor.

The case stemmed from a situation

where Major T.A. Burkhardt, with the Martin County Sheriff's Office, observed Stone driving on a suspended license and violating a no contact order, both misdemeanors. Major Burkhardt was unable to stop Stone immediately. Major Burkhardt and Sheriff Travis Roush began looking for Stone and eventually Sheriff Roush located Stone. Sheriff Roush activated his emergency lights and Stone fled to his residence. Sheriff Roush pursued Stone to his residence where Stone repeatedly slammed a door into the foot and ankle of Sheriff Roush causing injury to him. Major Burkhardt arrived shortly thereafter, and Stone was taken into custody.

On the same day as sentencing, a fact-finding hearing was held on a probation violation involving Stone in an unrelated case. The court found Stone to have violated his probation terms and ordered his suspended time of 306 days to be served in the Martin County Security Center.

## Remember to register your off-road vehicle with the BMV

Hoosiers who own off-road vehicles (ORVs) purchased after December 31, 2009 must register those ORVs through the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV).

The registration law applies regardless of whether the ORV is driven on public or private land, although there are a few exceptions. More information about ORV registration requirements is at [bmv.IN.gov/2468.htm](http://bmv.IN.gov/2468.htm).

ORVs include dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility task vehicles (UTVs), and side-by-sides.

A three-year ORV registration costs \$30.

Registration is required for all ORVs to enter Interlake and Redbird state recreation areas (SRAs), according to DNR's Carman Jackson, who manages both properties. Interlake and Redbird are former coal surface mines owned and managed by the DNR Division of Outdoor Recreation to provide public-land riding opportunities for ORV users.

For out-of-state visitors, the state also recognizes out-of-state ORV registrations.

Out-of-state residents with unregistered ORVs can purchase an annual trail-use permit that will allow use at Redbird and Interlake SRAs only. These permits are available at the property gatehouses.

"We are seeing an increasing number of non-registered ORVs arriving at Interlake and Redbird," Jackson said. "Many Hoosiers are not aware of the registration requirement. Unfortunately, we have to deny them entrance to the property."

Registration allows police officers to track stolen ORVs and ORVs that have been used improperly. Furthermore, fees from ORV registration pay for increased off-roading opportuni-

ties, amenities and services.

Interlake and Redbird have added more trail miles for all vehicle types and rider skill levels. Recent improvements include shelters, picnic areas and observation decks that provide great views and family experiences.

"These funds are essential for property improvements," Jackson said.

More information on off-roading in Indiana, including laws, safety and places to ride is at [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4229.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4229.htm).

## File to run for school board by August 24

The last day to file a petition for candidacy for school board is August 24, 2018 at noon.

The following will appear on the November 6, 2018 ballot:

In Loogootee, District 1, currently held by Scott Hall; District 2, currently held by Chad Wade; and District 3, currently held by Brent Courter.

In Shoals, District 1, currently held by Diana Ragsdale; and District 4, currently held by Eva George.

To date, one person has filed to run for school board and that is Eva Nadine George for Shoals School Board District 4.

You can pick up paperwork needed to file petition at the Martin County Clerk's Office. If you have any questions regarding school board offices, would like to check registration or request an application to vote absentee by mail, you can call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651.

Anyone wishing to vote in the November 6 General Election needs to register by October 9. You can register to vote online or update your registration at [www.indianavoters.com](http://www.indianavoters.com).



# MUSEUM

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He asked the county to give any funding they can to help move the museum renovations along before the Bicentennial.

Greene said the upstairs of the courthouse is something that won't be worked on for several years and they will be working on grants for that.

The council agreed to do what they can to contribute toward the historical society's budget for next year. They also thanked Greene for the work that has been done. Greene said they feel the support of the community with everything they are trying to do.

Darla Wagler, director of the Loogootee Public Library, told the council that their \$1.1 million USDA loan to build the new library has been approved. The next step is to seek bids for the project and Wagler said that the new building may end up costing less than the \$1.1

million. She will be presenting a resolution for bond issuance to the council at their meeting next month. She said the council is the library's governing body therefore they are required to approve the library taking the bond even though they are using money in their current budget to pay the payments. Council Member Lynn Gee asked Wagler where the library is building. Wagler replied that they will be building on the land donated by St. Vincent de Paul next to the food pantry. "You just can't argue with free," she said, adding that having a library in that location will improve the area greatly.

The council approved additional money requests for \$2,000 for the prosecutor for supplies, \$1,000 from IV-D and \$1,000 from the general fund. Prosecutor Mike Steiner said that if they keep having defendants request jury trials, he will be coming back to the council for more help.

The council also approved \$8,000 for the coroner's office from the riverboat fund to pay for autopsies for the rest of the year.

Also approved was \$100,000 from CEDIT (County Economic Development Income Tax) to pay for health insurance. Auditor Bobbie Abel was asked if that would cover the county for the rest of the year. Abel replied **Indiana State dean's list**

Nicole Harder, of Shoals, was named to the Indiana State University Dean's List for the spring semester of 2018. To be eligible for the list, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

that they hoped it would, but it was not guaranteed. It was also noted that the council cut the health insurance line item in the budget last year during budget hearings to get the budget approved and knew they would have to come back this year to supplement.

Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder spoke to the council about changes and additions in the WestGate Tech Park. He also talked to them about a class being planned by Purdue Extension for a leadership program for Martin County. The cost is \$300 per person and

is for one week, once a month. He said the program is designed for anyone interested in leadership in Martin County. They would like 10-12 participants and are expecting the first session to start in October. A certificate will be given at the end of the class. Some of the topics to be covered include asset mapping, leadership style, interpersonal communication, diversity, getting involved in the community, serving on non-profit boards, education in the county, STEM, Crane, how local government works and economic development.



## Crane Building 5 reunion

-Photo provided

Former employees from Crane Building 5/Human Resources held their annual reunion luncheon on Friday, August 3, at Stoll's Lakeview. This reunion luncheon is held every year on the first Friday in August at Stoll's and all former Bldg. 5/HR employees are invited to attend. Shown seated, from left to right, are Pat Daugherty, Jan Strawn, Terry Sorrells, Glenda Shipman, Patty Kirkman, Rowena Tripp, and Judy Branstetter. Standing, from left to right, are Ellen McDaniel, Joyce Johnson (partially hidden), Tom McGee, Bev Kimble, Teresa Troup, Darlene Ridgway, Becky Summers, Linda Hawkins, Barbara Terry, Brenda Massette, Janet Merkel, Mary Coulter, Kathy Pennington-Cummings, Vicki Burger (leaning down), Connie Lacer, Donna Bryant, and Shirley Malone.

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# Obituaries

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## MIKEL STUMP

Mikel E. "Mike" Stump, formerly of Winamac, Indiana, passed away at 5:29 p.m. Friday, August 3, 2018 at Florida Hospital Tampa surrounded by his family, friends and coworkers. A resident of Tampa, Florida, he was 64.



He was born on December 29, 1953 in Lafayette; son of the late Claude "Bud" and Mildred "Midge" Hanner Stump. He graduated from Winamac High School in 1971. He worked at B&S Radio in Winamac for many years alongside his parents. In 1994, Mike moved from Winamac to Tampa. He was currently employed as a Telemetry Technician at Florida Hospital Tampa.

Mike was an avid golfer. He enjoyed Corvettes and motorcycles. He also enjoyed the TV shows Two and Half Men, Law & Order and Big Bang Theory.

Mike loved his dogs, Maggie & Mitzie as well as his family and friends. He will be sadly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his son, Shane (Erin) Bonnell of Winamac; daughter, Nichole (Chris) Brown of Logansport; four grandchildren, Mitchell, Kaley, Hayden and Ellah; sisters, Helen (Jay) Chamness of Winamac and Anita (John) Gehlhausen of Loogootee; six nieces and nephews, Missie (Scott), Jeff (Jen), Billy (Kayla), Brent (Ashley), Alyssa (Aaron) and Chantel (Brighton); 12 great nieces and nephews, Bethany, Erika, Katelin, Kyle, Shelby, Aubrie, Aleaha, Colton, Easton, Adalyn, Lyla and Jett; former spouse and great friend, Marilyn Nichols of Tampa, Florida; four step children, Harold, Tiffany, Ryan and Crystal (Tony); and three step grandchildren, Breanna, Talia and Luchia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Claude "Bud" and Mildred "Midge" Hanner Stump.

Services will be held at Frain Mortuary in Winamac, IN at a later date.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Pulaski Animal Center or Winamac Athletic Department or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online Condolences may be offered in the guestbook at [www.frainmortuary.com](http://www.frainmortuary.com). Cremation arrangements have been entrusted to Frain Mortuary in Winamac.

## MAC SUTTON

Mac Arthur Sutton passed away August 6, 2018 at his home. A resident of North Vernon, he was 75.

He was born August 27, 1942, in Loogootee; the son of Luther and Oskell Burrell Sutton. He married his first wife, Marjorie Truelove on April 14, 1963; she preceded him in death on January 23, 1996. He married his second wife, Laura Belle Arvin on April 27, 2006 at Christ Baptist Church in North Vernon; she survives.

Mr. Sutton was a 1960 graduate of Loogootee High School and graduate of Vincennes University and Oakland City College and received his master's degree from Indiana University. He worked as a teacher for Graham Creek Elementary School in Commiskey for 23 years retiring in 1989 and worked for Hacker Fabrication for 17 years. He was a member of Christ Baptist Church



and attended First Assembly of God both in North Vernon. Mr. Sutton enjoyed tractors and attending tractor shows, reading, gardening and outdoors.

Surviving with his wife, Laura Belle Sutton are sons, Brent Sutton and his wife, Bliss; Brian Sutton and his wife, Amber, both of North Vernon; step-son, David Shelton of North Vernon; step-daughters, Della Goodwin and her husband, Tim, of North Vernon; Sheila Phillips and her husband, Danny, of Tennessee and Dixie Mott and her husband, Kenny, of Bicknell; sisters, Georgia Harris of Nashville, Nancy Sutton of Napoleon and Nona Bradley and her husband, Kenny, of Loogootee; grandchildren, Cory Castetter, Kyle Sutton and his wife, Kelsey; Jacob Sutton and his wife, Brittany; Brechelle Landwehr and her husband, Tyler; Brendan Sutton and Lucas Terry, all of North Vernon and Marley Sutton of Elizabethtown; nine step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and 18 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife; brother, Danny Cochran; sisters, Marsha Mattingly, Rosalie Goodson, and Marilyn Sutton and step-son, Roger Shelton.

A funeral service for Mr. Sutton will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 9 at the Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon. Family and Friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday, August 8, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Truelove Cemetery in Loogootee.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Jennings County Library or the American Cancer Society.

## JOSEPHINE JONES

Josephine Jones, formerly of Shoals, passed away at 3:50 p.m. Friday, August 3, 2018 at Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Loogootee, she was 90.

She was born June 26, 1928 in Martin County; daughter of the late Homer H. and Naomi (Qualkenbush) Jones.

Josephine attended Quinn School - Lost River Township through the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. She retired from Perfect Fit in Loogootee at the age of 83 after working there for 37 years. She was an avid seamstress, made her own clothes and did many sewing and mending projects for others. She also did washing and ironing for many families when her children were young. She made blankets for Ronald McDonald House and Riley Children's Hospital and sold blankets and donated the proceeds to charities. She also made blankets one year for the Loogootee Post Prom.

She was a member of the Shoals Christian Church. She taught Sunday School for 50 plus years and had 57 years of perfect Sunday School attendance. She was a member of the Martin County Saddle Club for many years.

Josephine's life was dedicated to taking care of her family. She loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and she especially loved her dogs. She enjoyed planting and caring for her flowers and riding ATV's. She liked attending the auctions held once

a year at the Bateman School House.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Homer H. and Naomi (Qualkenbush) Jones; siblings, Freida McDowell, Gledia "Jean" Newell, Hayden Jones and Virginia "Jenny" Harper; former husband, Benton M. Jones; step-mother, Bertha Jones.

She is survived by her children, Rudy Jones (Teresa Johnson) of Shoals, Trudy (Mike) Sutton of Loogootee, Brent (Joan) Jones of Troy, Texas and Rod Jones of Loogootee; grandchildren, Cassidy (Tyler) Dages of Loogootee, Eric Jones of Rogers, Texas; Joshua M. Jones of Shoals and Shaun (Viktoria) Sutton of Wichita, Kansas; great-grandchildren, Jase and Braeden Dages, Kelsey and Avian Jones and Anna Elizabeth Sutton, due August 26; brother, Lester Jones of Columbus, Ohio and special dogs, Porky, Sadie and Marley.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday, August 10 at the Shoals Christian Church. Burial will follow in Waggoner's Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, August 9 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee and Friday, August 10 from 9 a.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made Waggoner's

Chapel Cemetery, c/o Betty Butler, 226 Miller Street, Shoals, IN 47581.

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

## HAZEL MOFFATT

Hazel Irene Moffatt passed away Monday, July 30, 2018, at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Mitchell, she was 87.

She was born November 18, 1930, in Indian Springs; the daughter of Roscoe and Creola (Waggoner) Cundiff. She married Lawrence Simmerman in 1945 and he preceded her in death in 1970. Her second marriage was to Homer Moffatt in 1991 and he preceded her in death in 1998.

She had been employed at Carpenter Body Works and was a member of Spice Valley Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Teresa McCoy of Mitchell; caregiver Patricia Bowling of Loogootee, and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; daughter, Sharon Summerlot; and siblings, Mabel Rentsch, Donald Martin, and Wilma Gee.

A graveside service was held Thursday, August 2, at Trinity Springs Cemetery.



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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JULY 30

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Shinn responded.

1:39 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Sheriff Roush and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:43 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

1:47 a.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

3:22 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:19 a.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded and all was okay.

11:20 a.m. - Reserve Deputy Kidwell took one inmate to court.

12:23 p.m. - Received an alarm call near Loogootee. Captain Dant responded and all was okay.

1:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Reserve Deputy Kidwell, Sergeant Keller, Sheriff Roush, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

1:35 p.m. - Received a report of a fire rekindling on SR 550 near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire responded. Shoals Fire and Martin County Civil Defense also were notified.

2:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:47 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

4:55 p.m. - Deputy Seymour performed a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

8:41 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

10:27 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

### TUESDAY, JULY 31

12:18 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance near Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

6:48 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

8:57 a.m. - Captain Dant took three inmates to court.

10:00 a.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

12:55 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

1:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:35 p.m. - Sheriff Roush performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

2:13 p.m. - Sergeant Keller took three inmates to court.

4:07 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

6:32 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Shinn responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Captain Dant, ISP Trooper Lents, ISP Trooper Beaver, Loogootee Chief Rayhill, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee First Responders responded.

8:40 a.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:19 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded and all was okay.

8:48 p.m. - Received a battery complaint in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert and Deputy Seymour responded.

11:33 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person walking in the highway near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

4:25 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person at West Boggs Park. Deputy Wright and Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

5:00 a.m. - Jail Officer Lents took one inmate to prison.

7:37 a.m. - Received a request for lift assistance east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

7:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

10:46 a.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:59 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:30 p.m. - Major Burkhardt transported two inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

3:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, Loogootee Officer Floyd, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

4:41 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

8:36 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee First Responders, Loogootee Officer McBeth, and ISP Trooper Beaver responded. No one was transported.

10:00 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

10:15 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

11:00 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

11:05 a.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

2:42 p.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Shoals.

3:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:39 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:43 p.m. - Received a report of a

reckless driver on US 50, near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

2:04 a.m. - Received a report of a fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

5:15 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

7:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

7:45 a.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Loogootee. Captain Dant responded.

11:24 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist near Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

11:34 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:05 p.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

4:54 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

5:08 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Deputy Shinn responded.

8:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:01 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

11:36 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris and Deputy Wright responded.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

3:27 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire removed the tree.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and ISP Troop-

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, JULY 30

3:25 a.m. - Monte Graham, 21, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Shinn and charged with public intoxication and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Sergeant Norris.

1:03 p.m. - Johnathan Graham, 28, of Loogootee, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with resisting arrest and is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Loogootee Captain Hennette and the Daviess County Sheriff's Office.

### TUESDAY, JULY 31

9:50 a.m. - Jayme Byrd, 32, of Owensboro, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, and maintaining a common nuisance. She was released on her own recognizance. Assisting with the arrest was Sergeant Keller.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

1:13 a.m. - Dustin Greene, 43, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Floyd and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated and operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held on a \$20,000 10% bond. Deputy Wright assisted with the arrest.

er Beaver responded.

11:44 a.m. - Major Burkhardt assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

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

1:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

2:44 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

3:19 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.

3:20 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded and all was okay.

8:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.



The Martin County Veteran Service Officer has an office in the Martin County Courthouse. An appointment is necessary. For assistance, call 812-247-2210; transportation needs, call 812-247-2450 and leave a message or e-mail martin-countyvso2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of July, the veteran service officer assisted seven veterans and had one meeting. The veterans' van took six trips transporting six veterans to VA medical centers and clinics. The veteran service officer attended training/recertification at Camp Atterbury.

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

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

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# COURT NEWS

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

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

July 12

Charli R. Greenwell, convicted of possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days with 180 days suspended. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

July 13

Roger W. Hess, two counts of check deception, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

July 25

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Mattie Hall, civil collection.

July 26

JH Portfolio Debt Equities, LLC vs. Allison L. Braun, civil collection.

Demetrius Greer vs. Destany Patton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

July 30

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Heather Rayhill, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGEMENTS

July 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Muffler Menders, Inc. and against the defendant Donna Flynn for civil tort in the amount of \$24,277.87.

July 31

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff White River Cooperative, Inc. and against the defendant Dustin Gilbert d/b/a Gilbert Farm in the amount of \$7,004.01.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Capital One Bank and against the de-

fendant Sarah Yager in the amount of \$6,079.54.

August 2

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Bank of America and against the defendant Delbert D. Boyd in the amount of \$21,655.55.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

July 31

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Pamela M. Chrisman, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Joshua Stoll, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Mark L. Elliott, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

July 23

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha Wright-Ryan and against the defendant Kyle Coleman in the amount of \$697.27.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha Wright-Ryan and against the defendant Stephanie Neukam in the amount of \$1,208.93.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha Wright-Ryan and against the defendant Jesse Sircy in the amount of \$877.92.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Lorrie Brosmer and against the defendant Thomas Turner in the amount of \$1,629.

July 24

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Marie Truelove and against the defendant Danny Arthur in the amount of \$745.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha Wright-Ryan and against the defendants Cheryl Ballard and Steve Moffatt in the amount of \$2,065.41.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

July 31

Jalen M. Hyde of Loogootee and Gabriella R. Daniel-Cox of Loogootee.

## Real estate transfer

Donald B. McClintock, of Orange County, Indiana to Patrick J. Sinnott and Judith M. Sinnott, of Martin County, Indiana, one acre, more or less, in Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana.

Dorothy Jean Wilcher to Loogootee-Jasper Livestock Center, Inc., a portion of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5 acres.

Carl Gibson, of Martin County, Indiana to Samuel S. Hershberger, of Lawrence County, Indiana, approximately one-half acre in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

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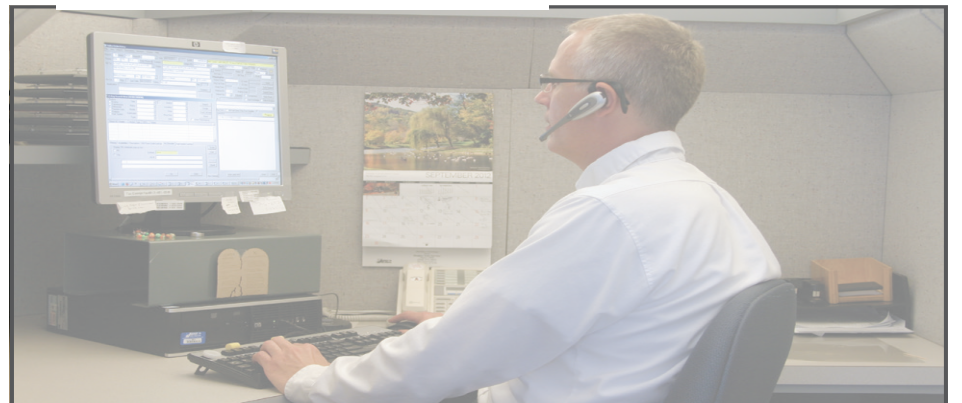
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## More Neat Stuff

By Ann Ackerman



### THOUGHTS TO PONDER:

\*Your cellphone has already replaced your watch, camera, calendar, and alarm clock. Please don't let it replace your family.

\*Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. -Winston Churchill

\*When people don't help you, learn from Einstein who once said, "I am thankful to all who said No. Because of them, I did it myself."

\*Life humbles you as you age. You realize how much time you wasted on nonsense.

\*It's OK to not be OK. Some days are just harder than others. -Eeyore

\*A bad attitude is like a flat tire. You can't go anywhere until you change it.

\*Life is too short to worry about stupid things. Have fun. Fall in love. Regret nothing and don't let people bring you down.

\*One way to find out if you are young is to fall down in front of a lot of people. If they laugh, you're still young. If they panic and start running to you, you're old.

### HUMOROUS THOUGHTS:

\*According to my height and weight ratio, I should be 9 feet 4 inches.

\*The early bird can have the worm because worms are gross, and mornings are stupid.

\*A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

\*Canine paralysis: the condition in which a person is unable to move due to the presence of a dog in his/her lap.

\*I think I need to lose some weight. I got on the scales this morning and it said, "One at a time, please."

\*I hate it when I'm waiting for Mom to cook dinner, and then remember I am the mom.

\*I can raise kids just fine but keeping plants alive that only need to be watered once a month is apparently out of

my reach.

\*How to get your husband to fix something: act like you're going to fix it yourself.

\*The more you weigh, the harder you are to kidnap. Stay safe. Eat cake.

\*Is my house perfectly clean? Absolutely not. But am I trying the very best that I can to keep things tidy? Absolutely not.

\*It's Saturday night - time to be a hero and rescue some wine trapped in a bottle.

\*Whoever thinks money doesn't bring happiness, transfer to my account.

\*Adulthood is like looking both ways before you cross the street and then getting hit by an airplane.

\*Not only did I fall off the diet wagon, I dragged it into the woods, set it on fire, and used the insurance money to buy Twinkies.

### TOP TEN WAYS TO TELL YOUR CAR SUCKS

10. People behind you change lanes to keep your oil off their windshield

9. Tractor trailer drivers are afraid to pass you.

8. Opening your trunk includes finding a screwdriver.

7. Your driveway looks like an oil slick and the EPA cites you for it.

6. Your friends would rather walk or ride a bus to school or work than ride in it.

5. The motor is so loud you can't hear a dump truck crash through a nitroglycerin factory.

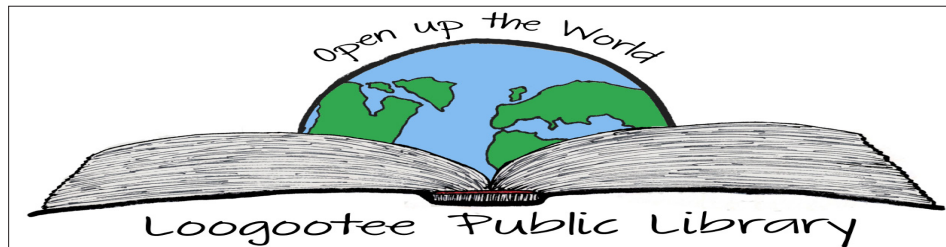
4. You have ever had to leave it running for fear it might not start back up.

3. You have ever been chased down by a firetruck.

2. You refer to your car as beast, junker, or hooptee.

1. You have ever parked on the side of the road and someone stops and asks you if you are injured.

Make someone smile today!



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library and Board members will have a cookout in front of the library on Friday, August 24 from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (or until we sell out). Dewig's Brats and Odon Locker Marinated Chicken Strips will be grilled by volunteers (usually our husbands are volunteered by us) and a \$5 donation gets a sandwich, chips, and pop. If you want two sandwiches, bag of chips and pop the suggested donation is \$8. Desserts will be available for an additional donation.

There will be free delivery to local businesses and organizations, please call 812-295-3713 by 10 a.m. on the day of the cookout. All proceeds go toward the new library.

Leslie Guy was the winner of the Libraries Rock adult reading program and received an Echo Dot. It was fun seeing the adults take advantage of the reading program.

I purchased a new set of World Book encyclopedias and will donate our 2015 set to the Loogootee Elementary School Library to replace their outdated set. With the reduced school budgets, the school libraries do not have the funding to purchase much needed reference and new books.

The library hours are Monday and Tuesday 10-7, Wednesday closed, Thursday and Friday 10-5 and Saturday 9-1. The phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Join Cub Scouts

There will be a "Join Cub Scouts" event on Tuesday, August 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level of St. John's Center. Boys and girls in grades kindergarten to fourth are invited to attend with a parent. Flyers will be sent home from school. Anyone interested in joining the Cub Scouts or learning more, is invited to attend.

### Fish Fry

St. John's Lutheran Church of Loogootee will host a Fish Fry on Saturday, August 18 from 4-8 p.m. at the church. Cost is a free-will donation.

### Talk to a lawyer for free

The Volunteer Lawyer Program and the Evansville Bar Association offer twice monthly Talk to a Lawyer hotlines to answer brief legal questions from residents of Southwestern Indiana. Volunteer attorneys are available the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Central Time and again on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Central Time. Attorneys can answer questions on family law issues, estate planning concerns, contract matters, as well as guide residents to legal resources to help address their problems. This free hotline has been offered by VLP and the EBA for nearly two decades as a public service and is sponsored by the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation. The hotline session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Central Time. The telephone number to call is 812-618-4845.

### Sons of the American Revolution meeting

The National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Daniel Guthrie Chapter will hold the 3rd Quarter meeting on Tuesday, August 21 at the Free Methodist Church, 630 R Street Bedford. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. (cost is \$15) with the meeting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Democrat meeting

The Martin County Democrat Party will meet Wednesday, August 15 at 6 p.m. in Shoals at the courthouse. Items on the agenda include the upcoming fundraiser to be held Monday, October 1 at the V.F.W. #9395 in Loogootee. All candidates will also be able to provide updates on their elections in November.

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, August 15 at noon at the Maranatha Tabernacle Church in Loogootee. The meeting is open to the public.

### Lady Lions Golf Scramble

The 6th 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.

### Food pantry hours

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

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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### Tourism meetings

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

### Humane society meetings

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

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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

### Attention Senior Citizens

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

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

School has started throughout southern Indiana, but there is still a lot of summer left. However, as we look toward fall and cooler temperatures, it is time to be planning an autumn garden. For many people, an autumn garden brings up thoughts of turnips and maybe some salad greens, but there is really plenty of time for several crops.

October 10 is generally seen as the safe frost date in southern Indiana, so we have over 60 days of growing time. Actually, in recent years, we have not seen frost until much later. If there is a crop you failed to get planted in the spring, check the "days to maturity" statement that is usually found on the back of the seed packet. If the crop will mature in 60 to 75 days, I would say to go ahead and plant it now. There is enough time for peas, green beans and even some early-maturing sweet corn. Of course, there is plenty of time for cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, kale, mustard, leaf lettuce, Chinese cabbage and many other leafy greens.

Radishes are one of the most quickly-maturing crops and radishes make a good marker crop when planting other crops. I sometimes plant some small-type radishes along with carrots or onions. The radishes will mature quickly, and one may be able to enjoy them as little as three weeks. As the radishes are harvested, the other crops have more room to mature. There are also so-called winter radishes. These radishes grow larger roots and are generally better once the weather has cooled. Some of the winter radishes may be left in the garden and harvested as long as the soil remains unfrozen. Winter

radishes have a milder flavor than other radishes and may be used in stir-fry as well as eaten raw.

Many herbs also mature quickly and there is plenty of time for most herbs to mature before frost. One may also plant herbs in pots that can come into the house and enjoyed through the fall and winter. Many herbs come from the Mediterranean area and do not require rich soil or a lot of moisture. It is best not to use potting soil with fertilizer and moisture control for planting herbs in pots. In fact, I usually mix a little chicken grit with regular potting soil. This provides the good drainage that most herbs need.

It is also time to order bulbs for fall planting in the ornamental garden. Bulbs will soon appear in garden centers, but they should be stored in a cool place until at least the first of October. Planting too soon may result in early growth, which will be damaged in the coming winter. While I usually recommend buying potted plants locally, I encourage you to order bulbs from a reputable nursery. Bulbs that are found in stores rarely identify the specific variety and even if they do so, there is usually not a wide variety available. The good catalogues will tempt you with many diverse daffodils, tulips, lilies and other bulbs. Order early to make sure you get the selections you want. Quantities are limited and some of the most unusual and popular bulbs will sell out.

Most nurseries will soon begin discounting stock. Be on the watch for trees, shrubs and perennials that you would like to include in your landscape. I would suggest holding these plants in a sheltered area to plant later in the fall when temperatures begin to cool, and evaporation will decrease. There is still plenty of time for gardening.

### New DNR hunting guide available online and in print

Your guide to hunting and trapping in Indiana is available now, online, at [hunting.IN.gov](http://hunting.IN.gov).

The printed version of the 48-page Indiana Hunting and Trapping Guide will be available, free, at the Natural Resources Building at the Indiana State Fair, and at various retailers that sell hunting licenses and equipment, and at many DNR properties.

Look for the bobwhite quail on the cover, a nod to the being the "Year of the Bird." In addition to all the rules and regulations you need, the guide features articles on the Grasslands, Gamebirds and Songbirds Initiative, two new surveys for deer hunters, hunters funding conservation and recreation, managing quail at Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area, and more.

## Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton  
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

August often seems to arrive too early and speeds by way too fast. Mentally to me, August 1 starts the countdown to the first frosty morning. That time frame, depending on where you are in Indiana, is generally 60-75 days. There is a lot to do in that time frame.

My first consideration is staging forages. I hope that you are constantly thinking ahead, planning the next move and knowing where, what, and how much forage is available. It's time to also start thinking about stockpiling forages for fall and winter use.

What fields are going to be stockpiled this year? They probably need to change from year to year, just like the first field grazed in the spring. Are they in the appropriate stage of growth? To have a quality stockpile, it needs to be pretty vegetative right now. Fields that have not been grazed much or at all this year could be stockpiled, but quality, production and efficiency take a hit. I overlook those factors to a degree if I'm wanting to build and/or improve soil organic matter or soil health, but there is some cost to this procrastination. I say that somewhat tongue in cheek because it is still probably better to graze it if you have it. It certainly is better than baling it at that point because it won't make quality hay. If the cows are going to pick through it, let them eat the best and trample the rest. There is no reason in moving those nutrients around.

Back to stockpiling. If you are lucky enough to catch some of these spotty rains, your forage is growing well and you have good nutrient presence through application, nutrient cycling and legumes, then you probably don't have to do too much to prepare for stockpile besides keeping the gate shut. Occasionally a cleanup, even-out type clipping is in order after the last grazing. Like I mentioned last month, that should require a good reason to justify. Occasionally a small application of nitrogen is in order as long as moisture is present. I prefer to maintain adequate amounts of legumes for nitrogen. This generally means at least 30% legumes by dry weight. Where lacking legumes, the addition of 30-60 pounds of nitrogen can certainly boost yield and quality of the stockpile, but it also creates some more competition for existing legumes.

My next thought is the addition of any annuals for this fall. Annuals planted after corn or soybeans can help improve the soil for the next crop and provide numerous other benefits, but they can also provide some quality forage for grazing. Every day that you are grazing annuals or crop residue or combination of the two in late summer or early fall, the more rest that is being provided to pastures, allowing more potential growth and grazing days and less hay days. Moisture is a factor in getting a good forage yield in September. Minimizing soil disturbance to plant these annuals will help reduce additional moisture loss. Plant as early as possible to maximize growing days. This often means planning ahead and possibly going with shorter season varieties.

My favorite mix is spring oats, turnips or radish and cereal rye. The oats and brassica come on early and with sufficient moisture can produce a lot of quality forage. The cereal rye remains fairly quiet in the background until spring and

then it kicks in providing the opportunity for some spring grazing or just prime cover to no-till into.

I'll try and remember to discuss it more in September, but it's never too early to start figuring out how many potential grazing days might be left and also the amount of stored feed. I'd rather know now that I'm low on forage for the livestock I have, than to find out in the middle of the winter!

Hay is somewhat limited this year. This makes some people think that they need to bale everything possible. We should think twice about this. First ask yourself if it can be grazed. Quite a bit of forage is rolled up and fed when it could have been grazed instead. There are a lot of wheels turning out there. Next ask yourself if it is practical to bale hay if you have to feed hay at the same time. It happens. If a wheel is turning, we are spending money. Like I've said before, cows (sheep, goats, horses, etc.) have four feet, are 4-wheel drive and harvest forage and spread manure at the same time. We need to let them do as much work as we can for us. They should be working for us, not us working for them.

There is also a lot of hay produced from very limited volumes. In other words, there isn't much out there to cut, but we cut it anyway. Put a pencil to those bales. I know hay may be scarce in some areas, but there is a somewhat fixed cost for mowing, raking, and to a degree, baling. The lower the yield, the higher the cost per bale. Those low yielding, last minute cuttings would probably be best grazed instead. Look at it as an opportunity to graze it or stockpile it. It is, for the most part, just standing "hay." It is a lot more efficient to harvest it by grazing, than by baling.

The dairy industry is certainly on my mind. I'm seeing several herds being sold and multi-generational dairies not knowing what the future holds. Dairy producers dedicate 365 days a year to their passion, their lifestyle, and put in grueling hours to accomplish what most people take for granted. The dairy producers I know are some of the most dedicated, hardworking individuals that you would ever meet. Take some time today to support the ones that are left, and give them a pat on the back.

I'll end today on a solemn note. The cattle and grazing world lost a good comrade on July 25th. Gearld Fry, a good friend of mine, passed away after a long battle with cancer. Gearld was a leader in selecting cattle for management in a natural, totally grass-based environment. He had a lifetime of experience that not only was very practical, but also seasoned by a ton of observation. Gearld often referred to an old French book written by M. Francis Guenon in the mid 1800's. Guenon spent years figuring out dairy cow indicators of production, especially butter fat, and important fertility traits. Gearld keyed in on these and brought them to light in our present time frame. Gearld also advocated linear measurement and other tools for cattle improvement. He not only touched thousands of people internationally, but he left a special legacy everywhere he stepped. I appreciate knowing him and spending time with him. Rest in peace Gearld, in greener pastures.

Keep on grazing!

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