

## Loogootee teachers accept pay freeze

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT  
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The Loogootee School Board held a special meeting last night, Tuesday, September 29. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss changes to the teachers' master contract. Superintendent Joan Keller said that negotiations were difficult on both sides due to the decrease in funding for next school year. She said that the decrease is due to declining student enrollment and a new formula the state uses to determine how much funding schools get.

According to the Indiana Department of Education website, Loogootee's enrollment is down to 920 students this school year. Last year the enrollment was 942. During the 2005-06 school year, the total enrollment was 1,077.

Dr. Keller said that she hopes residents speak to their state legislators so that they

may understand that students in small, rural schools are just as important as the larger schools in the state.

Dave Smith, president of the teachers' association, agreed that citizens need to contact their legislators. He said they need to remind legislators that they work for the taxpayers and not the larger school districts. Smith said that the teachers are at Loogootee because they love what they do and are willing to ride out the funding issues because of that passion for their job. He added that teachers who are at the top of the pay scale and typically get a stipend each year have decided to not take that money and instead give it back to the school. The stipend would have been around \$275 for each teacher after taxes, and a total of \$18,000. He also noted that because of the salary freeze, \$75,000 will also be saved. "We are trying to do our part," said Smith.

The changes in the teachers' master con-

tract include:

-The 21 all-purpose days teachers are allowed to miss each school year was divided into 16 sick days and five personal days

-Next school year there will be 183 teacher days instead of 184 (180 student days)

-A freeze in salaries, no one will be moving up in pay

-A new hire beginning teacher's salary and the ability to add up to five percent to the salary on hard-to-fill teaching positions

-Extra-curricular activity positions will pay 10 percent less

-Summer recreation pay for seven positions will reduce to \$1,400 (down from \$2,856 in the current contract)

-Teachers will be allowed to attend home athletic events free of charge and if any teacher works two athletic events at the gate or as a supervisor, they will be given a guest pass

-The retirement incentive of \$20,000 - \$10,000 by June 30 of 2016 and \$10,000 by June 30 of 2017. Teacher must submit a letter of retirement by February 15, 2016 to be eligible.

Board Member Brent Courter said that he, along with Superintendent Keller and fellow board members, Nancy Summers and Chad Wade, were in Indianapolis on Monday for a conference. He said there is light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to school funding but that it is controlled by the state. He agreed that legislators need to

be contacted by taxpayers. He said the school might now see funding improve this year or next year but it is coming. "Loogootee will be in the ballgame, I promise you that. Teachers will be well compensated for their ability," he said.

In other business, the board approved teacher Doug Mayfield to start an FFA (Future Farmers of America) club. The board also approved the resignation of Bryce Wilson from the cafeteria effective October 16.

Superintendent Keller told the board that they still do not have a coach for the junior high girls' basketball team. She requested permission to hire before the next board meeting if someone is found to take the position. The board approved.

During patron input Courtney Hughett expressed her disappointment with the administration for denying the animal shelter the ability to put up a table at an athletic event to sell raffle tickets for a fundraiser. Shoals School has allowed it and also got their student council involved. Loogootee's reason for saying no was that they have their own fundraisers for the school and cannot help outside organizations too. Hughett noted that the school does fundraisers for the American Cancer Society and the Ronald McDonald House, to name a few, which are outside organizations not a part of the school so the reason giving for the denial is not necessarily factual. Superintendent Keller told Hughett to call her to discuss the issue.

## Community corrections makes staff changes, contract approved for sheriff mandate

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The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday night, September 29.

Kathy Collins, director of community corrections, told the commissioners that the corrections advisory board approved hiring Dorothy Perrotte as the new case manager. She started working this past Friday as a full-time staff member.

She also reported that Jennifer Northover, administrative assistant, got full-time hours at her other job and will be leaving. Jess Lomax will replace her as a part-time employee and will work into a program manager job if more funding comes available.

On October 26, Indiana Department of Corrections Commissioner Bruce Lemmon will be at the courthouse at 4 p.m. to present the corrections department with their \$25,000 grant check. Collins invited the commissioners to attend for a photo opportunity.

Public Health Coordinator Tony Holt provided the commissioners with a job description for his position which is now required by the state board of health to receive the grant money to pay his salary. The board approved the job description.

Sheriff Travis Roush submitted the contract with Quality Correctional Care who will be signing inmates up for Medicaid, which is now required as part of House Bill 1269. The company already provides medical service for the jail. County Attorney Dave Lett

said he had no legal objection to the contracts. The contract states that Quality Correctional Care will receive \$12-\$15 for each inmate they work with. Any inmate that will be in jail for 30 days or longer is required to sign up for Medicaid. Roush said he believes it would cost the county roughly \$3,000 a year for this new unfunded state mandate. He added that he thinks this will be beneficial for the county in the long run because inmates that may have to go to the hospital will now be covered under Medicaid as opposed (See 'MANDATE' continued on page 2)

## Loogootee Water to flush mains

The Loogootee Water Department will be flushing water mains beginning Sunday, October 4 and ending Friday, October 9. Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and, or cloudy water. It is recommended that you check your water quality before cooking, drinking, or doing laundry. If problems with your water quality should continue, contact our office at 812-295-2497 or after 4 p.m., call the Loogootee Police Department at 812-295-2246.

The water department would like to caution drivers and pedestrians to be cautious when utility employees are in the area. Water main flushing through fire hydrants releases large volumes of water at high pressure which can be dangerous and harmful to yourself and water employees.



-Photo provided

Shown above are Loogootee Juniors Jake Simmons and Nick Reinhart at the WestGate@Crane College Fair held Monday.

## More than 800 students attend WestGate College Fair

More than 800 students from 12 high schools and five counties attended the WestGate@Crane College Fair in the WestGate@Crane Technology Park on Monday. Additional groups of individual and homeschool students also took part in the event. 35 colleges and universities registered from Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Thank you to all of the applicants! The money from the "Running for Our Future 5K", in honor of Chuck LaSota, funded \$3,000 in scholarships at today's fair. Three winners were chosen: Clay Reynolds from Shakamak High School won \$500, Jessa J. Newby from North Daviess Jr./Sr. High School won \$1,000, and Alex T. Stuffle from North Daviess won \$1,500.

The third annual fair had more students, more high schools, more colleges and universities, and more scholarship money awarded than ever before.

"I'm really happy we were able to pull

this off for area students. There just really isn't a better opportunity to learn from all of these colleges and universities in one place and time," said organizer Alexandria Jackson.

Jackson said this year the event was more engaging for students. WAMW Radio of Washington, Indiana presented live at the event and interviewed students about their college fair experiences. STEM Premiere, an online platform for students, colleges, and businesses, was available so students could connect and create accounts onsite. The WestGate@Crane College Fair involved participating students in a live Twitter feed and Periscope stream.

The event began at 9:00 and ended at 11:00 AM. Scholarships were awarded at 10:00 AM. Local sponsors funded prizes that were awarded throughout the fair.

Some colleges and universities in attendance were Rose-Hulman, Marian University, and University of Southern Indiana.

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# MANDATE

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to the county being forced to pay the bill.

Sheriff Roush also informed the commissioners that his department is planning to get another police dog for the daytime shift. He also reported that the reserve deputy program is going well and the first deputy, out of Mitcheltree Township, will be sworn in on Saturday.

Andy Ringwald, with civil defense, asked if the commissioners felt the burn ban still needed to be in place in the county. The commissioners decided to hold off at least a week before lifting it.

Highway Superintendent Leo Padgett asked the commissioners if they had any roads slated for paving next year because he wanted to prep them this fall. Commissioner Dan Gregory asked if Padgett could go

through the county map and indicate which roads have been paved recently.

Padgett then spoke to the commissioners about his employees' pay scale. He said that a few years ago they made all highway employees equal on the pay scale. He said he has four employees that are doing multiple jobs and wants to change the salary scale so that they get paid more. Commissioner George said he is not sure if the funding is available to do that. Auditor January Roush said Crane timber money has not yet been appropriated however if the commissioners approved changing the pay scale, the county council would get the ultimate decision on giving final approval.

In the final order of business, the commissioners approved Elizabeth Albright as a volunteer driver for the veterans' van.

# Commodore Run returns to NSA Crane

Don't miss out on the chance to experience the hidden gem of southern Indiana running when the Naval Support Activity Crane Commodore Run returns on Saturday, October 24.

The NSA Crane Commodore Run began in 1986 and was held annually until the events of 9/11 led to its suspension. Following a 14-year hiatus, this highly-anticipated event is ready to make its return.

- times:
- Friday, October 23 from 8 a.m. to noon at NSA Crane Cafeteria, Bldg. 121, 300 Hwy 361, Crane, IN 47522 (authorized base patrons only).
  - Friday, October 23 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Crane Federal Credit Union, Bloomington Branch, 3855 W. Jonathan Drive, Bloomington, IN 47404.
  - Saturday, October 24 from 6:30 to 8 a.m. at West Gate Training Center, 13598 E. Westgate Drive, Odon, IN 47562.

The 2015 NSA Crane Commodore Run, proudly sponsored by Crane Federal Credit Union, will feature a half marathon, a 5K run/walk and a post-race party and awards ceremony for all participants.

Entry for the 2015 Commodore Run is open to the public, and costs \$50 per person for the half marathon and \$30 per person for the 5K run/walk. All half marathon participants will receive a long sleeve technical shirt and all 5K run/walk participants will receive a short sleeve cotton t-shirt. Half marathon finishers will also receive a unique finisher's medal.

Awards will be presented to the top two male and female finishers for each age division in both the half marathon and 5K run/walk. The half marathon will feature 10 age divisions: 19 and under, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59 and 60 and over. The 5K run/walk will have six age divisions: 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and over.

Participation in this year's event is capped at 500 runners, and the deadline for online registration is Sunday, October 18 at midnight. If the race is not sold out by this time, cash only late registration will be accepted on Friday, October 23 at packet pick-up. Late registration is \$55 for the half marathon and \$35 for the 5K run/walk, and participant shirts are not guaranteed.

Race packet pick-up will be held at the following locations during the designated

All participants are encouraged to arrive on race day prior to 8 a.m. to ensure parking availability and allow for adequate time to prepare for the race. Authorized personnel can park in the Crane Cafeteria parking lot. Parking for all others will be available at the West Gate Training Center with shuttles running every 15 minutes between the hours of 6:45 and 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The half marathon is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. with the 5K run/walk starting at 9:30 a.m. The post-race party will last from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The post-race party will feature hot chili, and registered participants ages 21 and over will receive two complimentary beers. Participants unaffiliated with the base are allowed to bring one guest each and must identify the name of their guest at the time of race registration. Guests can pay \$5 for entry into the post-race party and beer will be available for purchase.

To volunteer for the 2015 NSA Crane Commodore Run, contact the volunteer coordinator at [volunteer@discovermwr.com](mailto:volunteer@discovermwr.com), call (812) 854-3773, or visit [www.discovermwr.com/commodorerun/volunteer-sign-up](http://www.discovermwr.com/commodorerun/volunteer-sign-up). All volunteers will receive a t-shirt.

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**"All Little Piggies Need Socks"** -Photo provided

September 11 has been designated a National Day of Remembrance and Service. Students in Ms. Nicole Bays' 6th grade class at Loogootee Middle School want to do their part to contribute. They have recently learned that socks are badly needed in homeless shelters. They are organizing a sock drive at Loogootee Middle School. The slogan for their sock drive is "All Little Piggies Need Socks". They are asking all LMS students to bring a pair of new socks to school on October 1 and 2. Their goal is to collect 450 new pairs of socks in any size or color. They are asking the public to help as well. Collection boxes will be placed in the hallways at Loogootee Middle School on October 1 and 2. Please help these students reach their goal.

*~Thank You~*

The John Hunt family sincerely extends a heart felt Thank You to family, friends, and co-workers for the spiritual and emotional support during the loss of our loved one. Words cannot express how we have been deeply touched by so many that provided their love and shared memories during this difficult time.

We express our gratitude to the Martin County ambulance service, Loogootee Volunteer Fire Dept., and the Jasper Memorial Hospital Staff for their professionalism, excellent care, and for providing consideration to the family's emotions and feelings at a critical time.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the clergy at the hospital, Very Reverend J. Kenneth Walker, and members of St. John the Evangelist Parish for the prayers, service, funeral meal & spiritual support. It gave us the strength to get through this difficult time. Also, thank you to the Brooksmith & Blake Funeral Home, Pall Bearers, Knights of Columbus, Local Law Enforcement agencies for the special part you played.

Lastly, the phone calls, visits, food, flowers, gifts, mass intentions, contributions made to the LHS Athletics, and other acts of kindness that so many have extended during this difficult time will never be forgotten. Please know that if we have missed anyone, it was not intentional, but your deeds will never be forgotten, and we know that you will be rewarded in a bigger way one day.

Sincerely,  
The John Hunt Family  
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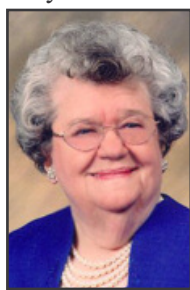
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# OBITUARIES

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## COY BEASLEY

Coy F. Beasley went to Heaven peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on Friday, September 25, 2015 at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. A resident of Odon, she was 96.



She was born March 5, 1919 in Martin County; daughter of Silas and Ollie (Bowman) Crane. She was married to Wallace Beasley on March 5, 1936.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Odon. She was a cook for 15 years at the North Daviess School System before her retirement in 1980. She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, playing the piano and music.

Survivors include two sons, Harold (Audrey) Beasley of Indianapolis and Norman (Jean) Beasley of Shoals; two daughters, Garnet (Eric) Freed and Loretta Osmon, both of Odon; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Wallace Beasley; one brother, Dalphie Crane; and three sisters, Ethel Anthis, Mildred Inman and Freeda Smiley.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 29 at the Odon United Methodist Church with Adam Cissell officiating. She

was laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

The family has requested that memorial contributions be made in memory of Coy to the Ketcham Memorial Center, 601 E. Race St., Odon, IN 47562.

All arrangements were entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and the Anderson-Poindexter Memory Chapel in Linton. Online condolences may be sent to [www.anderson-poindexter.com](http://www.anderson-poindexter.com).

## LUCILLE THARP

Helen Lucille Tharp passed away at 11:30 p.m. Friday, September 25, 2015 at the Loogootee Nursing Center. A resident of Shoals, she was 91.



She was born August 14, 1924 in Martin County; the daughter of the late Ernest and Ella (Gilbert) Holt. She married Frank M. Tharp in Martin County on September 10, 1940 and he preceded her in death in 1988.

She was previously employed at the French Lick Sheraton and at the Shoals Bus Stop. She attended Shoals Holiness Church.

She is survived by her son, Charles, and wife, Lois Tharp, of Shoals; daughters, Lois M. Fuartado of Loogootee and Beverly Gee of Shoals; 17 grandchildren, 52 great-grand-

children, 29 great-great grandchildren; and one sister, Violet, and husband, Clinton Roberts, of French Lick.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, James Darrell Tharp; three grandchildren, two great-great-grandchil-

dren, and sister, Pauline Denny.

The funeral was held Tuesday, September 29 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial followed in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online to the family at [www.queenlee.com](http://www.queenlee.com).

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## Arts Commission invites Indiana high schools to participate in 2016 Poetry Out Loud competition

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced today it will coordinate the 11th annual Poetry Out Loud Indiana State Finals competition on February 20, 2016 in Indianapolis. Indiana high schools are encouraged to participate in this annual poetry recitation contest sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation.

Registration is currently open for the 2016 competition. Schools must register in advance to take part in Poetry Out Loud. For more information on how to register for Poetry Out Loud, contact Sarah Fronczek by email to [sfronczek@iac.in.gov](mailto:sfronczek@iac.in.gov) or call 317-232-1274. For more information about Poetry Out Loud and the school registration form, visit [www.in.gov/arts/2422.htm](http://www.in.gov/arts/2422.htm). Registration for schools is open until November 30, 2015, and information on local winners is due by January 22, 2016.

Initial competitions are held at the high school level to determine one student to represent the school in state competition. There are no registration costs for high schools interested in participating in the Indiana Poetry Out Loud competition, and all resource materials will be provided. Preliminary school competitions should be completed by January 15, 2016. Home schooled students may also participate through a nearby registered school or by organizing a separate competition. All local contests must be judged by the same criteria used in the state and national events.

The winner of the state championship will represent Indiana at the 2015 / 2016 Poetry Out Loud National Finals in Washington, D.C. in early May. Emma Libersky, a senior at Plymouth High School, Plymouth, Indiana, and the Indiana State Champion for the third consecutive year in 2015, was selected as one of the final nine competitors in Washington.

The state champion receives a \$200 cash prize and an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the Poetry Out Loud National Finals. The state champion's

school receives a \$500 stipend to purchase poetry books.

A total of \$50,000 in scholarship awards and school stipends will be awarded at the Poetry Out Loud National Finals, with a \$20,000 college scholarship awarded to the national champion.

The National Poetry Out Loud competition began in 2006. The program is designed to encourage youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance, which helps students master public speaking skills, build self-esteem and internalize an appreciation for American literary heritage.

The IAC wishes to thank the Indiana Department of Education and our State Poet Laureate, George Kalamaras for their support of Indiana Poetry Out Loud.

## Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits expanded for Hoosiers

Due to recent changes in federal law, current and former employees of businesses that have been certified by the United States Department of Labor (USDOL) as Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) eligible, may be entitled to additional federal benefits. Individuals who are not currently in contact with WorkOne Career Center personnel regarding TAA eligibility are encouraged to contact or visit their local WorkOne Career Center as soon as possible to determine eligibility for additional TAA benefits. Hoosiers may be eligible for the following Federal benefits under the TAA program:

- Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC)
- Full and part time training programs
- Income support for eligible individuals enrolled in full time training programs
- Job search and relocation allowances for eligible expenses
- Wage subsidies for eligible individuals 50 years of age and older

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:45 a.m. - Captain Dant took two inmates to prison.

9:27 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

1:47 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Sheriff Roush responded.

2:25 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire north of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Civil Defense responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

7:05 p.m. - Received a report of shots being fired near Loogootee. Sgt. Keller took the call.

7:10 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver east of Shoals. Sgt. Keller responded.

8:37 p.m. - Received a report of a dead deer on Hwy. 150, east of Shoals. Indiana State Police Trooper Beaver removed the deer.

10:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

2:44 a.m. - Received a report of harassment in Loogootee. Loogootee Sgt. Norris responded.

6:04 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Deputy McBeth worked the accident.

7:12 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted a motorist east of Loogootee.

9:39 a.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers using detour around road work on US 231. Sheriff Roush was notified.

11:35 a.m. - Received a report of a truck with a tire on fire on US 50 near Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

6:05 p.m. - Received a report of a bullying issue in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

8:17 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

12:46 a.m. - Received a report of a car that was broken into, in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Deputy McBeth took the call.

9:45 a.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

10:45 a.m. - Captain Dant took one inmate to court.

12:46 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:50 p.m. - Captain Dant and Major Burkhardt took six inmates to court.

4:01 p.m. - Received a report of a field fire near Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

11:49 p.m. - Received a report of an alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Nolan responded and all was okay.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 50, west of Shoals. Captain

Dant was dispatched.

9:35 a.m. - Captain Dant assisted the county highway department with traffic control east of Shoals.

1:00 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

1:29 p.m. - Captain Dant transported one inmate to the Martin County Security Center.

2:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

3:42 p.m. - Shoals Fire Department responded to a field fire near Shoals.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

12:19 a.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Greene and Loogootee Officer Nolan responded. All was okay.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of a boat flipped over at Boggs Lake. The Daviess County Sheriff's Department and Indiana Conservation Officers were notified. No one was injured.

9:00 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court.

9:30 a.m. - Received a report of a combine broken down west of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department assisted with traffic.

9:55 a.m. - Major Burkhardt took one inmate to court in another county.

12:00 p.m. - Sheriff Roush took one inmate to court.

2:27 p.m. - Received a report of a woods fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County Civil Defense, and Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:45 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless semi northbound on 231 into Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Captain Akles.

3:07 p.m. - Received a report of a combine fire east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a tree in the roadway on Hwy 50. Town Marshal Eckert and civil defense responded.

5:39 p.m. - Shoals Fire Department advised they are headed back to the scene of yesterday's fire, west of Shoals, for a rekindle.

8:49 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

9:15 p.m. - Received a report of underage drinking in Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

10:20 p.m. - Received a report of a semi-truck driving recklessly on Hwy. 50, east of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene responded.

11:50 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated person at McDonald's in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Officer Nolan

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9:50 a.m. - Received a report of an IRS phone scam.

12:25 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Loogootee. Deputy Keller responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of an injured male northeast of Shoals. Deputy Keller, Martin County Ambulance, and Shoals Fire Department responded. Air Evac transported the subject to Louisville Hospital.

2:08 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a male in Loogootee. Advised Loogootee Captain Akles

2:54 p.m. - Received a report of a shoplifter at the Family Dollar store in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Hennette responded.

4:10 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, and Deputy Keller responded.

4:17 p.m. - Received a report of a drive off from RJ's. Advised all units.

5:33 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported to Jasper Memorial.

6:13 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check in Shoals. Advised Deputy McBeth

6:17 p.m. - Received a report of power lines down on Doane Lane. Advised Duke Energy.

8:28 p.m. - Received a report of a big fire on Hwy. 150. Deputy McBeth responded and the fire was put out by property owner.

10:40 p.m. - Received a report of a large party on Hwy. 550 with underage drinking. Deputy McBeth was advised.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:17 a.m. - Received a report of a speeding vehicle weaving in and out of traffic southbound from Hwy 645/231. Advised all Martin County units.

12:46 a.m. - Received a report of four juveniles smashing pumpkins at the IGA store. Advised Officer Norris.

1:55 a.m. - Received a report of fight and a possible DUI accident in the northern part of the county. Deputy McBeth and Indiana State Police Trooper Sexton responded.

2:20 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident. Officer Norris responded.

6:40 a.m. - Received a report of a semi-truck all over the road headed into Lawrence County. Advised Lawrence County.

8:35 a.m. - Received a report of a cow by the road on Hwy. 231 North.

8:45 a.m. - Received a report of two males shooting in the Loogootee city limits. Advised Captain Akles.

11:05 a.m. - Received a report of someone illegally burning in Loogootee city limits. Advised Captain Akles.

11:53 a.m. - Received a request for vehicle unlock in Shoals. Advised Deputy Keller.

1:14 p.m. - Received a report a person being threatened in Loogootee. Advised Captain Akles.

1:20 p.m. - Received a report of a mobile home blocking Hwy. 150. Deputy Keller and Indiana State Police Trooper Lents responded.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of a turkey truck on its side on Hwy. 50, east of Gyp-

sum plant. Deputy Keller, Shoals Fire Department, G&M and Tri State Hauling responded.

3:40 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded.

5:09 p.m. - Received a request for an officer for a custody dispute. Deputy Keller was notified.

8:56 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver headed east into Shoals. Advised Deputy McBeth and Town Marshal Eckert.

9:26 p.m. - Received a report of a tree across the road on Hwy 450. Civil defense responded.

## JAIL BOOKINGS

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:16 p.m. - Jordan Taylor, 18, of Frankfort, was arrested by Captain Dant and Reserve Officer Parcels on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

4:48 p.m. - Nathan Jones, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Sheriff Roush and charged with driving while suspended. His bond has been set at \$20,000 10%.

8:39 p.m. - Chester Clark, 40, of Jasper, was arrested by State Trooper Lents and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated. He is being held on a \$10,000 10% bond.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

2:50 p.m. - Tammie J. Steward, 46, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Captain Akles and charged with theft. She was transported to the Martin County Security Center.

## Accident report

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:45 p.m. - Sheryl Steiner, of Loogootee, was operating a 2009 Jeep and turning onto West Main Street when she struck a trailer owned by William R. McAtee, of Loogootee. Officer Nolan investigated.

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## Real estate transfers

**Jonathan K. Raber and Myra Diane Eicher**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jonathan K. Raber and Myra Diane Raber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 9.77 acres, more or less.

**Joan Jacobs**, the unmarried widow of Raymond Jacobs, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert McIntyre**, part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 22, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, containing seven acre, more or less.

**William Joseph Hunt and Roxie Kay Hunt**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kevin Joseph Hunt and Kelly Jay Hunt**. Tract I: A part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, being one-half of an acre. Tract II: A part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, containing approximately one-half of an acre, more or less. Tract III: A part of the east side of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of

Section 24, Township 4 North, Range 5 West.

**Wilma Jean Swartzentruber a/k/a Wilma Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Marlin James Swartzentruber and Marlene Swartzentruber and Alvin James Swartzentruber**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 1.361 acres, more or less.

**Lowell Delbert Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Lowell Delbert Baker and Lynn K. Baker**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, being 2 acres, more or less.

**M. Diane Bauer**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Connie Lea Norris**, of Martin County, Indiana, .22 acre more or less in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, .03 acres more or less situated in Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.



-Photo provided

State, county and electric cooperative officials gathered to pay tribute to a new solar farm that is bringing renewable energy to Green and Daviess-Martin counties in Southern Indiana. In the front row, from left to right, are Ronald Thompson, UDWI Director; Jack Benham, retired UDWI Director; Bill Watkins, UDWI Director; John Edwards, Daviess-Martin REMC Director, David Sutter, General Manager, Daviess-Martin REMC; and Jerry Parkinson, Regional Director, office of U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly. In the back row, from left to right, are David Stone, UDWI Director; James A. Jackson, UDWI Director; Roger Shake, UDWI Director; Jack Norris, UDWI Director; Jack Knust, UDWI Director; Jim Weimer, UDWI Director and Hoosier Energy Director; Darin Duncan, Harrison REMC Director and Chairman of the Hoosier Energy Board of Directors; Mike Rampley, Sr. Vice President of Marketing and Business Development, Hoosier Energy; Brian Sparks, CEO of UDWI REMC, and Ed Michael, Greene County Board of Commissioners.

## Solar array provides power for electric co-ops in Greene, Daviess, Martin counties

Officials from two electric cooperatives hosted an "open house" at a new solar farm near I-69 that will turn sunshine into electricity for homes and businesses throughout Greene and Daviess-Martin counties.

The one-megawatt array is located in Greene County, just south of Bloomfield along Interstate 69. The Utilities District of Western Indiana (UDWI) REMC and Daviess-Martin REMC worked alongside Hoosier Energy, their power supplier, to identify a prime location where the two cooperatives could show their support for renewable energy and learn more about how solar power works.

"Commitment to community is one of the seven cooperative principles that we live by every day. It means working together toward a better quality of life and sharing in the future of our communities," said Brian Sparks, chief executive officer for UDWI. "It's an honor to participate on this project with our neighboring cooperative, Daviess-Martin REMC. That's important as we learn together how best to tap into the power of the sun to bring efficient renewable energy to our communities."

The solar "farm" covers about 10 acres and consists of 4,320 solar panels. It is the second of 10 that Hoosier Energy is installing to benefit its 18 members in southern and central Indiana and southeastern Illinois as part of the electric cooperative power supplier's "all-of-the-above" energy portfolio.

Collectively, the sites represent an opportunity for UDWI and Daviess-Martin to

learn how this variable energy resource integrates with the grid and how solar power might offset the need for other energy resources during periods of high demand.

About the Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC

The Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC, located in Bloomfield, Indiana, is an electric utility cooperative serving over 15,000 members in Clay, Daviess, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Owen, Putnam, Sullivan, and Vigo counties and maintains over 2,600 miles of line. For more information about the cooperative, visit [www.udwiremc.com](http://www.udwiremc.com).

About Daviess-Martin REMC

Incorporated in 1939, Daviess-Martin County REMC is a rural electric distribution cooperative located in Loogootee, IN. The cooperative serves 6,700 members and maintains 1,359 miles of line in Daviess, Martin and part of Lawrence Counties in southern Indiana. For more information visit [www.dmremc.com](http://www.dmremc.com).

About Hoosier Energy

Hoosier Energy is a generation and transmission cooperative (G&T) with headquarters in Bloomington, Ind. The G&T provides electric power and services to 18 electric distribution cooperatives in southern and central Indiana and southeastern Illinois. Hoosier Energy operates the coal-fired Merom Generating Station, three natural gas power plants, several renewable energy plants and a 1,700-mile transmission network. For more information, visit [www.hepn.com](http://www.hepn.com).

## Loogootee Police log

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:35 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50. Officers were unable to locate.

3:45 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

4:41 p.m. - Caller reported harassment.

6:45 p.m. - Female caller reported someone may have broken into her shed.

10:29 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity.

10:49 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Line Street for a medical call.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

2:44 a.m. - Caller reported criminal mischief.

11:35 a.m. - Loogootee Fire was paged out to Hwy 50 for a truck fire.

4:04 p.m. - Caller reported harassing text messages.

8:18 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 1st Street for a medical call.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

12:46 a.m. - Caller on Kentucky Avenue reported items missing from his vehicle. The vehicle was later located. Two juveniles were charged with possession of meth.

12:50 p.m. - Captain Hennette transported a male to Good Samaritan Hospital for a mental evaluation.

8:10 p.m. - Caller reported a disturbance in Sunset Trailer Court.

9:07 p.m. - Female reported harassing text messages.

11:49 p.m. - Officer Nolan responded to a business alarm.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

11:40 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on US 231.

4:07 p.m. - Caller reported the mail service had lost his medication and requested a report.

7:06 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

12:19 a.m. - Caller reported someone may be on her property. Officer Nolan checked the area and nobody was located.

10:15 a.m. - Captain Akles assisted with a funeral escort.

11:00 a.m. - Captain Akles responded to a residential alarm.

12:01 p.m. - Caller reported syringes on the ground near Sunset Trailer Court.

2:45 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver

on US 231.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated driver on Broadway Street. Officers were unable to locate.

8:15 p.m. - Caller reported a phone scam.

10:18 p.m. - Caller reported a semi failing to stop at the traffic signals.

11:50 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Broadway Street.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:59 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute in Shaded Estates.

2:08 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

5:35 p.m. - First responders were requested on Byron Street for a medical call.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:17 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

12:56 a.m. - Caller reported juveniles smashing pumpkins at IGA.

8:45 a.m. - Caller reported two males shooting a shotgun in city limits. Captain Akles responded.

11:05 a.m. - Caller reported someone burning trash.

1:14 p.m. - Caller reported a female harassing her.

6:12 p.m. - Caller reported a dispute on Poplar Street.

6:28 p.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint.

8:07 p.m. - Sgt. Norris responded to a business alarm.

9:51 p.m. - Caller reported a theft.

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## In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser  
Purdue University Master Gardener

For the past couple of weeks, I have been writing about berries that provide interest in autumn gardens, often lasting into the winter. We have looked at hollies and beautyberries, but there are several other shrubs that bear interesting fall fruit.

If you want bright berries that will last most of the winter, pyracantha or fire thorn may be the shrub for you. It lives up to its name. The bush has thorns, although some cultivars have been developed that have fewer of the sharp prickles. The clusters of berries will turn bright orange. They are not favored by birds until they have nearly rotted, so they last well into the winter. Usually, the cedar waxwings will strip the shrubs of berries when they return in late winter or early spring.

Viburnums also offer berries. This genus is very large and includes the old fashioned snowball bush and many other varieties that do not produce berries. Three types are the most common berry producers. The leather-leaf viburnum has thick leaves that are semi-evergreen. The red berries are a nice contrast to the dark foliage. Blue muffin viburnums produce clusters of dark blue berries, which are edible and are often used in jellies. The American high-bush cranberry viburnum has berries that resemble bog cranberries and may be used in the same way cranberries are used. Be careful about eating viburnum berries if you are unsure of the cultivar you have. While most are edible, there are some that can be poisonous when eaten in large quantities.

If you have a moist area where you want berries, the native spice brush may be the shrub for you. However, this shrub is a major food source for birds and other animals, so the berries may not remain for the long term. The berries are bright red and they will attract birds to your yard. Some people shy away from spice brush because it can be aggressive in moist areas. It tends to behave better in drier soil, but it also produces fewer berries there. I have found that they respond well to

### Forestry continues public input on strategic plan

Public comments on the DNR Division of Forestry strategic plan for 2015-19 are being accepted online through October 31.

A comment form is available at [www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/2856.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/2856.htm).

The strategic plan is available under the Annual Reports & Forest Strategic Plans at [www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3605.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/forestry/3605.htm).

DNR Forestry has broad responsibilities that include managing approximately 158,000 acres in 15 state forests and state recreation areas; managing more than 700,000 acres of private woodlands in the Classified Forest and Wildlands program; growing and selling 3 million seedlings per year; and administering a statewide urban forestry program.

State forests are managed for multiple uses and benefits – camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, mushroom hunting, picnicking, and more. Other benefits include certified timber production; conservation of air, soil and water resources;

### Live birds of prey at Dubois Branch Library

The birds of prey from Patoka Lake will be traveling to the Dubois Branch Library for a special presentation at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 24. See two LIVE birds up close; a bald eagle and eastern screech owl. Hear how their species hunt and survive in the wild. Discover why these two winged wonders must live in captivity. After the program inside, join in a game outdoors to learn more about birds of prey and the food chain! This program is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend!

Patoka Lake is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

pruning, so they can be kept in tow with a little effort. The stems of this plant may be steeped to produce a nice herbal tea. My great aunt used to pay us to go to the spice brush patch in the woods to get her some stems for tea. Now I have them right in the yard.

Dogwood trees also provide some fall interest with berries. Our native dogwoods and the cultivars developed from it have smooth berries. The berries of the oriental dogwoods resemble large raspberries. In the tree-type dogwoods, the berries range from pink to red. Shrub-type dogwoods may produce white or black berries. Like spice brush, these berries are attractive to birds and rarely last into December.

For berries on groundcover, try cotoneaster. This plant may be grown on a bank or on a trellis. The berries are pink to red, often marbled. They will usually turn black with a killing frost.

Another berry-producing vine is the porcelain berry. The vines resemble wild grapes. Porcelain berries may be white to a mottled white and pink. While they are attractive and do attract birds, they may be invasive in some areas, so use them with extreme caution. Most foresters recommend that they not be used in this area.

Junipers, including our native red cedar, produce blue berries. They provide a major food source for birds. The berries will hang on most of the winter. Wreaths made of juniper with berries will often attract birds to the doors where they hang. (Contact a member of the Hoosier Hillside Master Gardeners to order juniper wreaths for the holidays. They are beautiful and many people find that they last all winter, often providing an area for birds to nest in the spring.) The berries of juniper are edible, but are not to my taste. They are used for making gin.

Foliage and flowers may anchor gardens through spring and summer, but for autumn and winter interest, berries provide color. Attracting birds is a bonus.

wildlife habitat; and protection of cultural resources.

One way the proposed strategic plan differs from previous ones is an emphasis on increasing and improving recreation opportunities on state forests. The plan seeks to support these activities with user fees, something DNR Forestry has done for years on three properties but now intends to apply across the entire state forest system.

Also new to this plan is support for private lands woodland management with fees paid by people who use the services of district foresters. The services and fees are undecided at this time, and the Division is looking for public input and direction on how to carry out this program.

### Astronomy night at Paynetown SRA

Look at star clusters, planets and other features of the night sky during an astronomy event at Paynetown State Recreation Area on Saturday, October 3. Volunteers will have telescopes set up on the beach between 8 and 9 p.m. Visitors should avoid shining vehicle headlights onto the beach when arriving and departing. Bright lights make it harder to see through telescopes and interfere with visitors' enjoyment. The program requires clear or mostly clear skies. It will be canceled if there is too much cloud cover or inclement weather. If conditions look questionable, call the activity center after 7 p.m. on October 3 at (812) 837-9967 to check program status.

The property entrance fee is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

Paynetown SRA is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

## Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton  
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

According to the calendar, fall is here, but it sure doesn't seem feel like it much yet except for the cooler mornings. I like the fall season, but it just never seems to last long enough for me before turning into winter. I think that is increasingly true for each year that you notch out. It is also best if we don't think too much about the weather that is in front of us except to perhaps have some kind of contingency plan of how we will handle livestock during the foulest of it.

Some of Indiana is quite dry. It seems like once the monsoon rains stopped, the hydrant was just left off. This has greatly slowed forage regrowth and in a few places and conditions it has stopped altogether. Days are shorter and heat units waning, so good growth days, even if we get some adequate rain, could be limited.

The first question that comes to mind is, "Will there be enough feed or forage for all the livestock until spring?" It is generally a good idea to evaluate and balance grazing livestock with available feed. I would first look at all the grazing type animals present. Take different classes (cows, heifers, stockers, ewes, etc.) and figure an average weight per class and then multiply that number times the number of each class. For example, thirty-five cows at 1,100 pounds is 38,500 pounds live weight, twelve spring calves kept back at 550 pounds and a 1,775 pound bull...let's see that all totals about 46,875 pounds live weight. Now, those calves are going to continue to grow some over winter even on just forages or hay so let's say they will average 650 pounds over the next five months. Now our total is now 48,075 pounds live weight. The growing animals are usually going to have a higher metabolism rate, but to keep things simple, use the dry matter intake rate of 3% for all of them and that will get us in the ball park. So, 48,075 pounds live weight times 3% is 1,442 pounds of dry matter a day needed.

The second question is what to feed those animals? Some stockpiled forage (perennial and annuals), crop residue, hay, and supplements? Let's start with the stockpiled forage which is usually going to be tall fescue with some orchard grass and clover mixed in. Generally, lay a clipboard or cardboard on top of the standing sward and then measure the height of the compressed forages. If the stand is pretty dense, then there is usually about 300 pounds per acre inch of dry matter. So, if you happen to have say, 10 inches, that is 3,000 pounds of dry matter per acre. You do not want to remove it all, so let's say you remove six inches; that is 1,800 pounds available for grazing times the number of acres of this stockpiled forage. If fields vary, adjust as needed. The efficiency of grazing this will be dependent on how you allocate it out. If you let stock have the whole field then expect 60-75% utilization, at best you'll have 1,800 pounds available. If you allocate it out like you are feeding hay with temporary fence providing one or two days' worth at a time, you'll find the efficiency to be up near 90 percent.

Now take inventory of any hay you have on hand. You should have an idea on how much bales weigh and how many you have of each. If you have one hundred 1,500 pound bales (1,300 pounds dry matter) on hand, you essentially have 130,000 pounds available. The efficiency of this hay is also dependent on how you feed it, plus how it is stored. The worst case scenario is hay fed free choice without any feeder structure and hay stored outside on the ground which sadly wastes about 45% of the offered hay. Feeding enough hay for only 2-3 days at a time (creating some competition between cows), in ring or cone type feeders and storing bales inside is pretty efficient with an average of

about 15% waste...that is, of course assuming that the hay is good quality too. Small bales, fed in feeders, are probably the most efficient, but certainly a little more labor intensive and just not used as often as in the past. If you have silage or balage on hand to feed, figure it into the picture and generally expect 90% efficiency adjusted to dry weight.

The nutritional value of corn stalks can certainly vary from year to year. Stalks will start out in the 8% crude protein range with approximately 70% total digestible nutrients (TDN) and over a period of about 60 days drop to 5% crude protein and 40% TDN. Spring calving cows will meet most of their energy needs during mid gestation. Growing animals such as calves and fall calving lactating cows may be lacking a little in energy and protein and most likely will need to be supplemented if run on stalks.

About one acre of typical corn residue will be needed per animal unit per grazing month. Weekly allocations seem to work very well so you need to figure how many acres of stalks will be needed for one week of grazing for your herd. Some areas of Indiana have very poor corn that may not be harvested this year. Just be aware if you are considering grazing these damaged corn fields that nitrates could be an issue along with other health issues if the stalks have been flooded. It is best to test before utilizing.

We will also soon have our first frosts. Summer annual warm-season grasses; such as sudangrass or sorghum-sudangrass hybrids, and johnsongrass produce a cyanide compound when frosted and quickly starts shutting down, 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. These forages can be harvested for balage right after being frosted and later fed as long as they are allowed their normal fermentation process time period of three or four weeks. Frosted areas could be only "pockets" in a field to start with. 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 feeding or grazing!

Back to the inventory. Compare the amount of dry matter you will need for the livestock with how much you have. If we get enough rain in time, the stockpiled forage amount could certainly still increase. Now you know about how much dry matter you are going to need to get them through the winter and an idea on how much you have available to feed them. If you are a little short on forages, you can add some supplements such as corn gluten, soybean hulls, etc. into your feeding plan. In fact, you may want to anyway if hay quality is somewhat lacking, or if more energy is needed. In the formula above, we used 3% for the intake estimate which is actually a little high, but if we have a wet, cold winter, energy needs to keep warm will increase and any growing animals will also have higher needs...so it's better to overestimate than to be short. Cold, wet, and especially muddy conditions will increase energy requirements. If you are still short on feed, then you will need to plan on either purchasing more hay or consider reducing numbers some. Hopefully, it all balances out and is better than snowballs.

Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

National Grazing Conference – Grapevine, TX, December 13-16, 2015 [www.grazinglands.org/grazing-conference/](http://www.grazinglands.org/grazing-conference/)

American Forage & Grassland Council Conference – January 10-13, 2016, Baton Rouge, LA [www.afgc.org/annual\\_conference.php](http://www.afgc.org/annual_conference.php)

# Commodity loans available to Indiana producers

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Indiana Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Julia A. Wickard reminds producers that USDA offers interim financing at harvest time to help producers meet cash flow needs without having to sell commodities when market prices are at harvest-time lows. The programs, known as Marketing Assistance Loans (MALs) and Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs), were authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill for the 2014-2018 crop years.

"These are among the many tools offered by Farm Service Agency to help farmers navigate price and market conditions, so as we approach the harvest season, we encourage producers to consider these programs as a helpful option," said Wickard.

A producer who is eligible to obtain a marketing loan, but agrees to forgo the loan, may obtain a loan deficiency payment if such a payment is available. The programs provide financing and marketing assistance for wheat, feed grains, soybeans and other oilseeds, pulse crops, rice, peanuts, cotton, wool and honey. For eligibility, producers must control the commodity or a title to the commodity until the loan is repaid. FSA is now accepting applications for all eligible commodities. For expedited service, interested producers are encouraged to schedule an appointment. Other program restrictions may apply, including limits on total payments or gross income

thresholds. Consult your local FSA office for further details. For more information, visit [www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pricesupport). To find your local USDA Service Center, go to <http://offices.usda.gov>.

MALs and LDPs were reauthorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

# Celebrate harvest time at Spring Mill State Park

Enter a pie-eating contest, call for hogs, make dolls, decorate a campsite and more at Spring Mill State Park's Autumn Harvest Days, October 3-4. On Saturday, visitors can see items entered in the Harvest Fair and witness creativity on display as campers compete in the annual campsite decorating contest.

# Monroe Lake anglers must take precautions against Asian carp

Invasive Asian carp are knocking on Monroe Lake's door, and DNR officials are warning anglers not to let them in.

Silver and bighead carp (collectively referred to as Asian carp) have been found in Salt Creek, directly below the Monroe Lake dam. The dam prevents the carp from entering the lake.

But fisheries biologists with the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife are concerned that anglers collecting baitfish from Salt Creek might mistake juvenile Asian carp for gizzard shad and introduce the carp into Monroe Lake.

Using live gizzard shad is a common way to fish for hybrid striped bass at Monroe Lake. The method is legal at Monroe Lake as long as the fish were collected in the lake.

Collecting live gizzard shad in Salt Creek and using them at Monroe Lake is against the law. It is also difficult to distin-

guish gizzard shad from juvenile Asian carp.

Earlier this month, DNR researchers cast a net in Salt Creek below the dam to determine the prevalence of Asian carp and how easy it would be to catch them while targeting gizzard shad. In just six casts, they caught 52 juvenile Asian carp.

Anglers fishing Monroe Lake are reminded to collect their bait fish in Monroe Lake only. Do not transport fish from one body of water to another.

Anglers also should dispose of all unused baitfish, including fish parts, on shore, in a trash can. Never release bait into the water.

Asian carp can cause enormous damage to native species by outcompeting existing fish for food, specifically plankton. By consuming so much plankton, the carp affect the entire aquatic food chain, including sport fish that feed on plankton-eating fish.

Autumn Harvest Days is one of several special fall weekends at Spring Mill.

October 10-11 is Scarecrow Weekend, with the Haunted Village running from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., October 10.

October 17-18 is Music Weekend.

This year's Haunted Village will be charg-

ing \$2 per person (cash only). Park admission is \$7 per in-state vehicle and \$9 per out-of-state vehicle.

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## Loogootee Boys' Tennis start sectional tonight

The Loogootee High School Boys' Tennis Team matched up against Wood Memorial Monday, September 28. The varsity swept the Trojans 5-0. Landon Diamond had the only match for the junior varsity and he also won.

Coach Rick Graves said after the matches, "It's always nice going into tournament play with a win. Wood Memorial is just getting their program going again so they don't have tons of experience. Our guys did a nice job of blocking that out and playing to their potential. We hope to have a good day at practice tomorrow and get prepared to face Barr-Reeve Wednesday night."

The varsity ends the regular season with a 10-11 record overall and 1-3 in the Blue Chip Conference. Sectional begins Wednesday night at Loogootee. Match 1 will be Northeast Dubois against Paoli at 4:30 p.m. followed by Loogootee going up against Barr-Reeve. The final match will be Thursday night at 5:30 p.m.

### Varsity results

Loogootee 5, Wood Memorial 0  
#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Trent Holder (WM) 6-1, 6-0

#2 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Walker Nurrenbern (WM) 6-0, 6-0

#3 Singles - Trysten Booker (L) defeated Braydon Bell (WM) 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) defeated Paxon Bartley and Lathen Falls (WM) 6-1, 6-3

#2 Doubles - Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) defeated James Gates and Isaiah Norrick (WM) 6-0, 6-0

### Junior varsity result

#1 Singles - Landon Diamond (L) defeated Cody Goodall (WM) 6-0

The LHS boys took on a few times this past Saturday, Seymour and Bedford North Lawrence. The varsity boys were defeated by Seymour 1-5 and BNL 0-5.

"We got an opportunity to play a couple of matches Saturday against some strong competition, which at this time of the season is a good thing. We didn't come home with any wins but I was glad to see that our guys were willing to take on Seymour and BNL. With sectional coming up I hope this level of competition will have us better prepared for whomever we happen to face," said Coach Graves.

### Varsity results

Seymour 4, Loogootee 1

#1 Singles - Alex Berry (S) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-1, 6-1

#2 Singles - Ty McCory (S) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-2, 6-2

#3 Singles - Adam Berry (S) defeated Trysten Booker (L) 7-5, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Grant Handloser and Josiah Rudge (S) defeated Sheldan Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) defeated Hao Li and Sam Voss (S) 6-2, 7-5

Bedford North Lawrence 5, Loogootee 0

#1 Singles - Logan Treanor (BNL) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-3, 6-1

#2 Singles - Brandt Callahan (BNL) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-4, 6-4

#3 Singles - Bryce Gilbert (BNL) defeated Trysten Booker (L) 6-4, 6-4

#1 Doubles - Jarod Deckard and Ian Dillman (BNL) defeated Sheldan Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-1, 6-2

#2 Doubles - Corbin Bushey and Pace Siedl (BNL) defeated Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) 6-2, 7-5

### Junior varsity results

#1 Singles - Landon Diamond (L) defeated Tanner Johnson (S) 6-1

#2 Singles - Jonathon Valasquaz (S) defeated Jake Carrico (L) 8-3

#3 Singles - Logan Bland (BNL) defeated Gavin Wittmer (L) 6-4

Last Friday, the Loogootee Varsity Boys defeated White River Valley 5-0. There were no junior varsity games.

Coach Graves said, "It's great that we've

been able to get to .500 on the season. When the season started there were a lot of question marks about how the season would go. Our team has steadily improved as the season has progressed and I'm really proud of the progress we've made. I like the way our team approached the match tonight. I liked our focus and the way we hit the ball."

### Varsity results

Loogootee 5, White River Valley 0

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Alex Wolfe (WRV) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Carter Davis (WRV) 6-1, 6-0

#3 Singles - Trysten Booker (L) defeated Matthew Bryant (WRV) 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) defeated Kyle Dickenson and Trey English (WRV) 6-2, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) defeated Dave Emmons and Eddie Garcia (WRV) 6-1, 6-1

Last Thursday, the varsity boys went up against Paoli and came out with all wins, 5-0. In the only junior varsity match, LHS also took the win.

"I was really pleased with our overall play tonight. Everyone was very focused and played well. I thought Landon Bell played about as well as he's played all season. He struck the ball well and did a nice job of eliminating unforced errors. Wyatt has been playing great tennis the last several matches. I like how he uses the court to his advantage and works his opponent. Trysten played to his strengths and played a very efficient match. Sheldan and Landon had their hands full but it was great to see them regroup after being down and find a way to win. Max and Bailey played well but I'd like to see them be a little bit more aggressive in this type of match. It was great getting a win over a potential sectional opponent and for our seniors to get a win on senior night," said Coach Graves.

### Varsity results

Loogootee 5, Paoli 0

#1 Singles - Landon Bell (L) defeated Kyle Street (P) 6-1, 6-1

#2 Singles - Wyatt Wade (L) defeated Noah Magner (P) 6-2, 6-0

#3 Singles - Trysten Booker (L) defeated Wyatt Ashley (P) 6-2, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Sheldan Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) defeated Adam Engleking and Kyle Marshall (P) 6-4, 7-6(5)

#2 Doubles - Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) defeated Mason Buchanan and Mason Deaton (P) 6-1, 6-1

### Junior varsity result

Loogootee 1, Paoli 0

#1 Singles - Landon Diamond (L) defeated Dawson Long (P) 8-1

Last Tuesday, September 22, the Lions were defeated by Evansville Memorial. The varsity lost 0-5 and the junior varsity 0-3.

### Varsity results

Evansville Memorial 5, Loogootee 0

#1 Singles - Nick Johnson (EM) defeated Landon Bell (L) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Singles - Chris Clark (EM) defeated Wyatt Wade (L) 6-2, 6-0

#3 Singles - Ross Effinger (EM) defeated Trysten Booker (L) 6-0, 6-0

#1 Doubles - Chase Throop and Colin Throop (EM) defeated Sheldan Christmas and Landon Wittmer (L) 6-0, 6-0

#2 Doubles - Jackson Jennings and Zach Woods (EM) defeated Max Christmas and Bailey Dearwester (L) 6-1, 6-0

### Junior varsity results

Evansville Memorial 3, Loogootee 0

#1 Singles - Lucas Cooley (EM) defeated Landon Diamond (L) 6-4

#1 Doubles - Lucas Cooley and James Vincent (EM) defeated Cole Harmon and Gavin Wittmer (L) 8-0

#2 Doubles - Max Haynie and Dylan Klipsch (EM) defeated Jake Carrico and Jace Toy (L) 8-3



## Lady Rox take second at Cougar Invite

The Shoals Lady Rox Varsity Volleyball Team were runners up in the Cougar Invitational held this past Saturday, September 26.

The varsity team was defeated by Trinity Lutheran on Saturday in two sets, 17-25 and 14-25 but won against Crothersville in three sets, 14-25, 25-18, 15-13.

In the Trinity Lutheran sets, Taylor Atkinson finished with three kills followed by Macey Way with two and Hope Self with one. Way also added one ace, one block and five digs. Megan Hawkins contributed one ace and two blocks.

In the Crothersville game, Atkinson led in kills with eight, Emilee Wagler finished with six, Dawn Wright had four, Self had three, and Hawkins, Lori Albright, and Way each contributed one. Hawkins also contributed

seven digs and one ace, Wagler and Baylis each had two aces, and Atkinson finished with one.

The junior varsity girls won against Trinity Lutheran in three sets, 25-23, 22-25, and 15-8. Taylor Atkinson led in kills with eight followed by Macey Way with four, Megan Hawkins with three and Emilee Wagler with two. Hawkins also added three aces, five blocks and eight digs; Wagler contributed three aces and one block, Way finished with two aces and one block, Hope Self contributed two blocks and Hope Baylis had one ace.

The coaches and team thank the Shoals Fire Department for the escort through town when they arrived back in Shoals and also to Scott Fishback for driving the bus.

## Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball results

On Tuesday, September 29, the Lady Lions Volleyball Teams went up against Springs Valley at home. The varsity won in five sets, 25-17, 14-25, 24-26, 25-23, and 15-13.

Breigh LaMar led in assists with 24 and in points with 17. Emily Brookshire led in digs with 27, followed by Kylie Hall with 17 and Calli Wininger with 12. Hall and Brookshire also contributed seven points each. Mya Hedrick led in kills with 15, Julianne Bell finished with 14 and Tyanna Graber had 11. Jody Seals contributed 17 assists.

The varsity record moves to 19-7 overall and 6-1 in conference play.

The junior varsity also defeated Springs Valley in two sets, 25-17 and 25-13. Katie Sims led in points with 10 followed by Emily Whitworth and Kashten Burch with six each. Burch led in assists with 12 and Sydney Davis contributed two. Maelee

Hawkins led in kills with five followed closely by Davis and Madisyn Wade with four each.

The junior varsity record stands at 14-2 on the season.

The girls competed in the Jasper Invitational this past Saturday. The Lady Lions defeated North Posey in two sets, 25-19 and 25-16 and Evansville Central in three sets, 14-25, 25-16 and 25-19. Losses came against Evansville Memorial in two sets, 17-25 and 19-25 and Castle in two sets, 5-25 and 23-25.

Totals for the whole day were LaMar with 47 assists and 15 points, Bell with 12 points and 19 kills, Calli Wininger with seven digs and 10 points, and Hall with 21 digs, 11 points and 14 kills. Hedrick had 31 kills, Graber had 16, Emily Bateman finished with 11, Savannah McAtee had eight and Olivia Wininger finished with seven. Seals contributed 33 assists and Brookshire finished with 22 digs.

Last Friday, the girls travelled to Barr-Reeve. The varsity was defeated in three sets, 12-25, 10-25, and 12-25. Hall led in digs with 12 and in points with four. Brookshire finished with 12 digs and two points. Seals led in assists with eight followed by LaMar with seven assists and also two points. Bell and Hedrick each had four kills, and Bateman and Olivia Wininger each had three. Bell also had two points.

The junior varsity Lady Lions defeated Barr-Reeve last Friday. Leonna Hedrick led in points with four followed by Burch with three points and two assists and Mallory Berry with two. Davis finished with four assists, Wade and Hawkins each had three kills and McAtee had two.

Last Tuesday, the varsity girls defeated Washington in four sets, 22-25, 25-16, 25-15, and 25-13. LaMar led in points with 25 and in assists with 20 and added five digs. Graber finished with 10 points and nine kills, Hall had 14 digs and 10 points, Seals had 16 assists, Bell finished with 14 kills, and Hedrick had six.

## LHS Cross Country competes in Paoli Invite

The Loogootee High School Cross Country Team competed in the Paoli Invitational on September 25. Teams participating were Crawford County, Crothersville, Eastern Pekin, Loogootee, Mitchell, Northeast Dubois, Paoli, Springs Valley, and West Washington.

There were a total of 63 boys that competed. The varsity Lion boys came in sixth as a team with the following runners placing:

- 14th Chris Hager
  - 27th Jon Krzesniak
  - 29th Jake Simmons
  - 43rd Nick Reinhart
  - 49th Logan Randolph
  - 59th Ethan Farmer
  - 60th Kaleb Lyon
- Of the 41 girls that competed, the following Lady Lions placed:
- 12th Emily Haggquist
  - 30th Colie Famer
  - 33rd Kayla Taylor



## Hoosiers urged to take precautions against mosquitoes after West Nile virus claims two lives

State health officials are urging Hoosiers to protect themselves against mosquitoes amid an increase in the number of human cases of West Nile virus. Twelve people have been diagnosed with the virus so far this year, including two who died. West Nile virus has been detected in mosquitoes in 69 Indiana counties so far in 2015.

In 2014, 10 people were sickened by the virus, but no one died.

"Our hearts go out to the families who have lost loved ones to this virus," said State Health Commissioner Jerome Adams, M.D., M.P.H. "Although West Nile deaths are rare, these cases serve as a reminder of just how important it is to protect ourselves from mosquitoes, both indoors and outdoors."

The mosquito-borne virus isn't just a risk for those spending time in wooded areas, fishing or camping. People also can become infected while spending time outside their homes, working in the garden, mowing the lawn or simply sitting on the porch.

Mosquito activity typically declines when the temperature drops below 60 degrees, but people remain at risk of being bitten and becoming infected with West Nile virus until a hard freeze, which occurs at approximately 30 degrees.

The following steps can help protect people from contracting West Nile virus:

- Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus to clothes and exposed skin;

- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of the home;

- Avoid places where mosquitoes are biting; and,

### Advisors to provide Indiana health care providers with technical assistance through Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative

As part of an award announced Tuesday, September 29 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Purdue Healthcare Advisors will support 3,000 clinicians in Indiana with tools, information, and network support needed to improve quality of care, increase patients' access to information, and spend health care dollars more wisely.

The Transforming Clinical Practice Initiative is aimed at helping clinicians achieve large-scale health transformation with 39 health care collaborative networks participating nationwide. Purdue Healthcare Advisors (PHA) is a partner in the Midwest-based network called the Great Lakes Practice Transformation Network (GLPTN), which is led by the IU School of Medicine. The GLPTN will receive up to \$46.4 million to work with 11,500 clinicians across Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan for four years.

PHA - the health care outreach initiative of Purdue University and Indiana's largest Regional Extension Center (REC) - will assist clinicians throughout Indiana by leveraging PHA's lean process improvement, patient-centered medical home (PCMH) and quality improvement expertise. PHA's quality-improvement advisers will coach them through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's five phases of patient-centric practice transformation, utilizing a "Transformational Change Toolkit" to help them meet associated milestones as well as clinical and operational results.

"For the past decade, we've been strong believers in the value of lean improvement for health care," said Steven Abel, associate vice president for engagement, which oversees PHA. "So we are thrilled that this toolkit integrates Lean and Six Sigma; patient-centric, personalized population health management; and a second-generation version of continuous quality improvement called 'implementation science'."

"Supporting doctors and other health care professionals change the way they work is critical to improving quality and spending our health care dollars more wisely," said

-When possible, wear pants and long sleeves, especially if walking in wooded or marshy areas.

Hoosiers also can reduce potential mosquito breeding grounds by eliminating areas where water can pool, repairing failed septic systems, cleaning clogged gutters and keeping grass and shrubbery trimmed. Support your community's vector control program, which may include spraying to kill adult mosquitoes or treating standing water to kill mosquito larvae.

Most people who are infected with West Nile virus will not develop any symptoms. Some will develop West Nile fever, a milder form of the illness, which can include fever, headache, body aches, swollen lymph glands or a rash. A small number will develop a more severe form of the disease that can lead to complications such as encephalitis, meningitis, flaccid muscle paralysis or death.

People who think they may be ill from West Nile virus should see their health care providers.

For historical data on West Nile virus activity in Indiana, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/west-nile/stats/Maps/finalMapsData/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/west-nile/stats/Maps/finalMapsData/index.html).

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HHS Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell. "These awards will give patients more of the information they need to make informed decisions about their care and give clinicians access to information and support to improve care coordination and quality outcomes."

These awards are part of a comprehensive strategy advanced by the Affordable Care Act that enables new levels of coordination, continuity and integration of care, while transitioning volume-driven systems to value-based, patient-centered, health care services.

## Purdue's dog-breeding standards to enter testing phase

BY KEITH ROBINSON  
Purdue University News Service

Science-based standards developed for the care and well-being of dogs bred commercially will soon go through pilot testing among breeders as part of a two-year Purdue University research project.

Participating breeders are expected to begin testing the recently completed draft standards before the end of this year, said lead researcher Candace Croney, head of Purdue's Center for Animal Welfare Science. The well-being of the dogs will be evaluated before and after the breeders implement the standards.

"Breeders have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to participate," she said.

The goal of the research is to provide breeders with uniform standards for care and well-being in all states to ensure the quality of life that dogs deserve, said Croney, an associate professor of comparative pathobiology and animal science whose research focuses on the behavior and welfare of animals.

The draft standards take in all areas of health and well-being and address the needs of adult dogs, juvenile dogs and puppies, including dogs' access to food, water and shelter; availability of veterinary and preventative health care; behavioral wellness;

## Every nine minutes, someone in the world dies of rabies

A human death from rabies is a tragic but rare thing in the United States and most developed nations. It's just as tragic but sadly common in parts of the world where some 3 billion people are at risk of being bitten by a rabid dog. More than 59,000 people die of rabies each year because they cannot get the care they need. That's about 1 person dying of rabies every 9 minutes.

Most of these deaths are in Africa and Asia, and nearly half of the victims are children under the age of 15. Many of these lives can be saved if bite victims and healthcare providers know what to do and have what they need—rabies vaccine and immunoglobulin.

"Measures to prevent rabies in people are simple: wash the wound right after you are bitten and get follow-up care and vaccination immediately," said Ryan Wallace, veterinary epidemiologist with CDC. "However, the primary method of prevention, and the more cost-effective intervention in the fight against rabies, is vaccination of domestic pets, particularly dogs."

Yesterday was World Rabies Day, an opportunity for people around the world to learn more about the impact that rabies has on people and animals and what each of us can do to put the world on the path toward eliminating rabies. This year's theme was End Rabies Together, which challenged individuals and organizations to pull together to end the needless suffering and deaths caused by this preventable disease.

The fact that so few people in the United States and other developed nations get rabies shows that the disease can be controlled. Canine rabies has been eliminated in the United States, thanks to routine dog vaccinations and licensing and better control of stray dogs. Since the control of canine rabies in the United States, it has now been recognized that numerous wild animals can be infected with this disease. For that reason, people still must remain aware of the risk of rabies and seek medical care when exposed to wildlife and unusually acting animals.

To combat rabies, CDC works with many partners, including the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), World

Health Organization, Humane Society International, National Association of Public Health Veterinarians, and American Veterinary Medical Association. Together, these partners have made great strides toward eliminating rabies in countries hard hit by rabies.

For example, in Ethiopia, which has reported some of the highest rates of human and animal rabies deaths in the world, a project is under way to control canine rabies through activities such as education, mass dog vaccination clinics, spay/neuter campaigns, establishment of new laboratories to diagnose rabies in dogs, and training to show veterinarians how to safely capture and humanely euthanize dogs suspected of having rabies. CDC and partners are working together to establish the first rabies-free zone in Ethiopia and ultimately end canine rabies in this country.

Progress is also being made in Haiti, one of the last remaining countries in the Americas where rabies infection in dogs is common and many people do not know what to do after they are bitten by a dog.

Free-roaming dogs and a shortage of rabies vaccine are also problems in some areas of the country. The key to preventing rabies deaths is educating people about rabies and controlling canine rabies by testing and vaccinating dogs. Earlier this month, Haiti's Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Public Health worked with CDC and partners to hold rabies control workshops in collaboration with U.S. Army veterinarians as part of the USNS Comfort's scheduled stop at Port-au-Prince. The workshops' intent was to raise awareness about rabies, establish a national rabies task force, enhance teachers' roles in preventing rabies among children, and provide rabies education certification for veterinary professionals. During the USNS Comfort's visit in Haiti, CDC and partners vaccinated about 500 dogs against rabies. The Ministry of Health plans to vaccinate 80,000 dogs over the next few weeks.

This year's World Rabies Day theme, End Rabies Together, encourages individuals, businesses, and organizations around the world to work together to end rabies deaths.

and genetic selection. The research also is addressing ethical issues such as the end of breeding careers and rehoming of animals.

"All animal care policies must be grounded in science as well as ethics and social responsibility," Croney said.

Input from breeders, veterinary practitioners and other experts on canine care, reproductive management and welfare was incorporated into the standards, which have been reviewed by animal welfare experts including Temple Grandin and Bernie Rollin of Colorado State University and James Serpell of the University of Pennsylvania.

Croney said researching the scientific basis for the standards revealed major gaps in the existing scientific literature pertaining to housing and management that affect the welfare of kennel and breeding dogs. The research team therefore prioritized several new areas of study and have begun collecting data with the support of dog breeders who volunteered their facilities for study. That data as well as the final standards are to be released next year.

Meantime, a project summary, table of contents of the standards document and several Purdue Extension publications on dog welfare are available on the Center for Animal Welfare Science's website at <http://vet.purdue.edu/CAWS/engagement.p>

hp. The researchers also will provide periodic updates on the website and at conferences, webinars and other venues.

"The dialogue, constructive feedback and collaboration offered by breeders and animal health and welfare experts and others have greatly facilitated Purdue's capacity to develop scientific and educational approaches needed to advance the welfare of dogs in commercial breeding operations," Croney said. "The research team looks forward to the continuing support and input of the various communities invested in improving dog welfare."

The project, begun last year, is funded by the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Pet Food Institute and World Pet Association and is drawing on the varied expertise of many Purdue researchers and colleagues at other institutions. Additional support is being provided by the Science Fellows program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the USDA-APHIS Center for Animal Welfare.

The Center for Animal Welfare Science, jointly supported by the Purdue Colleges of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, hosts the largest collaborative group of scientists in the U.S. from a variety of related fields working on animal well-being issues.

## More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



An old woman walked up and tied her old mule to the hitching post. As she stood there, brushing some of the dust from her face and clothes, a young gunslinger stepped out of the saloon with a gun in one hand and a bottle of whiskey in the other.

The young gunslinger looked at the old woman and laughed, "Hey old woman, have you ever danced?"

The old woman looked up at the gunslinger and said, "No, I never did dance... never really wanted to."

A crowd had gathered as the gunslinger grinned and said "Well, you old bag, you're gonna dance now." and started shooting at the old woman's feet.

The old woman prospector -- not wanting to get her toe blown off -- started hopping around. Everybody was laughing. When his last bullet had been fired, the young gunslinger, still laughing, holstered his gun and turned around to go back into the saloon.

The old woman turned to her pack mule, pulled out a double-barreled shotgun, and cocked both hammers. The loud clicks carried clearly through the desert air, and the crowd stopped laughing immediately.

The young gunslinger heard the sounds too, and he turned around very slowly. The silence was almost deafening. The crowd watched as the young gunman stared at the old woman and the large gaping holes of those twin barrels.

The barrels of the shotgun never wavered in the old woman's hands, as she quietly said, "Son, have you ever kissed a mule's butt?"

The gunslinger swallowed hard and said, "No ma'am... but I've always wanted to."

THERE ARE FIVE LESSONS HERE FOR ALL OF US:

- 1 - Never be arrogant.
- 2 - Don't waste ammunition.
- 3 - Whiskey makes you think you're smarter than you are.
- 4 - Always make sure you know who has the power.
- 5 - Don't mess with old women; they didn't get old by being stupid.

n't get old by being stupid.

### RANDOM THOUGHTS

1. (for Courtney and Josh) Everyone is like, "If I was rich, I'd buy designer clothes, a new car, and diamonds." and I'm over here like, "I'd buy a sanctuary and rescue animals."

2. I may be crazy but crazy is better than stupid.

3. A yawn is a silent scream for coffee.

4. Be a reflection of what you'd like to receive. If you want love, give love. If you want truth, be truthful. What you give out will always return.

5. It is a scientifically proven fact that people who have more birthdays live longer.

6. If you love someone, set them free. If they come back, it means nobody liked them. Set them free again.

7. I could be a morning person if morning happened around noon.

8. I'm a grown woman. I don't take naps, I take horizontal life pauses.

9. Just once I would like to read a medication label that says: WARNING: may cause permanent weight loss, remove wrinkles, and increase energy.

10. When I grow up, I want to be Betty White.

11. Losing weight doesn't seem to be working so I'm going to concentrate on getting taller.

12. To my children: Never make fun of having to help me with computer stuff. I taught you how to use a spoon.

13. Never ask a woman who is eating ice cream straight from the carton how she's doing.

14. A best friend is someone who loves you when you forgot to love yourself.

15. To be happy is not the real purpose in life. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.

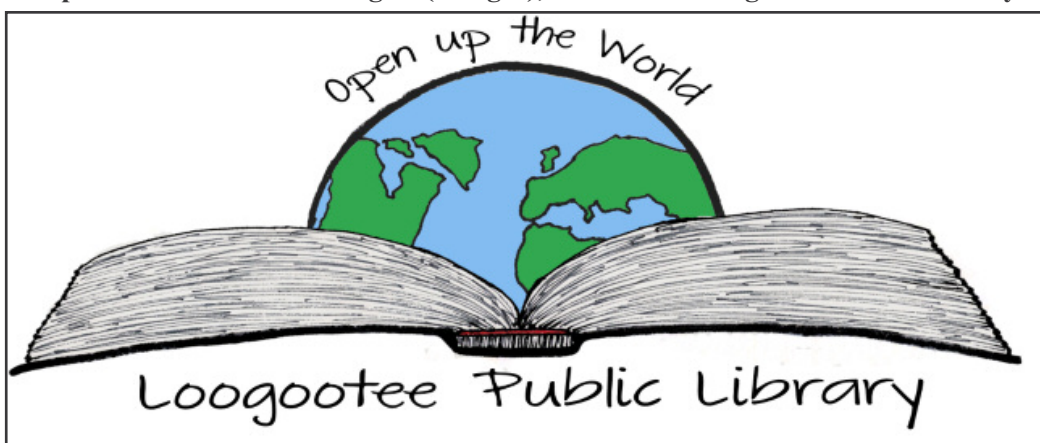
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## Book donation

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Shown above is Judy Treffinger (at left), Loogootee Woman's Club, who recently purchased a copy of "Alaska by Cruise Ship" travel guide in memory of Sue Strange and presented it to Darla Wagler (at right), Director of Loogootee Public Library.



BY DARLA WAGLER  
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

I received the November Consumer Reports magazine today in the mail and the cover story was about scams targeting senior citizens and how they lose \$3 billion a year to scam artists. What? I bet you are thinking who would fall for these scams and don't they pay attention to the news. The truth is the scam artists are really good at what they do focusing on the emotional appeal (claiming to be a grandson in an accident and needing money), fear (this is the IRS and you need to pay back taxes or they will take everything), lottery and sweepstakes winner (you are a winner but you need to send \$1,000 to get \$100,000), and so much more. I received the scam about the IRS taking all my assets because of owing back taxes. I knew it was a scam but when I replayed the voice mail I had to remind myself that it was a scam and that our taxes have been filed every year and the IRS would send letters with official letterhead to inform me not a message left on my answering machine. I will be searching for an attorney or someone from the Indiana State Police that do scam awareness programs and will provide scam awareness programs in the future.

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### 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.

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### 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.

### 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 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, email [mchs@frontier.com](mailto:mchs@frontier.com).

### Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Shoals Public Library. The public 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.

# Purdue study: Climate change consensus extends beyond climate scientists

BY NATALIE VAN HOOSE  
Purdue University News Service

A Purdue University-led survey of nearly 700 scientists from non-climate disciplines shows that more than 90 percent believe that average global temperatures are higher than pre-1800s levels and that human activity has significantly contributed to the rise.

The study is the first to show that consensus on human-caused climate change extends beyond climate scientists to the broader scientific community, said Linda Prokopy, a professor of natural resource social science.

“Our survey indicates that an overwhelming majority of scientists across disciplines believe in anthropogenic climate change, are highly certain of these beliefs and find climate science to be credible,” Prokopy said. “Our results also suggest that scientists who are climate change skeptics are well in the minority.”

Previous studies have shown that about 97 percent of actively publishing climate scientists believe in human-caused climate change, and a review of scientific literature on the existence of climate change indicated that about 97 percent of studies affirm climate change is happening.

However, no direct surveys had assessed whether the general agreement on the impact of human activities on the Earth’s climate extended to scientists in other disciplines.

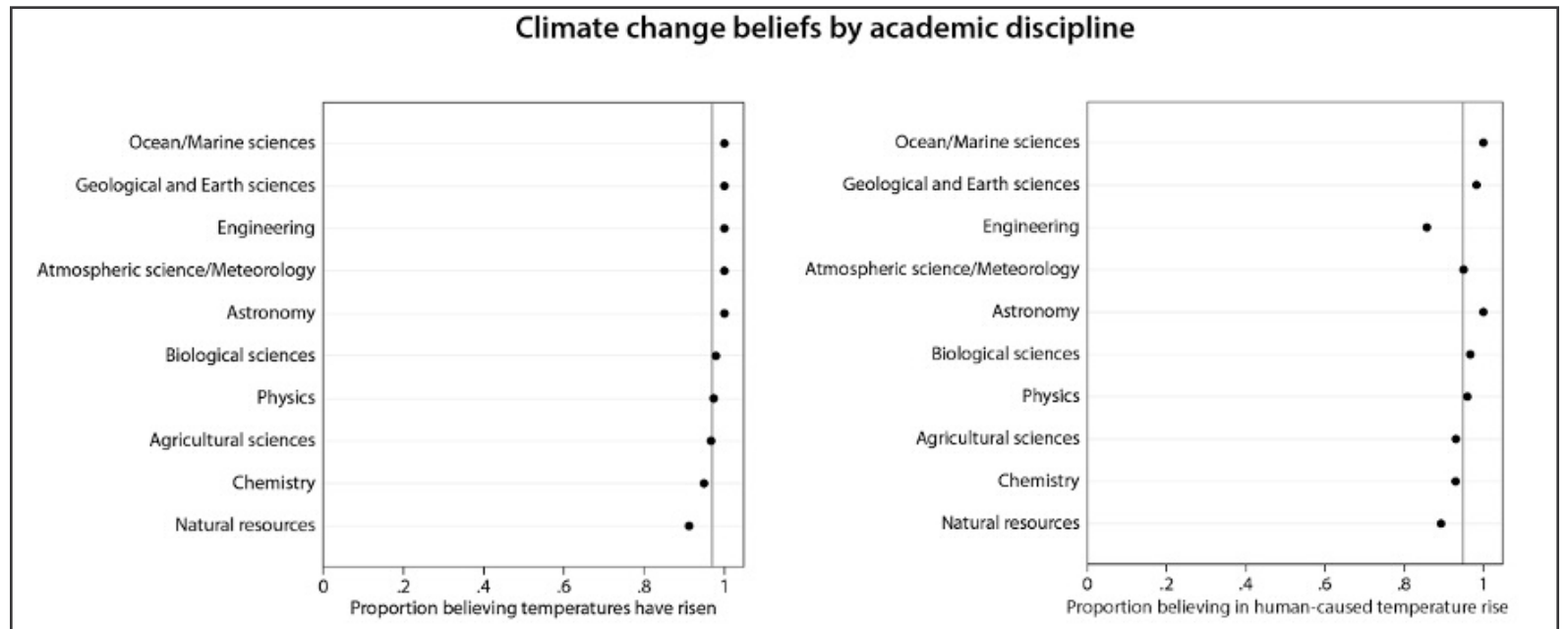
Prokopy and fellow researchers conducted a 2014 survey of scientists from more than 10 non-climate disciplines at Big Ten universities to determine the relative prevalence of belief in, and skepticism of, climate change in the scientific community.

Of 698 respondents, about 94 percent said they believe average global temperatures have “generally risen” compared with pre-1800 levels, and 92 percent said they believe “human activity is a significant contributing factor in changing mean global temperatures.”

Nearly 79 percent said they “strongly agree” and about 15 percent “moderately agree” that climate science is credible. About 64 percent said climate science is a mature science compared with their own field, and about 63 percent rated climate science as “about equally trustworthy” compared to their discipline.

Disagreement about climate change is rarely a simple dispute about facts, Prokopy said. People’s interpretation of information can also be influenced by their cultural and political values, worldview, and personal identity. Prokopy’s research team found that division over climate change was linked to disagreement over science - such as the potential effects of carbon dioxide on the Earth’s climate - but also differing cultural and political values, which the survey gauged in a section of questions on respondents’ general worldviews.

While cultural values did not appear to influence scientists as much as previous studies have shown they influence the general public on a variety of issues, including climate



This figure shows the proportion of Big Ten university scientists, sorted by academic discipline, who said they believe average global temperatures have risen from pre-1800s levels (left) and that human activity has significantly contributed to the rise (right). The vertical line represents the average. (Environmental Research Letters image/J. Stuart Carlton)

change, the survey indicated that “when it comes to climate change, scientists are people, too,” said lead author Stuart Carlton, a former postdoctoral research assistant in Prokopy’s lab.

“While our study shows that a large majority of scientists believe in human-caused climate change, it also shows that their beliefs are influenced by the same types of things that influence the beliefs of regular people: cultural values, political ideologies and personal identity,” he said.

Prokopy said she was “quite surprised to find cultural values influencing scientists as much as they are. This shows how strong these values are and how hard they are to change.”

Respondents’ certainty in their beliefs on climate change appeared to be linked to the source of their climate information. Certainty was correlated to how much of respondents’ climate information came from scientific literature or mainstream media, Prokopy said. The more respondents relied on scientific studies for information on climate change, the greater their certainty that human activity is causing the Earth’s temperatures to rise.

“Climate literature is very compelling and convincing,” she said. “Scientists are not fabricating their data.”

Nearly 60 percent of those who believe in climate change said they were “extremely sure” and about 31 percent said they were “very sure” average global temperatures have risen. Respondents who said they believe global temperatures have fallen or remained constant were “significantly less certain” in their beliefs, Prokopy said.

Carlton said the tendency of some media to portray climate change as more controversial among scientists than it actually is could decrease people’s certainty in whether climate change is occurring and its potential causes.

“The media probably do this for good reasons: They want to give each side of a story to try to be balanced,” said Carlton, now the

healthy coastal ecosystems and social science specialist at Texas Sea Grant. “However, our study shows that there is very little disagreement among climate scientists or other scientists about the existence of climate change or the quality of climate science as a discipline. There are important questions about what we should do about climate change, but those are policy controversies, not science controversies.”

The survey results did not reveal many strikingly different responses by discipline, Prokopy said, though among the fields of study represented, natural resource scientists showed the highest amount of skepticism that global temperatures have risen.

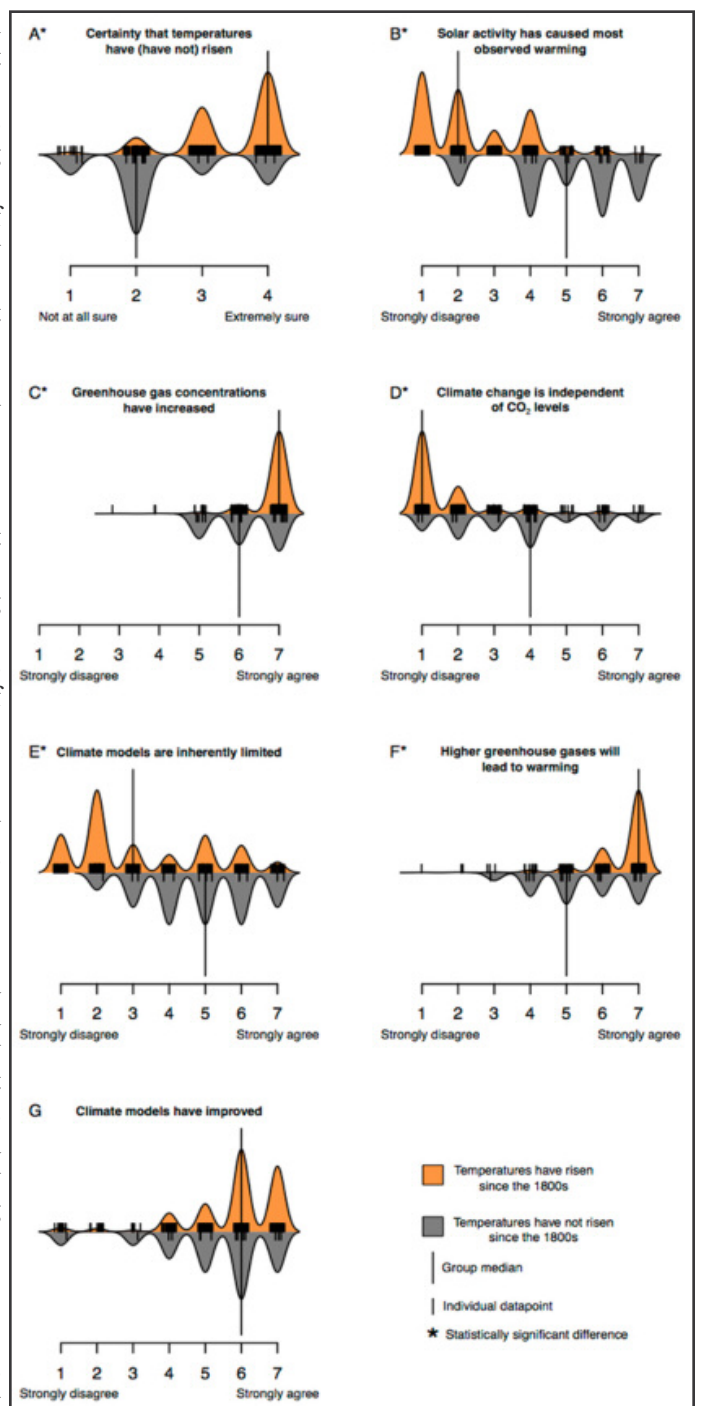
Respondents across disciplines nearly unanimously agreed that climate science is credible, but views on its maturity and trustworthiness compared with their own discipline varied. Physicists and chemists, for example, rated climate science as a highly credible discipline but gave it lower marks in trustworthiness and overall maturity compared with their own fields. Prokopy said this was “not surprising given that physics and chemistry are some of the oldest, most established scientific disciplines.”

While previous studies showed that many prominent climate science skeptics were physicists, Carlton said this survey did not show similar evidence.

“The proportion of physicists and chemists who believed in climate change was right around average.”

The paper was published Thursday, September 24 in Environmental Research Letters and is available at <http://iopscience.iop.org/1748-9326/10/9/094025>.

The Purdue Climate Change Research



These beanplots show climate change beliefs among nonclimate scientists who do or do not believe that average global temperatures have risen since the 1850s. The width and shape of the beanplots represent kernel density estimates for the distribution of responses. The thin, vertical black lines represent individual responses, which were jittered to improve clarity. The vertical lines represent the medians. (Environmental Research Letters image/J. Stuart Carlton)

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# ~LETTER TO THE EDITOR~

## 'A heartfelt thank you'

To the editor of the *Martin County Journal*,

Last week, I had the privilege of attending a non-profit roundtable where we shared information about services available to Martin County residents. As I looked around the table and thought about the people in the room and what they do, I was struck by the spirit of service they embody.

And I thought about all the help the community has supplied to SOAR as we became an independent organization. And I thought about what it takes to keep SOAR operational.

On the last day of literacy month instead of writing an article, I want to write a thank you.

Thank you to everyone who believed SOAR was not only needed, but that it could succeed in this community. Thank you to everyone who worked to make this happen.

Thank you to all tutors who work tirelessly to ensure their lessons match with their adult learners needs and find ways to make the lessons relevant to their lives.

Thank you to all donors - all of you who provide time, supplies, equipment, materials, dollars - and to those of you who help us keep our expenses to an absolute minimum so that all donations can be used to further literacy in the community.

Thank you for the big and little things that make it all work: those who will load their

## Guest column: DeSilva on Pope Francis visit

BY JENNIFER DESILVA  
Professor at Ball State University

In the evening of March 13, 2013, after the College of Cardinals elected Pope Francis, he appeared on the balcony to speak to the thousands collected in St. Peter's Square, and millions watched and listened to broadcasts from afar. He spoke plainly and briefly, but his words prepared the world for his future actions, his political and social campaigns, and his arrival Tuesday, September 22 in the United States as part of his Love is Our Mission tour.

The cardinals went to the ends of the earth to choose a pope: Their candidate understood the poverty, violence and instability that seemed so far from the Vatican. He would bring those concerns to the forefront of discussion and mobilize the world.

Francis urged his audience: "Let us pray for the whole world that there might be a great sense of brotherhood." This signaled his intent to tear down boundaries and create conversations between people who previously had been opponents. Unlike his recent predecessors, Francis appears eager to embrace diversity as a simple fact of modern life and a source of strength.

Finally, Francis asked the world - not just Catholics - to pray for him. What might have seemed to be a religious gesture was the pope's way of bringing all of us inside. The balcony speech set the stage for everyone to be "men and women of goodwill" through personal actions in our own communities and through politics on the world stage.

cars with books and haul them to schools and events, those who make copies of student materials, those who display our posters, those who hand out bookmarks, those who share and like Facebook posts so that more people will see them, those who give encouraging words when we hit a brick wall, those who unlock doors so that tutors have rooms to meet their students, those who encourage others to contact SOAR, those who lead and assist with our childhood and elementary programs, those who publish our articles and pictures, those who staff our booths at community events, those who will listen to me when I get carried away when talking about our mission!

You know who you are, and I hope you know how vital you are to SOAR. Little actions make big things happen. We can fill our bucket drop by drop.

Thank you. I am so privileged to have the opportunity to work with you and learn from you.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly McIntosh

Program Director, Martin County SOAR

While Francis' arrival in the United States occurs in the run-up to the next presidential election, at any other time his message would not likely have changed.

Americans of all faiths have an opportunity to show real leadership. "Love thy neighbor" is a nonpartisan and concrete platform for change that gets to the heart of Francis' pontificate.



At every point during the pope's visit to the Americas, he has emphasized the importance of regular people and politicians working to improve the daily life and opportunities for low-income and vulnerable people.

This message is not aimed just at religious folk. Nurturing workers makes excellent sense amid debates over the future of the world's largest economy and how it will support the growing population of pensioners. Finding a place for marginalized or disillusioned citizens in communities that support diversity is the key to healing a wounded nation. The United States has the resources, the manpower and the clout to lead by example. When Pope Francis speaks of a mission of love, he hopes that we will respond with acts of kindness and policies that embrace the "huddled masses" both within our borders and beyond.

*Jennifer DeSilva is a history professor at Ball State. Her research focuses on issues of authority, reform and identity building in early modern Europe. She has published on the interactions between clerical and lay populations, visions of ecclesiastical reform and the use of sacred space in communities.*



BY LARRY DEBOER  
Professor at Purdue University

Indiana's Economy: What Have We Got, and How's It Been Doing?

The gross domestic product of the whole United States gets the headlines. But the good old U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis calculates GDP for each state, too. They add up the dollar value of cars, restaurant meals, doctor visits and all the other goods and services produced in Indiana by multiplying the amount produced by the selling price. For year-to-year comparisons they subtract out inflation. You can spend many happy hours on the Regional section of their website at [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov).

Adjusted for inflation, Indiana's GDP grew 9.8 percent from 2009 to 2014, just a little less than the U.S. rate of 10.1 percent. That's modest growth, but Indiana has kept up since the recession ended. A neat way to figure out how is to multiply the share that each industry has in the total economy by the industry's growth rate since 2009. That gives the contribution of each industry to total growth.

In other words, what have we got, and how's it been doing? Let's go down the BEA's list of industries:

Drive almost anywhere in rural Indiana and you'll see a whole lot of corn and soybeans. Indiana has about 50 percent more agricultural production per person than the U.S. average. But GDP is selling price times quantity, and compared with manufactured goods, corn and beans don't cost very much. It takes about 30 acres of corn to match the value of one Lafayette-built Subaru Legacy. Ag is important, but it just doesn't add up in the GDP accounts.

Construction hasn't added much, either. Indiana has about as much construction activity as the U.S., but it hasn't been growing anywhere since the end of the recession. Mining has added half a point to U.S. growth since 2009, with all that oil in Texas and North Dakota. Indiana doesn't have much oil, and you can't do anything about that.

That brings us to manufacturing. Manufacturing has contributed 5.8 points to Indiana's 9.8 percent total growth. It's been growing fast, about double the growth in the whole country, and Indiana has a lot of

it. Almost 30 percent of Indiana GDP comes from manufacturing, mostly in the "motor vehicles" and "primary metals" categories. You know, cars and steel.

Indiana's economy has always been big in cars and steel, and we still are. We're the most manufacturing-intensive economy in the United States, first among the states in manufacturing share of GDP. Number two used to be either Michigan or Wisconsin, but not anymore. In 2014 it's Oregon, which has seen its computer parts manufacturing grow tenfold since the early 2000s. Intel has a lot of new factories there.

Indiana has a bigger share of transportation and warehousing, too. It's a much smaller deal than manufacturing at 3.3 percent of our economy, but that's more than the 2.8 percent share in the U.S. You will not be surprised that it's mostly truck transportation, a result of Indiana's central location and all those interstates. Transportation has added about half a point to Indiana GDP growth since 2009, a little more than in the U.S.

We've got a bit less wholesale and retail trade, and Indiana's is growing more slowly. That might be the result of slower population growth.

Now comes a series of service industries. Indiana lags in most of them. We've got 40 percent less per-person production in information, finance and professional services than the country has. Those industries have contributed four points to U.S. growth since 2009, but only 1.5 points in Indiana.

Last on the BEA's list is government. The federal government is less important in Indiana GDP, but then the U.S. includes the District of Columbia and all those southern military bases, so that's no surprise.

Indiana has made efforts to reduce the size of its state and local governments, and that shows up in GDP accounting. The per-person cost of our state and local employees, buildings and equipment is about a quarter less than in the U.S., and it has decreased since 2009. Indiana government is small and getting smaller.

What have we got, and how's it been doing? Mostly, we've got manufacturing, and since 2009 it's been doing really well. Even after all these years, what happens in cars and steel is what happens in Indiana.

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## Second Gallup-Purdue Index asks: Is college worth the cost?

BY CHARLIE HENRY  
Purdue University News Service

The second national Gallup-Purdue Index identified stark differences in graduates of public, private and for-profit colleges when asked if their degree was worth the cost and raised questions across all institutions about the value of a college degree.

The survey also found student loan debt had a significant impact on respondents' post-graduation plans and confirmed 2014 survey results that highlight the importance of supportive relationships between professors and students and the value of internships and other work experiences.

Released Tuesday, September 29, the second annual Gallup-Purdue Index (GPI) is a comprehensive national study of more than 60,000 college graduates over two years conducted by Gallup in partnership with Purdue University and Lumina Foundation. The survey was launched last year as a response to the call for increased accountability in higher education and does not serve as a ranking or rating system. The first-of-its-kind study will be released annually through 2018.

This year's GPI shows that almost two-thirds (63 percent) of alumni who graduated from 2006-2015 say they used student loans to help finance their education. Among those who borrowed, the median loan was \$30,000.

In the face of mounting debt, only half of all alumni (50 percent) "strongly agree" their university education was worth the cost. This figure varies only slightly between alumni of public universities (52 percent) and alumni of private nonprofit universities (47 percent), but it drops sharply to 26 percent among graduates of private for-profit universities, who also were more likely to have taken on higher levels of student loan debt.

"Given that higher education has become one of the largest financial investments a person will make over their lifetime, it's a bit alarming that only half of all graduates strongly agree their education was worth the cost," said Brandon Busted, Gallup's executive director for education and workforce development. "Clearly, we all need to work harder on improving quality and reducing cost as much as possible."

Nearly half of recent graduates who incurred any amount of student loan debt reported postponing further training or postgraduate education because of those loans. A third or more have delayed purchasing a house or a car because of debt, and nearly one in five have put off starting their own business. Each of these figures rises significantly among those with a debt burden of \$25,001 or higher.

"The GPI continues to highlight deficiencies on which we in higher education should be focused," said Purdue President Mitch Daniels. "This year's results serve as another reminder that student loan debt can be a significant obstacle to a student's future success — and, in some cases, a long-term handicap."

Recent graduates with a debt burden of \$25,001 or more are almost twice as likely to strongly agree that their education was worth the cost if they recall supportive relationships with professors and mentors. And recent graduates with high debt are also less likely to put off continuing their education or starting a business because of student loans if they strongly agree they had supportive relationships in college.

The survey found only a loose correlation between universities' U.S. News & World Report rankings and perceptions among their recent graduates that their education was worth the cost.

"We've said before that it's not where you go to college but how you go to college that matters," Daniels said. "Students get out what they put in, and they can get an excellent education at a wide variety of institutions across the country. As the study

shows, their experience is determined much more by the relationships they build with mentors and the success they are able to achieve via their work on campus or abroad."

Recent graduates who strongly agree with any of three items measuring supportive relationships with professors or mentors were almost twice as likely to strongly agree that their education was worth the cost.

These relationships hold even when controlling for personality characteristics and other variables, such as student loan debt and employment status, that could also be related to graduates' perceptions that college was worth it.

If recent graduates strongly agree that they had any of three experiential learning opportunities — an internship related to their studies, active involvement in extracurricular activities or a project that took a semester or more to complete — their likelihood to strongly agree that their education was worth the cost increases 1.5 times.

"The Gallup-Purdue Index continues to reinforce the importance of the outcomes of higher education," said Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO of Lumina Foundation. "In our quest to increase college attainment and meet the growing need for talent in the United States, we must produce graduates who are able to thrive both professionally and personally. The GPI provides critical new data and information on the factors that drive these outcomes."

The current GPI results reaffirm the importance to undergraduates of supportive relationships with professors and mentors. If employed graduates strongly agreed that they had professors who cared about them, they had at least one professor who made them excited about learning and they had a mentor who encouraged them to pursue their goals and dreams, their odds of being emotionally engaged at work nearly double.

The results from the initial GPI national survey were released in May 2014. Besides the findings about student engagement with faculty mentors, the index also reported there is no difference in workplace engagement or a college graduate's well-being if they attended a public or private not-for-profit institution, a highly selective institution, or a top 100-ranked school in U.S. News & World Report. It also outlined the relationship between the level of student debt and a graduate's well-being and entrepreneurial experience.

For more on the GPI, visit [purdue.edu/gallup](http://purdue.edu/gallup).

### VU Alumni & Friends Travel Program offers

Christmas shopping in Chicago and experiencing Canada are two travel opportunities offered by the Vincennes University VU Alumni & Friends Travel Program.

Shop 'til You Drop is an overnight trip on December 5-6. Lodging is at the Double-Tree Hotel, just one block off Michigan Avenue. The cost is based on room occupancy - single, double, triple, and quadruple. The deadline to make a reservation is October 30.

Experience Canada June 18-25 and tour Montreal, Quebec City, and Ottawa. The cost includes motorcoach transportation, 12 meals, guided tours of the World Famous Montreal Tower, Montmorency Falls, Notre Dame Basilica, Montreal's Underground City, and more. Seating is limited and a passport is required. The deadline for reservations is April 6.

To make a reservation, or for more information, call 812-888-4354 or 800-945-ALUM. Or visit the VU Foundation and Alumni Association in the Dayson Center, located at the corner of Third Street and College Avenue.



### First deer

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Kaitlyn Bruner, eighth grader at Loogootee Junior High, shot her first-ever deer last Saturday morning, on the first day of youth deer season. The buck was a six pointer and weighed 145 pounds. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Pat and Michelle Bruner.

### U.S. Department of Education awards \$8.9 million to evaluate analytics-based advising for low-income and first-generation college students

The U.S. Department of Education announced that Purdue University, as a member of the University Innovation Alliance (UIA) was selected as one of the winners in its First in the World competition to encourage innovation among institutions of higher education. Purdue and its 10 UIA partners will use the \$8.9 million award to conduct a four-year research study, evaluating the effectiveness of advising in increasing retention, progression, and graduation rates for low-income and first-generation students.

"Today, more institutions are turning to data and analytics to help personalize advising and identify struggling students before they get too far off track," said Bridget Burns, UIA executive director. "Our mission is to test new ideas, understand what works and scale effective innovations across the country to ensure that more students have the supports they need to complete college. The First in the Word grant will enable us to study the work already taking place at our 11 institutions, and test best practices using data analytics that we can share with and beyond the Alliance."

The project will study 10,000 students who are exposed to an intensive menu of proactive, analytics-based advising interventions at the UIA universities. Through quantitative and qualitative research and analysis, the study will examine the benefits, especially for at-risk students, of introducing systematic, proactive advising.

"Purdue joins our fellow alliance members in a strong commitment to enhancing both affordability and accessibility to higher education," Purdue President Mitch Daniels said. "This important initiative will ultimately help us find a way to make sure the promise of higher education is attainable for low-income and first-generation students."

Frank Dooley, Purdue's vice provost for teaching and learning, said the collaborative approach of the study will aid universities in finding more proactive ways to ensure stu-

dents receive the support they need to be successful.

"This study will help us use technology and targeted personal interactions more effectively," Dooley said. "If we successfully identify students who need assistance and provide meaningful aid, we can increase their opportunities not only for college success, but for success after graduation, as well."

"This grant illustrates why the Alliance is so important. Over the next four years, our 11 institutions will produce groundbreaking evidence illustrating the impact of predictive analytics on student success that will have national significance," said Dr. Tim Renick, vice president for enrollment and project lead at Georgia State University.

As part of the study, students at each of the 11 universities will be selected by random assignment and will receive, in addition to advising services typically offered, (a) intensive, proactive advisement to help them establish individualized academic maps, (b) real-time alerts prompted by a system of analytics-based tracking when they may be struggling, and (c) timely, targeted advising interventions to get them back on the appropriate academic path.

Launched just one year ago, the UIA is a consortium of public research universities established to help more students from all socioeconomic backgrounds graduate from college. This year, all institutions are implementing or scaling the use of data analytics and advising to improve student retention and college completion.

The University Innovation Alliance includes: Arizona State University, Georgia State University (project lead), Iowa State University, Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Oregon State University, Purdue University, University of California, Riverside, University of Central Florida, University of Kansas, and University of Texas at Austin