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Republicans sweep Martin County election

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

If you have a “D” next to your name in Martin County, your chances of getting elected have become quite slim. Martin County Republicans won every contested local race last night, November 3. They won every contested race but one in the General Election four years ago.

Cathy Evans (R) will be the new Martin County Coroner, defeating incumbent Tina Franklin (D) 3,529 to 1,506.

The Martin County Council will have one new member, Adam Greene (R), while long-time council member Richard Summers didn’t make the cut. The final tallies were Adam Greene 3,471, Warren Albright 2,552, Keith Gibson 2,166, Richard Summers 1,754 and Jim Woody 1,435. Three seats were open and Greene will join Albright and Gibson who already serve on the council.

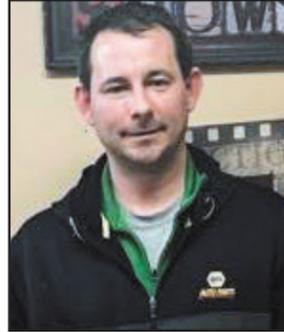
Aaron Summers (R) held onto his commissioners’ district 3 seat defeating Mike Dant 3,536 to 1,459. Summers was appointed to the seat last year when Dan Gregory resigned. Cody Roush (R) defeated incumbent Kevin Boyd (R) in the Primary, becoming a newcomer on the



CATHY EVANS



ADAM GREENE



AARON SUMMERS

board starting in January.

5,193 Martin County residents cast their ballot in this election, up from 4,945 four years ago. 2,114 ballot were cast prior to election day, with 641 of them mailed in and 1,473 cast in person at the courthouse. In the 2016 General Election, 1,409 early votes were cast. Martin County had around a 70 percent voter turnout.

1,220 residents voted straight-party Republican, 284 voted straight-party Democrat, and 30 voted straight-party Libertarian.

In Martin County, Donald Trump received 4,029 votes, Joe Biden received 1,011 and Jo Jorgensen received 104.

There were also 11 voters who wrote in a candidate.

Current governor of Indiana Eric Holcomb received 3,232 votes from Martin County residents, Libertarian Donald Rainwater received 1,177 and Democrat candidate Woody Myers received 709 votes.

In the district 62 state representative race, Jeff Ellington (R) received 1,151 votes in Martin County and Alyssa Bailey (D) received 384. In the district 63 race, Shane Lindauer (R) received 2,634 votes from Martin County residents and Teresa Kendall (D) received 814.

Martin County voters voted yes on all the judges up for retention by more than a 2-1 margin.

Click [here](#) to see the full Martin County election results.

Auditor gives presentation to council on raise justification

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Auditor Bobbie Abel gave a presentation to the Martin County Council at their meeting Monday night, November 2, about pay raises for herself and her staff. This issue has been brought up before, causing strife with other department heads. The raises stem from budget hearings when the Martin County Commissioners included a \$7,500 raise for the auditor and her two full-time employees. The county council cut those raises to \$4,500. This prompted department heads, including the treasurer, recorder, assessor and clerk to speak out against the auditor’s office receiving raises and not all departments.

On Monday night, Auditor Abel told the council that she has been unable to give a presentation on the justification for the raises and requested to do so.

“Why are we doing this again?” asked Council Member Buck Stiles.

Auditor Abel replied that she hasn’t been able to present her case to the council, like the sheriff’s department and community corrections have.

Council Member Stiles replied that she has.

Abel replied that she hasn’t, not in a public meeting. Stiles said she did it at the last council meeting.

“No, we haven’t sir,” she replied.

Abel asked the rest of the council if they were okay with her continuing with her presentation. “If you would like me to sit down, I will sit down,” she said adding that she would like to receive the same respect as other offices when they have come before the council for salary increases.



Legion to host events in honor of Veterans Day

BY PHIL TODD
American Legion Post 120

In 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the fighting stopped, and the world rejoiced as the armistice was signed to end World War I. Although this was supposed to be the “war that ended all wars” obviously this was not the case. The United States still has military men and women enduring conflicts and danger around the globe, and many full time and reserve component service men and women are on the front line to attempt to curtail COVID-19 spread.

On November 11, we continue to remember and honor veterans of all wars, and to keep alive their legacy of victory. (See ‘VETERANS’ on page 2)



In the front row, from left to right, are Makenie VanHoy, Sara Street, Jaelyn Walker and Asia Crim. In the second row, from left to right, are Haylie Mathies, Brooklyn Summers, Grace Lingenfelter, Jocelyn Strange, Kyleigh Courter, and Lindsay Nolan. In the third row, are Kylie VanHoy, Abby Fuhrman, Mallorie Sutton and Madison McAtee. In the back row are student managers Karoline Tedrow, Olivia Dant and Shaelyn Arthur. Not pictured is Sydnee Wittmer.

Lady Lions moving on to State Championship

The Loogootee Lady Lions Volleyball team defeated Hauser last Saturday in Jasper to claim the 2020 Class 1A Semi-State Championship. The girls pulled off the win in three sets, 25-19, 25-21, and 25-21. They stand at 31-5 on the season as they face Pioneer (29-3) this Saturday at Ball State University in Muncie. The match starts at 10:35 a.m.

Against Hauser, Makenzie VanHoy led in assists with 22 and also in points with 10. She also finished with seven kills and 10 digs. Kylie VanHoy had a team-high 14 kills and also contributed six blocks and 14 assists. Jocelyn Strange led in digs with 17 and also had seven points. Asia Crim finished with seven points and 14 digs. Jocelyn Strange contributed seven points and Jaelyn Walker and Haylie Mathies each had six kills.

Tickets for the state championship can be purchased at <https://gofan.co/app/events/128174>. A total of 750 tickets have been reserved for Loogootee fans. The game can also be watched on Fox Sports Indiana or online at www.ihsaatv.org.

COUNCIL

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in the courthouse matters as no other department is trying to get more pay. She said that each department has to work together, as with pieces of a puzzle. She added that giving a huge raise to one department makes working together very difficult. She said that \$4,500 per employee is a lot on top of the two percent raise the council approved for next year.

VETERANS

(Continued from page one)

ry and their dream of a free and peaceful world. We remember those from WW2, Korea, Vietnam, Operation Just Cause (Panama), Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada), the Gulf War, NATO duty in Bosnia and Albania, and the continuing fight against terrorism on our shores and around the world. Although Veterans Day is to honor surviving veterans, the American Legion also remembers and honors those deceased veterans of all branches of service.

To honor all veterans of all wars, and especially the veterans of immediate families and the community, the American Legion Post 120 will conduct services on the square in Loogootee at 11 a.m., November 11, followed by an open house with light lunch and short program at the Post. Anyone who is a veteran, is a relative of a veteran, or knows a veteran is welcome to attend the ceremony on the square and to visit the local Legion Post. If you can't make this program or other programs in the surrounding area, at least take a few minutes to thank about the sacrifices these veterans gave and give thanks for the freedoms and peace we enjoy now.

Prior service members who spent time on active duty of any branch of service, both full time and Reservists/National Guard, are welcome to join the American Legion. The Legion, with the motto "veterans helping veterans", along with other service organizations, is working to assist homeless and deprived veterans, working to help veterans find employment and good housing, and urging Congress to fund research to seek a solution to the suicide issue so prevalent in today's veterans.

"It's just not right," she said.

Council Member Bowling said she has no doubt that the other offices work hard but said to Carrico that she heard there is a child in the treasurer's office every day. Carrico replied that yes, her daughter stays in her office and due to COVID, they are being careful about having her in daycare. She said she is working from home as much as possible but that is not always feasible.

Council Member Randy Winger said he would like to take more time to analyze each office. He said there may be other departments in similar situations as the auditor's office. He noted that the auditor's office is the only one, in all the years he's been an elected official, that has constant turnover. "I know what the auditor's office goes through due to the work," he said.

Auditor Abel told the council that she originally wanted to just hire an additional full-time employee but she felt that would cost the county too much - \$45,000-\$50,000 with benefits.

Council Member Richard Summers questioned whether they could give the auditor's office employees a bonus or stipend, like they did with the sheriff's department.

Winger replied that he wasn't sure he wanted to go that route. He said again that he would like to take time to sit down and really look at the work being done in each office.

Summers agreed that they need more time. He said he's been in the auditor's office many times and day in and day out they are constantly working. He added that one office should be bashing the other offices either, as he has seen and heard recently.

Discussion ensued about approving the budget versus approving the salary and wage ordinance. The auditor said one is not related to the other. She said the salary and wage ordinance is carved in stone after approved but the budget is an estimate. The budget may change as the year progresses.

Council Member McFeaters said she is aware that the auditor's office has taken on a lot more tasks than in the past. She said she is most impressed with the start

of the risk management program, related to workman's compensation, that has saved the county \$100,000.

Council Member Bowling said she still feels adding another position to do human resources makes the most sense. Council Member Summers said that paying a full-time person would be much more money than Abel requested but it would lessen the workload for the auditor's office.

The council decided to leave the salaries alone with the two percent raise for regular full-time employees and a 25-cent raise for elected officials, as previously agreed on. They said they can discuss possibly hiring an outside analyst to go through each office and see what duties they have.

In other business, Auditor Abel said that the state board of accounts recently changed the policy regarding the auditor's office collecting fees. She said customers used to have to go to the treasurer's office to pay for sales disclosures, deeds, plat maps, etc. and then come back to the auditor's office to finish the transaction. The state has changed that rule and now the auditor's office can collect the money. She asked for the council's approval to allow her to write a check for \$50 for change in her office. The council gave her the go-ahead.

The council approved the following additional appropriation requests:

- \$5,000 transfer for the community corrections department for equipment
- \$21,500 for the sheriff's department

for employee bonuses from the general fund

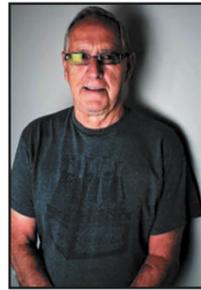
-\$3,800 for the sheriff's department employee bonuses from the 911 fund

-\$60,000 for upgrades to the 911 system at the jail from the 911 fund

The council approved Adam Graber to fill their appointment on the new tourism board associated with the recently implemented innkeepers' tax.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who voted for me in the



General Election for County Council at Large.

Even though I didn't make it in this time,

I appreciate everyone who has supported me these past several years. It was truly an honor to serve as your councilman.

-Rich Summers

-Paid for by Richard Summers

Due to circumstances beyond my control, the "Main Street Closet/Clothes & More" store is no longer in business at Shoals. After negotiations were unable to be reached, I decided to close the store. And, with my recent back surgery, I had to rely on others to remove most of my inventory. Although my request for electricity was denied in order to remove the registered business name, I'm assuming the building owner will have it removed in order to clear up any confusion at this location. I also want to thank everyone for their calls, emails and concerns. They are greatly appreciated and I will announce the new location soon.

As always, feel free to call me if you have questions or donations.

Sincerely,
Alice Jones

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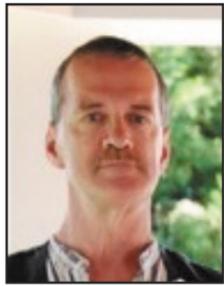
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OBITUARIES

RICHARD CRANEY

Richard E. Craney passed away Thursday, October 29 at home. A resident of Jasper, he was 65.



RICHARD CRANEY

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; two step-sons, Wade (Angela) Buechlein and Clint (Katherine) Buechlein; three grandchildren, two brothers, Larry (Toni) Craney and Jerry (Sue) Craney,

and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Jenny Craney.

Due to the virus, there will be no visitation, but a celebration of life at a later date.

Simple Cremation Evansville is entrusted with care.

CHERILYN BLAND

Cherilyn Sue Bland passed away Tuesday October 27, 2020 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 72.

She was born July 8, 1948; the daughter of Henry and Katie Stoll.



CHERILYN BLAND

Cherilyn was preceded in death by her husband, John Bland; her parents, Henry and Katie (Kemp) Stoll; her brother, Frank Christenberry; and her sister, Marilyn England.

She loved to talk and chat with her friends and family. Cherilyn loved to joke and play games. She enjoyed fishing and a good game of euchre.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith Harker; her grandchildren, Phillip (Angela) Cissell, Dustin (Ashley) Cissell, and Amber Cissell; her great-grandchildren, Henry Cissell and Nevaeh Cissell; step-great grandchildren, Andrea Williams, Madison Williams, and Hanna Williams and many cousins and friends.

Cremation was chosen according to her wishes. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

Arrangements provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee. Online condolences will be made at www.blakefuneralhomes.com.

Martin County Community Foundation announces 2020 grant recipients

The Martin County Community Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$135,732 to 21 organizations through the 2020 MCCF Impact Grant Cycle. Grantee organizations received their awards from members of the board in October; videos of the presentations may be viewed at www.cfpartner.org.

The community foundation is governed by a volunteer board whose mission is to improve the quality of life in Martin County for this generation and generations to come. The community foundation accepts and manages individual and business contributions made to permanent endowments, some of which fund the annual grant cycle.

The board awarded \$25,000 to the City of Loogootee and \$25,000 to the Town of Shoals for downtown projects. An additional \$12,500 was awarded as a challenge grant to St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John's Catholic Church for a delivery van. Every dollar raised by the St. Vincent de Paul Society will earn a one-dollar match, with a maximum \$12,500 award. Once the challenge amount is raised, the grant check is presented to the organization.

The MCCF Grants Committee is comprised of select board members and Martin County community representatives. Jerry Braun, 2020 MCCF Grants Committee Chair, said "The number of grant proposals were as high and diverse

as they have ever been. The grants committee did an outstanding job in assuring that the selected grants address community needs and, in many cases, will help the organization be more efficient and self-sustaining." He added, "I am excited about how the resulting activities will further improve the well-being and security of our community and anticipate that they will act as a catalyst for innovative ideas for future Impact Grant proposals."

The 2020 grant cycle was funded by the Wendell Bough Family Fund, Joseph and Mary Lannan Family Fund, Ken and Juanita Crane Fund, Michael B. and Beth A. Lett Fund, Crane Credit Union Fund, Gregory Family Humanitarian Fund, Al and Helen Friesenhengst Fund, German American Bancorp Community Fund, John T. and Elizabeth J. Chattin Community Fund, Old National Bank Unrestricted Fund, Donald and Janett Walton Fund, George M. and Barbara Cropp Fund, Rich and Judy Kluesner Fund, Smithville Charitable Foundation Fund, Courter Family Fund, Jeff and Nancy Meyer Fund, Kenny and Ruth Greenwell Family Fund, Leo Harding Family Unrestricted Fund, Loogootee Community Performing Arts & Cultural Events Fund, Tri-Kappa of Loogootee-Shoals Community Grants Fund, and the Sarah Bowling Fuhrman Fund for Youth.

The Martin County Community Foundation is a public charity recognized by

the IRS as 501(c)(3) whose mission is to be proactive in creating and growing an enduring source of charitable assets, and to identify and respond to the changing needs of Martin County. For more information about the MCCF, or to learn about how your gift to the Community Foundation can earn a matching gift from Lilly Endowment Inc., contact Curt Johnson, Director, at (812) 295-1022.

2020 Impact Grant recipients and projects include:

- American Legion Post 61 – Post 51 on the Road
- Daviess-Martin Joint Parks and Recreation – WBP Disc Golf Course
- Goodwill Cemetery – Protecting our Heritage
- Haysville Community Volunteer Fire Department – Loud and Clear
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank – COVID-19 Food Purchasing
- Loogootee Band Boosters – SAFE and SOUND!
- Loogootee Musical – Check One Two
- Loogootee Public Library – Fifty Books Before Kindergarten
- Loogootee Public Library – Preserving History Micro-film Viewer-Scanner
- Loogootee United Methodist Church – Martin County Toy Store 2020
- Martin County 4-H Club Council, Inc. – Support
- Martin County Council on Aging – Upright Freezer for Meals on Wheels
- Martin County Humane Society – Martin County Spay/Neuter Clinic
- Martin County SOAR – Promoting Family Literacy Program

New Beginnings Community Church – Children's Lunches 2021

Retired Senior Volunteer Program – Martin County Compassionate Care Project

Shoals Community School Corporation – Jug Rox Robotics League Play

Shoals Public Library – Meeting, Working & Reading

Shoals Public Library – SPL Expansion

Shoals Volunteer Fire Department – SVFD Early Warning Siren

Youth First – YF School-based Social Work Program

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

12:31 a.m. - Received a report of a low hanging limb on US 231, south of Loogootee. INDOT was notified.

4:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Indian Creek Fire Department responded. The subject was transported to IU Health in Bedford.

10:20 a.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

12:40 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver north of Shoals on SR 450. ISP Beaver responded.

1:41 p.m. - Received a report of cows out south of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

2:04 p.m. - Received a report of a break-in and battery in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Martin County Ambulance responded. No one was transported.

2:23 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded.

2:37 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

3:43 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:18 p.m. - Received a trash dumping complaint in Shoals Town Marshal Eckert was notified.

4:58 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with an unruly female south of Loogootee. Deputy Flannagan responded.

7:25 p.m. - Received a report of a theft east of Shoals. Deputy Lents and Deputy Gibson responded.

9:48 p.m. - Deputy Flannagan assisted a motorist in Shoals with a vehicle unlock.

11:35 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals. Deputy Flannagan responded.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:11 a.m. - Received a report of a semi blocking traffic near Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette and Loogootee Fire responded.

6:50 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Gibson, and Martin County Coroner Franklin responded.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took three inmates to court.

1:30 p.m. - Deputy Seymour took two inmates to court.

4:34 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals. Deputy Flannagan responded.

6:08 p.m. - Received a report of reckless drivers on US 50, west of Shoals. Town Marshal Eckert responded.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

12:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded.

The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:38 a.m. - Received a report of a line down north of Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

9:24 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check near Shoals. Major Keller responded and all was okay.

9:40 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:46 a.m. - Received a report of vandalism in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

10:56 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Police and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

11:16 a.m. - Received a report of cows out north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:55 p.m. - Received a report of a dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 231, south of Loogootee. Deputy Gibson responded.

11:48 p.m. - Received a report of a prowler in Loogootee. Deputy Barnett, Loogootee Officer Means, and the Daviess County Sheriff's Department responded.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

1:38 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer Means responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:03 a.m. - Received a report of a tree blocking the westbound lane of SR 550. Shoals Fire and Deputy Barnett responded.

7:44 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down on SR 150. Shoals Fire and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

8:39 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down near Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:38 a.m. - Received a horse complaint north of Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

10:30 a.m. - Deputy Seymour took one inmate to court.

3:00 p.m. - Major Keller took two inmates to court.

6:25 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded.

7:09 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver west of Shoals on US 50. Deputy Lents responded.

7:26 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Martin County Civil Defense responded.

8:25 p.m. - Received a request for lift assistance east of Shoals. Lost River Fire responded.

9:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Crane. Deputy Barnett, Deputy Dorsey, and Crane Ambulance re-

sponded. The subject was transported to Greene County Hospital.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on SR 550, near Shoals. Deputy Barnett and Reserve Deputy Dorsey responded.

2:05 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:42 a.m. - Received a medical alarm call in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. No one was transported.

12:23 p.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

3:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on US 231, north of Loogootee. Deputy Lents responded.

6:09 p.m. - Loogootee Officer McBeth performed a vehicle identification check in Loogootee.

6:37 p.m. - Deputy Lents assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock near Loogootee.

7:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Crane. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Reserve Deputy Dorsey, and Reserve Deputy Ochs responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

3:00 a.m. - Received a noise complaint near Loogootee. Deputy Barnett responded.

4:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

3:38 p.m. - Deputy Flanagan assisted a motorist with a vehicle identification

check near Loogootee.

4:28 p.m. - Received a report of trespassers near Shoals. Deputy Flanagan responded.

8:16 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. ISP responded.

8:56 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

10:26 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1:12 a.m. - Received a report of a disturbance at West Boggs. Deputy Barnett and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

1:48 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Shoals. Deputy Barnett responded.

9:54 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down north of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

10:53 a.m. - Received a dog complaint near Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:37 p.m. - Received a report of tree debris on US 50, east of Shoals. Shoals Fire responded.

2:20 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down south of Shoals. Lost River Fire removed the tree.

4:11 p.m. - Received a report of a small fire along US 231, just south of Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

4:45 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down on US 50, east of Shoals. Deputy Flanagan removed the tree.

5:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance east of Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:38 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.



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ARRESTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

11:52 a.m. - Carolyn Smith, 55, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with possession of methamphetamine, dealing in methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, maintaining a common nuisance, and possession of a controlled substance. Her bond has been set at \$60,000 10%. ISP Trooper Beaver assisted with the arrest.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

1:04 p.m. - Holly Sluder, 36, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Seymour on an Orange County warrant. She is being

held without bond.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

9:20 p.m. - Larry Holt, 45, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bond.

9:30 p.m. - Amanda Krodel, 30, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Flanagan and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, and maintaining a common nuisance. She is being held without bond. Reserve Deputy Dorsey assisted with the arrest.

Martin County real estate transfers

Manor Properties, LLC, of Daviess County, Indiana to **James Michael Seals and Sheri D. Seals**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West of the second principal meridian lying in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, containing 0.455 acres, more or less.

Mildred L. Strawn, of Florida; **Stephen Longworth**, a/k/a **William Steven Longworth**, of Livingston County, Missouri; and **Mary Ann Smith and Monica Roedel**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bailey Davis and Travis L. Davis and Angel L. Davis**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot

Number 40 in the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

James T. Heinzelman and Deborah S. Heinzelman, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jeffrey Burnett**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 4 West.

JLNT Rentals, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Woody's Lawn Service, LLC**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lot 13 in Risacher's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 4 in Risacher's Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

2:01 p.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a report of a possible battery on Cedar Street.

2:35 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Bramble Road.

4:36 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth completed a welfare check on a teenage boy on Church Street.

6:17 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth checked on an abandoned vehicle on East Washington Street.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:11 a.m. - Captain Hennette and the Loogootee Fire Department were dispatched to assist with traffic control on US 231 South for a semi attempting to turn off the highway.

6:50 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on Vincennes Street.

9:14 a.m. - Captain Hennette spoke with a complainant in reference to an earlier incident on Vincennes Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

9:25 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a report of a box truck that hit a concrete guide and a tree between Wood Street and Main Street.

9:48 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call at a local business.

9:57 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd spoke with a complainant in regard to her vehicle being broken into during the night.

10:56 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a report of a possible break-in at a residence on Fairview Street.

2:09 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd completed a welfare check on a child on Cherry Street.

3:00 p.m. - Caller reported a possible phone scam.

8:53 p.m. - Officer Means responded to an alarm at a local business on Broadway Street.

11:48 p.m. - Officer Means completed a security check of a residence on 1300 East.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

12:34 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the

Martin County Sheriff's Department with a report of a suspicious vehicle on private property on Mt. Calvary Road.

12:45 p.m. - A caller reported that her vehicle had been side-swiped by a semi on US 50.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

7:40 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on William Daily Drive.

7:41 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a deer accident on US 50 East.

10:03 a.m. - Captain Hennette completed a vehicle check on a boat.

12:48 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted with a funeral escort.

7:27 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on SR 645.

8:26 p.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on North Oak Street.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

12:55 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a complain of a loud dog at an unoccupied residence on NW First Street.

4:24 a.m. - First responders were dispatched to a medical call on US 231 South.

10:20 a.m. - Captain Hennette responded to a property damage accident in the Dollar General parking lot.

1:12 p.m. - Captain Hennette completed a welfare check on North Line Street.

8:54 p.m. - Sgt. McBeth responded to a report of a violation of a protective order on SW Third Street.

10:25 p.m. - First responded were dispatched to a medical call on Redbud Street.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

1:09 a.m. - Sgt. McBeth assisted the Martin County Sheriff's Department and Daviess County Sheriff's Department with a report of a possible intoxicated person causing problems in West Boggs Park.

2:31 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a fire alarm at a business on US 50 West.

4:23 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department was dispatched to a possible fire on US 231 South.

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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



An elderly woman handed her bank card to a teller and said, "I would like to withdraw \$10, please."

The teller told her, "For withdrawals of less than \$100, please use the ATM."

The lady wanted to know why. The teller returned her bank card and irritably told her, "Those are the rules. Please leave if there is no other matter. You have a line of customers behind you."

The woman remained silent for a few seconds, then handed the card back to the teller and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have."

The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and respectfully told her, "You have \$300,000 in your account and the bank doesn't currently have that much cash on hand. Could you make an appointment and come again to-

morrow?"

The elderly woman then asked how much she could withdraw immediately. The teller told her any amount up to \$3,000.

"Well, please let me have \$3,000 now," she exclaimed. The teller then handed the cash to her in a respectful and friendly way.

The lady put \$10 in her purse and asked the teller to deposit the difference of \$2,990 back into her account.

The moral of this tale: Don't be difficult with old people; they spent a lifetime learning their skills.

THOUGHTS

*I was born to be wild – but only 'til about 8:30ish.

*The next time your wife gets angry, drape a towel over her shoulders (like a cape) and say, "Now you're SUPER ANGRY." Maybe she'll laugh. Maybe you'll die.

*Due to the coin shortage, I will no longer be accepting people's two cents worth.

*The answer may not lie in the bottom of a bottle of wine, but you should at least check.

*You cannot glue a tomato back together with tomato paste. Believe me I've tried.

*A 70-year-old man robbed a Kansas City bank and then sat down in the lobby saying he'd rather live in jail than with his wife. The judge sentenced him to house arrest.

*I'm not sure how many cups of coffee it takes to be happy, but so far, it's not twelve.

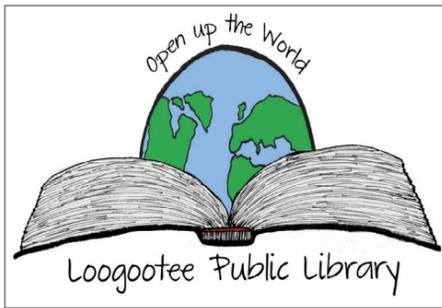
Today marks three weeks of isolation without sugar. Walking three miles a day, no meat, dairy or flour. The change has been fantastic! I feel great! Zero alcohol! A healthy vegan diet, gluten-free, caffeine-free, sugar-free and a two-hour home workout each day! Lost 30 lbs. of fat and gained muscle mass. (I have no idea whose Facebook status this is but, I am really proud of them, so I decided to copy-paste!)

SERIOUSISMS

*This is very promising information for those who are worried about memory loss and its relationship to Alzheimer's. French professor addresses the subject in a rather reassuring way: "If anyone is aware of his memory problems, he does not have Alzheimer's."

*"My faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference." -President Jimmy Carter.

Make someone smile today!



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Assistant Librarian Carolyn Parsons-Downey's Book Club will discuss "Where the Crawdad Sings" by Delia Owen on Monday evening, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. The next book up for discussion will be "Giver of the Stars" by Jo Jo Moyes. Call the library to get more details.

The library will be closed on the following days this month: Tuesday, November 10 for Staff Day, November 17 for the Indiana Library Federation (ILF) Conference, November 26, 27, and 28 for Thanksgiving.

The November activity calendar is available and several fun craft, story time and STEM programs are scheduled for kids. Follow the library Facebook page or stop by and pick up a calendar.

New Books:

Mystery: "The Law of Innocence" by Michael Connelly, "Fortune and Glory" by Janet Evanovich, and "Hidden in Plain Sight" by Jeffrey Archer.

Inspirational Fiction: "A Picture of Love" by Beth Wiseman.

DVDS: "Hallmark: A Christmas Love Story".

The library phone number is 812-295-3713 or check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

Nominations for new directors for North Center, South Rutherford and Halbert townships will be accepted before December 4th at the East Fork office located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Fifteen or more members may make nominations for new directors in writing, by certified mail, or personal delivery. The annual meeting will be held January 25th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. and nominees will be voted upon at that meeting. All members are invited to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Late night flu clinic in Dubois County

The Dubois County Health Department will be offering a late-night clinic for any individual wanting to get a flu shot on Wednesday, November 4 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., no appointment needed. You must have your ID and insurance cards with you at the clinic. For your convenience, they will have both indoor and outdoor stations set-up to help maintain social distance and to speed up the process. Also, please bring a mask. Daily walk-in flu shots are also available for all ages. The daily flu shot hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., no appointment needed. You may call 812-481-7056 with any questions.

Turkey dinner

The Martin County 4-H Council will hold a turkey dinner Sunday, November 8 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the community building on the fairgrounds. The meal will be handed out curbside. To order the day of the dinner, call 812-295-3370. To pre-order before November 6, call 812-295-2412.

Rib dinner

The Knights of Columbus Council #732 Loogootee will have a rib dinner Saturday November 14 at the council hall beginning at 4 p.m. until sold out. The dinner is takeout/pickup/curbside only. Call 812-295-2815 or stop by.

Community dinner

The Loogootee Christian Church at 206 Sherman Street, is having their monthly free meal for the community to be held Thursday, November 5 from 6-8 p.m. at the church. A decision on eating in or carrying out will be based on COVID numbers at the time. All members of the community are invited.

Food pantry hours

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

Mental Health Task Force

The Martin County Mental Health Task Force meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. at the Community Learning Center on the Martin County Fairgrounds.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be

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

Local recovery meetings

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

Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

SOAR Tutoring

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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.

Town of Shoals leaf pick-up

The Town of Shoals annual leaf pick-up is scheduled for November 12 and 13.

Residents should rake leaves to the curb or park strip in front of their home for access with the equipment. Please do not place leaves in the street.

Leaves should be the only thing in the pile - no sticks, limbs, boards or any other type of debris. Leaf piles with limbs or debris will not be picked up. Limbs and debris can clog the machine and can cause damage or injury.

Storm drains should not be blocked at any time with leaf piles.

Any questions should be directed to the Shoals Town Hall at 812-247-2110.

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Temperatures dipping into the twenties have brought an end to the growing season in Southern Indiana. However, that does not mean an end to the gardening season. There is still a lot of work to be done.

The first job is to make a decision about what to remove and what to leave standing. In general, I remove any foliage that does not offer winter interest or food for wildlife. I leave most of the tall grasses. The seed heads offer food for the birds and the grass clumps offer winter interest and also provide shelter for birds and other wildlife during the winter. The grasses also will look beautiful when covered with hoar frost or light snow. When heavy snow knocks the clumps down, I will remove them when there is suitable weather. I also leave any flowers that have seed stalks standing. The birds seem to really enjoy the seeds from these flowers. Again, when the flower seeds are gone, I can cut them down on one of the nice days that are still to come.

Other foliage that is now dead needs to be removed. If this foliage were not diseased, you may add it to the compost pile. If possible, shred it into smaller pieces and mix it with shredded leaves to hasten decomposition. If you cannot shred this material, use it in the bottom of a new raised bed. The organic material will eventually break down, and in the meantime, it means it will take less soil to fill the raised bed. This also will help hold moisture in the bed next summer. You may also add rotting wood, stalks from sunflowers and other tall plants and, of course, leaves. You do not want to add anything with perennial roots or anything with seeds. Although the material will be in the bottom of a raised bed, weeds have a way of climbing to the surface.

You also now have to make some decisions about warm-season bulbs and rhizomes. Plants such as elephant ears, dahlias, cannas and most gladioli are not generally hardy to our area. If they are

planted in micro-climates, such as near a south-facing wall, they may survive a mild winter and come back. You may also try piling up leaves or straw to provide more insulation for the tender bulbs and roots. Otherwise, you must either choose to treat them as annuals and let them die or dig them up and store them. Such bulbs and rhizomes may be stored in boxes of sand or peat moss in cool, dark locations. A garage or other building that does not freeze is perfect. I usually store such roots in the crawl space under my house. Many of these tender plants have been in large pots for the summer and I put them in the crawl space pot and all. If you do this, remove the dead foliage before putting them in storage.

You may notice that the cold did not kill all of the foliage in your garden. Many cole crops and greens can actually take more cold than other tender plants. I think kale and many oriental greens actually have better flavor after we get some cold weather. I usually leave these crops in place all winter. If the winter is mild, many will put on new growth in the spring and supply more salads. In the meantime, continue to enjoy salads until temperatures fall to the low twenties and cause the leaves to turn brown.

You may also continue to harvest root crops. Turnips, rutabagas, carrots, parsnips and winter radishes may be harvested until the ground freezes solid.

It is also time to plant bulbs for spring flowers. I planted more than a hundred bulbs over the weekend. You may plant bulbs up until the ground freezes.

I continue to take my daily walks around Sandhill Gardens. Although the flowers are gone, there is still a lot to see. At this time, the purple, red and white beautyberries stand out. There are also berries on the firethorn and the hollies. As leaves fall, the bark and form of trees and shrubs become more apparent. I designed the gardens for four-season interest. Come by and enjoy it with me.

2021 state park passes, permits available

The 2021 Indiana state park passes, lake permits, off-road cycling permits, and horse tags are now available at property offices and front gates, and online at ShopINstateparks.com.

A resident annual entrance pass costs \$50. A non-resident annual entrance pass for visitors who live outside the state costs \$70. Annual entrance passes are not valid for entrance to the Indiana State Museum, State Historic Sites, or Falls of the Ohio Interpretive Center.

Golden Hoosier Passports cost \$25 and are available to all Hoosier residents 65 and older. There's also a Golden Hoosier Passport for disabled Hoosier veterans (DHV) who qualify to purchase a DHV license plate. To qualify, the veteran must be 50 percent service-connected disabled as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Anyone who has been issued a Prisoner of War license plate may receive a passport for free. SSDI Golden Hoosier Passports may be used by an Indiana resident receiving or eligible to receive Social Security Disability Income under 42 U.S. code 423 as described by the Social Security Administration.

Lake permits are available for motorized watercraft for \$25 and non-motorized watercraft for \$5. These permits are required for all private watercraft using state park, reservoir, and state forest

lakes, and all watercraft moored at marinas, private docks, or bank ties on those lakes. The 2020 lake permits also remain available for the rest of this year.

Off-road cycling permits are available for \$20 and are required for each bicycle user for off-road bicycle access and use of DNR properties where off-road cycling is allowed. These permits are not an entrance permit and do not cover special user charges for services and facilities within the property. These permits are required only for trails identified as Intermediate, Advanced, and Expert. They are not required for trails identified as Beginner.

Horse tags cost \$20 and are required for each horse brought to designated DNR properties where horse use is allowed. A horse tag is not an entrance permit and does not cover special user charges for services and facilities within the property. This year's 2020 horse tags and lake permits remain available to purchase for use for the rest of 2020.

None of the 2021 permits will be valid until January 1, 2021.

State park annual permits are also available as part of Holiday Gift Packs. Gift packs also include a one-year subscription to Outdoor Indiana and a gift card for state park inns or campgrounds. Holiday gift packs are available for \$100, or \$150 for a higher gift card amount, at shopINstateparks.com.

Ag Economy Barometer rises to record high on improving financial conditions

The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer rose 27 points to a reading of 183 in October and set an all-time high for the index. Farmers were more optimistic about both the future and current financial situation on their farms as the Current Conditions Index rose 36 points to a reading of 178 and the Future Expectations Index rose 23 points to a reading of 186. The Ag Economy Barometer is based on survey responses from 400 U.S. agricultural producers and was conducted October 19-23.

"Since bottoming out this summer, the ag economy has rebounded sharply, and the dramatic improvement in sentiment reflects the turnaround in the farm income picture," said James Mintert, the barometer's principal investigator and director of Purdue University's Center for Commercial Agriculture.

Mintert was referring to a late summer/early fall rally in commodity prices combined with government program payments arising from the second round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP 2), which provided a boost to many producers' farm income. Corn and soybean prices continued to rally even though U.S. corn yields are expected to set a record high and the U.S. Department of Agriculture projects soybean yields to be the fourth highest on record.

"Together the combination of good yields, a rally in crop prices and CFAP 2 payments set the stage for an all-time high in the barometer and farmer sentiment," Mintert said.

That optimism was reflected in many ways. Comparing their farm's financial condition today to one year ago, 25 percent of survey respondents said their farm was better off financially now than at the same time last year. This was the most positive response from producers to this question in the history of the barometer survey.

The Farm Capital Investment Index also hit an all-time high in October, up 9 points from September to a reading 82. The percentage of producers expecting to increase their purchases of machinery in the upcoming year rose to 14 percent from 11 percent a month earlier, and up from just 4 percent back in May. Even

more importantly, the percentage of respondents who plan to reduce their purchases in the next year was 33 percent, down from 40 percent in September.

The short-run outlook toward farmland values also improved. Respondents expecting land values to rise over the next 12 months rose to 27 percent, up from 23 percent in September. The percentage expecting lower farmland values declined to 9 percent from 12 percent. There was also a big shift in sentiment in the October survey regarding 2021 cash rental rates for farmland. Nearly four out of 10 (38%) respondents said they expect cash rental rates to increase in 2021. In September, just 8 percent of producers said they expected to see higher cash rental rates for farmland in 2021.

Producers also became more optimistic about trade with China this month. Nearly six out of 10 respondents (59 percent), said they expect to see China fulfill the food and agricultural import requirements outlined in the Phase One trade agreement with the U.S., compared with just 47% in September. When asked for their overall perspective on U.S. ag exports, the percentage of producers expecting exports to rise over the next five years increased to 65% in October, up from 58% in September.

Read the full Ag Economy Barometer report here. The site also offers additional resources – such as past reports, charts and survey methodology – and a form to sign up for monthly barometer email updates and webinars.

Each month, the Purdue Center for Commercial Agriculture provides a short video analysis of the barometer results, available, and for even more information, check out the Purdue Commercial AgCast podcast. It includes a detailed breakdown of each month's barometer, in addition to a discussion of recent agricultural news that impacts farmers. Available here.

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

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Calendar photo highlights include the magazine's cover shot of a wintry scene



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from Shades State Park, images from McCormick's Creek, Turkey Run, Chain O'Lakes and Prophetstown state parks, shots from Celery Bog Nature Area, Hardy Lake, Willow Slough Fish & Wildlife Area, Deam Lake State Recreation Area, Kankakee Sands Nature Conservancy, and more.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at Indiana State Park Inns and Barnes & Noble stores across the state for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 27 percent savings over cover price) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42 percent savings).

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Farm stress, solutions focus of event

With the loss of county farmers due to suicides, the stress associated with farming has again begun to be discussed in our local towns and communities. Lower financial returns on row crops as well as challenging 2019 crop conditions have placed additional financial stress on many area farm families.

To assist with the issue of farm stress and good mental health, Purdue Extension and their partners are reaching out to farmers through a farm stress workshop. The workshop will provide the tools to handle stress so that county farmers, their families, and our local communities can better cultivate a productive mindset in the face of stress common to many rural areas.

Purdue's "Weathering the Storm in Agriculture" workshop will take place on Thursday, December 17, from 7-9 p.m. EST at the Dubois County 4-H Fairgrounds Clover Pavilion at 4157 S. State Road 162, Huntingburg, IN.

The event will instruct attendees on ways to identify stress, to learn what can trigger stress, and to know helpful techniques for responding to stress.

Due to session materials, limited seating, and COVID-19 concerns, pre-regis-

tration is required. Masks and social distancing will also be required. No food or drink will be served at this event.

There is no charge to attend, but a reservation with name, phone, and email is required by December 14 to duboisces@purdue.edu or ph.(812) 482-1782.

Full details found at: <https://extension.purdue.edu/article/39098>

Monroe Lake to host Elkinsville tour

Monroe Lake interpretive naturalist Jill Vance will host a combination driving and walking tour through the former town of Elkinsville in Brown County on Monday, November 16, at 1 p.m.

The tour will be limited to 10 people, and all participants must drive themselves. Registration is required by November 12 at bit.ly/elkinsvilletour2020. Cost is \$10 per person.

Elkinsville was a center of commerce and community for a remote part of Brown County until Monroe Lake was put in. During this tour, participants will discover the history of this town, walk its former main street, and find out what happened to it after the lake went in.



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The rains are finally replenishing reserves in most areas. Though a bit late for some things, it is still a boost for forages that have been stockpiled and they have leaped in compensatory growth! Ideally, this stockpile is best used after it goes dormant in order to not slow next spring's growth. Dormancy often requires several nights in a row at 25 degrees or lower. That type of weather isn't far away. Once dormant, the forage can be grazed with less harm to the plant's energy reserves. When it is grazed, it can be taken down a bit closer than normal but leaving good residual. That good stop grazing height will slow runoff over winter, reduce any erosion and help springboard growth next season. If you open up the sod too much in early winter, you also possibly open the site up for more weeds too.

It is always a good idea to evaluate and balance grazing livestock with available feed. It is better to know now than later. First, take different grazing animal classes (cows, heifers, stockers, ewes, etc.) and figure an average weight per class and then multiply that number times the number in each class. Now you have a total live weight. Multiply the live weight by .03 to get an average daily intake. For example, 20 cows averaging a weight of 1,100 pounds is 22,000 pounds live weight. Multiply that by .03 (three percent dry matter intake) and it equals 660 pounds of dry matter needed per day.

Now what are you going to feed those animals? It could be hay, stockpiled forage, crop residue, supplements or most likely a combination of these. Stockpiled forage is usually going to be tall fescue with some other grasses and legumes mixed in. You can lay a clipboard on top of the standing sward and measure the height of the compressed forages to estimate it. If the stand is dense, there is usually about 300 pounds per acre inch of dry matter. So, if you happen to have 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. Fields do vary. Adjust as needed. The efficiency of grazing will depend 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%. In areas with plenty of moisture, the stockpiled fescue is good quality and quantity and will provide a lot of good grazing. There is always some waste, it just can't be avoided. That waste will help feed the next year's growth.

Inventory any hay you have on hand. You should have an idea on how much bales weigh and how many you have of each. For example, if you have fifty 1,500-pound bales (about 1,300 pounds dry matter) on hand, you essentially have 65,000 pounds available. The efficiency of this hay is also dependent on how you feed it, in addition to how it is stored. The worst-case scenario is feeding hay free-choice without any feeder structure and storing hay outside on the ground, which sadly wastes about 45 percent of the offered hay. Feeding enough hay for only 2-3 days at a time creates some competition between cows. In ring or cone type feeders and storing bales inside is efficient with an average of about 15 percent waste assuming that the hay is good quality. Small bales are probably the most efficient but are certainly a little more labor intensive and not used as often as in the past. If you have silage or balage on hand to feed, figure it into the plan and generally expect 90 percent 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 percent crude protein range with approximately 70 percent total digestible nutrients (TDN) and over a period of about 60 days drop to 5 percent crude protein and 40 percent 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 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. Higher yielding corn certainly produces more residue and more potential grazing. You can usually bank on about 12-15 pounds of desired residue to graze per bushel of corn. Stalk grazing should be avoided under wet conditions.

Compare the amount of dry matter you will need for the livestock with how much you have. Now you know about how much dry matter you are going to need to get them through the winter and an idea of 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 lacking, or if more energy is needed. We used 3 percent for the intake estimate which is actually a little high, but if we have a wet, cold winter, energy needed to keep warm will increase and any growing animals will also have higher needs. 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 may want to purchase some hay or consider reducing numbers.

Summer annual warm-season grasses — such as sudangrass or sorghum-sudangrass hybrids and johnsongrass produce a cyanide compound when frosted and quickly start shutting down, causing the production of the prussic acid. To be safe, 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. Dry hay containing these is generally fine. Johnsongrass tends to be a bit more toxic than sorghums. 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, wait.

Lastly today, if you haven't checked your winter-feeding pads, it would be better to do that now and add more lime topping or aggregate as needed. Also, it's not a bad idea to take the time to double check winter watering tanks while the weather is still good. I like the fall weather, but it never seems to last long enough.

Remember, it's not about maximizing a grazing event, but maximizing a grazing season! Keep on grazing!

Reminders & Opportunities

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference — March 10, 2021 — In-person conference has been canceled. Other options are being considered.

Northern Indiana Grazing Conference — February 5-6, 2021; and Heart of America Grazing Conference — March 2, 2021. Details to be announced once decisions are made.

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



WHO? : Town of Shoals Residents

WHAT? : Any old or unwanted items that have been sitting around taking up space in your home or yard

WHEN? : Dumpster will arrive Friday, November 13th -Sunday November 15th 2020, at the Town Hall located at 221 Low Street.

All items are to be placed inside of the dumpster. Do not place items on the ground around the dumpster. Once the dumpster is full please do not leave your unwanted items.

Please do not dispose of the following items in the dumpster: tires, construction waste, paint, batteries, or any other chemical, hazardous or harmful material.

We encourage everyone to be proactive with following all safe social distancing guidelines while cleaning up areas and dropping off items.

Let's all do our part to help keep Shoals beautiful and clean!



*Date to remember: Town of Shoals leaf pick up is scheduled for November 12th & 13th, 2020.