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CAROL HARDER and COLLIN PADGETT

## New clerk-treasurer and city council member appointed

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Democrats held a caucus on Tuesday night, September 4 to vote on replacements for Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones, who is retiring, and Loogootee City Councilman Tim Lawrence, who moved from his district in Perry 4.

Three candidates signed up for the city council seat – Danny Clark, Collin Padgett and Karen Slaven. Collin Padgett won with three votes. Clark had one vote and Slaven had zero. Collin Padgett works for Midwest Satellite

in Loogootee and is also part owner of Bradley's Bar and Grill.

Two candidates signed up for the clerk-treasurer position – Ron Gilbert and Carol Harder. Carol Harder won unanimously with four votes. Harder currently serves as the deputy clerk-treasurer for the City of Loogootee and has worked for the county for 18 years.

Padgett will take over the city council seat as of September 9 and Harder will take over as clerk-treasurer on October 1.

Both seats will be up for re-election next year.

## Indiana receives \$29M in federal funding for rural broadband

Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch announced that the Federal Communications Commission has awarded more than \$29 million in funding over the next 10 years to increase broadband speeds for 24,530 locations throughout the state.

"Unserved and underserved rural areas in our state need high-speed, reliable Internet in order to keep Indiana's economy thriving," Crouch said. "Collaboration between federal, state and local entities will bring Indiana communities to the Next Level and I anticipate we will be working on building upon this progress."

Crouch said that the FCC is looking to close the digital divide between rural and urban America and has awarded almost \$1.5B to unserved areas in 45 states. Fifty-three percent of the homes and businesses selected for coverage will receive download speeds of at least 100 megabits per second.

"By helping over 24,000 locations throughout our state receive high-speed broadband access, communities will have more opportunities to grow and thrive," said Scott Rudd, Director of Broadband Opportunities.

Below is a list of providers who received funding in the state:

- Benton Ridge Telephone Company - \$14,883,684.70 for 11,537 locations;
- Mercury Wireless - \$1,400,844.80 for 7,371 locations;
- Orange County REMC - \$10,200,496.30 for 4,046 locations;
- Perry-Spencer Rural Telephone - \$1,182,425.70 for 359 locations;
- RTC Communications Corp. - \$1,326,394 for 1,203 locations; and
- Wisper ISP, Inc. - \$123,648 for 14 locations.

For more information visit: [www.fcc.gov/document/connect-america-auction-expand-broadband-713176-rural-locations](http://www.fcc.gov/document/connect-america-auction-expand-broadband-713176-rural-locations).

## Megan Ritterskamp joins soil and water districts

The Dubois, Daviess, and Martin county Soil and Water Districts (SWCD) announces their new Invasive Species Specialist, Megan Ritterskamp. She is a Vanderburgh County resident and graduated from the University of Southern Indiana (USI). She grew up in Great Falls, MT but has resided in Warrick or Vanderburgh counties since 1996. While at USI she studied zoology, botany, ecology, environmental geology, and environmental policies/sociology.

Ritterskamp worked in healthcare for 15 years before returning to school to pursue a degree in Environmental Science. She previously worked at Seton Harvest, a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) unit in Vanderburgh county, growing a wide variety of vegetables for community members and Charitable organizations. She has also been involved in several research studies ranging from bluebird monitoring to trace element soil contamination.

As the Invasive Species Specialist, Ritterskamp will work primarily through the Jasper SWCD office but will serve Dubois, Martin, and Daviess counties. Her position is funded for 36 months through a Clean Water Indiana **Two arrested for theft, fraud at Shoals Jay C**

During an investigation in conjunction with Kroger's loss prevention representatives on Wednesday, August 29, it was discovered that two Shoals Jay C employees had stolen over \$4,000 (combined) by making fraudulent Western Union transactions and keeping the money from these transactions.

The thefts occurred between July 23 and August 26, 2018.

Arrested:

Melissa Gibson, 35, of Shoals is charged with theft, a level 6 felony and posted a bond of \$25,000-10%.

Patty Tolbert, 44, of Loogootee is charged with theft, a level 6 felony and posted a bond of \$25,000-10%.



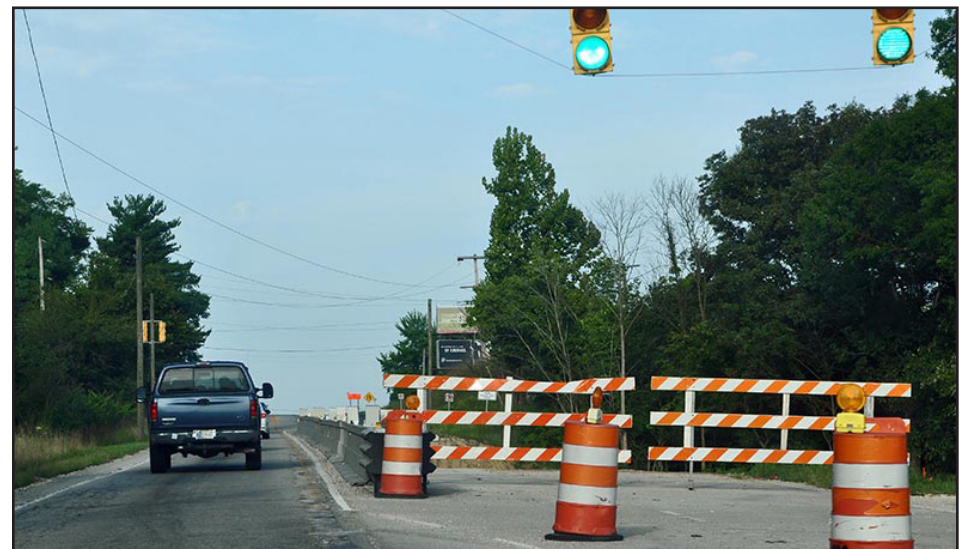
RITTERSKAMP

grant, provided by the State Department of Agriculture. Ritterskamp will be working with area landowners and community organizations educating the public about the threat invasive species pose to the environment. She will also assist landowners with invasive plant identification and best control practices.

Please contact Megan Ritterskamp with any questions or concerns about invasive species in your area at 812-482-1171 ext:3 or by email at [megan.ritterskamp@in.nacdn.net](mailto:megan.ritterskamp@in.nacdn.net).

## Loogootee School Board special meeting

The Loogootee School Board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 4 p.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The purpose of the meeting is to hear public comment on the 2019 budget, capital projects plan (which includes repayment for the \$7 million bonds being issued), and bus replacement plan. The meeting is open to the public.



## Ongoing road work

-Photo by Bill Whorrall

The construction being done on US 50, between Loogootee and the 4-H Fairgrounds, has been ongoing since October of last year. Due to emergency conditions, and the sliding of the road bed, the road had to be shut down. A stop light was placed on the one lane of the highway back in October and work is not expected to be completed until May 23, 2019. INDOT set the timeline for the road work last year and states that they are still on schedule for completion.



## Cry Out America Prayer Rally

Tuesday, September 11, 6 PM, at Loogootee Fountain Square (Rain or Shine). This year's theme: "Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding ourselves together with peace" (Eph. 4:3 NLT). Join us in prayer for our Nation, State, County and Cities. The Loogootee Jazz Choir will lead us in the National Anthem.

An American Flag presented to 100 individuals (Provided by Old National Bank). Program to last one hour. Join us in prayer.

For additional info, contact Duane Smith at 615-319-1939.

# Obituaries

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## JOHN MILLS

John C. Mills passed away August 31, 2018 at IU Health Paoli Campus in Paoli. A resident of French Lick, he was 62.

He was born on October 27, 1955 in Bedford; son of Frederick "Kenny" and Joyce (Stanfield) Mills.

John's father preceded him in death on August 2, 2009.

He attended Springs Valley High School where he enjoyed playing football and graduated with the Class of 1974.

He worked at National Gypsum in Shoals from the time he was 18 years old until his retirement in March of 2018, after 44 years of dedicated service. He was a member of the United Steelworkers Local 7-0354.

He enjoyed fishing and teaching his children how to fish.

He is survived by his mother, Joyce Mills of Shoals; four sons, Nathan Mills (Tabatha) of Shoals, Michael Mills (Jonica) of Paoli, and Jody Mills and Daniel Mills (Barbara), both of French Lick; two brothers, David Keith Mills (Elaine) of Jasper and Kenny Mills of French Lick; six grandchildren, Siera, Tori, Madison and Danilyn Mills, and Logan Henry and Brayden Robinson; and one great-grandchild, Lincoln Garrison.

The funeral ceremony was conducted by Bro. Joe Crow at 11 a.m. this morning, Wednesday, September 5 at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick. Burial followed in Ander-

son Cemetery in Shoals.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes donations be made to the Anderson Cemetery fund.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home 9640 W. State Rd. 56 French Lick, In. 47432. Condolences may be made on their Facebook page at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home or at [www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com](http://www.brosmer-kemplefuneralhome.com).

## HAZEL ROBBINS

Hazel Robbins passed away at 1:40 p.m. Friday August 31, 2018 at her home, surrounded by her family. A resident of Alfordsville, she was 75.



**HAZEL ROBBINS**

She was born January 31, 1943 in Odon; daughter of Eura Lewis and Maggie Bell (Ryckman) Matthew. Hazel married Charles Robbins on May 25, 1962. She was an adventurous spirit, she loved to travel to Tennessee and see the mountains, have fun at the casino, and go boating on the Ohio River. Hazel loved her family most of all and spending time with them. She was a member of the Christian Faith. She worked at Yo-Yo's Daycare in Washington helping with the children for over 10 years.

She is preceded by her parents, Eura and Maggie; her siblings, George Mat-

thew, Paul Matthew, and Betty Kaye Matthew, and several half siblings.

She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Charles Junior Robbins of Alfordsville; Anita Clauss (Bill Norman) of Shoals, Lisa Humbert (Robbie Roberts) of Cannelton, Indiana; Patty (Gary) Dorsey of Washington; her grandchildren, Chris and Zachary Clauss, Trenton Humbert, Cameron Hawes, and T.J Hill; her great-grandchildren, Zaos Clauss and Alton Clauss; several step-grandchildren, step-great grandchildren, one brother, Keith Matthew of Washington; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral service was conducted Tuesday September 4 officiated by Pastor Marty Evans at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Alfordsville Community Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions can be made The American Cancer Society, 5635 West 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis IN 46278, or Kindred Hospice 3745 N Newton St #150, Jasper, Indiana 47546.

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

## CAROLE TOW

Carole Sue Tow passed away at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, August 30, 2018 at the Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 76.

She was born March 14, 1942 in Martin County; daughter of George C. Ervin Sr and Roberta Joyce (Hawkins) Ervin.

She attended Shoals Schools, was a member of the Shoals American Legion Auxiliary and the Eagles Lodge of Shoals.

She is survived by one daughter, Tami (Mike) Sherfick of Shoals; one grandson, Jon Michael Sherfick of Shoals; two brothers, John (Astrid) Ervin of Kansas and Jerry Ervin of Shoals and two sisters, Georgia Ann Sorrells of Shoals and Karen Burris Wilson of Washington.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a brother, George Charles Ervin Jr; and sister, Marie Tredway.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 4 at Queen-Lee Chapel with Bro Wayne Pendley officiating. Burial will be at a later date in the Hawkins Cemetery.

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

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 27

2:06 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded. Everything checked okay.

4:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Deputy Reed responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:53 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

7:50 a.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

8:04 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

8:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department and Sheriff Roush responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:36 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US Highway 231, south of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

10:40 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification check in Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded and completed check.

12:03 p.m. - Sheriff Roush and Captain Dant assisted a motorist on US Highway 231, south of Loogootee.

12:32 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

1:19 p.m. - Sergeant Keller, Captain Dant, Loogootee Officer McBeth and Shoals Fire Department assisted with a funeral procession.

1:42 p.m. - Received a report of a controlled burn near Loogootee.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving near Hindostan Falls. Sergeant Keller responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle identification check near Loogootee. Sergeant Keller responded and completed check.

5:00 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee First Responders responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:12 p.m. - Received a report of a civil dispute near Shoals. Sergeant Keller responded.

6:13 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:14 p.m. - Received an animal complaint near Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:27 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Deputy Reed responded. Everything checked okay.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

6:37 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Fire Department responded.

6:41 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US Highway 150. Deputy Reed responded.

7:10 a.m. - Captain Dant and Shoals

Fire Department assisted with traffic control on US Highway 50, east of Shoals, due to traffic light malfunction.

9:30 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to court.

1:07 p.m. - Received a report of reckless driving on US Highway 50, east of Loogootee.

1:25 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

2:35 p.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took three inmates to court.

3:26 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

3:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported one subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:38 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

8:28 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded. All was okay.

8:57 p.m. - Received a noise complaint east of Loogootee. Deputy Reed responded.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

1:00 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

1:05 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Norris responded.

7:18 a.m. - Received a report of an accident and an abandoned vehicle west of Shoals. Captain Dant responded.

10:46 a.m. - Jail Commander was on station with one male from the Branchville Correctional Facility for court.

11:11 a.m. - Received a report of fraud in Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled car east of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Captain Dant responded.

1:31 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

2:30 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush and ISP Trooper Lents responded.

2:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:19 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Major Burkhardt, K9 Officer Asher, Deputy Seymour, Martin County Civil Defense, ISP, and Loogootee Fire responded.

6:40 p.m. - Received an alarm call east of Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded. All was okay.

9:17 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:58 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50. Deputy Seymour responded.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

12:24 a.m. - Received a report of a disabled vehicle east of Shoals. Deputy Seymour responded.

7:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

7:13 a.m. - Received a report of a semi on US 50 with a leaky load. Loogootee

Captain Hennette responded.

8:52 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:06 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral detail in Loogootee.

10:27 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene took one inmate to court.

12:07 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

12:59 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

1:50 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took three inmates to court.

2:16 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism near Shoals. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:57 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon and Shoals Fire responded.

8:38 p.m. - Received a report of threats in Shoals. Reserve Deputy Harmon and Deputy Seymour responded.

11:12 p.m. - Received a report of a teenager that had not returned home. Deputy Seymour responded.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

7:58 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

12:05 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:56 p.m. - Received a report of a large tree limb on US 231, south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire removed the debris.

3:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

5:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist in Loogootee with a vehicle unlock.

5:58 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

6:15 p.m. - Received a medical alarm north of Shoals. Williams Fire, Deputy Seymour, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

8:23 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:52 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic north of Shoals. All Martin County units responded.

11:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

4:12 a.m. - Received a report of a cow out near Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and contacted the owner.

7:18 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check north of Loogootee. Sergeant Keller, Martin County Ambulance, and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

10:06 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

11:15 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:22 p.m. - Received a request for

a welfare check near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:49 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

7:01 p.m. - Received a report of an accident north of Shoals. Deputy Seymour, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1:04 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Floyd responded.

9:57 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Sergeant Keller responded.

12:48 p.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Sergeant Keller responded.

2:05 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Sergeant Keller responded.

2:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:58 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Deputy Seymour and Animal Control Officer Hughett responded.

## ARRESTS

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

11:00 a.m. - Michael Arvin, 59, of Loogootee, was arrested by Captain Dant on a Martin County warrant for petition to revoke community corrections placement and is being held without bond.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

12:57 p.m. - Melissa Gibson, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with theft and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

4:44 p.m. - Patty Tolbert, 44, of Loogootee, was arrested by Major Burkhardt and charged with theft and is being held on a \$25,000 10% bond.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

8:56 p.m. - Timothy Epperson, 18, of Loogootee, was arrested by Reserve Deputy Harmon and charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. He was released on his own recognition. Assisting with the arrest were Deputy Seymour and Reserve Deputy Greene.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

2:05 p.m. - Jessica Bengé, 35, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Keller and charged with domestic battery and is being held without bond.

2:10 p.m. - Thomas Moffit, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Qualkenbush on a Martin County warrant and is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

4:59 a.m. - Kimberly Fisher, 41, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with vandalism, burglary, criminal trespass, theft, criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, intimidation, destruction of a mail box, resisting law enforcement, battery on a law enforcement officer, battery on a correctional officer, and attempted escape. She is being held without bond.



# Loogootee Police log

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

10:35 a.m. - Caller reported a possible dispute in Shaded Estates.

3:15 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

7:44 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver on US 231.

10:16 p.m. - Female reported having problems with her juvenile son.

10:35 p.m. - Male requested extra patrol.

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

1:45 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

4:48 a.m. - First responders were requested on Bellbrook Road for a medical call.

5:26 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

9:34 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Street.

4:25 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

8:27 p.m. - First responders were requested on Lincoln Avenue for a medical call.

9:21 p.m. - Female called and reported she was having problems with her juvenile daughter.

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

5:18 p.m. - Male reported seeing black smoke near South Oak Street.

8:10 p.m. - Sgt. Norris assisted the county with a domestic dispute.

10:15 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver on US 231.

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 27

10:36 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on US 231.

1:19 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral procession.

5:03 p.m. - First responders were requested on Killion Mill Road for a medical call.

5:10 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

5:43 p.m. - Caller reported a large tree limb on US 231.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on East Main Street.

6:45 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint. Animal Control was contacted.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

9:25 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a business alarm.

11:02 a.m. - Male requested a welfare check on a female.

4:38 p.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the ambulance service.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported civil complaint.

11:09 p.m. - Caller reported a speeding vehicle on Hwy 50.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29

1:30 a.m. - Male reported a dispute in Shaded Estates.

8:32 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious female at the city park.

12:30 p.m. - Male reported a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 50.

6:25 p.m. - First responders were requested on Bussinger Lane for a missing female.

8:46 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

10:06 p.m. - Female reported a possible violation of a protective order.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 30

7:13 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle with a leaky load.

10:06 a.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral procession.

12:07 p.m. - Caller reported a stolen cell phone.

12:12 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on JFK Avenue.

4:04 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious female on Sheridan Street.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

9:15 p.m. - Male reported a reckless driver on US 231.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

12:05 p.m. - First responders were requested on South Kentucky Avenue for a medical call.

3:58 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident on Broadway Street.

5:35 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

8:23 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Broadway Street.

9:50 p.m. - Caller reported having problems with his son.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:18 a.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a medical call.

1:49 p.m. - Male reported having problems with his neighbor.

4:45 p.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order.

9:35 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless vehicle on Hwy 50.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:52 a.m. - Female reported a suspicious person near North Line Street.

12:48 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on SW 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

4:13 p.m. - Male reported a child custody issue.

8:55 p.m. - Female reported someone trying to enter her residence.



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 martincountyvso2013@yahoo.com. Calls are returned on Tuesday and Thursday.

During the month of August, the veteran service officer assisted 12 veterans and had four meetings. The veterans' van took three trips transporting three veterans to VA medical centers and clinics.

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

## New portable breath tests help Indiana State Police enforce impaired driving

The Indiana State Police (ISP) have a new tool to enforce alcohol-impaired driving. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Indiana Criminal Justice Institute recently purchased 777 portable breath test devices for use by ISP troopers.

In every state, it is illegal to drive with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. In Indiana, drivers under 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to 1 year. Since 2017, more than 2,600 portable breath tests have been purchased for 150 law-enforcement agencies across Indiana. The Alco-Sensor FSTs also include passive sniffers that can sense alcohol in the air around a person or an open container.

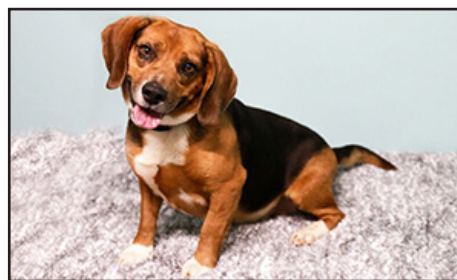
Getting arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) means going to jail and losing your driver's license. The average cost? About \$10,000, including car towing, attorney fees, fines, court costs, lost time at work and other hefty expenses. For more information, visit <http://on.IN.gov/drivesober>.

Drive High - Get an OWI

Impaired driving includes more than alcohol, and there is no quick field test for the many prescription, over-the-counter and illegal drugs that can impair drivers. This year, the police officers highly trained to recognize and enforce drug-impaired driving were issued An-

## ANIMAL SHELTER

### Pet of the Week



WAGS is a male beagle. Very sweet, loves everyone. He is neutered and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$80. The shelter is located at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours are Monday and Wednesday 5-7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. To see all available animals, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartincounty.org).

You must have an Indiana license and a clean driving record. If interested, please contact me.

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

The veterans' van will only transport to Indianapolis and Northern clinics on Tuesday and Thursday, Louisville and New Albany on Wednesday and Friday and Southern clinics on Monday's. The veterans' van will NOT leave the recycling center earlier than 7 a.m. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

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

droid tablets to simplify documentation for prosecution.

Taking a new drug or a higher dose? Talk with a doctor or don't drive until you know what effects it has. Even over-the-counter medication can cause impairment, especially when combined with alcohol or a second drug.

Ride Sober or Get Pulled Over

Motorcycle riders have the reputation for being tough, but no one is tough enough to withstand the effects of impaired riding. Motorcycles are about 3 percent of registered vehicles but are dramatically overrepresented in fatal crashes involving alcohol. And the more that bikers drink, the less likely they are to wear their helmets.

Tips for a safe and fun holiday

With all of today's options for getting home safely, there's no excuse for getting behind the wheel impaired as it endangers you and everyone else around you. Law enforcement recommends these safe alternatives to impaired driving:

- Designate, or be, a sober driver.
- Use public transportation.
- Call a cab or a ridesharing service.
- Download the SaferRide mobile app on the Android Play Store or the Apple iTunes Store. This app only has three options: call a taxi, call a friend, and identify your location for pickup.
- Celebrate at home or a place where you can stay until sober.
- Throwing a party? Offer non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of food.
- Never provide alcohol to minors.
- Ask young drivers about their plans.
- Friend or family member about to drive? Take the keys and make alternate arrangements.

Report impaired drivers

Impaired driving is three times more common at night than during the day. If you see an impaired driver, turn off the road away from the vehicle and call 911. Signs of impaired driving include: weaving, swerving, drifting, or straddling the center line; driving at a very slow speed; braking erratically; making wide turns; stopping without cause; responding slowly to traffic signals; driving after dark with headlights off; almost striking an object or vehicle; driving on the wrong side of the road; and/or turning abruptly or illegally.

## Specials at The Lodge

Wednesday: Salmon Patties

Thursday: Roast Beef or Beef Manhattans

Friday: Fish and Chips

Friday night: Ribs

Saturday: Pulled Pork Sliders

Saturday night: T-bone Steak

Sunday: Bacon Wrapped Meatloaf



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## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



A frog goes into a bank and approaches the teller. He can see from her nameplate that her name is Patty Whack.

"Miss Whack, I'd like to get a \$30,000 loan to take a holiday."

Patty looks at the frog in disbelief and asks his name. The frog says his name is Kermit Jagger, his dad is Mick Jagger, and that it's okay, he knows the bank manager.

Patty explains that he will need to secure the loan with some collateral.

The frog says, "Sure. I have this," and produces a tiny porcelain elephant, about an inch tall, bright pink and perfectly formed.

Very confused, Patty explains that she'll have to consult with the bank manager and disappears into a back office.

She finds the manager and says, "There's a frog called Kermit Jagger out there who claims to know you and wants to borrow \$30,000, and he wants to use this as collateral."

She holds up the tiny pink elephant. "I mean, what in the world is this?"

(You're gonna love this.)

The bank manager looks back at her and says, "It's a knickknack, Patty Whack. Give the frog a loan. His old man's a Rolling Stone."

(You sang it, didn't you? Yeah, I know you did.)

Never take life too seriously.

### 10 RULES OF STAYING AT GRANDMA'S HOUSE

1. What happens at Grandma's house, stays at Grandma's house.

2. You may eat whatever the heck you want, whenever the heck you want.

3. Electronics will be strictly limited to 14 hours a day.

4. Unlike your mother, Grandma is, in fact, a maid.

5. Good manners are mandatory, unless you're preoccupied watching something you're not allowed to watch

at home, in which case no acknowledgment is necessary.

6. None of that "But all the nutrients are in the crust" baloney. It'll be cut off without your having to ask.

7. By "milk" Grandma assumes you mean "chocolate milk."

8. If you go to the store with Grandma, you will get a toy. A good toy.

9. Fudgesicles count as dairy AND they also count as breakfast.

10. In general, anything your mother would have NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS BEEN ALLOWED TO DO AS A CHILD is perfectly acceptable.

### THOUGHTS

\*Welcome to your 40s. If you do not already have a mysterious ailment, one will be assigned to you shortly.

\*I am at the age where my mind still thinks I'm 29, my sense of humor suggests I'm 12, while my body keeps asking if I'm sure I'm not dead yet.

\*Nutrition Fact: If you drink a gallon of water per day, you won't have time for other people's drama because you'll be busy peeing. Stay hydrated, my friends.

\*I may be old, but at least the music of my generation didn't make you want to jump out of a moving car.

\*I'm still waiting patiently for the wisdom that supposedly comes with age. Anyone else?

\*Hold your wife's hand in the mall because if you let go, she'll start shopping.

\*How do people get up and get motivated to go to the gym and 5 or 6 a.m. I don't even want to smile until like noon.

\*The worst part about parallel parking is the witnesses.

\*I'm not saying I'm Wonder Woman. I'm just saying nobody has ever seen me and Wonder Woman in a room together.

Make someone smile today!

## Loogootee Tennis moves to 8-0

The Loogootee High School Boys Tennis teams competed against Forest Park last Thursday, August 30. The varsity Lions won 4-1 and the junior varsity was a tie, 1-1. The varsity boys move to 8-0 on the season.

Head Coach Rick Graves said after the matches, "I think we may have played our best overall match of the season. Forest Park has some nice players who hit the ball really well, which our guys liked. It made for some good rallies in a lot of different matches. Nathan played a great match tonight. He hit the ball as well as I've seen him hit it and his shot placement was really good. Jalen looked like the Jalen we know. He played with a lot of confidence and made good decisions on the court, especially on his passing shots. Sheldon and Jordan continue to play solid doubles, as do Bailey and Sebastian. Both of our one and two doubles do a really good job of playing aggressive doubles. Tonight, both

teams played well in pretty much all facets of the game. I'm very pleased with the way we played and hope we can continue that play into the Silver Creek Invitational."

### Varsity results

#1 Singles - Reid Steffe (FP) defeated Max Christmas (L) 6-2, 6-1

#2 Singles - Jalen Wildman (L) defeated Nathan Jarboe (FP) 6-1, 6-4

#3 Singles - Nathan Seals (L) defeated Wes Stout (FP) 6-0, 6-3

#1 Doubles - Sheldon Christmas and Jordan Wildman (L) defeated Aaron Hurst and Joe Hurst (FP) 6-2, 6-1

#2 Doubles - Bailey Dearwester and Sebastian Toy (L) defeated Caiden Pershon and Evan Steinmetz (FP) 6-0, 6-2

### Junior varsity results

#1 Doubles - Jayden Leatherman and Wyatt Sheetz (L) defeated Forest Park 7-6(5)

#2 Doubles - Forest Park defeated Matthew Poole and Brady Taylor (L) 6-0

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners and Martin County Council will meet in executive session on Tuesday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of security issues for the Martin County Courthouse. The meeting is closed to the public pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(D).

### Chamber meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce will meet Wednesday, September 19, at noon, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Loogootee. The meeting is open to anyone interested in Chamber activities.

### Talk to a Lawyer hotline

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 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 next two hotline sessions are scheduled for Thursday, September 6 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Central Time and Tuesday, September 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Central Time. The telephone number to call is 812-618-4845.

### Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second,

third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

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

### SOAR Tutoring

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

### Tourism meetings

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

### Humane society meetings

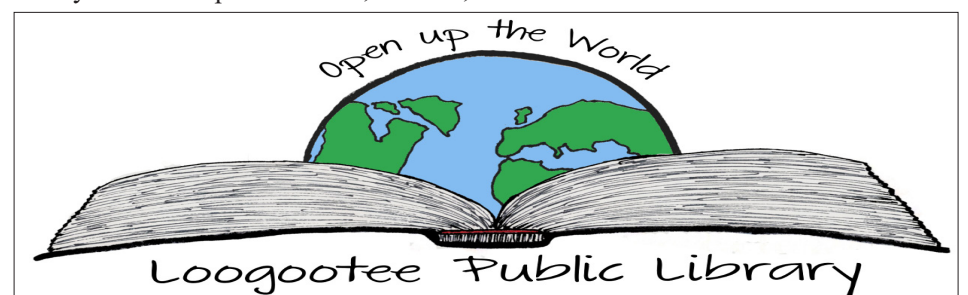
The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 5:30 p.m.

### Solid waste board

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

### Soil and Water meetings

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



### BY DARLA WAGLER

Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Thursday, September 6, 2018 from 3:30-4:30 at the library, Juile Lagree will offer a Breakout Box for elementary kids program based on the book "The Dot: Make Your Mark". Escape rooms usually charge \$25-30 per person to participate. The library is offering a very similar challenge for FREE! The skills you learn and use involve Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

An activity calendar for September is posted on our Facebook page with a link on our website [www.loogootee.lib.in.us](http://www.loogootee.lib.in.us). If you go to the website, look up pictures of the painted chairs for our Pull Up A Chair fundraiser. They will be auctioned off by Mayor Noel Harty at the dinner/auction scheduled for Saturday evening, October 13 from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults, kids ages 6-12 \$5, and kids under the age of 5 eat free. It was important to make children's tickets affordable since many of our kids have spent time painting chairs or encouraging parents to paint a chair. We definitely invite

them to attend with their parents.

Here are a few upcoming events: Book and Bake Sale at the library on Saturday, September 8 from 8-12, plus we are selling food at the West Bogg's Park Fall into Folk music event on Saturday, September 22. In addition, the Pull Up a Chair dinner/auction fundraiser will be held on October 13 at St. John's Center from 6-8. Tickets will be on sale starting September 1 and can be purchased at the library, or from any library board or FOLL member. All fundraiser money will go toward the \$20,000 match donation for the new library building.

### New books:

Mystery: "Leverage in Death" by J. D. Robb.

Fiction: "In His Father's Footsteps" by Danielle Steel.

DVDs: "Book Club" and "The Flash: Season Four".

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.



## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser

Purdue University Master Gardener

It has been a busy week at Sandhill Gardens. I have been trying to get caught up with weeding and planting the fall garden. I “dug” my potatoes this week. Actually, if readers recall my description of my potato planting in the spring, you will know that there was actually no digging. I placed the potato sets on a bed of shredded paper and covered them with compost. I put a plastic sleeve around the potatoes. When they sprouted, I began adding compost and shredded leaves around the potatoes. I continued adding leaves until after the potato plants bloomed. This week, I noticed that the tops had mostly died back, so I removed the ring and simply ran my hands through the compost and leaf mold, pulling out some nice Red Pontiac potatoes. The potatoes had very few scars and the harvest was plentiful, considering I started with only about six seed potatoes.

After harvesting the potatoes, the bed was ready to be planted for fall. I chose to plant kohlrabi in that bed. I also prepared several other raised beds for planting cole crops and other greens, including Chinese cabbage, bok choy, pak choy, mustard, kale, cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and leaf lettuce. I mixed some radish seeds in with some of the oriental greens. Radishes mature quickly and can be harvested in about a month. This helps space the other crops, which will continue to grow after the radishes have been harvested. I planted turnips in several beds, including beds where tomatoes are still growing. The turnips may be harvested for greens or left to mature to harvest roots. Turnips help fix nitrogen back into the soil, and

even if I do not want to harvest all of the turnips, they may be turned back into the soil to compost.

It is also time to be preparing for fall lawn care. If you wish to do a total kill and plant anew, herbicide applications need to be made now. Once the lawn has browned, till the soil and broadcast the seed. It is recommended to cover the area twice, walking the second time at right angles to the first. Rake the seed in or cover it with a layer of compost and water thoroughly. The new lawn will need to be watered frequently until the seed sprouts. During extreme heat, that may require watering two or three times a day to ensure the bed remains moist. Once the grass begins to grow, watering may be limited to once a day, but water deeply, encouraging the roots to grow deep into the soil. When the grass grows to about four inches tall, it is time to cut it for the first time, trimming off only an inch of the blades. Keeping the lawn at about three inches helps it to shade the ground, helping prevent weed seeds from having enough light to germinate.

If you only wish to oversee the lawn or plant small patches where turf has been damaged, you may wish to take steps to encourage good seed-to-soil contact. You may do this by raking the soil before seeding. If you have access to a power seeder, the machine will cut slits into which the seed is deposited. Another way to prepare the seed bed is to use an aerator. The plugs which are cut from the soil in the aeration process will be used to cover the seed that is deposited in the resulting holes. Even when using this method, I recommend spreading a layer of compost and raking it in. It has been shown that the addition of organic material will result in quicker growth of the new lawn.

It is also harvest time for many fruits. I have a heavy crop of American plums and a decent crop of peaches this year. I also picked up my first ripe persimmon this week, and the trees are loaded. This early tree provides a rich, red pulp. Crabapples have begun dropping from some trees and soon the Winesap apples will be ready.

I have had several people ask about blooms on shrubs that normally bloom in the spring. While there are some hybrids that have been bred to re-bloom, fall blooms on spring-blooming shrubs is usually a sign that the plant is under stress, either from drought, insect damage or disease. There is really nothing that can be done at this time, other than clean up fallen leaves to remove pathogens and to keep the shrub watered well. If you are able to remove the stress, the plant should survive. The fall blooms may result in fewer blooms in the spring, but it may not make a noticeable difference. Gardening is all about change and adapting.

## Applications open for waterfowl reserved hunts

Hunters can now apply online for a reserved waterfowl hunt by visiting [hunting.IN.gov](http://hunting.IN.gov) and clicking on the “Reserved Hunt Info” link.

The online method is the only way to apply.

Applicants must possess a hunting license that is valid for the hunt for which they are applying. To be accepted, applications must be completed by the application deadline.

Hunters will be selected through a computerized, random drawing. Drawing results will be posted at [wildlife.IN.gov](http://wildlife.IN.gov) within two weeks after application deadlines. An email will be sent to applicants when results are posted.

-Waterfowl hunt draw: Application must be submitted no later than Sep-

tember 23. Properties are Brookville and Monroe lakes, Goose Pond, LaSalle, Hovey, Kankakee, Kingsbury and Willow Slough fish & wildlife areas, and Province Pond Wetland Conservation Area. Successfully drawn applicants will be chosen for one of their five property and date choices. Participants must have a party of three hunters to hunt Monroe Lake. On all other properties, hunters must be accompanied by at least one but no more than two other hunters.

Only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once the application is submitted. More information is at [wildlife.IN.gov/5834.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/5834.htm).

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## Farmer sentiment rises, but opinions split over potential impact of aid package

BY KAMI GOODWIN

Purdue University News Service

Agricultural producer sentiment increased modestly in August after dipping sharply in July, according to the latest Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer reading. The barometer, which is based on a monthly survey of 400 agricultural producers from across the country, had an August reading of 129, 12 points higher than July but still well below readings from May and June.

“Farmer sentiment has improved over the past month, but producers are uncertain about the aid package’s ability to offset income losses on their farm,” said James Mintert, the barometer’s principal investigator and director of Purdue University’s Center for Commercial Agriculture.

The uptick in this month’s barometer derived largely from producers’ improved perception of the current situation as the Index of Current Conditions rose to 121 from 99 in July. The Index of Future Expectations also rose, but the increase was to 132, just 6 points above its July reading.

Before the August survey was conducted, the USDA announced intentions to provide aid to farmers impacted by importers’ tariffs. When asked specifically about the relief plan’s expected impact, farmers were split on whether they believed the plan addressed concerns about tariffs’ impact on their farm’s income with 47 percent saying “not at all” and 47 percent saying either “completely” (4 percent) or “somewhat” (43 percent).

In August, producers were again asked how likely they thought it was that a trade war would reduce their farm’s net income. While 71 percent (virtually unchanged from July) felt their farm income will be negatively impacted, respondents who expect to

see an income reduction of 20 percent or more fell from 35 percent in July to 26 percent on the August survey. “Farmers are still concerned trade conflicts will reduce their farm’s income, but some farmers clearly scaled back the magnitude of losses they expect compared to what they told us in July,” Mintert said.

This less pessimistic view also impacted producers’ expectations for the future of U.S. agriculture. In August, there was a small increase in respondents expecting good times in agriculture in the year ahead, rising to 22 percent from 19 percent in July. The improvement was reinforced by a significant downturn in those expecting bad times, which fell to 52 percent in August versus 61 percent in July. Similar readings occurred for attitudes on whether it was a good time to make large farm investments, which improved to 26 percent in August compared to 20 percent in July. Read the full August Ag Economy Barometer report at <http://purdue.edu/agbarometer>. This month’s report includes producers’ responses to questions about how much of their 2018 soybean crop was priced before the downturn in prices and their farmland price outlook. Additional August barometer analyses can also be found in a video from Mintert at <https://youtu.be/SVyoLpBDd4s>.

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.

About the Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture

The Center for Commercial Agriculture was founded in 2011 to provide professional development and educational programs for farmers. Housed within Purdue University’s Department of Agricultural Economics, the center’s faculty and staff develop and execute research and educational programs that address the different needs of managing in today’s business environment.

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# Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton  
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

The older I get, the more I tend to philosophize about things. I've been asked a few times why I am such an advocate for sound grazing practices. Best management grazing practices, just like conservation practices for reducing or preventing soil erosion on cropland, help preserve and or regenerate resources not only for present generation, but also for future generations. Keeping a field in forages will save more soil and conserve more water than almost all other erosion control practices. As the world population continues to increase and the acres of viable land that we can grow food on continues to decrease, we have to be more efficient and more productive with what remains while also maintaining and improving water quality. Food quality and nutrient density need to also improve.

I'll refrain from getting too deep and prevent you from possibly thinking you need to put on gum boots. I will say that there is satisfaction having a public service position that can provide a positive influence on someone else or on the resource. But, like any position, especially thinking about teachers, it has it's challenges. You can lead the horse to water, but you can't make it drink.

I mentioned last month that we are on a count down to the first frost. I'm thankful for timely rains and that most of our cool-season grasses will continue to grow even after that first frost, as long as there is moisture working with the declining light hours. Most producers, including myself, would benefit from being more efficient. That efficiency is achieved first by optimizing forage growth. I'll probably be lying on my nursing home bed, raising up my grazing stick cane and still repeating the line, "Don't over graze it, maintain that solar panel, and keep the ground covered!" Every growth day now is an opportunity to grow more forage for later use. Most of the Midwest will be short in hay this winter so you may really have to be creative or think outside your normal box to keep enough feed in front of your livestock.

What can you do to maximize forage growth? The more you can grow now,

during these remaining autumn days, the more you will have to graze and the less feed will be needed. The first thing to think about is what can be grazed right now so forages can continue to grow?

There will be a lot of corn that will be harvested soon. Grazing corn fields can certainly buy you some forage growth days. Every day the livestock are out ingesting some corn residue, they are not grazing forages and so your stockpile is able to grow.

Corn residues normally are best utilized within 60 days of harvest and also allocated out in portions to reduce waste. In general, corn stalks have a crude protein value of about 8 percent and a total digestible nutrient value of about 70 percent. The nutritional value falls over time to about 5 percent crude protein and to about 40 percent digestibility. This reduction can be two-fold. First, if livestock are not managed in such a way to allocate the residue out over time, they will eat their dessert first which is the most palatable, and leave the broccoli for later. Second, nutrient content decreases over time as the residue weathers and soluble nutrients leach out. Stalks are best utilized for spring calving cows due to lack of sufficient energy for lactating or growing animals, especially over time, unless winter annuals or brassicas have been added.

The addition of annuals such as my favorite combination of oats, a brassica such as turnips or radish, and a winter hardy annual like cereal rye make an excellent addition to stalks if they can be planted early. This mixture, especially if it has a lot of brassica in it, needs to be balanced with some dry material to be utilized most efficiently. Those high nitrogen and water containing turnips or radish are too rich to be grazed alone and are a great addition to corn residue. Adding these annuals not only helps stretch out those residues, but it helps the grazing livestock make better use of this feed and usually means a higher rate of gain.

Rough estimating, corn stalks should be stocked at the rate of 1,000 pounds

live weight per acre per 30 days. Though it can vary a lot, most corn produces about 56 pounds of residue per bushel. So, a 200 bushel corn crop should yield about 11,000 pounds of residue. Of that residue, about 40 percent is leaf and husk, the part that is most readily consumed. So in this example, there is about 4,400 pounds of desirable grazable fodder available or about 75 animal unit days at 50 percent harvest efficiency; and yes, they are going to waste some. One animal unit, which is 1,000 pound live weight, will consume about 3 percent of their weight in dry matter per day or roughly 30 pounds of fodder. You can do your own math from there using your livestock numbers and acres that can be grazed. Certainly, if annuals are also part of the picture, then there is even more available.

Corn fields used for grazing that are highly erodible (HEL) must still comply with Farm Bill requirements after grazing, which can add even more value to grazable covercrops interseeded into the stubble. Refrain from feeding any supplements or hay in crop fields or leave livestock in the field over extended time frames, especially under wet conditions to prevent compaction issues the next crop year.

Crop residue should be tested for nitrates if there was crop failure or chance that applied nitrogen was not normally utilized. Livestock water should also be readily available and ideally moved with the livestock to new allocations of stalks.

Something tells me that we could have an early fall, so remember, earlier than normal, that sudangrass and sorghum-sudan hybrids, and johnsongrass produce a cyanide compound when frosted causing the production of the prussic acid. Livestock should be removed from these forages for at least two weeks to allow for the forages to "dry down" and the prussic acid to dissipate before grazing again. Frosted areas could start with only "pockets" in a field. Any regrowth from the base of the plant after a frost can also be very high in prussic acid. If in doubt about nitrates or prussic acid, test before grazing!

There are a few droughty areas left around the state. When forage is limited and if white snakeroot is present, remember this poisonous plant can be a problem. At this time of year the plant has numerous heads of small white flowers and is quite common along woodland edges, woods and streams. Livestock normally will avoid consuming white snakeroot under typical growing conditions, but as ample, desirable forage declines or disappears, poisonous weeds start looking good. Whether eaten in large amounts at one

time or in small amounts over a period of time, both can be fatal. Nursing animals are often affected from the milk which is commonly fatal with no signs of ailment from the adult. If your grazing livestock have access to potential problem areas, it would be best to scout the area ahead of grazing. Small patches of plants can be removed but if there are too many, keep the livestock out! Leaves of the white snakeroot are opposites, have toothed edges, and taper to a point. I have been seeing quite a bit of this plant this fall. If you have problems identifying this plant, contact your local extension office for assistance.

I'll end this article encouraging you to think about not only how you are managing your pastures, but also encouraging you to think about how you might be influencing others. Just don't let it get out of hand. As a really smart person once said, "If you get to thinking you're a real person of influence, just try ordering someone else's dog around." Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Forage and Beef Cow Management Field Day – September 8, 2018, SI-PAC, Dubois, IN <https://ag.purdue.edu/arge/pac/Documents/sipac/SIPAC%202018%20field%20day%20flyer.pdf>

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

More pasture information and past issues of Grazing Bites are available at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/in/technical/landuse/pasture/>

## Pheasant put-and-take hunt reservations started September 1

Reservations for put-and-take pheasant hunts on DNR properties will be accepted from 5 a.m. on Sept. 1 until midnight on Nov. 24.

Put-and-take hunting reservations are selected on a first-come, first-served basis. All hunting days will start on a Saturday in mid- to late November.

Properties offering put-and-take hunts are Atterbury, Glendale, J. E. Roush Lake, Pigeon River, Tri-County, Willow Slough and Winamac fish & wildlife areas.

The cost for put-and-take hunts is \$28 per person per slot, which is non-refundable.

Put-and-take pheasant hunters must register each day of their hunt at the property office. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. local time. Put-and-take pheasant hunters may begin hunting at 9 a.m. local time.

For assistance outside normal business hours, contact [INHuntFish@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:INHuntFish@dnr.IN.gov).

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**Community Integration and Service is the next topic I will address. I believe the Sheriff's Office, more than ever, must do more than simply carry out the traditional functions of law enforcement. We have witnessed that community service can be done in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office for the betterment of all. We must support the other social services within our community, such as churches and schools—but not take their place—as our core function must remain to serve and protect.**

#### Sheriff's Annual Jeep and Bike Ride

The Annual Jeep and Bike Ride is here to stay! There are many positive outcomes for Martin County from this event. First, it allows the general public a fun, relaxed day with Law Enforcement Officers and their families. Although fundraising is not the primary focus, the first year we raised money for the Reserve Deputy Program and this spring, we raised money for a ballistic shield for the Crisis Response Unit. There are many that attend from outside Martin County, which allows a great opportunity to promote the scenic beauty of our county as we travel the backroads. This in turn, promotes tourism, which is also good for the local economy. The Martin County Historical Society participates as well, promoting the rich cultural history of Martin County and our proud ancestral roots. We have a K-9 demonstration at one of the stops along the way to demonstrate the dogs' capabilities, and the handlers' control of the dogs. The attendees always leave with a new appreciation of the dogs' skills and power.

#### Township Meetings

Township Meetings are a great way to build relationships within the community. Though the Sheriff's Office hosts the meetings, there are multiple agencies in attendance. These gatherings were set to build connectivity, bringing neighbors and officials together to exchange ideas and concerns—to allow us to become familiar with one another and establish ties. In this age of social media and high-speed Internet, we are less connected within our neighborhoods and communities. Additionally, the children of each area had the opportunity to interact with their local Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters. At our most recent meeting in Mitcheltree Township, the children could climb all over the fire trucks and on this particularly hot day, they enjoyed being sprayed with the fire hoses! A takeoff and landing of a Medivac helicopter was equally impressive for young and old alike. We hosted multiple rounds of these meetings and have already seen positive benefits and growth in participation, even though the program is still in its infancy, we have confidence the meetings will stay with your continued support.

#### Ladies' Shooting Courses

This administration is a strong proponent of the 2nd Amendment and empowering women to protect their families. Alarm systems are great but realistically, when trouble comes, even the quickest police response unit may arrive after a tragic event has already occurred. The mothers and wives of Martin County, at home alone, are equally vital to protect their homes and children. This course teaches about the right-to-carry laws, gun safety, marksmanship and most importantly, builds the confidence of the ladies to protect their families in a safe way. The course is free to participants and the demand is so overwhelming, we have increased classes to three per year. Again, this is a fantastic time for citizens to interact with law enforcement in a constructive fashion and it will have residual benefits for the entire family. This has a “peace through strength” effect. When criminals know that ladies too can defend their homes, it is a deterrent to break-ins and possible attacks. The ladies graduate the course with not only the ability to defend themselves and their families, but they can also protect third parties if needed. Much of the credit for these courses must go to our Lead Instructor Indiana Conservation Officer Eric Doane, as well as our Reserve Deputies who volunteer their time to work with each individual taking the course. We will be hosting our sixth class in October. Classes fill up quickly but if you are interested, call the jail at 812-247-3726 and ask to be put on the list.

#### Active Shooter Workshops

Active Shooter Workshops are another “peace through strength” approach. The world we live in has significantly changed. We need to acknowledge it and take appropriate action, and for some, this acknowledgement is difficult. These workshops are not about feeding paranoia but promoting preparedness. In any environment, foreign or domestic, you must have security in place (and confidence in that security) or our social activities cannot take place, be it the workplace, churches or schools. The Active Shooter Workshops have already empowered hundreds within our county. Our schools contain our most cherished possessions—our children—the future of tomorrow. To learn the information put before them at school, at their young, impressionable ages, the children must first feel safe in their environment. To do their jobs to the best of their abilities, teachers and caregivers as well, must feel safe without feeling they are operating in a police state. Workplaces, churches and schools have taken action to become more prepared and the Sheriff's Office is proud to have been part of the necessary conversations and helped follow through to implementation. Again, special recognition must be given to Indiana Conservation Officer Eric Doane for creating the proper template of the message.

#### Inmate Drug Program

The Sheriff's top two mandated functions are to serve the Court and care for the county's inmates. To elaborate on the inmates, I have often heard Community Corrections Director Kathy Collins say, “Sooner or later, these inmates are coming back to our community.” Because our resources are limited, especially in time and manpower, it is important for us to collaborate with other agencies. We have successfully done that with the employees of the Community Corrections Department. Because of this collaboration, we have introduced new cognitive behavior therapy programs. The reality is, inmates need help to prepare to go back into our community, whether returning in six months or six years. Therefore, we must do our level best to assist the inmates to become better citizens while they are under our direction. The jail currently offers MRT (Moral Recognition Therapy and HWR (Helping Women Recover). We also work with SOAR and some inmates have proudly earned their GED while in our jail. Education helps them get into the workforce and it is proven that gainful employment can help them stay out of the criminal justice system as they move forward in life.

#### Martin County Safe Community Event

Our 3rd Annual “Martin County Safe Community Event” is coming up on September 29th. Although the Sheriff's Office is the facilitator, this event is truly a collective effort of multiple agencies and churches, also meant to increase connectivity within the community. It is much the same as the Township Meetings but with one additional benefit for the county. Attendees are asked to bring donations of food to help stock the local food pantries. Each year, we have collected more than one ton of food, literally, for those most in need—including our youth, as they are often the ones most affected by a food shortage at home.

**In conclusion, all the programs above are new and making a positive impact in the community. We have not only sustained existing programs in our schools, but we have significantly added programs that naturally integrate the Sheriff's Office and our community with a real and constructive impact, making families safer. I ask for your support to sustain these programs because some have such a strong chance to mature and remain tangible innovations for our future. I am sure the continuation of these programs can secure a safer Martin County. This is vitally important to me because I want my little boy and girl to inherit a better community—as well as your children and grandchildren. This is what sets America apart from the rest of the world. We think of our future generations, instead of just today. Your continued support of this administration and these programs sends a clear message of appreciation to all the volunteer efforts that went into creating them, both within my office and beyond. Thank you for your consideration.**



# Making A Difference



By Curt Johnson  
MCCF Executive Director

### -- FUNDS TO HELP --

Our county's Community Foundation has many endowment funds that help in many ways. These funds are invested so that their earnings and growth can go back into the county to do good things. Some of these funds are to support specific organizations, some for certain areas of need, and some for those unknown, emerging needs as they arise.

### -- FUNDS FOR ALL TIME --

The funds are here forever, always meeting the donors' intentions to give back to the community. There are so many ways that a donor can leave a legacy for what they hold dear to their hearts. And it doesn't have to be for a specific cause, but also for the general well-being and growth of our community.

### -- OUR HISTORY --

Our time starts with our history. There are a lot of our friends and neighbors that have a passion for the history of the places and the people that brought Martin County to where it is today. The MCCF has a "Martin County Historical Society Fund" whose earnings will always go for the Historical Society's work. Our history helps to define who we are.

### -- OUR GROWTH --

So, once we know where we, as a county, came from, then it's time to take that information and grow from it.

This is where our county libraries, for example, can provide a lot of assistance to all ages to help us grow and learn. The MCCF has "designated" funds for both the Loogootee Public Library and the Shoals Library. As with the Historical Society Fund, these funds will always be giving back directly to our libraries, central components of our communities.

### -- OUR FUTURE --

We also have to protect and nurture our future. Our future begins with new life. That's why a donor established the "Expectant Mothers Assistance Fund." They created this "field of interest" fund to help mothers bring their children into this world as best they can. There's no specific organization identified with this fund, but instead is there for those needs falling into that area. It, for example, has been used in the past to help the Pregnancy Care Center provide assistance to Martin County mothers.

### -- FUNDS TO HELP --

So, while these few examples may shed some insight on ways that MCCF funds can be designed to help our community, sometimes we don't know just what the needs are or when they'll arise. That's why some donors establish "unrestricted" funds that are there for just that purpose – to help when those unknown or emerging needs arise.

These types of funds were recently used to grant to some of the organizations already mentioned. While they are supported by "designated" and "field of interest" funds, these organizations have also been awarded grants from the unrestricted funds for emerging needs. The MCCF is happy to have been able to grant \$300 to each of the Martin County Historical Society, the Shoals Public Library, and the Pregnancy Care Center.

### -- MORE INFORMATION --

For more information about the MCCF and how we can help you help our county, please contact the Executive Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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Pictured is Bill Greene, Historical Society President, receiving a \$300 grant from Jenell Hoffman, MCCF Board Member.



Pictured is Yolanda Taylor (Pregnancy Care Center Director) receiving a \$300 grant from Alan Lagree (MCCF Board member) as Denny Smith (Pregnancy Care Center Assistant Director) looks on.



Pictured is Candace Roush, MCCF Board member, presenting a \$300 grant to Sylvia Albaugh, Shoals Public Library Director.

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