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## City council discusses pool, prayer

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee City Council discussed several topics at their meeting Monday night, August 8, from stop signs to praying before each meeting.

Ernie Canell, pastor of New Beginnings Church, asked the council if a minister, in a rotation, could come and give a prayer prior to the start of the council meetings. He said the Indiana House of Representatives prays at the start of each day. The council approved the request. Tim Salsman, from the audience, asked if this would be a conflict between church and state. He also asked if he could spread the word for anyone to come in and pray or perform a ritual.

Council Member Teresa Nolley said the prayer would be done prior to the start of the meeting, not during.

A woman in the audience asked if this means anyone can come and give a prayer. Mayor Noel Harty replied that the ministerial association in the city would send someone each meeting. He said the

ministerial association, with Canell as president, comprises most of the churches within the city limits.

The woman asked if the council had ever had prayer prior to meetings before.

Mayor Harty replied that they have not. She asked why now. She added if she wanted to hear prayer, she would attend a church service.

Mayor Harty said the Loogootee School Board used to do a moment of silence during their meetings.

It was suggested that the council do that so anyone could say their own prayer, if they wanted. No change was made to the original vote, however.

Gene Colvin, from the audience, asked if the council had revenue and attendance totals for the city pool. Clerk-Treasurer Roger Downey said those numbers will be provided at next month's meeting. Colvin said he believes \$4 per person as an admission fee to the pool is too high, especially for poor residents. He noted that the city loses money every year with the pool anyway so if the city is willing to fund it, they should lower the admission

fee.

Council Member Nolley said the biggest complaint they receive is that the admission fee is too high however the taxpayers are the ones who pay for the loss from the pool. She noted that many who use the pool are not Loogootee residents.

Park Board President Don Greene said lowering the entrance fee would mean having higher admission which would require more lifeguards. He said they have trouble staffing the pool with the current attendance and they even had to close a few days this summer due to a lack of lifeguards.

Mayor Harty said Colvin's suggestions are something to think about and consider.

Salsman asked if there would be a way to give a discount to residents of the city. Council Member Nolley said that is also something to consider.

Mayor Harty said he was approached by County Elections Clerk Julie Fithian about the city moving their elections to be included with the others in the county. He said the city is currently running their  
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### Jessica Potts named Martin County Alliance Executive Director

The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth Board of Directors hired local businesswoman Jessica Potts as the organization's new executive director. The Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth is an organization charged with leading business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts in Martin County.

Jessica is excited to work with local cities and towns as well as civic organizations and chambers of commerce to help promote Martin County. She enjoys the challenge of getting projects completed on a budget and has a passion for bringing everyone to the table to accomplish goals.

Mike Arvin, president of the Alliance board stated, "I am very excited to have Jessica Potts join the Alliance as our executive director. We have made great progress over the last year in our Martin County community and Jessica has the talent, skills and love for our community to lead us into the future."

A Martin County native, Jessica graduated from Loogootee High School and went on to continue her education at the University of Southern Indiana with a bachelor's degree in Health Services with concentrations in Gerontology and Health Administration. She has diverse work experience ranging from workforce development to defense contracting. In her most recent position, she worked for the Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) to help the five-county region they serve to develop an economic recovery and resiliency plan. Additionally, she served as a liaison between local governments, nonprofit organizations and the EDA to help identify and acquire grant resources.

Martin County is home to NSA Crane, the third-largest U.S. Naval installation in the world. Other primary industries include mining, agriculture, and small business. Affordable housing, natural beauty in the scenic landscape, and short commutes to major employers are only a few of its many strengths to attract business and workforce to the area.

Potts will work closely with Radius Indiana on projects related to economic development. Radius is an eight-county regional economic development organization that includes Martin County.

"We're delighted to have Jessica as a partner who can direct us on promoting and serving economic development in  
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## Commissioners powering forward to get ambulance service up and running

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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Jeramey Osborn, ambulance liaison, gave the Martin County Commissioners an update on the ambulance service at their meeting Tuesday night, August 9. Attorney Lett said he hasn't heard from the current ambulance director, Steve McClure, about whether he will be able to provide basic service after August 22 when he loses his sponsor hospital.

Osborn said the ambulance the commissioners recently purchased from New York is currently being serviced. He said Dr. Sample, in Jasper, has agreed to be the county's sponsor doctor and Jasper Memorial Hospital has agreed to be the sponsor hospital for Martin County's new service – to be called Martin County Ambulance Service. Osborn said he needs to get a phone line installed at the civil de-

fense building for the service.

Discussion ensued on getting the civil defense building renovated to allow for sleeping quarters for the EMTs. The upstairs will be converted to four rooms, three sleeping quarters and one common area. There will be one office downstairs for the ambulance director.

The commissioners gave Osborn the okay to purchase a second used ambulance for \$55,000, using ARPA (American Recovery Plan Act) funds. Commissioner George said they are so thankful they have the ARPA money because he doesn't know what they would have done otherwise. "We never planned to be in the ambulance business," he said. George noted that they are looking to see if TIF funds can be used as well.

A member of the audience asked if the county would have any ambulance service after August 22. Osborn replied that

the county will not however he is working on a contingency plan because the new Martin County Ambulance Service will not be completely up and running by then.

Osborn said he has a pretty good staff already lined up and the biggest hurdle is going to be getting the state to come do an inspection once they are ready.

"We are moving as fast as we can," said Commissioner George. He said the current ambulance provider had another year in their contract, so the county was not expecting any of this. He said Osborn is working day and night to get something going.

Commissioner George asked if they could use the current ambulance building in Loogootee in the interim. Osborn said it's one bedroom which could cause human resources issues.

The commissioners decided to hold a  
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## County council approves additional money requests

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The Martin County Council met Monday night, August 8.

Mike Arvin, with the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, introduced Jessica Potts as the new Alliance Director. Potts is replacing Angie Risacher who recently resigned the position to be able to spend more time with her daughters. Potts said she started the position that day and she is looking forward to serving as director. Arvin noted they will be coming to the council asking for support but also want to get out into the community more to show how the Alliance can help local business. The Alliance office also now has another employee, Erin Stoll.

The council approved the review of abatements for USG and Wagbaugh properties. Both abatements expire next year and were for 10 years.

The council approved two additional appropriation requests from community corrections. The first, for \$20,000, was for leasing equipment associated with GPS/home detention clients. Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy was unable to attend the meeting but left a letter explaining the client base is substantially more than it has been in the past and not enough money was budgeted. They currently have 35-38 GPS/home detention clients.

The council also approved \$4,870 for the corrections office to purchase new computers from Matrix. Murphy said in her letter that the current office computers are obsolete and keep shutting down.

Both additional appropriations for community corrections will come from the department's project income money and not the general fund.

Auditor Michelle Norris talked to the council about the need to approve additional money to pay for the Matrix con-

tract. Norris said they (the courthouse offices) are given a set number of hours in the contract to call the help desk, but they are going over those hours each month. \$70,000 was budgeted for Matrix this year and they are going to end up needing over \$83,000. This also includes their cybersecurity contract. Norris told the council that \$25,000 was encumbered from EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax) funds for the Town of Shoals to pay for ballpark renovations however that was a five-year agreement that ended last year. She said the unused \$25,000 can go toward the Matrix contract, if the council agreed. The council approved.

Norris told the council that the sheriff's department received a grant for \$2,500 to pay for extra patrol during school hours, to enforce school bus stop arm violations. The grant will pay for three deputies to do extra patrols throughout the county for three months in the spring and  
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# CITY

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election on an off year and are the only ones on the ballot. Adding the city to the regular election will save the city \$40,000 to \$60,000. The council voted to approve the move.

The mayor noted that next year's city election would only allow for a three-year term for those voted in. The mayor also noted that Council Member Rick Norris, who was not present at the meeting, had told him he was not in favor of the change.

The council discussed a request from members of the public to build a pickleball court at the park. The court would be 60 feet by 120 feet and be concrete. The mayor said he believes the park board has a spot they could use but are still working that out. He said he will set up a meeting with the park board to discuss further.

The mayor said he spoke to Alyssa Kerns, with Kern's Insurance, and the city's health insurance premiums will go up by three percent next year. He recommended the council vote to go ahead and approve staying with Kern's since they most likely wouldn't find a better rate. Clerk-Treasurer Downey said a vote wasn't required if they plan to stay with the same policy and agent.

The council approved adding a stop sign to Dewey Street. Mayor Harty said Council Member Carroll Rayhill had watched the area and agreed a sign was needed. Council Member Nolley asked why a stop sign is needed now, after all these years. Rayhill replied that he has had 15 residents request one. Nolley asked if there have been accidents or an increase in traffic in that area. Rayhill said speeding was the issue.

City Superintendent Bo Wilson wanted to make the council aware of several pump failures at the city's lift stations. He said they replaced one recently for \$32,000, to give the council an idea of how costly the pump replacements will be. He said the one at the West Boggs lift station is also failing and the estimated cost to replace it will be \$12,500. He said they are currently planning an inspection of all the other lift stations.

Salsman, from the audience, asked if the pumps could be rebuilt as opposed to

buying new ones. Wilson replied that it costs more to rebuild the pumps than replace them.

Council Member Nolley asked if the pumps could be put on a replacement schedule instead of the city being hit with many all at once. Wilson said yes, they could but it would have to be budgeted. He added that they used to do a maintenance program with the manufacturers however it became too costly to continue. Mayor Harty said they can come up with a replacement plan next year.

Clerk-Treasurer Downey told the board of public works and safety, prior to the city council meeting, that he received a quote of \$500-\$1,000 to livestream each council meeting. He said the higher end cost would be if the city needed a new laptop, but he believes they have one that will be suitable. Downey said livestreaming would reach more people and help distinguish between what was said and not said after each meeting. The board of works decided to table a decision until Board Member Rick Norris could be present. During the city council meeting however, the issue came back up and the council decided to vote 3-1 to start the livestreaming. Council Member Rayhill voted against.

Salsman, from the audience, asked if the fountain on the square has a meter that has been tracking water usage. The mayor said it was metered now but wasn't initially. Salsman noted the amount of water that is leaking from the fountain. Mayor Harty said he talked to the project manager for the fountain, Ben Lengacher, last Friday and Lengacher had sent a video of the issue to the vendor who sold the city the fountain. The vendor said it needs a new top and they are sending one at no cost.

Salsman said the water is leaking from the base of the fountain, so it doesn't make sense to him that the top needs to be replaced.

Mayor Harty said he could set up a meeting between Salsman and Lengacher to answer Salsman's questions.

Salsman asked how much water the fountain is using each day. Superintendent Wilson replied that it's 1,200 gal-

lons. Salsman said he believes it is more than that as the water has been leaking out for a long time and they are filling it with a hose every day. The mayor again told Salsman he needed to direct his questions to the project manager.

The board of works approved hiring Jessie Walker and Dylan Stoll for the fire department. Fire Chief JD Flynn said Walker is already certified and can start right away.

The council was presented with recommendations to hire a full-time utility clerk. Council Member Ron Gilbert asked if hiring two part-time positions would be better to save the city money on insurance and benefits. He said this has been suggested to him from members of the public.

Wilson replied that it may save money, but he believes the result would be more turnover in staff. He said it's just his opinion, but he believes part-time staff will get knowledgeable and seek employment elsewhere. He said the job is not easy with learning the billing, service calls and all the paperwork involved.

Council Member Nolley said the position is paid completely from the water and wastewater funds. She said it scares

# ALLIANCE

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Martin County communities. We've already been impressed with her work ethic and her creativity when we've collaborated with her on projects in her SIDC capacity. Her experience in the defense industry and with SIDC will be extremely valuable and we look forward to the success to come," said Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius.

Jessica enjoys being a part of her small rural community in Loogootee where she resides with her husband Mark, and their two children Judd and Morgan.

Jessica began her role as executive director August 8. If you would like to reach out to the Alliance, you can reach her at: Jessica Potts/Executive Director Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, 2664 US Hwy 50, Loogootee, IN 47553. Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org, 812-295-4800

her to add permanent positions. She said the position is currently part-time and was added when the city took over the West Boggs Sewer District. She said no new customers have been added since that time, so she doesn't see the need to make a part-time position full-time.

With no more said on the clerk position, the mayor moved on to ask the council to approve a \$1 per hour increase in pay for Bo Wilson and Jeff Sanders. He said he talked to a former employee of the department of local government finance and they said the salary could be changed mid-year, it would just require the council to amend the salary ordinance. The council approved.

The mayor said he has not heard back from Daviess County Rural Water regarding the rates proposed by the city. He said he will have to contact them again. Council Member Nolley said she thought that if Daviess County Rural Water didn't respond, the council was going to go back to them with a counteroffer. After discussion, the council decided to meet today, Wednesday, August 10 to come up with a counteroffer to present.

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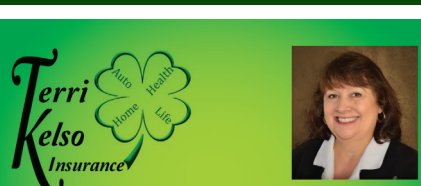







three months in the fall.

Council Member Warren Albright noted that as a school bus driver, he learned that the school bus has to be completely stopped before the lights can be turned on and the stop arm extended. He said drivers cannot be cited if the bus is still rolling when the stop arm comes out. He said many people do not know that this is part of the law.

Sheriff Josh Greene reported they currently have 63 inmates in the jail with 26 of them from Vigo County. He said there are rumors of a COVID outbreak at the Vigo County jail and they are looking into that. He said they do not want to bring COVID into the jail.

The council approved holding their annual budget workshop on Tuesday, August 23 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The next council meeting will be Monday, September 12 at 6 p.m. This will also be a public hearing for the 2023 budget.

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# OBITUARIES

## LAVEDA CHASTAIN

Laveda Chastain passed away Thursday, August 3, 2022, at Stonebridge Health Campus. A resident of Williams, she was 97.

She was born March 20, 1925, in Martin County; daughter of Lester and Stella (Taylor) Bridges. She married John (Chub) Chastain on December 26, 1946, and he preceded her in death.

She had worked at Hook's Drug Store, Sarkes-Tarzian Inc. and retired from NWS Crane as an ordinance worker. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Williams.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda Hedge (Robert) of Williams; a son, Doug Chastain (Patty) of Bedford; four grandchildren, Randy Inman, Jason Hedge, John Paul Chastain, and Jessica Chastain; seven great-grandchildren, Alison Rosson, Laken Inman, Jade Inman, Chesney Hedge, Trenten Inman, Jalyn Chastain, and John Wyatt Chastain; and two great-great-grandchildren, Mason Axsom and Kinsley Rosson.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 8 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary with Bro. Tom East officiating. Burial followed in the Williams Church of Christ Cemetery.

Family and friends may express condolences at [www.daycarter.com](http://www.daycarter.com).

## MARY ABEL

Mary Louise Abel passed away August 6, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family. A resident of Shoals, she was 92.

She was born August 25, 1929, in Shoals; daughter of Richard and Eva Frances (Johnson) Dwyer. She was a graduate of Shoals High School Class of 1947. Mary worked as a Homemaker. On June 26, 1949, she married Robert F. Abel.

Mary was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Loogootee. She loved quilting, reading, and spending time with her family. Mary loved cooking and her husband of 73 years, Robert. Mary's kindness and smile will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Mary is survived by her husband, Robert; one daughter, Sheryl (Joe) Ogg of Loogootee; four sons, Robert D. (Tish) Abel of Martinsville, Anthony C. (Bobbie) Abel of Dover Hill, David (Julia) Dwyer of Destin, Florida; and Daniel (Michelle) Dwyer, of Huntsville, Alabama; grandchildren, Justin (Nikki) Hayden, Aaron (Natalie) Hayden, Jade (Steve) Sharpe, Jordan (Natalie) Abel, Jennifer (Mike) Morrison, Joshua Brulla, Jalisa (Gregory) Fleitz, Jakob (Carmen) Dwyer, Gavin Dwyer, and Grant (Ellie) Dwyer; 20 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jack Dwyer, of Plainfield; sister,



MARY ABEL

Cremation was chosen and no services will be held. Burial will be at Spring Hill Cemetery at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

## PATRICIA DAILY

Patricia D. Daily passed away at 4:21 p.m. Saturday, August 6, 2022, at The

Helen Sterns of Ft. Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one grandson, Matthew Hayden; and sister, Virginia Craney.



PATRICIA DAILY

(Williams) McEvilly. Patricia married William Michael Daily Jr. on May 26, 1951, and he preceded her in death on June 4, 2005.

Patricia was a graduate of the St. Vincent School of Nursing. She was a member of the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Daughters of American Revolution, Tri Kappa, Hicks N Chicks Square Dancing Club, and was the Fort

Villages of Oak Ridge in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 95.

She was born October 15, 1926, in Ft. Myers, Florida; daughter of the late John and Regina

Myers Sunshine Baby in 1931. She also was a former Girl Scout leader and a recipient of the Bruté Society Award. She enjoyed playing bridge, spending time her dog, Rex, and eating oatmeal cream pies.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; sisters, Annette McEvilly and Abie Barth; and son-in-law, Jack Sanders.

Patricia is survived by her children, Christine Sanders of Montezuma, Stephanie (Tom) McAtee of Loogootee, Lynn (Brad) Sterling of Lincoln, Georgia, Mack (Sandy) Daily of Round Lake Park, Illinois; Marcia (Greg) Lechner of Loveland, Ohio and Donna (Greg) Kadlec of Blacksburg, Virginia; grandchildren, Jackie (Zach) Byland, Nicole (Dustin) Thurston, TJ (Tracie) McAtee, Jeremy (Christina) Sterling, Dylan Sterling, Grant (Rebecca) Sterling, Dali (Jake) Ivey, Jennifer (Kyle) O'Donnell, Laura Daily, Miranda (Josh) Hinson, Dalton Daily, Ryan (Brooke) Lechner, Garrett Lechner, Brianna Lechner, Kelly Kadlec, Robert Kadlec, Stephen Kadlec and Leigh Kadlec; 17 great-grandchildren; and constant canine companion for 12 years, Rex.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 13 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Loogootee, officiated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker. Burial will follow in St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, August 13 from 8:30 a.m. until 9:15 a.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Meals on Wheels, Martin County Humane Society, or the Martin County Community Foundation.

The family would like to express gratitude to Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker, Fr. Leo Kiesel and Rachel Doyle for their long-term friendship and support. And special thanks to Dr. Poirier, Lydia, Marsha, Martha, the staff at The Villages of Oak Ridge, and Heart to Heart Hospice for the care Pat received.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee is honored to serve the family of Patricia D. Daily.

## COMMISSIONERS

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special meeting next Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. to get a status update from Osborn on the ambulance service and discuss salaries to submit for the budget. Osborn said he expects to have seven or eight employees.

The commissioners also voted to make Osborn the ambulance service director as opposed to the ambulance liaison.

Community Corrections Director Danielle Murphy presented the PBIS contract for Angelica Wagoner at Shoals School. The contract previously was \$1,250 per month however Murphy said they are going to start tracking her by day. The new contract calls for \$60 per day. The contract total is \$15,600 per year however Murphy said tracking by day will lower that amount for days she is not working.

Candi Mehringer and Ryan Wallace, with Matrix Integration, talked to the commissioners about their contract with the county. The county has been going over their allotted hours per month calling into the Matrix help desk which is costing the county quite a bit. Discussion ensued on how to solve the problem and in the end, the commissioners decided to add two more hours per month to their Mi-Assurance agreement. They said they can see how that goes for a while to see if it solves the problem. The cost of each hour is \$150.

Matt Stechly, with Core Facilities, recommended the commissioners approve HFI for the replacement of the entire HVAC system in the courthouse for \$207,200. Commissioner George said they are very happy with the bid as they had budgeted \$350,000 for the project. It was noted that AMS was actually the lowest bid but after Stechly contacted them, they stated they rushed their bid, and it would be more than what they stated.

Commissioner George noted that Stechly ordered a fixed ladder for the side of the jail with a cage around it as was discussed during the last meeting.

Mary Lou Billings, in the audience, asked about the progress of cleaning up Green Cemetery. Commissioner George said they are going to get community corrections to help and a road built to the cemetery. They are working on getting a right of way. He asked that Highway Superintendent Scott Seals get a sign ordered to identify the cemetery.

Martin County Coroner Cathy Evans requested to have a small piece of carpet to put in her office since the recorder is having theirs replaced. Commissioner George said they could see if they could get a quote from the contractor. The other commissioners agreed.

Sheriff Josh Greene was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report stating they have three F150 trucks on order and will be keeping two trucks with the lowest mileage, as part of their yearly trade in program.

Auditor Michelle Norris presented the salary increase requests from the different departments for the 2023 budget. Commissioner George said they will be presented to the council, and they will make the decision. Commissioner Cody Roush said he thought what the auditor's office, and some others, put in was too low and suggested they raise it. The commissioners discussed the need for the departments to request over two percent so they can get the most they can.

Commissioner Aaron Summers said the commissioners gave Shoals \$140,000 for their sewer system upgrades, from ARPA funds and suggested they also help the City of Loogootee with their stormwater projects. Summers said he is just putting it out there for consideration. Commissioner Roush asked if Loogootee has spent any of their APRA money yet as Shoals has buying new meters. Summers said the project in Loogootee they could use help with is \$100,000 to \$125,000. Roush said the logic behind giving the money to Shoals is that the courthouse is the biggest user of the sewer system. Commissioner George said they will try to do something if they can.

The next commissioners meeting will be moved to Wednesday, August 23 at 5:30 p.m. due to the council having their budget workshop on Tuesday.

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## Sonbeams Christian Preschool

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 1

1:29 a.m. - Received a call reporting a fire alarm in Loogootee. Homeowner advised to disregard.

6:33 a.m. - Received a call reporting a possible missing person in Crane. Captain Reed responded.

9:45 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS and Loogootee Fire Department responded. One patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Sheriff Greene and Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:53 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

10:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance southeast of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Lost River Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver traveling north on US 231 South. Loogootee Dispatch was notified.

11:40 a.m. - Received a report of a residential burglar alarm south of Loogootee. The keyholder was notified and stated it was a false alarm.

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

11:55 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

12:39 p.m. - Received a report of a power line down in Shoals. Duke Energy was notified.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson and Big John's Towing responded.

6:43 p.m. - Received a report of a possible break in southwest of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson, Loogootee Chief Means and Reserve Deputy Shaw responded.

8:33 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

10:36 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle south of Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

4:19 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:41 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person southeast of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

7:10 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded. No one was transported.

9:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:23 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Dubois County EMS responded. Dubois County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:37 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injuries.

Sheriff Greene and Chief Deputy Keller responded.

2:40 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

2:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

3:18 p.m. - Received a report of debris on US 50, west of Shoals. Sheriff Greene and Sergeant Gibson responded.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:46 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check southeast of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

7:17 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson was notified.

7:19 p.m. - Received several reports of a reckless driver south of Shoals. Sergeant Gibson responded.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

3:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident with no injury in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Long responded.

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a car/deer accident with no injury east of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

9:32 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock west of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

11:10 a.m. - Received a request for a hull identification number check on a boat south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

12:03 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

12:51 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

12:57 p.m. - Received a call from Shoals Community School advising they are testing fire alarms at the school.

1:33 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:57 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Loogootee Fire Department and Corporal Wells responded. No one was transported.

3:42 p.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers in Loogootee. Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth and Sergeant Gibson responded.

6:03 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check south of Loogootee. Sergeant Gibson responded.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour responded.

9:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

7:36 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call

9:55 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Pressley transported one inmate to remote court.

11:00 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person north of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Rayhill, Corporal Wells and Indiana Conservation Officer Tony Mann responded.

12:19 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS, Haysville Fire

Department, Loogootee Assistant Chief McBeth, Chief Deputy Keller, Corporal Wells and Big John's Towing all responded. No patient was transported.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to remote court.

1:50 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

2:23 p.m. - Deputy Pressley transported two inmates to court.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

4:55 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification number check in Loogootee. Deputy Flanagan and Deputy Branham responded.

5:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down in Crane. Deputy Flanagan, Deputy Branham, Martin County Civil Defense and Greene County Fire Department all responded.

8:04 p.m. - Received a report of a semi in a ditch east of Shoals. ISP, Deputy Flanagan, and Deputy Branham responded.

8:41 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:43 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

1:54 a.m. - Received a report of a possible break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Seymour and Deputy Long responded.

5:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:14 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Corporal Wells responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Corporal Wells responded. INDOT was notified.

2:37 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:14 p.m. - Received a report of an aggressive driver in Crane. Corporal Wells and Deputy Flanagan responded.

3:27 p.m. - Received a report of an animal in the roadway in Shoals. Corporal Wells and Deputy Branham responded.

3:53 p.m. - Received a report of a trespasser in Shoals. Corporal Wells responded.

4:27 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

4:34 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance. Advised caller it was in Spencer County and gave requested information.

6:54 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute north of Shoals. Corporal Wells, Deputy Branham, Deputy Long, Indiana Conservation Officer Fuhrman and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

12:30 a.m. - Received a report of a possible gas leak north of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Loogootee Officer Erwin, Deputy Long and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

12:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting suspicious activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Erwin and Deputy Long responded.

1:17 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals. Deputy Long and Loogootee Officer Erwin responded.

2:29 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down north of Shoals. Deputy Long and Shoals Fire Department re-

sponded.

3:33 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Long responded.

5:03 a.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries east of Shoals. Deputy Long and Big John's Towing responded.

10:35 a.m. - Received a call advising of a group of bikers that are on a benefit ride coming into Shoals from State Road 450. Deputy Flanagan responded.

1:10 p.m. - Received a report of a possible stolen vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Rayhill and Deputy Flanagan responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received multiple accidental 911 calls.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a verbal dispute. Deputy Flanagan responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

9:01 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County EMS responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a call reporting a noise complaint north of Shoals. Deputy Long and Deputy Branham were notified.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

1:18 a.m. - Received an animal complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Deputy Hughett was notified.

4:37 a.m. - Received a report of a minor not returning home in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

7:05 a.m. - Received a call requesting assistance in Loogootee. Captain Reed, Deputy Flanagan and Martin County EMS responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:47 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a reckless driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Rayhill responded.

1:00 p.m. - Received a report of motorcycles driving recklessly. Sergeant Gibson and Loogootee Captain Rayhill responded.

2:06 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County EMS and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County EMS transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:54 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means, Captain Reed, Sergeant Gibson and Deputy Branham responded.

9:11 p.m. - Received a request for an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Means responded.

9:58 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:32 p.m. - Matthew Quinn, 32, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Gibson on an Orange County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

2:17 p.m. - Tiffany Rothrock, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Martin Co warrant and is being held without bond.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8:31 p.m. - Jessica Allen, 39, of Crane, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan on Martin County warrants. She is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

5:50 p.m. - Larry Holt Jr., 46, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Means on a Martin County Warrant. He is being held without bond.



# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED July 28

Travis A. Arvin, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT

### New Suits Filed

July 27

Bailey Barnett vs. Ronnie Barnett, petition for dissolution of marriage.

July 29

Matthew Stevens vs. Sheryl Stevens, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Samantha Nelson vs. Brian Nelson, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

July 29

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Velocity Investments, LLC and against the defendant Phyllis Mullins in the amount of \$6,536.15.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

July 28

Tommy Ray Jones vs. Gerald Hopkins and Delilah Hopkins, civil plenary, dismissed.

August 2

## ISP gives back-to-school safety tips

It's that time of year again when parents get excited, and students are looking forward to going back to school. The Jasper State Police Post would like to pass along some safety tips to help make sure that this school year is safe for everyone!

### Driving Safety Tips

-ALWAYS watch for stopped school buses in the morning hours and afternoon hours.

-Watch for children walking to and from school and waiting at bus stops.

-ALWAYS keep your eyes on the road and be patient driving behind school buses.

### School Zone Driving Safety Tips

-Be on the lookout for school zone signals and ALWAYS obey the speed limits.

-When entering a school zone, be sure to slow down and obey all traffic laws.

-ALWAYS stop for school buses that are loading or unloading children.

-Watch out for school crossing guards and obey their signals.

-Be aware of and watch out for children near schools, bus stops, sidewalks, in the streets, and in school parking lots.

-NEVER pass other vehicles while driving in a school zone.

-NEVER text while driving in a school zone.

-Avoid using a cell phone, unless it is completely hands-free, while driving in a school zone.

### Walking to School Safety Tips

-Leave home early enough to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of school.

-Use the same route every day and never use shortcuts.

-Go straight home after school. Do not go anywhere else without permission.

-Always use public sidewalks and streets when walking to school.

-Try and walk to school with other students. There is strength in numbers.

PCA Acquisitions V, LLC vs. Bonnie Reedy, civil collection, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

### New Suits Filed

July 27

Rosemary Harder vs. Andrew Jones, eviction.

Isha Wright-Ryan vs. Joshua D. Fox, complaint.

July 29

Kevin Boyd vs. Tabby Conrad, eviction.

Kevin Boyd vs. Ericka Davis, eviction. Hembree's Auto Repair vs. James Ervin Graber, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

July 28

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Isha Wright-Ryan and against the defendant Cheyenne Andis in the amount of \$883.19.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

July 25

Bryan Douglas Lukemeyer of Loogootee and Amber N. Tompkins of Loogootee.

-Teach your children to recognize and obey traffic signals and signs.

-Only cross streets at designated crosswalks.

-Always look both ways before crossing the street.

-Always walk and never run across intersections.

-Don't talk to strangers. Teach your children to create distance between themselves and anyone who tries to approach or make contact with them.

-If a stranger does approach your child, make sure they know to immediately report the incident to you or a teacher.

-Teach your children to never get into a vehicle with anyone, even if they know them, without your permission.

### School Bus Safety Tips

-Make it a habit of arriving at the bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled arrival of the bus.

-Make sure your child stays out of the street and avoids excessive horseplay while waiting for the school bus.

-Be sure the bus comes to a complete stop before getting on or off.

-When riding the bus, make sure your child understands they must remain seated and keep their head and arms inside the bus at all times.

-Do not shout or distract the driver.

-Always listen to the instructions of the bus driver.

### Student Driver Safety Tips

-NO cell phones while driving.

-NO extra passengers.

-NO speeding.

-NO driving or riding without a seatbelt.

These are just a few safety tips for this upcoming school year. The Indiana State Police will have extra patrols during the school hours and will have a ZERO TOLERANCE for those who disregard a bus stop arm or speeding in school zones.

# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, AUGUST 1

9:47 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on South Ridge Road.

11:13 a.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of an erratic driver nearing Loogootee on US 231 South.

12:40 p.m. - Captain Rayhill spoke with a complainant regarding a scam.

12:50 p.m. - Captain Rayhill spoke with a complainant regarding problems with a tenant.

3:15 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle.

6:47 p.m. - Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a possible break in.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

7:26 p.m. - Officer Long responded to a report of erratic driving in the area of Poplar and Cedar streets.

7:45 p.m. - Officer Long responded to assist the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a possible sighting of an individual that has an outstanding warrant.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

3:09 a.m. - Officer Long responded to a property damage accident on East Broadway Street.

12:15 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of an abandoned vehicle.

1:51 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted Martin County EMS with a medical call.

2:02 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 North.

2:10 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted the Indiana State Police with an arrest.

2:50 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with attempting to locate an erratic driver on US 231 South.

6:36 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of a vehicle driving at an extremely high speed on Park Street.

8:12 p.m. - Officer Seymour took a report of a theft.

9:08 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of erratic driving near the public library.

11:14 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a noise complaint.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

8:15 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of vandalism to property in Redwing Trailer Court.

11:39 a.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a report of a vehicle speeding and throwing gravel in Redwing Trailer Court.

12:24 p.m. - Assistant Chief McBeth responded to a property damage accident on US 231 South.

2:45 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of possible mail tampering.

9:01 p.m. - Officer Seymour responded to a report of erratic driving in Sunset Trailer Court.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

1:54 a.m. - Officer Seymour assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a possible breaking and entering.

11:38 a.m. - Captain Rayhill assisted with a funeral procession.

7:02 p.m. - Officer Erwin and Chief Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of possible shots fired.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

12:30 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a possible gas leak on US 231 North.

1:17 a.m. - Officer Erwin assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a dispute at the Shoals American Legion.

11:43 a.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a property damage accident on JFK Avenue.

1:12 p.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of a possible stolen motorcycle left at a local business.

5:28 p.m. - A complainant reported a gift card scam.

8:36 a.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a suspicious person walking on the railroad tracks near Kentucky Avenue.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

4:37 a.m. - Chief Means spoke with a complainant regarding problems with an underage child.

10:44 a.m. - Captain Rayhill responded to a report of speeding and erratic driving on Park Street.

1:10 p.m. - Captain Rayhill assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of reckless driving on US 50 East and a resulting traffic stop on East Broadway Street.

4:50 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of possible illegal drug activity.

9:09 p.m. - Chief Means responded to a report of a window shot out with a BB gun in Redwing Trailer Court.

## Martin County real estate transfers

**Robert F. Jones & Sons, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **DCNK Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana, a section of Lot Number 106 and also Lot Number 107 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana and a part of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, located in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.306 acres, more or less.

**WSW Properties, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Charles Hanson**, of Orange County, Indiana, Lots Number 28 and 29 in Clark's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Charles Hanson**, of Orange County, Indiana to **Yvonne Miller and Janesa Swartzentruber**, of Daviess County, Indiana, Lots Number 28 and 29 in Clark's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Robert Aaron Wheeler and Lauren C. Wheeler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert Witt and Heather Witt and Donald Witt and Phyllis Witt**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lots 47, 48, 57 and 58 in the Town of Dover Hill, Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: Lots 45 and 60 in the Town of Dover Hill, formerly Hillsboro, Martin County, Indiana. Tract III: Lots Numbered 46 and 59 in the original plat of Hillsboro, now Dover Hill.

**Mark D. Hewitt and Cynthia L. Hewitt** to **Mark D. Hewitt Revocable Trust and Cynthia L. Hewitt Revocable Trust**, the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, containing 40 acres, more or less. The south half of the south fractional one-half of the east fractional Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, containing 52 acres, more or less. The west part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, of the Second Principal Meridian, containing 16 2/3 acres, more or less. Containing in all 108 2/3 acres, more or less.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### More Neat Stuff



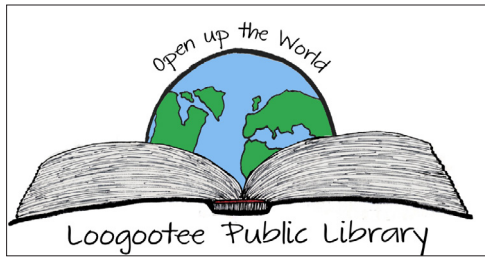
By Ann Ackerman



**DAILY PHILOSOPHIES:**

1. If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
2. A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
3. Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.
4. For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.
5. He who hesitates is probably right.
6. Never do card tricks for the group you play poker with.
7. No one is listening until you make a mistake.
8. Success always occurs in private, and failure in full view.
9. The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is required on it.
10. The hardness of the butter is inversely proportional to the softness of the bread.
11. The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
12. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism; to steal from many is research.
13. Two wrongs are only the beginning.
14. You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
15. The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
16. Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.
17. The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll have to catch up.
18. The light at the end of the tunnel is the headlight of an approaching train.

TRUE STORY: Assailant suffers injuries from fall



**BY DARLA WAGLER**  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Kids story time for the month of August will be Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. Libby Taylor will be the reading to the kids and have a craft following the story.

New Books:  
Mystery: "Black Dog" by Stuart Woods"

Fiction: "The Girls in the Stilt House" by Kelly Mustian.

DVDs: "Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore" and "Father Stu".

Library hours: Monday 10-7, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-7, 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](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us) or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

Orville Smith, a store manager for Best Buy in Augusta, Georgia, told police he observed a male customer on surveillance cameras putting a laptop computer under his jacket. When confronted, the man became irate, knocked down an employee, drew a knife and ran for the door.

Outside on the sidewalk were four Marines collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program. Smith said the Marines stopped the man, but he stabbed one of the Marines in the back; the injury did not appear to be severe.

After police and an ambulance arrived at the scene, the Marine was transported for treatment.

"The subject was also transported to the local hospital with two broken arms, a broken ankle, a broken leg, several missing teeth, multiple contusions, assorted lacerations, a broken nose and a broken jaw . . . injuries he sustained when he slipped and fell off the curb after stabbing the Marine", according to the report. Don't mess with the Marines!

**PONDERISMS:**

1. Laughing is the best medicine, unless you are laughing for no reason . . . then you need medicine.
2. The relationship between husband and wife is very psychological. One is Psycho and the other is Logical. Now please don't try to figure out Who is Who.
3. Sometimes, when one door closes, you need to nail a board over it.
4. What if dogs destroy shoes because we always put them on before leaving?
5. How to clean a mini-blind: Step 1 - throw it away and just buy a new one.
6. Pro Tip: Keep cake moist by eating it all in one sitting.
7. Know why cows have hooves instead of feet? Because they lactose.
8. There are only 3 things that tell the truth: small children, drunks, and leggings.
9. Husbands are the best people to share secrets with. They'll never tell anyone, because they aren't even listening.
10. Men say that women should come with instructions . . . What's the point of that? Have you ever seen a man actually read the instructions?
11. Some days I'm all about vegetables, green juice, and squats. Other days I want to swim in ice cream, inhale a dozen pizzas, and be a sloth.
12. If you can't fly with the big girls, stay off the broom.

Make someone smile today!

**Jones Reunion**

The 49th Annual Jones Family Reunion for descendants of James and Rachel (Gallagher) Jones will be held Saturday, August 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern time) at the Martin County Community Building, 2668 US Highway 50, Loogootee, IN 47553 (located on the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds, two miles east of Loogootee on Highway 50). The building will open at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon (Eastern Daylight time). Please bring a covered dish. Plates, tableware, napkins, tea, lemonade, coffee, and hand sanitizer will be furnished. Participants may bring family heirlooms, genealogy records, pictures, etc. for display as well as an item to be included in the silent auction.

**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.

**Mental Health Task Force**

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets via Zoom. If interested in being a part of the tax force, email [echristmas@youthfirst.org](mailto:echristmas@youthfirst.org) or [toddamy@iu.edu](mailto:toddamy@iu.edu).

**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.

**Local recovery meetings**

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 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.

**SOAR Tutoring**

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

**Solid waste board**

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at noon 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.

### ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**KITTENS!** The shelter has 30 kittens available for adoption - all colors and personalities. Kittens receive their first shots, are treated for fleas/ticks, ear mites and worms and are litter box trained. An approved adoption application is required to set up an appointment. Kittens are only approved for inside homes. For more info or to apply to adopt, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

### Spacious home in Shoals

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,  
Purdue University Master Gardener

Fall is an excellent time to put in a new garden, but now is the time to get the plans done. The better a garden is planned, the better the chances for success. A little time now may save you a lot of time in the future.

Of course, the first decision is the site for the garden. You can garden almost anywhere, but the chosen site will dictate the plants that you will choose for your garden. The most obvious factor when choosing a garden spot is the amount of sunlight the site will receive. You may do this by making observations at various times through the day or you may use a light meter that will track the amount of sunlight received. There are plants for nearly every possible light exposure, but make sure you will be happy with the choices. It is not possible to grow fancy roses in full shade! Make your choices now to avoid disappointment later.

Size and shape will be the next considerations. Of course, the available space will be a limiting factor here. I like to keep individual beds to a size that allows me to maintain the bed without having to actually step into them. With my reach, that limits the width of a bed to around four feet, if it will be accessible from both sides. If a larger bed is being planned, take time now to devise a plan for pathways within the bed to allow for future maintenance. In a large bed, you may even want to consider a seating area and begin looking around for the type of seats that will be compatible with the type of planting being planned. In general, beds with straight lines and sharp angles are more formal, while curved, irregular beds are more relaxed. You will want to make the bed match the house and other aspects of the existing landscape. Use boards, pipe or other items to outline an angular bed. A garden hose

or a long extension cord may be used to outline a bed with curves.

The next step is to prepare the bed. If there is grass or other vegetation growing now, that will need to be removed. I do not like to use herbicides, but I leave that choice to you. You may pull and dig to get rid of the existing vegetation. If it is in an open area, you may solarize the area, which will also help kill weed seeds that may be in the area. This is done by wetting the area and then covering it, usually using a sheet of heavy plastic. The moisture will encourage seed germination, but the resulting plants will not be able to get much additional moisture to grow and the intense heat that builds up under the plastic will kill most of the remaining seeds and plants. Leave the plastic in place for at least three weeks for the best results.

A soil test will let you know what nutrients the soil may need to support the plants you wish to grow. Take soil from a few spots within the bed and mix it in a container. Your local Cooperative Extension Service will likely be able to give you information on a testing lab in your area. You may buy a kit to do some testing yourself, but such home tests do not give a complete reckoning of the existing soil. Once you know what you have, you may begin amending the soil to create a good growing medium. I always recommend using compost to build up the soil, but you may purchase topsoil and other materials to create a growing area. Do not add much soil over the roots of existing trees. You may damage the trees and lead to their death.

A garden is a sensory experience, and a well-planned garden will engage all of the senses. Next week, we will take a look at planning garden beds that will create different feelings and will reflect your personality.

## Greener Pastures Field Day to be held

A variety of livestock, forage, and grazing topics will be presented at the 2022 Greener Pastures Field Day, presented by Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Purdue Extension offices of Dubois, Perry and Spencer Counties.

The program will be held August 23 at 5 p.m. CDT/6 p.m. EDT, at the Steckler Grassfed Farm in northern Spencer County. The farm is located at 21477 N. County Road 600 E., Dale, IN.

Topics and speakers include "Forage Improvement and Species Selection" by Dr. Keith Johnson, Purdue Agronomy, "Livestock Watering Systems" by Robert Zupancic, USDA NRCS, and "Intensive Grazing with Multiple Animal Species" by Jason Tower, Purdue SIPAC. The mealtime topics will focus on "Soil Life and Grazing Effects" by Victor Shelton, farmer/retired USDA NRCS, and "Farm Overview and Practices" by Zach Tischendorf, Steckler Grassfed Farms, with meal by Oink, Inc.

Cost of the program is \$5 per person for meal and materials, with registration required by August 16. To register, please contact your county Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) office: Dubois – (812) 482-1171, Spencer – (812) 649-9136 ext. 3, and Perry – (812) 547-4686.

This program is partially funded through a Clean Water Indiana grant with the Warrick County SWCD, as well as local supporting agribusinesses.

## Slight increase in producer sentiment despite rising costs and lower crop prices

BY KAMI GOODWIN  
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The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer farmer sentiment index rose 6 points in July to a reading of 103. Producers were somewhat more optimistic about both current and future economic conditions on their farms when compared to June. The Index of Current Conditions rose 10 points to a reading of 109, and the Index of Future Expectations rose 4 points to a reading of 100. Although all three indices rose this month, they were still 23 percent to 24 percent lower than a year earlier. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted July 11-15.

"Even though we saw a slight uptick in sentiment this month, there is still a tremendous amount of uncertainty in the agricultural economy," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture. "Key commodity prices, including wheat, corn and soybeans, all weakened during the month and producers remain concerned over rising input prices and input availability."

Farm operators in this month's survey voiced concerns about several key issues affecting their operation, including higher input prices (42 percent of respondents), lower crop prices (19 percent of respondents), rising interest rates (17 percent of respondents) and availability of inputs (15 percent of respondents).

The Farm Financial Performance Index, which is primarily reflective of income expectations for the current year, improved 5 points to a reading of 88 in June. However, this month, 49 percent of respondents said they expect their farm to be worse off financially a year from now, which compares to 51 percent who felt that way in June. This is a markedly more pessimistic outlook than producers provided a year ago when just 30 percent of respondents said they expect their financial condition to worsen in the upcoming year.

Producers remain uncertain over their expectations for crop input prices over the next 12 months. In July, 18 percent of crop producers said they expect 2023's crop input prices to decline between 1 percent and 10 percent when compared to 2022's prices, versus 12 percent who felt that way in June. Meanwhile, 26 percent of respondents in July said they expect 2023's prices to rise by 10 per-

cent or more, compared to 38 percent who expected a crop input price rise of that magnitude in June.

The rise in input costs is leading some producers to reassess their cropping plans for the upcoming year. In this month's survey, nearly one out of four (24 percent) of crop producers said that as a result of the rise in input costs, they plan to change their farm's crop mix in 2023. In a follow-up question, over half (53 percent) of respondents who said they plan to change their mix will increase the percentage of their cropland devoted to soybeans. In a separate set of questions, 26 percent of producers who said they planted winter wheat last year indicated they plan to increase their wheat acreage this fall.

The Farm Capital Investment Index remains near its record low, up one point to a reading of 36 in July. To shed light on why, respondents who said now is a bad time for large investments were asked for the primary reason they felt that way. Of those respondents, 44 percent indicated an "increase in prices for farm machinery and new construction", 15 percent said, "uncertainty about farm profitability," and 14 percent chose "rising interest rates" as the primary reason they viewed now as a bad time for large investments. Somewhat surprisingly, only 7 percent of respondents chose "tight farm machinery inventories at dealers" as their primary reason for responding negatively to the investment question.

Producers' views on farmland values diverged this month as the Short-Term Farmland Value Index declined 9 points to 127, while the long-term index rose 9 points to 150. The short-term index is down 20% from its peak reading in 2021, while the long-term index is only 6% lower than the peak reached last year. Short-term, there was a shift away from expectations that farmland values will go higher, with more producers in July expecting values to remain about the same. The long-term change was attributable to more respondents this month expecting values to rise with fewer expecting a decline over the next five years.

"The short-run and long-term farmland indices don't always move in tandem, but the magnitude of this month's divergence between the short and long-term indices is unusual," Mintert said. "Producers who expect values to rise over the upcoming five years continue to say that nonfarm investor demand and inflation are the two primary reasons they expect values to rise."

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report at <https://purdue.ag/agbarometer>. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results, available at <https://purdue.ag/barometervideo>. For even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that affects farmers. Available now at <https://purdue.ag/agcast>.

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



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# National unemployment edges down to 3.5 percent for July

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 528,000 in July, and the unemployment rate edged down to 3.5 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Job growth was widespread, led by gains in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, and health care. Both total nonfarm employment and the unemployment rate have returned to their February 2020 pre-pandemic levels.

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

In July, the unemployment rate edged down to 3.5 percent, and the number of unemployed persons edged down to 5.7 million. These measures have returned to their levels in February 2020, prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult women (3.1 percent) and Whites (3.1 percent) declined in July. The jobless rates for adult men (3.2 percent), teenagers (11.5 percent), Blacks (6.0 percent), Asians (2.6 percent), and Hispanics (3.9 percent) showed little change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of permanent job losers, at 1.2 million in July, continued to trend down over the month and is 129,000 lower than in February 2020. The number of persons on temporary layoff, at 791,000 in July, changed little from the prior month and has essentially returned to its pre-pandemic level.

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) decreased by 269,000 in July to 1.1 million. This measure has returned to its February 2020 level. The long-term unemployed accounted for 18.9 percent of the total unemployed in July.

The labor force participation rate, at 62.1 percent, and the employment-population ratio, at 60.0 percent, were little changed over the month. Both measures remain below their February 2020 values (63.4 percent and 61.2 percent, respectively).

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons increased by 303,000 to 3.9 million in July. This rise reflected an increase in the number of persons whose hours were cut due to slack work or business conditions. The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons is below its February 2020 level of 4.4 million. These individuals, who would have preferred full-time employment, were working part time because their hours had been reduced or they were unable to find full-time jobs.

The number of persons not in the labor force who currently want a job was 5.9 million in July, little changed over the month. This measure is above its February 2020 level of 5.0 million. 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 persons marginally attached to the labor force, at 1.5 million, was about unchanged 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. Discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, numbered 424,000 in July, little changed from the prior month.

## Household Survey Supplemental Data

In July, 7.1 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, unchanged from the prior month. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey specifically because of the pandemic.

In July, 2.2 million persons reported that they had been unable to work because their employer closed or lost business due to the pandemic--that is, they did not work at all or worked fewer hours at some point in the 4 weeks preceding the survey due to the pandemic. This measure is little changed from the previous month. Among those who reported in July that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 25.0 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, little different from the previous month.

Among those not in the labor force in July, 548,000 persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, little changed from the prior month. (To be counted as unemployed, by definition, individuals must be either actively looking for work or on temporary layoff.)

These supplemental data come from questions added to the household survey beginning in May 2020 to help gauge the effects of the pandemic on the labor market. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Tables with estimates from the supplemental questions for all months are available online at [www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/effects-of-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic.htm).

## Establishment Survey Data

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 528,000 in July, larger than the average monthly gain over the prior 4 months (+388,000). Job growth was widespread in July, led by gains in leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, and health care.

Total nonfarm employment has increased by 22.0 million since reaching a low in April 2020 and has returned to its pre-pandemic level. Private-sector employment is 629,000 higher than in February 2020, although several sectors have yet to recover. Government employment is 597,000 lower than its pre-pandemic level.

In July, leisure and hospitality added 96,000 jobs, as growth continued in food services and drinking places (+74,000). However, employment in leisure and hospitality is below its February 2020 level by 1.2 million, or 7.1 percent.

Employment in professional and business services continued to grow, with an increase of 89,000 in July. Job growth was widespread within the industry, including gains in management of companies and enterprises (+13,000), architectural and engineering services (+13,000), management and technical consulting services (+12,000), and scientific research and development services (+10,000). Employment in professional and business services is 986,000 higher than in February 2020.

Employment in health care rose by 70,000 in July. Job gains occurred in ambulatory health care services (+47,000), hospitals (+13,000), and nursing and residential care facilities (+9,000). Employment in health care overall is below its February 2020 level by 78,000, or 0.5 percent.

Employment in government rose by 57,000 in July but is below its February 2020 level by 597,000, or 2.6 percent. Over the month, employment increased by 37,000 in local government, mostly in education (+27,000). Employment in local government is below its February 2020 level by 555,000, or 3.8 percent, with the losses split between the education and non-education components.

Employment in construction increased by 32,000 in July, as specialty trade contractors added 22,000 jobs. Construction employment is 82,000 higher than in February 2020.

Manufacturing employment increased by 30,000 in July. Employment in durable goods industries rose by 21,000, with job gains in semiconductors and electronic components (+4,000) and miscellaneous durable goods manufacturing (+4,000). Employment in manufacturing is 41,000 above its February 2020 level.

In July, social assistance added 27,000 jobs, including a gain of 19,000 in individual and family services. Since February 2020, employment in social assistance is down by 53,000, or 1.2 percent.

Employment in retail trade increased by 22,000 in July, although it has shown no net change since March. In July, job gains occurred in food and beverage stores (+9,000) and general merchandise stores (+8,000). Retail trade employment is 208,000 above its level in February 2020.

In July, transportation and warehousing added 21,000 jobs. Employment rose in air transportation (+7,000) and support activities for transportation (+6,000). Employment in transportation and warehousing is 745,000 above its February 2020 level.

Information employment continued its upward trend in July (+13,000) and is 117,000 higher than in February 2020.

Employment in financial activities continued to trend up in July (+13,000). Employment in the industry is 95,000 above its level in February 2020.

Employment in mining rose by 7,000

in July, with gains in support activities for mining (+4,000) and oil and gas extraction (+2,000). Mining employment is 96,000 above a recent low in February 2021.

Employment showed little change over the month in wholesale trade and in other services.

In July, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 15 cents, or 0.5 percent, to \$32.27. Over the past 12 months, average hourly earnings have increased by 5.2 percent.

In July, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 11 cents, or 0.4 percent, to \$27.57.

In July, the average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls was 34.6 hours for the fifth month in a row. In manufacturing, the average workweek for all employees held at 40.4 hours, and overtime increased by 0.1 hour to 3.3 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls remained unchanged at 34.0 hours.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for May was revised up by 2,000, from +384,000 to +386,000, and the change for June was revised up by 26,000, from +372,000 to +398,000. With these revisions, employment in May and June combined is 28,000 higher 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.)

## Historic Preservation Fund grant application packets available

Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant application packets are available for FY2023 at the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) at <https://www.in.gov/dnr/historic-preservation/help-for-owners/financial-assistance/grants/>

This opportunity is funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund Program and is being administered by the DHPA.

There are three categories of projects: Architectural & Historical, Archaeological, and Acquisition & Development (rehabilitation). Applicants should download the appropriate application packet and read all instructions carefully. The deadline for proposals is Friday, October 7 at 5 p.m. This is not a postmark deadline; all proposals must be received at the DHPA by the deadline.

Eligible applicants must be tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, or units of local government. Eligible properties must be listed in the National Register individually or as contributing resources within listed historic districts. Rehabilitation activities must meet federal preservation standards. Typical rehabilitation grant projects include roof and gutter repair or replacement, masonry rehabilitation, window repair, and other exterior measures to secure the building from water and weather. General remodeling, construction of additions, landscaping, signage, and purchase of furniture or equipment are not eligible activities under this program.

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