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## Commissioners contemplate what to do with bridge

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, September 7.

Scott Seals, Martin County Highway Superintendent, asked permission to hire an applicant but asked not to announce his name because he hasn't spoken to him yet. He will give the name at the next meeting. The commissioners approved the new hire.

Seals also said they are still mowing behind the state forest and will be in the southern part of the county. Blacktopping will be finished this week.

A surplus auction will be held next Wednesday at noon at the highway department.

Kevin Meyer, with RQAW, presented the commissioners with a proposal to reclassify bridge 44 as a non-historic bridge.

Highway Secretary Terri Alcorn said that she has had companies contact her about fixing bridge 44 on Deep Cut Lake Road. She said she asked INDOT about it and they felt the county could go that route.

Meyer said the commissioners are welcome to get a price on repairing the bridge if they feel that is a better way to go.

Commissioner Cody Roush said they are waiting to hear back from the insurance company of the driver who damaged the bridge.

Commissioner George said, "We definitely have some thinking to do."

Highway Superintendent Seals said it doesn't hurt to get a quote on repairing the bridge.

The commissioners decided to get bids to see how much it would cost to do repairs. It was noted that the bridge remaining as an historic bridge may cause

an issue down the road. Re-classifying it as non-historic would allow the county to do what they want in the future.

Resident Tom Davis talked to the commissioners about chip and seal on Harper Hill Road in Burns City. He said he's lived on the road for 50 years and it was chipped and sealed once, and it lasted 15 years. He said there are more residents living on that road now than in the past and would like something to be done, if possible. The commissioners said they will take a look at the road and consider adding it to their list of roads to fix next year. Davis said it's about a two-mile stretch of roadway.

Commissioner George reported after the meeting that Jerry Erwin constructed a gate on his back porch at his residence in Shoals to contain his dog. The commissioners had ordered Erwin to construct the gate after all tickets per the county ordinance has been issued. The commissioners were then required to take action against Erwin. The gate to contain the dog was their decision.

## Two juveniles injured in ORV accident in Martin County

Indiana Conservation Officers are investigating an off-road vehicle (ORV) accident that injured two juveniles Monday afternoon.

At approximately 2:40 p.m., conservation officers responded to an ORV accident on Deep Cut Lake Road near U.S. 50.

Initial investigation showed that two juveniles were traveling on Deep Cut Lake Road when the operator lost control, and both juveniles were ejected. The operator was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital in good condition. The passenger was airlifted to Norton's Children's Hospital in Louisville where he is being treated for life-threatening injuries.

The operator was the only occupant wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. Conservation officers remind everyone to always wear a helmet and protective riding gear when operating or riding an ORV and to always use a seatbelt or safety harness when the vehicle has them.

For information on ORV laws and safe operating procedures, please visit [www.offroad-ed.com/in/handbook/](http://www.offroad-ed.com/in/handbook/) and on [IN.gov/offroading](http://IN.gov/offroading).

Other responding agencies included Martin County Sheriff's Department, Martin County EMS, Shoals Fire Department, Air Evac, and Indiana State Police.

## Health department update on COVID

For the month of August and the first week of September, the number of new Covid-19 cases has increased significantly in Martin County. During August, there were 181 new Covid-19 cases reported. The first week of September there have been 59 new cases, bringing the county's total to 1,166. To date, more than 4,800 people have been tested for Covid-19 from Martin County. The Indiana Department of Health map currently shows Martin County as an ORANGE county based on cases the week ending September 5.

Since the vaccine became available locally, the health department has given



Lt. Mark Tow in 1986 on the left and in 2021 on the right.

## Indiana State Police Lieutenant, Martin County native announces retirement

An Indiana State Police Lieutenant has announced his retirement from the department following a career which has spanned almost 35 years.

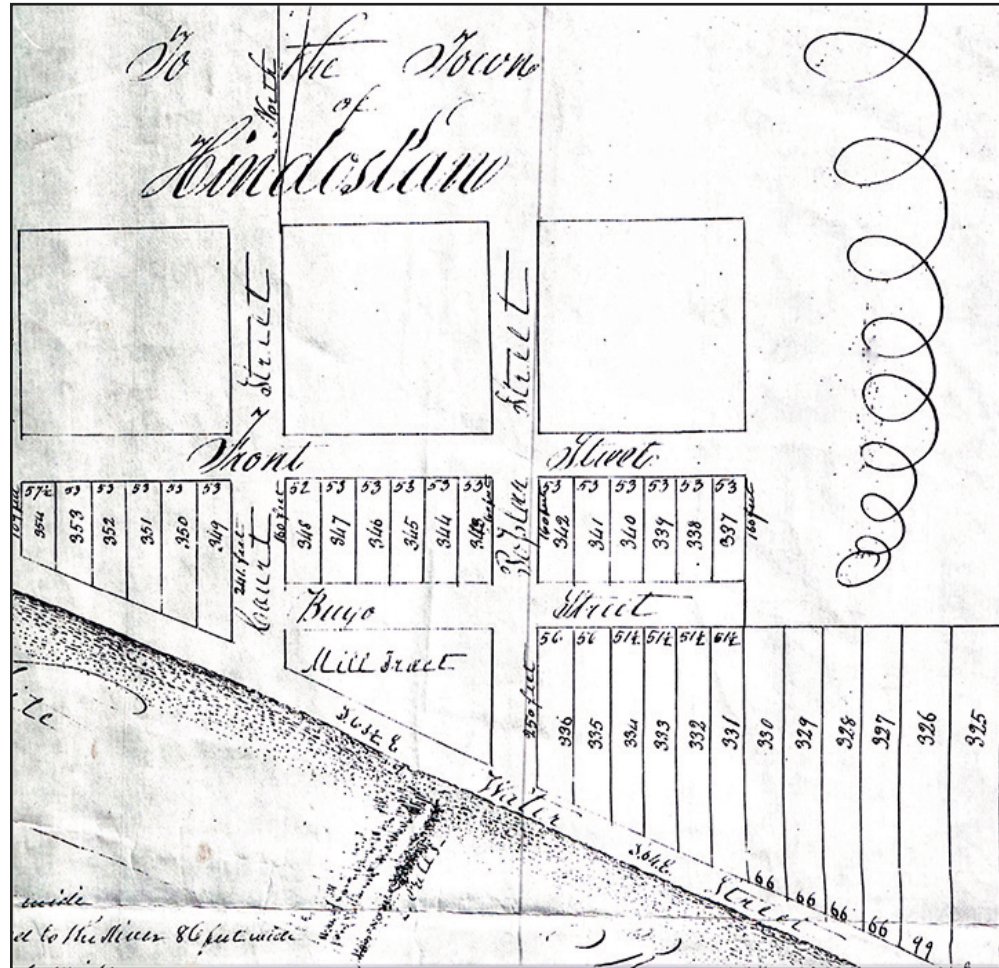
Lieutenant Mark A. Tow, a Martin County native, is a 1974 graduate of Shoals High School. He furthered his education by attending both Northwood Institute and Oakland City College. Tow then honorably served his country for three years in the United States Marine Corps and for three years in the United States Army.

On November 16, 1986, he graduated from the 44<sup>th</sup> Indiana State Police Recruit Academy and was appointed as a Trooper assigned to the former Indiana State Police Post in Terre Haute. He later served at the Evansville Post.

In 2008, Tow was promoted to the rank of Sergeant within S.W.A.T. operations and in 2010, he was promoted to the rank of First Sergeant to serve as the Assistant S.W.A.T. Commander. In 2013, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he served as the S.W.A.T. Commander within the Special Operations Section. Tow oversaw the operations of the S.W.A.T., Explosive Ordnance Disposal and K-9 teams.

During his career, Tow has served the Indiana State Police in the following disciplines: A 33-year member of the E.R.T/S.W.A.T., Field Training Officer, Unarmed Response to Active Shooter Instructor and Tactical Entry Instructor. He is the recipient of the ISP Meritorious Service Award, Seven Combat Action Awards and the 2016 Indiana S.W.A.T. Officers Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tow has two grown children, Kari who resides in Colorado and Marcus, who is a Senior Trooper with the Indiana State Police. He is also a proud grandfather to two grandsons.



Shown above is the original plat of the Town of Hindostan from 1823.

## PART II: The history of Hindostan

In honor of Hindostan Days, to be held Saturday, October 2, the Martin County Historical Society will be running articles on the history of Hindostan. The following was submitted by Bill Greene, the son of the writer, Bob Greene, and is the second article in the series.

Buyo Street - 66 feet wide

Court Street - extended to the river -

86 feet wide

Poplar Street - 66 feet wide

Walnut Street - 66 feet wide

Width and length of lots represented on the map in figures and the excluding lines.

No buildings to be erected on the mill trace but may be enclosed for the use of the mills.

Lots from number 325 - 336 inclusive extending from Buyo Street to Water Street.

Lots from number 349 - 354 inclusive extends from Front Street to Water Street.

Lot number 335 is 66 feet on Water Street and 70 feet on Front Street.

Signed Caleb Fellow - Proprietor  
John Meriam  
Frederick Sholts

On the back of the foregoing plat is the following acknowledgement to wit: Be it remembered that on this day to wit, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord 1823, personally appeared before me recorded in and for the county aforesaid Frederick Sholts, John Meriam, and Caleb Fellow and acknowledged the within plat. The first addition to the Town of Hindostan to be their act and deed ever desired the same might be regarded as such. Given unto my hand and seal this day and date above written:

Signed Louis R. Rogers, Recorder  
The answer to last week's Trivia Question as to what was the first township in Martin County? Columbia. It was annexed to Halbert and Lost River Township on January 1, 1905.

Martin County Trivia Question: What was the "original name," of Lost River?





**The blue-gray gnatcatcher** *-Photo by Bill Whorrall*

Blue-gray gnatcatchers produce 1 or 2 brood per season, but they build up to seven nests each year to avoid numerous predators, mite infestation and brood parasites (cowbirds). Blue-gray gnatcatchers are monogamous birds (they mate for a lifetime). Chicks are blind and helpless at birth. They grow quickly and learn to fly 10 to 15 days after hatching. Both parents take care and provide food for their chicks until they become ready for the independent life.

**COVID**

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pending on the brand of vaccine. At this time, only severely immunocompromised individuals can receive a 3rd dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. Information on booster doses for the general public will be available in mid to late September. At this time, they health department is NOT administering booster (3rd) doses except to those listed above. More information will be shared as soon as it is available.

PLEASE STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK or if you have been told to isolate or quarantine! If someone in your household is symptomatic for Covid-19, all household members should stay at home until the symptomatic person is tested or receives an alternate diagnosis from their doctor. If someone in your household has recently been tested for Covid-19, all household members should stay at home until they receive their results. The symptomatic person

should isolate away from the rest of the household until results are received or until they see their doctor. Examples of alternate diagnosis could include strep throat, flu, etc. If the household member's Covid-19 test is negative or they receive an alternate diagnosis, asymptomatic household members can return to normal activities. You can be infectious to others up to 48 hours before your symptoms begin.

The best ways to protect yourself and others are to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you're sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

**LHS Tennis rained out at Invitational**

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Team got rained out this past Saturday at the Silver Creek Invitational. If the matches had completed, the Lions would have finished in second place. Floyd Central would have finished first.

Head Coach Mike Tippery said after the matches, "This was a good day of tennis for us. We went 4-1 in the first and second rounds. We were 2-1 in the third round when rain started. I was pleased with the effort today. A second-place finish at an invitational like this is a good showing."

Individual results  
#1 Singles Isaac Waggner 2-1, 3rd place defeated Evansville North 6-4, 6-2; lost to Castle 6-4, 4-6, 0-1 (6); defeated Lawrenceburg 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers 4th or 6th 1-1, lost to Floyd 2-6, 4-6; defeated Trinity Lutheran 6-0, 6-0; trailing Castle 2-6, 5-5 at rain cancellation

#3 Singles Brandon Bledsoe 2-0, 1st or 2nd place defeated Trinity Lutheran 6-0, 6-0; Seymour 6-1, 6-2; tied 5-5 in 1st set against Floyd

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte and Peyton Bledsoe, 3-0 champions defeated Lawrenceburg 6-0 6-1; Castle 6-3, 6-1; Floyd Central 6-4, 6-2

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery and Drew Walker, 2-1 2nd place 8 points defeated Castle 6-2, 6-2; Silver Creek 6-4, 6-4; lost to Floyd 0-6, 3-6

Last Wednesday, the boys went up against Barr-Reeve at home. The varsity Lions won 3-2 while the junior varsity swept the Vikings, 5-0.

"This was a nice win for us. I don't think we played our best today. Some of that was our own doing and some of that was Barr-Reeve's play. They fought for every point and made us earn the victory. Sectional is just 4 weeks away. We definitely have a lot to work on if we want to successfully defend the title," said Coach Tippery.

Varsity results  
#1 Singles Kayden Graber (BR) defeated Isaac Waggner 2-6, 7-5, 6-2  
#2 Singles Leighton Jeffers (L) defeated Hagen Knepp 6-3, 7-6 (1)  
#3 Singles Donnie Mills (BR) defeated Brandon Bledsoe 1-6, 4-6

#1 Doubles Luke Nonte/Peyton Bledsoe (L) defeated Robert Hostetter/Ethan Stoll 6-3, 6-2

#2 Doubles Rory Tippery/Drew Walker (L) defeated Kylan Lengacher/Brody Swartzentruber 6-1, 6-2

Junior varsity results  
#1 Singles Koen Waggner (L) defeated Pierce Madison 8-0

#2 Singles Luke Lengacher (L) defeated Alex Guinn 8-2

#3 Singles Koen Waggner (L) defeated Jayden Graber 8-1

#1 Doubles Reis Whitney/Reece Tippery (L) defeated Isaac Madison/Dalton Knepp 8-3

#2 Doubles Jacob Lengacher/Alex Diaz (L) defeated Harrison Fuhs/Kayden Knepp 8-4

**LHS Volleyball results**

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball C-Team defeated Barr-Reeve in two sets, 25-20 and 25-23. Their record is now 1-1.

Addy Lengacher and Jocelyn Bruner each had three kills with Ava Fuhrman finishing with two. Chrislynn Holland led in digs with eight followed by Michela Orlando with six, and Jadaya Farhar and Addy Lengacher with five each.

The varsity Lady Lions defeated Trinity Lutheran last week in three sets, 16-25, 15-25, and 14-25. The varsity record stands at 6-3.

Brooklyn Summers led in serving points with four, in digs with 15 and had 23 assists. Haylie Mathies had the team-high eight kills followed by Abbey Fuhrman with six. Grace Lingenfelter finished with three serving points and 10 digs, Ashlynn Gilbert had seven kills, and Jocelyn Summers contributed 14 digs.

The Loogootee JV team was defeated by Trinity Lutheran in two sets, 23-25 and 10-25. The junior varsity record sits at 1-3.

Ashlynn Gilbert led in serving points with four followed by Alana Hedrick with three. Hedrick also contributed a team-high nine digs. Breanna Courter finished with six assists along with three kills. Abigail Nonte contributed six assists and five digs. Vittoria Zoia had seven digs and Ashley Greene added three kills.

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# OBITUARIES

## VIRGINIA COOPER

Virginia R. Cooper passed away Sunday September 5, 2021, at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Loogootee, she was 88.

She was born January 3, 1933, in Whitfield; daughter of Warner and Sadie (Spaulding) Mullen.

Virginia graduated from St. John's Highschool in 1950. She was a lifelong member of St. Martin and St John's the Evangelist Catholic Churches. Virginia enjoyed helping with funeral meals and was a member of the Altar's Society. She worked as an Accounting Technician for 39 years at NSWC Crane until she retired in 1994.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Cooper; her parents, Warner and Sadie Mullen, and two sisters, Rita McAtee and June Hart.

She is survived by her children, Gary Cunningham of Loogootee and Cindy Cunningham of Loogootee; her sister, Ann McAtee of Loogootee; brother, Pat Mullen of Jasper; and her dog, Taco.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker today, Wednesday September 8 at 1 p.m., at St. Martin Church in Whitfield. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Martin County Humane Society.

Online condolences can be made at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## VAUGHN GARRETT

Vaughn Eldon Garrett passed away peacefully on Saturday, August 28,



VAUGHN GARRETT

2021 at his home surrounded by his loving wife and family. A resident of Washington, he was 87.

He was born on April 13, 1934, in Burns City; son of Rolla V. and Hildred (Waggoner) Garrett.

Vaughn was a 1952 graduate of Loogootee High School where he played basketball for the Loogootee Lions and fell in love with the love of his life, Sue (McGovren) Garrett. Vaughn and Sue were married for 66 beautiful years. Vaughn was owner of General Bottle Gas Corporation, Washington-Loogootee. He was an active member of Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, Washington Moose Club, the Eagles, American Legion, and Knights of Columbus Council 630, Washington, where he was a Fourth Degree Knight. He was a lover of the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, music and guitar, epic story & joke

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telling, being with his close friends and never leaving the side of his sweet wife.

Vaughn was a dedicated father of seven children. He was preceded in death by his son, VJ Garrett (Jerri); daughter, Melinda Rodimel (Shane); his parents, Rolla and Hildred Garrett; brothers, Larry and Kenny Garrett; and sisters, Marilyn Rollins and Evelyn Jo Holmes.

He is survived by sister, Norma Crane and sister-in-law, Sharon Garrett of Loogootee; brother-in-law, Patrick McGovern (Cel) of Sarasota, Florida; children, Dan (Gail) Garrett and Diane (Kyle) Hartman of Evansville, Julie (Murray) Lendy of Newburgh, Jim (Amy) Garrett of Kuttawa, Kentucky; and Amy (Greg) Nichols of Carmel; daughter-in-law, Jerri Garrett of Bentonville, Arkansas and son-in-law, Shane Rodimel of Carmel, 25 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Washington on Wednesday, September 1. Vaughn was laid to rest in St. John Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Washington Catholic Endowment Fund, Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, or Heart to Heart Hospice Care.

Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home is honored to be entrusted with the care of Vaughn.

## JEREMI JONES

Jeremi Lee Jones passed away August 23, 2021, at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 39.

He was born February 8, 1982, in Ann Arbor, Michigan; son of Kenneth Jones and Teresa (Holt) Trayweek. He married Jodi Lett on June 3, 2021.

Survivors include his wife, Jodi; parents, Kenneth (Tracy) Jones and Teresa Trayweek; sons, Jeremi Lee "JJ" Jones II and Brylee Terry "JJ" Jones; stepchildren, Kestin Jones and Kiersten Jones; siblings, Terry (Nicole) Jones, Thomas (Heather) Ehrman, Tawnya (Adam) Showalter, Jacob (Amanda) Jones, Rita Davis, Charles Davis and John (Katinah) Jewell; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded by his paternal grandparents, Jacob and June Jones and maternal grandparents, Paul and Janet Holt.

Cremation was chosen. The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## JANICE BRANN

Janice Sue "Susie" Brann passed away at 10 p.m. Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at her home. A resident of Shoals, she was 78.



JANICE BRANN

She was born July 30, 1943, in Shoals; daughter of the late Burl "Doc" and Doris (Arvin) Howell.

Janice married Lewis Brann in 1983 and he preceded her in death in 2012.

She loved flowers and previously owned Susie's Flowers and Crafts. She enjoyed her time working at Big Lots in Jasper, while her health allowed. Janice was of the Catholic faith and was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Shoals. She was a Mim to everyone that knew her.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Brann; parents, Doc and Doris Howell; great-granddaughter, Felicity Farhar; siblings, John Howell, Bob Howell, Bev Smith, Chloe Ann Howell and Delbert "Dick" Howell.

She is survived by her children, Pat (Lisa) Farhar of Martinsville, Ed (Chris-

ty) Farhar of Shoals and Anna (Roger Butler) Farhar of Scottsburg; grandchildren, Travis (Amanda) Farhar, Holly (Andy Hochgesang) Farhar, Vanessa (Austin) Ely, Luke Farhar, Austin (Justin) Fair, Taylor Bowling, Chad Farhar, Aimee (John) Harder, Cole Kimmell, Jada, Daniel, Ryken and Millie Farhar; Josh (Victoria) McVicker and Abrianna (Cole Diamond) Rhodes; 10 great-grandchildren and two more great-grandchildren on the way; and sister, Jane Hovis of Shoals.

Private family services were held Tuesday, September 7 at Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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 Janice S. "Susie" Brann.

## FRED WOODS

Fred L. Woods, formerly of Shoals, died September 2, 2021, at St. Charles Health Campus. A resident of Jasper, he was 100.

He was born February 26, 1921, in Orange County, North Carolina; son of Charles Nelson and Aurelia Wilson Wood.

He is survived by wife, Florence; one son, Greg (Joan) and two daughters, Sylvia (Andrew) and Ina (Rick); many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Fred is also survived by one sister, Frances, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, ten siblings, wife, Dora; and daughter, Diana.

Fred, a WWII Veteran, worked in Martin County as a Soil Conservation Technician until his retirement. He was known statewide as a public speaker and advocate for natural resource conservation and received many awards for his work in service and contribution to natural resources. After retirement, he be-

came a tree planter, planting numerous trees in Martin County.

He was of the Christian faith. Due to the pandemic, it was Fred's wishes that no service be planned at this time. A memorial service will be considered at a later date.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes has been entrusted with the arrangements.

## DUANE ECKERLE

Duane J. "Co-op" Eckerle passed away at 4:28 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 2021, at home. A resident of Jasper, he was 63.

Duane was born in Indianapolis, on June 11, 1958; son of Leo and Laura Lou (Renner) Eckerle.

He was a graduate of Jasper High School and a United States Army Veteran. He retired from Cave Quarries, where he had been a truck driver for many years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #147, Jasper Moose Lodge, and ABATE.

Duane enjoyed cooking, especially barbecuing, and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are one daughter, Cassie Lenahan of Huntingburg, one granddaughter, Kinsley Lenahan of Huntingburg; his father, Leo Eckerle of Jasper; and his friend and caregiver, Joni Blaker of Shoals.

Preceding him in death are his mother, Laura Lou Eckerle and one sister, Sheila Eckerle.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, September 4 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, with entombment to follow in the Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 conducted military gravesite rights.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, or to a favorite charity.

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

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1. Must be at least 18 years of age
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3. Must have a high school diploma or GED
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### COMPENSATION:

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, AUGUST 30

7:30 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check east of Loogootee. Loogootee Police responded.

10:12 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:03 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Corporal Seymour, Deputy Shaw, Shoals Fire, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 50, east of Shoals. Sheriff Roush, Corporal Seymour, Deputy Hawkins, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:00 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Loogootee. Deputy Shaw responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a dog complaint south of Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Greene County Ambulance and Crane Fire responded.

7:15 p.m. - Received a report of a theft near Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

7:42 p.m. - Received a report of personal property dispute in Shoals. Deputy Shaw responded.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down southeast of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

12:06 a.m. - Received a cat complaint in Shoals. Captain Reed responded.

2:35 a.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:00 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking SR 450, north of Shoals. Indian Creek Fire responded.

8:04 a.m. - Received a report of a tree laying on power lines south of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

10:55 a.m. - Corporal Seymour took two inmates to court.

12:07 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 645, north of Loogootee. The state highway department responded.

1:59 p.m. - Corporal Seymour took one inmate to court.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

5:35 a.m. - Received a report of a car fire in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and Loogootee Fire responded.

7:32 a.m. - ICO Mann assisted a motorist near Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

1:40 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:15 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

3:09 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire, Martin County Ambulance, Captain Reed, and the Martin County Coroner responded.

11:20 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Captain Reed responded.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

2:51 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

9:10 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification check near Shoals.

11:03 a.m. - Chief Deputy Greene assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle identification check.

4:19 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. No one was transported.

5:04 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Major Keller responded.

5:44 p.m. - Received a dog complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer

Hughett was notified.

6:31 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Daviess County. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:43 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute near Shoals. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:25 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

8:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:23 a.m. - Received a cat complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:04 p.m. - Received a report of a disabled semi near Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Hawkins, and Shoals Fire responded.

1:27 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Police responded.

3:12 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, Loogootee Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

4:04 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins, Shoals Fire, and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

6:11 p.m. - Received a cat complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

9:33 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Means responded, and all was okay.

10:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

3:58 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle east of Loogootee. Deputy Wells and Loogootee Officer Means responded.

6:19 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

9:17 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute south of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins and Loogootee Assistant Chief Rayhill responded.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of property damage east of Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

10:42 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

5:26 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer

Hughett was notified.

6:14 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:21 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded.

6:47 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute north of Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth, Deputy Hawkins, and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

7:59 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

9:19 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant McBeth and ISP Trooper Nolan responded.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:31 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance responded.

10:08 a.m. - Received a report of a fire south of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Deputy Hawkins responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Deputy Hawkins and Daviess County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:31 p.m. - Received a report of a car fire in Shoals. Deputy Hawkins and Shoals Fire responded.

7:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Wells, and Loogootee Sergeant McBeth responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 30

2:40 a.m. - Eric Howard, 40, of Washington, was arrested by Captain Reed on a Hancock County, Kentucky warrant and is being held without bond.

3:00 p.m. - Andrew Leitold, 20, of Washington, was arrested by Sheriff Roush on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$30,000 10% bond.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

2:57 p.m. - Tonya Summers, 45, of Shoals, was arrested by Major Keller and charged with intimidation and is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

11:02 a.m. - Kassy McCarty, 27, of Bedford, was arrested by Corporal Seymour on a Martin County warrant and is being held on a \$400.00 bond.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

12:12 a.m. - Tyson Winger, 28, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with battery causing moderate bodily injury. His bond has been set at \$15,000 10%. Assisting with the arrest was Loogootee Officer Means.

8:33 p.m. - Kelly Winger, 59, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Officer Means and charged with misuse of 911 system and is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10:10 p.m. - Kaala Spurgeon, 31, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Nolan and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior and is being held on a \$15,000 10% bond.

## COURT NEWS

### CRIMINAL COURT DISMISSED August 27

Cory S. Turner, two counts of driving while suspended, Class A Misdemeanors, dismissed.

### CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed August 30

The Morris Plan Company of Terre Haute, Inc. vs. Jonie Day, civil collection.

### CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS August 27

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Midfirst Bank and against the defendants Larry Payne and Darla Christenberry for mortgage foreclosure in the amount of \$30,228.74.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES August 31

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# Loogootee Police log

## MONDAY, AUGUST 30

8:11 a.m. - Chief Floyd completed a welfare check on Scenic Hill Road.

1:07 p.m. - First responders and Chief Floyd were dispatched to a personal injury accident to assist Shoals Fire and Martin County Civil Defense at US 50 and SR 450.

7:29 p.m. - A male came on station requesting assistance from Martin County EMS.

8:57 p.m. - Officer Todd assisted the Daviess County Sheriff's Department at a possible domestic dispute.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

9:10 a.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint.

1:12 p.m. - Chief Floyd and Loogootee Fire Department responded to a report of a gas line that was hit.

4:47 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a report of a property damage accident near Mulberry Street.

5:57 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a property damage accident on Bloomfield Road.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:55 a.m. - Chief Floyd responded to a property damage accident at the Marathon station.

2:20 p.m. - Chief Floyd responded to an alarm at a local bank.

6:30 p.m. - Caller reported possible tampering with mail.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

8:50 a.m. - Chief Floyd spoke with a complainant regarding mail tampering.

2:41 p.m. - A caller reported that her mailbox had been hit.

10:43 p.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a domestic dispute.

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 a.m. - Caller requested assistance with an injured animal in front of his house.

1:00 p.m. - Caller advised of an erratic semi driver nearing Loogootee on US 50 East.

2:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette completed

a welfare check on Butcher Street.

2:44 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of someone driving into a yard on West Broadway Street.

3:15 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a personal injury accident at Cherry Street and US 50.

6:06 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of an individual drinking alcohol in the city park.

8:45 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a report of a hit-and-run accident in the Redemption Church parking lot.

10:55 p.m. - Officer Means responded to a civil dispute in the city parking lot.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

3:58 a.m. - Officer Means assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a welfare check.

9:06 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of trespassing on Brooks Bridge Road.

10:47 a.m. - Captain Hennette and first responders were dispatched to a medical call on Jackson Street.

6:47 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with an active domestic dispute on St. Joseph Road.

9:19 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department with a property damage accident near Abel Hill Road.

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:28 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 50.

3:47 p.m. - Chief Floyd assisted a stranded motorist on Broadway Street.

5:11 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at Lakeview Golf Course.

5:49 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Bellbrook Road.

7:52 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Line Street.

10:39 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 50.

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Amy N. Gieske**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian T. Whitney**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north-east quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.26 acre, more or less.

**Samuel S. Hershberger**, of Martin County, Indiana to **James M. Godsey and Victoria L. Godsey**, of Martin County, Indiana, approximately one-half acre in the City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, in the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West.

**Savannah L. Aiman**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Clay O. Dearwester and Helen F. Dearwester**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.752 acres, more or less. Being Lot 13 in the unrecorded plat of Bellgrade Subdivision.

**Edwin Wagler and April Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Andrea Nordhoff**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.185 acres, more or less. Being portions of Lots 1, 2, and 3 of New Second Fairway Addition.

**Sandra M. Sherfick**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Warren Bret Tedrow**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 6 in Joseph Gootee's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

**William F. Boyd and Barbara J. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana to **William F. Boyd**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the northwest quarter of

Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, more commonly known as 230 Country Court, Loogootee IN 47553.

**Joseph A. Erler and Sandra Sue Erler**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Wyatt C. Brown**, of Martin County, Indiana, part of the north one-half of the west one-half of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, containing 2.34 acres, more or less.

**Charline J. Sandel**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Toni Siler Cox**, of Orange County, Indiana, Lots Number 10 and 11 of Pruett Subdivision.

**James E. Moore**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lucas W. Cain**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north-east quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.55 acre, more or less.

**Justin Davis and Chloe Davis** to **Jeryco Kydd Burris**. Tract I: A part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.21 acre, more or less. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, containing 0.20 acre, more or less.

**Kent F. Summers and Emilee D. Summers**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jade Dorsam**, of Dubois County, Indiana, 70 feet off the south end of the east one-half of Lot Number 26 in Cray's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Richard L. Holt and Nina S. Holt**, of Lawrence County, Indiana to **Ashley R. Holt and Nichole L. Holt**, the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 3 West,



## Making A Difference

By **Curt Johnson**  
MCCF Director



-- WHAT IS PHILANTHROPY? --

I was looking at some goals of the MCCF and one of those is "to teach philanthropy." If you never had a need to understand it, you may just have a general idea. And even then, it is an idea that is put into practice. So, you may be close.

To start with, did you know that "philanthropy" is a Greek term which, directly translated, means "love of mankind." Philanthropy is an idea, event, or action that is done to improve quality of life and usually involves some sacrifice as opposed to being done for a profit motive.

Acts of philanthropy include volunteering time to a charitable cause (such as food bank), using your skills and talents to further one of those causes, or donating money to a charity. It's giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure. That definition is pretty simple when you get down to it.

-- A PHILANTHROPIST --

So, it follows that a philanthropist is someone who practices philanthropy. Even though by definition being a philanthropist is "pretty simple", it is not always an easy thing to put into practice.

-- TIME --

Of the three philanthropic acts, time is available to everyone. We all have 24 hours in a day. Last week, I talked about how your work and labor can be an act of philanthropy. But the hard part is finding some of your other time to volunteer somewhere. The time is there to use when volunteering becomes a priority.

-- TALENT --

And talent? Most all of us have something we are good at. It could be as simple as just listening to people who need someone to talk to. You can use your

skills and/or that knowledge you've developed to benefit your community.

-- TREASURE --

And when it comes to your treasure (i.e., money), that can be as hard as any of the three parts of philanthropy. An amount to donate to a charity is one that is right for you and your situation. It can be anonymous, so give what you can. No amount is too small, or too large for that matter; it all adds up over time.

-- NEIGHBORS --

We are fortunate to have many philanthropists in our community, each giving in their own way, most quietly and unassuming. Whether you know it or not, your neighbors are likely to be one of these people as well, giving back to your community. Thanks for being there for others.

-- MORE INFORMATION --

For information about how the MCCF can help with your desire to do some more good within our community, please contact the MCCF Director, Curt Johnson, at 812-295-1022 or [mccf@cfpartner.org](mailto:mccf@cfpartner.org).

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



**TRUE STORY:** It was the 1930s Chicago – the height of the Depression. My grandparents owned a small grocery store, and one of their regulars was a charming man who seemed to be the center of attention wherever he went.

Though she didn't know his name, my grandmother admired how he embraced everyone as family. He'd send food baskets to the poor, pay others' rent, and help people with their troubles.

Grandma was so struck by his innate decency that she admonished my grandfather to be more like him.

She knew that one day this kind stranger would be recognized by the world for his deeds, and she was right.

One morning, Grandma picked up the newspaper. There on the front page was a picture of her hero. His name: Al Capone.  
By Marcia Weisenfeld

#### THOUGHTS

\*A journey of a thousand miles begins with running back in the house for something you forgot.

\*Fruit cocktail is the most disappointing of all the cocktails.

\*Some say you may never meet your heroes. But I say if you are really blessed, you get them as your parents. -Laura Dern

\*There's going to be a point in my life when my son looks up at me and thinks, "Gee, my mom knows everything!" Then he'll get to sixth-grade math class, and I'll say, "Well, kid, this is where we part

ways."

Operator: 911, what's your emergency?  
Man: A guy just got hit by a car, I need an ambulance.

Operator: What's your location?  
Man: I'm on Eucalyptus Street.  
Operator: Can you spell that for me?  
Man: (long awkward pause)  
Operator: Sir? Are you there?

Man: I'm gonna drag him over to Pine Street and call right back.

I've noticed that several parents are agonizing over their child moving to college and facing the trials and tribulations of life "away from home." Perhaps this quote from Mother Teresa might be helpful:

"You will teach them to fly, but they will not fly your flight.

You will teach them to dream, but they will not dream your dream.

You will teach them to live, but they will not live your life.

Nevertheless, in every flight in every life, in every dream, the print of the way you taught them will remain." -Mother Teresa

My three-year-old said she wanted to be an astronaut, and I said she had to study hard, go to college, learn a lot of science, and take a physical fitness test.

She shrugged and said, "That's just four things."

Make someone smile today!

### White River Co-Op and Premier Ag merge

As of September 1, 2021, the merger between White River Cooperative Inc. and Premier Ag Co-Op Inc. was official. The company will now be known as Premier Companies. Premier Ag was formed in 1927 by a group of farmers who saw the need to leverage product availability at a competitive rate and what started with these local farmers has grown to over 3,000 members and a cooperative with multiple divisions open to the public.

"This merger of cooperatives who shared similar cultures and unique understanding of agriculture and energy markets will enable us to offer ever-growing expertise and offerings to our customers," said Harold Cooper, Chief Executive Officer, Premier Companies. "Today, going forward as Premier Companies, we are proud to remain locally owned by our neighbors here in Southern Indiana and we will return earnings locally to our member-owners."

The cooperative will organize in several divisions:

- Premier Ag: The company offers integrated agronomic and agricultural ser-

vices, including Truterra, the only farmer-owned, farmer-driven food and ag sustainability program in the U.S. Over 1,900 farmers put their trust in the Truterra network to help them advance and accelerate stewardship on 29,000 fields. Through SwineLink, the cooperative provides comprehensive management to family-owned pork facilities, enabling family farms to efficiently operate their farms in a healthy and environmentally sound manner. Grain marketing services will also be provided, enabling the cooperative to purchase grain from customers.

- Premier Energy: Thousands of customers stay on the move with quality fuel as well as warm and safe with propane thanks to Premier Energy. With a focus on customer success and a commitment to providing superior service, vehicles from fleets to school buses are in motion with the highest quality fuel available proudly sourced from CountryMark Fuel. Through its propane business the company also provides heating solutions for homes, businesses as well as agricultural structures.

#### Loogootee School Board executive meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet in executive session on Thursday, September 9 at 3:30 p.m. in the board's meeting room in the high school. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining, to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees and for discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems. The meeting is closed to the public in accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b).

#### Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet Thursday, September 7 at 6 p.m. in the central administration office. The meeting is open to the public.

#### 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 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

#### 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 on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

#### Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

#### 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.

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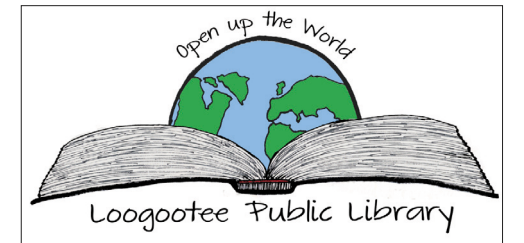
at 812-709-1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

#### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 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

Friends of Loogootee Library will have a huge Book/Yard Sale on Saturday, September 11, from 8-noon. Hardback, paperback, AudioCDs, and movies plus lot of miscellaneous household items.

September is National Library Card Sign-up month. Please stop by the library and register for prizes. Individuals that sign up for a new library card are eligible.

1-2-3 Come Cook with Me cooking program for kids presented by Purdue University Extension Service begins on Wednesday, September 15 from 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. It lasts four weeks and kids over the age of 3 are encouraged to register. Pre-registration before September 8 is required. Call the library for more details 812-295-3713.

#### New Books:

Mystery: "Hemlock" by Susan Wittig Albert, "High Stakes" by Iris Johansen, and "Forgotten in Death" by J.D. Robb.

Fiction: "Project Hail Mary" by Andy Weir.

Nonfiction: "American Marxism" by Mark R. Levin.

Children's: "The Babysitter's Club: Kristy and the Snobs" by Chan Chau.

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.



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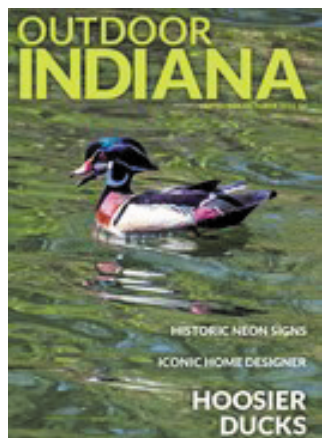
By Ralph Purkhiser,  
Purdue University Master Gardener

There is an “r” in September. That is important, because my grandmother always told me that one can transplant and divide peonies in any month that has an “r” in its name. What that really means is that it is less stressful to move peonies when the weather is milder or when they are in the dormant state.

There are many reasons one might wish to move peonies. Peonies are long-lived perennial plants and will grow in the same spot for a century or more, but sometimes a move is necessary or is simply desired. I have a few that I plan to move this month for different reasons. One is a seedling that has grown in a rock garden. It is not likely to survive and bloom on that rocky bank, so I dug it out in the spring and have been holding it in a pot for the summer. It has doubled in size and is ready for a new home. I also have an Itoh peony that I found at a nursery in June. Note that June does not contain an “r”, so I have also kept that peony in a pot since I purchased it. Itoh peonies are also known as intersectional peonies. They are the result of crossing an herbaceous peony with a tree peony. The result is a plant that is herbaceous, but with stronger stems than the average peony, able to support the larger blooms for which the Itoh peonies are prized. I also have some plants that I am saving from a construction site. A friend purchased an old homestead and is building a new home. The peonies would be destroyed during the construction process, and I was given permission to dig them. I also have a special peony that I plan to dig and divide to get more starts. It is a wild Japanese forest peony, which is one of the plants from which our modern garden peonies were developed. I also have a peony that has not bloomed for a couple of years. That is a sign that the tubers are too deep in the ground. It is near an area where I had to dig a new water line a few years ago and it appears that soil from the excavation likely washed over the peony. Even if there has been no excavation, dust from the air can settle and result in the need to dig and re-set a peony.

### While I usually advise leaving the **Outdoor Indiana magazine features ducks**

Outdoor Indiana magazine’s September/October issue features a cover article on duck species that can be found around the Hoosier state, highlighted by the cover photo of a colorful wood duck.



The issue also includes an article on native Hoosier Avriel Shull, whose home designs continue to be iconic decades after her premature death.

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foliage on a plant as long as it is green and still photosynthesizing, I do recommend cutting back herbaceous peonies that are to be dug. Cut the stems to about four inches in height. During the digging process, you do not want to pull on the stems, as they break off easily.

When digging a peony, like most plants, one wants to get as much of the root ball as possible. For this reason, I advise using a digging fork instead of a shovel or spade. Shovels would cut through the fibrous roots, but using a fork allows one to break up the soil around the roots and then lift the plant. Start digging several inches back from the stems, digging from different sides and lifting slowly. If the plant does not seem to be lifting, move back a few more inches and try again. Breaking off some of the roots is inevitable, but you want to keep the damage to a minimum. When you have loosened the root ball, lift the plant and place it on a level surface, such as a tarp or piece of cardboard. Check the roots for damage and prune off any that do not look healthy. If you plan to divide the plant, make sure that each division has at least one of the swollen tubers and that each tuber has at least one “eye”. Use a sharp knife to make the cuts and tease the roots apart gently.

When planting in the new locations, select spots that receive at least six hours of sun each day. The exception is the forest peony, which will do fine in shady locations. Dig a hole at least twice the size of the root ball. Remember that the roots do not want to be too deep. The main tuber should be within two inches of the surface. You may want to mix the soil with a little compost, but do not do too much amending. You want the roots to grow into the surrounding soil, not stay in the rich vase created by amending the soil. I do recommend using a root-stimulating fertilizer in the soil and I like to water them in with Quick Start or some other type of water-soluble root stimulator. Wait until the ground freezes to apply a layer of mulch that will prevent the roots from heaving during the freeze-thaw cycles of winter. Your plant will awaken early in the spring, and you may have blooms next May.

### Volunteers sought to prep duck blinds at Monroe Lake

Monroe Lake is hosting a workday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 2 for volunteers to help clean, repair, and cut brush to camouflage the duck blinds in the Stillwater-Northfork Wildlife Area in preparation for the upcoming waterfowl hunting season. Volunteers do not need to stay the whole day.

Advance registration is requested at [bit.ly/camouduck2021](http://bit.ly/camouduck2021) by noon on Oct. 1, but last-minute volunteers are welcome to come on Saturday morning at the Northfork Check Station, which is located east of Bloomington off of State Road 46, about 1/3 mile south of the intersection of Kent Road and McGowan Road. For more detailed directions, call the Monroe Lake office at 812-837-9546.

Volunteers should dress for the weather and bring work gloves, hand tools useful for cutting brush, and a water bottle. If you plan to stay into the afternoon, bring a sack lunch. Youth under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Questions about this volunteer workday should be directed to Jill Vance, Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist, at [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov) or 812-837-9967.

## West Boggs Volunteer Weed Wrangle to be held October 16

Join the Daviess-Martin CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) at West Boggs County Park on Saturday, October 16 for a Weed Wrangle volunteer workday to control invasive plants in the park’s forests.

Invasive plants threaten parks and natural areas by outcompeting native vegetation and degrading wildlife habitat. Volunteers will learn how to identify and remove common invasive shrubs like Honeysuckle and Autumn Olive, all while helping to improve forest health and quality on the property.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to noon, starting behind the Activity Center. Park entry fees are waived for weed wrangle volunteers. Attendees should come prepared with sturdy shoes and work gloves; water and snacks will be provided. Hand tools will be provided for pulling and cutting shrubs, but volunteers are also welcome to bring their own loppers or hand saws.

For questions contact Emily Finch at [Emily.Finch@in.nacdn.net](mailto:Emily.Finch@in.nacdn.net) or call 812-482-1171 x3. For more information on



-Photo by Emily Finch

CISMA volunteer Mary Smith pulls an Amur Honeysuckle bush at a previous Weed Wrangle at Glendale FWA in May.

invasive species in Daviess and Martin counties, follow the Daviess-Martin CISMA on Facebook, or email [daviessmartin.cisma@gmail.com](mailto:daviessmartin.cisma@gmail.com).

This event is supported by West Boggs Park and the Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District, with funding in part from a Clean Water Indiana grant.

## Farmer sentiment improves in August, but inflationary concerns mount

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The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer improved in August, up 4 points to a reading of 138. The modest rise was attributable to improvements in both of the barometer’s sub-indices. The Index of Current Conditions rose 9 points to a reading of 152, and the Index of Future Expectations rose 2 points to a reading of 132. 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 August 23-27.

In August, producers had a more positive view of their farms’ financial situation than earlier this summer. The Farm Financial Performance Index rose 11 points to 110, its highest reading since May, as more farmers indicated they expect profitability to be better this year compared with 2020.

“Although corn, soybean, and wheat prices have declined in recent weeks, farmers have more confidence in their 2021 revenue expectations,” said James Mintert, the barometer’s principal investigator and director of Purdue University’s Center for Commercial Agriculture. “Yield prospects stabilized or improved for many producers in August as some precipitation fell in areas that had been abnormally dry and drought-stricken. That helps explain this month’s improvement in the Farm Financial Performance and Current Conditions indices.”

Producers are becoming increasingly concerned about farm input price inflation. On the August survey, 39 percent of respondents said they expect input prices to rise by 8 percent or more in the next 12 months, up from 30 percent who felt that way in both June and July. One in five producers (21 percent) expect farm input price inflation to exceed 12 percent in the next 12 months. Just 13 percent of producers surveyed said they expect input price pressure in the upcoming year to fall in a range of 0 to 2 percent, which would be similar to the average rise in farm input prices over the last decade.

Both the Short-Term and Long-Term Farmland Values Expectations Indices rose by 4 points in August compared

with July, as producers remain optimistic that farmland values will continue to rise. At the same time, about one-half of corn/soybean growers expect farmland cash rental rates to rise above 2021 levels in 2022. Among growers who expect cash rents to increase, 44 percent said that they expect rental rates to rise from 5 percent to less than 10 percent, with one-third of respondents indicating they expect rates to rise by 10 percent or more.

The Farm Capital Investment Index leveled out after four consecutive months of declines, up 3 points to a reading of 53. The small improvement in the index could be traced to fewer producers in August saying they planned to reduce their farm construction activity compared with a year ago. Farmers’ machinery purchase plans reported on the August survey were unchanged from those reported in July.

“Industry reports continue to suggest that supply chain challenges are hampering farmers’ machinery purchase plans and could also be playing a role in reduced construction activity,” Mintert said.

The August barometer survey included a series of questions designed to learn more about producers’ use of cover crops in their farm operation. Nearly two-thirds (65 percent) of respondents indicated they currently use or have used cover crops in the past. Among producers currently using cover crops (41 percent), nearly half (47 percent) began planting cover crops within the last five years, while 29 percent have been planting cover crops for 10 years or more. Most producers report that they plant cover crops only on a portion of their farms’ acreage. Fifty-nine percent of cover crop users said they plant cover crops on 25 percent or less of their total acreage, while 10 percent of cover crop users reported planting cover crops on 75 percent or more of their acreage. When asked why they choose to plant cover crops, the most common responses (in order) were to improve soil health, improve erosion control, and improve water quality. Although the existence of carbon sequestration contracts requiring the use of cover crops is a relatively new phenomenon, 10 percent of cover crop users said that was one of the reasons they choose to plant cover crops.



# National unemployment declines to 5.2 percent

Total nonfarm payroll employment rose by 235,000 in August, and the unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 5.2 percent, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. So far this year, monthly job growth has averaged 586,000. In August, notable job gains occurred in professional and business services, transportation and warehousing, private education, manufacturing, and other services. Employment in retail trade declined over the month.

This news release presents statistics from two monthly surveys. The household survey measures labor force status, including unemployment, by demographic characteristics. The establishment survey measures nonfarm employment, hours, and earnings by industry.

## Household Survey Data

The unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 5.2 percent in August. The number of unemployed persons edged down to 8.4 million, following a large decrease in July. Both measures are down considerably from their highs at the end of the February-April 2020 recession. However, they remain above their levels prior to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (3.5 percent and 5.7 million, respectively, in February 2020).

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (5.1 percent) and Whites (4.5 percent) declined in August, while the rate for teenagers (11.2

percent) increased. The jobless rates for adult women (4.8 percent), Blacks (8.8 percent), Asians (4.6 percent), and Hispanics (6.4 percent) showed little change over the month.

Among the unemployed, the number of permanent job losers declined by 443,000 to 2.5 million in August but is 1.2 million higher than in February 2020. The number of persons on temporary layoff, at 1.3 million, was essentially unchanged in August. This measure is down considerably from the high of 18.0 million in April 2020 but is 502,000 above the February 2020 level. The number of reentrants to the labor force increased by 200,000 in August to 2.5 million. (Reentrants are persons who previously worked but were not in the labor force prior to beginning their job search.)

The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more) decreased by 246,000 in August to 3.2 million but is 2.1 million higher than in February 2020. These long-term unemployed accounted for 37.4 percent of the total unemployed in August. The number of persons jobless less than 5 weeks, at 2.1 million, was little changed.

The labor force participation rate, at 61.7 percent in August, was unchanged over the month and has remained within a narrow range of 61.4 percent to 61.7 percent since June 2020. The participation rate is 1.6 percentage points lower than in February 2020. The employment-population ratio, at

58.5 percent, was little changed in August. This measure is up from its low of 51.3 percent in April 2020 but remains below the figure of 61.1 percent in February 2020.

In August, the number of persons employed part time for economic reasons, at 4.5 million, was essentially unchanged. There were 4.4 million persons in this category in February 2020. 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 declined by 835,000 in August to 5.7 million but remains higher than the level in February 2020 (5.0 million). These individuals were not counted as unemployed because they were not actively looking for work during the last 4 weeks 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 1.6 million in August, decreased by 295,000 over the month. These individuals wanted and were available for work and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months but had not looked for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey. The number of discouraged workers, a subset of the marginally attached who believed that no jobs were available for them, was 392,000 in August, down by 115,000 from the previous month.

## Household Survey Supplemental Data

In August, 13.4 percent of employed persons teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic, little changed from the prior month. These data refer to employed persons who teleworked or worked at home for pay at some point in the last 4 weeks specifically because of the pandemic.

In August, 5.6 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 last 4 weeks due to the pandemic. This measure is up from 5.2 million in July. Among those who reported in August that they were unable to work because of pandemic-related closures or lost business, 13.9 percent received at least some pay from their employer for the hours not worked, up from 9.1 percent in the prior month.

Among those not in the labor force in August, 1.5 million persons were prevented from looking for work due to the pandemic, little changed from July. (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 235,000 in August, following increases of 1.1 million in July and 962,000 in June. Nonfarm employment has risen by 17.0 million since April 2020 but is down by 5.3 million, or 3.5 percent, from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. In August, notable job gains occurred in professional and business services, transportation and warehousing, private education, manufacturing, and other services. Employment in retail trade declined over the month.

Employment in professional and business services increased by 74,000 in August. Employment rose in architectural and engineering services (+19,000), computer systems design and related services (+10,000), scientific research and development services (+7,000), and office administrative services (+6,000). Since February

2020, employment in professional and business services is down by 468,000, over half of which is in temporary help services (-262,000).

Transportation and warehousing added 53,000 jobs in August, bringing employment in the industry slightly above (+22,000) its pre-pandemic level in February 2020. Employment gains have been led by strong growth in couriers and messengers and in warehousing and storage, which added 20,000 jobs each in August. Air transportation also added jobs (+11,000), while transit and ground passenger transportation--which includes school buses--lost jobs (-8,000).

In August, employment increased by 40,000 in private education, declined by 21,000 in state government education, and changed little in local government education (-6,000). In all three industries, these employment changes followed job gains in June and July. August marks the beginning of the traditional back-to-school season. However, recent employment changes are challenging to interpret, as pandemic-related staffing fluctuations in public and private education have distorted the normal seasonal hiring and layoff patterns. Since February 2020, employment is down by 159,000 in private education, by 186,000 in state government education, and by 220,000 in local government education.

Manufacturing added 37,000 jobs in August, with gains in motor vehicles and parts (+24,000) and fabricated metal products (+7,000). Employment in manufacturing is down by 378,000 from its pre-pandemic level in February 2020.

The other services industry added 37,000 jobs in August, but employment is 189,000 lower than in February 2020. In August, employment rose in personal and laundry services (+19,000) and in repair and maintenance (+9,000).

Employment in information increased by 17,000 in August, reflecting a gain in data processing, hosting, and related services (+12,000). Employment in information is down by 150,000 since February 2020.

Employment in financial activities rose by 16,000 over the month, with most of the gain occurring in real estate (+11,000). Employment in financial activities is down by 29,000 since February 2020.

Mining added 6,000 jobs in August, reflecting a gain in support activities for mining (+4,000). Mining employment has risen by 55,000 since a trough in August 2020 but is 96,000 below a peak in January 2019.

Employment in retail trade declined by 29,000 in August, with losses in food and beverage stores (-23,000) and in building material and garden supply stores (-13,000). Retail trade employment is down by 285,000 since February 2020.

In August, employment in leisure and hospitality was unchanged, after increasing by an average of 350,000 per month over the prior 6 months. In August, a job gain in arts, entertainment, and recreation (+36,000) was more than offset by a loss in food services and drinking places (-42,000). Employment in leisure and hospitality is down by 1.7 million, or 10.0 percent, since February 2020.

In August, employment showed little change in other major industries, including construction, wholesale trade, and health care. Average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls rose by 17 cents to \$30.73 in August, following increases in the prior 4 months. In August, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees rose by 14 cents to \$25.99. The data for recent months suggest that the rising demand for labor associated with the recovery from the pandemic may have put upward pressure on wages. However, because average hourly earnings vary widely across industries, the large employment fluctuations since February 2020 complicate the analysis of recent trends in average hourly earnings.

## ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

*(Editor's Note: Letters to the editor are the opinion of the author and are published as written. They do not necessarily reflect the views of the Martin County Journal.)*

### 'This is what we expected!'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Well after six months of the Biden Administration it was just like we expected. Abortion is one of the top priorities of this administration and this is coming at no surprise to the pro-life movement. From one executive order to the next and from every appointment in his administration, it has been nothing but hard core pro-abortion. There has been no hint of middle ground on this life issue but everyone who Biden has appointed is far to the left and strongly pro-abortion. We were given ample warning of the danger this administration would have on this country but some did not listen as they were more concerned with hatred of the past president. Some voters now publicly regret that decision but it may be too late to recover from the damage that will be done by this Biden Administration over the next few years. We know from his first day in office President Joe Biden issued executive orders that has altered or changed all the pro-life executive orders that were put in place by former President Trump.

And there are other areas that are of grave concern from this present administration and his band of socialists. A big concern is the disaster that is taking place at the southern border, people pouring across at a record pace and the border patrol not able to check out these people coming into this country. With the southern border being wide open we see many coming into our country that is of the criminal element and these are the ones caught. We have no idea how many have got through without being detected because the Biden Administration has open the flood gates. We do not know how many terrorists, criminals and other clientele that we would rather not have in this country. The ones that are caught are given a free ride with all the perks of a citizen of the United States. We don't object to people coming into this country, but they need to do it legally!

And now we turn to Afghanistan where President Biden wants to blame all his problems on the commitment made by the

former President Donald Trump. The former administration agreed to pull troops out of Afghanistan but President Trump did not plan on abandoning the Americans or the Afghans who helped the United States and fought alongside our troops when we were there trying to stabilize that country. It was the bad decisions made by President Biden to pull out the way he did as he turned tail and ran and was willing to sacrifice lives and equipment just to get out. Former President Trump agreed to pull out of Afghanistan but the way Biden did it was not smart. You don't wait till the last minute to pull troops out before you have removed civilians and people who helped in the war effort. The ones left behind have been given the death sentence. It is remarkable how the military has been able to airlift the thousands out before the deadline but not before suicide bombers killed so many. This did not end well! Our Allies are wondering what is going on and who is making these decisions. The credibility of the United States has sunk to a new low under this administration and it has been another huge disaster.

But that is not the only problems we are seeing in America with the Biden Administration. The pipeline cancellation could send gas prices to record levels in his first year in office. Here in this country the price of gas has already risen to over \$1 per gallon since Biden took office and it will get worse. We had just reached energy independence during the past administration and now Biden is asking the oil rich countries to up production. What is this president thinking?

A person has to wonder if this administration is trying to wreck our country and our credibility at the same time. We are in for some dark times under a Biden/Harris Administration. Much of what this president has done was to appease the far left wing of the democrat party. President Biden has also embraced many parts of socialism that will be very destructive to our county and religious concerns. It is no wonder that during the 2020 Presidential Campaign the Democratic Campaign had Joe Biden to stay in his basement and only come out for photo opps. I am sure some Democrats now regret their vote for this president but it may be too late to turn back the clock.

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