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Election changes six of seven Loogootee elected officials

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Republicans had a huge victory in Tuesday night's City of Loogootee General Election, sweeping six of the seven races.

Brian Ader (R) defeated Noel Harty (D), who has served as Loogootee's Mayor since 2012. The final tally was 465-292.

For Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer, Roger Downey (D) was defeated by Lori Carrico (R) 293-466. Carrico currently serves as Martin County Treasurer so will be vacating her seat a year early.

In the Loogootee City Council District 1 race, Mike Engleman (R) defeated incumbent Teresa Nolley (D) 529-223. In the city council district 2 race, Dave Smith (R) defeated incumbent Tim "Biggin" Lawrence (D) 583-167. In the city council district 3 race, Carroll Rayhill (D) held onto his seat by defeating Independent Party candidate Tim Hudson, 433-265. And in the city council district 4 race, Mark McAtee (R) defeated Katie Doyle (D), 488-251.

In the city council at-large race, Buck Holland (R) defeated incumbent Ron Gilbert (D) 492-229.

A total of 767 voters cast ballot in the City of Loogootee General Election with 191 of those absentee before election day. There are 2,074 registered voters in Loogootee for a 37 percent turnout. Of the 767 ballots, 83 voted straight-party Republican and 24 voted straight-party Democratic.

The City of Loogootee elections will move to the county elections' timeline so all elected officials will only serve three years this term.

	Perry 1	Perry 2	Perry 3	Perry 4	TOTALS
Loogootee Mayor					
Brian T. Ader (R)	168	118	82	97	465
Noel D. Harty (D)	91	78	50	73	292
Loogootee Clerk-Treasurer					
Lori D. Carrico (R)	170	121	73	102	466
Roger S. Downey (D)	94	75	58	66	293
Loogootee City Council District 1					
Mike Engleman (R)	178	145	96	110	529
Teresa M. Nolley (D)	82	49	34	58	223
Loogootee City Council District 2					
Dave Smith (R)	210	148	94	131	583
Tim "Biggin" Lawrence (D)	52	46	35	34	167
Loogootee City Council District 3					
Tim Hudson (I)	87	66	54	58	265
Carroll Rayhill (D)	157	114	67	95	433
Loogootee City Council District 4					
Mark E. McAtee (R)	172	123	90	103	488
Katie Doyle (D)	82	66	40	63	251
Loogootee City Council At Large					
Buck Holland (R)	172	130	87	103	492
Ron Gilbert (D)	82	56	40	51	229

Shown above is a precinct breakdown of City of Loogootee General Election votes. Click the graph for a larger version.



Legion Veteran's Day events

The American Legion Post 120 will conduct a ceremony on the Loogootee square Saturday, November 11, to honor all veterans. The Legion will perform a 21-gun salute, taps, and a bagpiper will play "Amazing Grace".

Following the ceremony on the square, the Legion will host a light luncheon and a guest speaker at the Post.

Everyone is welcome to attend this open house event.



BRIAN ADER



LORI CARRICO



MIKE ENGLEMAN



DAVE SMITH



MARK MCATEE



BUCK HOLLAND

County council discusses Matrix, insurance, investing

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Martin County Council met Monday night, November 6.

Council President Jordan Dant asked Auditor Michelle Norris about the status of resolving issues several departments have had with Matrix, who handles the county's IT. Norris said she and County Attorney Dave Lett are meeting to go over the Matrix contracts and go over contracts from two other companies. Dant asked if she could name the two other companies and Norris said she can't at this time.

Dant asked about the county's health insurance rates for next year. Norris said they heard back from Marilyn McCollough, with Thompson Insurance, and the maximum increase will be 8 percent. The council had budgeted at 16 percent. McCollough negotiated with Anthem to get the increase down but has also reached out to other insurance companies as well to see if the premiums could be lower. Norris said they should know something soon.

Dant asked about the treasurer's progress with investing the county's surplus cash balance. Norris said Treasurer Lori Carrico has met with German American and the Indiana Bond Bank, but she isn't sure what the status is. Norris said she believes the current interest rate with German American is currently at 2.5 percent. A few council members said it should be higher than that. They discussed asking Carrico to come to the next meeting to discuss.

Council Member Keith Gibson said

he would like to resign from the Martin County Redevelopment Commission. Currently two council members serve on the commission, he and Warren Albright. Gibson said his term ends at the end of the year, but he would like to resign now. Council Member Dant said they can go ahead and appoint another council member but will have to revoke on it at the beginning of the year. The council voted to accept Gibson's resignation and appoint Council Member Monty Gregory to the redevelopment commission.

The council approved a transfer request from community corrections of \$1,500 from contract services and \$1,200 from incentives for a total of \$2,700 to go to the jail treatment coordinator's salary.

The council approved an additional appropriation request for the sheriff's department K-9 fund supplies of \$5,833.75. Sheriff Josh Greene was not present for the meeting, but Auditor Norris said the money had not been appropriated this year and Greene had purchased dog food and had a veterinarian bill to pay. The council also approved \$2,000 for the sheriff's department for hire bonuses for jailers that comes from the commissary fund.

The council approved a transfer for the highway department of \$1,100 from the health/safety expense account to go to building repairs and equipment so they could purchase new LED lights around the highway building. Highway Secretary Teresa Ray said the lights cost more than \$1,100 but they have the rest of the money in their budget.

The council approved allocating \$8,500 from the public health base grant

for the health department to cover \$4,000 for the coordinator, \$2,000 for the assistant public health nurse, \$1,500 for POD supplies, \$500 for wireless card/postage and \$500 for equipment.

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Make My Day grant

-Photo provided

The Martin County Community Foundation (MCCF) presented a \$500 Make My Day grant to the Christmas Toy Store. Pam Loughmiller, Christmas Toy Store Co-Chairperson, will use this grant to buy toys that parents or legal guardians will get for their children. Shown above, on the left, is Pam receiving the grant check from MCCF Board member Kelli Wilson. The MCCF likes to make someone's day!

Radius Indiana, ROI offer new defense talent attraction program

The expected demand for a massive influx of new specialized talent in the defense sector in southern Indiana is leading Radius Indiana to offer an innovative new talent attraction incentive program in conjunction with a new partner, Regional Opportunity Initiatives. Radius currently operates three existing talent attraction programs and thanks to this generous grant from ROI, that portfolio continues to grow.

The Defense Sector Talent Attraction Program will work to fill in-person, defense industry jobs in the Indiana Uplands region. All eight Radius counties (Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Greene, Lawrence, Martin, Orange, and Washington) will participate in this program along with Brown, Monroe, and Owen from the Indiana Uplands. Interested defense sector employers may apply for the incentive for qualified newly hired individuals who are going to relocate from out-of-state to any community in the Uplands region regardless of the location of their employment in the region. If approved, new employees must earn at least \$60,000 and commit to moving to the region for at least two years.

Talent attraction focuses on recruitment from the talent pipeline outside of a given community, while workforce development aims to further an individual's ability to grow their skills and develop

Martin County CEO program looking for sponsors

A group of local leaders have begun an effort to create a CEO program for Martin County. The CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) Program was created to help prepare young people for life after high school and open their eyes to the amazing businesses they have right in their hometowns. The program is an effort to stop the brain drain of our youth and build an ecosystem that provides a talented, entrepreneurial-focused workforce. The Martin County Alliance has accepted the role of Fiscal Sponsor of the CEO Program in Martin County.

The local steering committee, made up of representations from both Loogootee and Shoals Community schools, local leaders, and business owners, is launching the program with the mission of instilling an entrepreneurial mindset and career readiness skills in our high school juniors and seniors. The CEO program does just that. It gives participants a deep understanding of the opportunities that exist in their hometown and helps them build their local professional network. Students from rural areas often think they will have to leave the vicinity

COUNCIL

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The council approved allowing the tourism board to spend \$10,000 to go toward the Hindostan Falls shelter house project, from the innkeepers' tax.

At the end of the meeting, Council Member Andrew Beaver thanked Martin County veterans for their service in honor of Veterans Day on Saturday.

The courthouse will be closed Friday, November 10 for Veterans Day. The next council meeting will be Monday, December 4 at 6 p.m.

the tools they need for business success in their community. The existing Radius talent attraction programs have specified that it is targeting the attraction of talent from outside the state of Indiana, in order to avoid depleting talent in other Indiana communities.

"Bringing new talent to our region is a vital piece to growing our communities and companies and we are excited to partner with ROI to introduce this new program. ROI and Radius have been partners on several previous initiatives supporting our region," said Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius Indiana. "We are continuously looking for opportunities to assist our private sector defense industry."

The Uplands region is home to Naval Support Activity Crane, the third-largest naval installation in the world, with a current civilian and support contractor workforce totaling 6,000 jobs. This number is expected to increase in the near future with the current construction and infrastructure expansion projects on base, as well as the recently announced \$84 million development for a microelectronics campus, WestGate One, that will create a hub for semiconductor excellence to support the surrounding DoD needs.

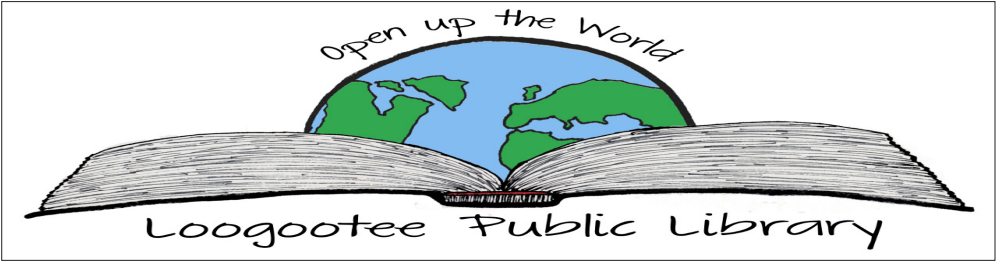
To learn more and apply to the defense sector incentive program, visit www.choosesouthernindiana.com.

for a successful career. But not CEO students. They've seen what exists in their own backyards and what the potential is if they choose to stay in their own communities.

The steering committee is excited to be starting our first class of students in the fall of 2024. Students will visit local businesses to learn what is present in their hometowns and what it takes to operate them. With assistance, they will create their own businesses and will have the experience of creating something and having customers purchase their products or services.

Jessica Potts, Executive Director of Martin County Alliance, shared, "I grew up in Martin County, went away for college, and came back home to Martin County to work and raise my family. Not everyone who is raised here chooses to come back. The last 15 months in my role with the Alliance has been eye opening of the opportunities we have here in at home. I feel like if we share the opportunities available more with these students, maybe we will be fortunate enough to retain more of the talent that is growing up here." The CEO program will develop skills that prepare the students to act as entrepreneurs throughout their lives.

The CEO Program is made possible by at least 35 individuals and businesses who give \$1,000 per year to keep the program running. Will you help continue this work by investing your support with a \$1,000 donation each year for the next three years? If you're interested in being a donor, please e-mail martinalliance@martinalliance.org or call the Martin County Alliance office at 812-295-4800 to learn more.



BY DARLA WAGLER
Librarian, Loogootee Public Library

Friends of Loogootee Library (FOLL) and Community Action Leading Loogootee (CALL) have partnered on an upcoming fundraiser. A Christmas Tree Jubilee held at the library starting on November 11-18. Stop in and look at the trees and place your bid. The silent bids are accepted until noon on November 18. A few trees are on display for preview so stop and take a look.

The library will be closed for Veteran's Day on Friday, November 10 and November 23, 24, and 25 for Thanksgiving.

BINGO for 55 years old and up is scheduled for Monday, November 20 at 10:15 a.m.

Sit & Sew meets on Wednesdays at 10 a.m.

Teen Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday, November 21 at 5 p.m.

New Books

Mystery: "Resurrection Walk" by Michael Connelly, "Betrayal" by Phillip Margolin, "The Corsican Shadow" by Clive Cussler, and "Silverview" by John Le Carre.

Fiction: "Someone Always Nearby" by Susan Wittig Albert and "The Little Liar" by Mitch Albom.

Inspirational Fiction: "Starstuck" by Amy Clipson, "Spark a Match" by Jen Turano, and "Knowing You" by Tracie Peterson.

Children's Fiction "Just Because" by Matthew McConaughey.

Library hours: Monday 10-6, Tuesday 10-5, Closed on Wednesday, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 9-1. The library phone number is 812-295-3713 and check out the website www.loogootee.lib.in.us or like us on Facebook. The library has free Wi-Fi service available for patrons.



Derek George
Owner & Funeral Director

"The most dangerous phrase in our language is, 'We've always done it this way.'"

-Admiral Grace Hopper

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Wednesday, November 8, 2023

BONNIE JONES

Bonnie Allene Jones entered into eternal rest on November 1, 2023, at South Pointe Healthcare in Indianapolis. A resident of French Lick, she was 90.

She was born in Shoals on January 11, 1933; daughter of Roy and Hattie Mae (Daugherty) Jones.

BONNIE JONES Bonnie married Clarence "Biddy" Jones on December 6, 1963, and he preceded her in death on September 9, 2002.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Neva Walls and Violet Jones and special friends, Max Dawson and Oral Carnes, Jr.

Bonnie worked at Springs Valley Schools as a cook for over 25 years, where she was known as "Miss Bonnie" or "Mamaw".

She enjoyed car rides, cooking, sewing, puzzle books, reading, gardening and live music at the Senior Center.

Bonnie is survived by son, Glenn Jones (Heather) of Indianapolis; grandson, Tyler Jones (Chad)/Sheilah Lynn Jones of Atlanta, Georgia; several nieces, great nieces and many friends.

A funeral ceremony was conducted by Pastor John Moffatt on Saturday, November 4 at Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home with burial following in Emmons Ridge Cemetery.

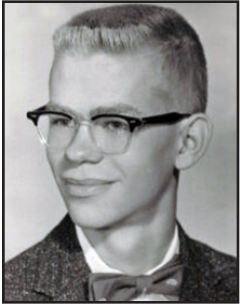
The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Emmons Ridge Cemetery Fund, c/o Kathy Kalb, 2494 Hillham Road, French Lick, Indiana 47432.

Arrangements are in the care of Brosmer-Kemple Funeral Home in French Lick, Indiana 47432. Condolences may be made at www.brosmer-kemplefuneral-home.com.

CARROLL TERRY

Carroll Dee Terry passed away Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at Mitchell Manor. He was 80.

He was born January 22, 1943, in Lawrence County; son of Virgil Finas and Dai-



CARROLL TERRY

sy Olive (Cooke) Terry. Carroll and Helen Ruth Sermerheim were married on January 25, 1964, by preachers Frank Sallee and Hayden Abels.

Carroll was a 1961 graduate of Mitchell High School. He worked as a carpenter for most of his life, starting in 1961 with his dad and was a member of the Carpenter's Union. He then worked for Anvil Engineering as an inspector on roofs at Crane NSWC and received a Master Carpenter award. After retirement, he worked at Rural King. Carroll attended Huron Baptist Church for 55 years and was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife, Helen Ruth Terry of Huron; children, Adam Kyle Terry of Martin County, William Finas Terry of Orleans, and Deanna Carol (Jerry Wayne) Ford of Bedford; grandchildren, Thomas Kyle Terry, Autumn Leann (Jamie) Terry Cronin, and Jerrod Elijah Ford; great-granddaughter, Braelynn Leann Melvin; and siblings, Mareta Moore of Mitchell and Joseph Terry of Mitchell.

His parents and siblings, Robert Dean Terry and infant brother, Larry Finas Terry preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held Saturday, November 4, at the Huron Baptist Church with Pastor William "Skip" Matthews and Brother Harvey McAdams officiating. Burial followed Clark Cemetery.

PATSY ESTELL

Patsy S. Estell passed away at 10:55 p.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at Westview Nursing and Rehabilitation. A resident of Bedford, she was 74.



PATSY ESTELL

She was born May 26, 1949, in Pineville, Kentucky; daughter of Joseph Nelson and Ethel (Cupp) Long. She was a Certified Dietary Manager and worked at Hospitality House for 20 years.

Survivors include five children, Wayne Estell of Loogootee, Carolee Davis and husband James of Jasper, Melissa Ford and husband Frank of Springville, Chris Estell and wife Danielle of Ellettsville, and Collin Estell of Bedford; five grandchildren, Nicki Stone of Jasper, Hannah and Alex Estell of Ellettsville, and

Jade and Rebekah Ford of Springville; great-grandchildren, Lorelai and Emelyn Stone of Jasper; siblings, Mary McKinney, Bobbie Hagland, Kenneth Long, and Linda Madden, all of Ohio and Douglas Long of Texas; a sister-in-law, Nancy Long of Georgia, and several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded by her parents, and a brother, Ray Long.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 4 in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary. Burial followed in Springville Cemetery West.

The family would like to thank the staff of Westview Nursing and Rehab. for their outstanding care Patsy received during her recent illness.

Family and friends may express condolences at www.daycarter.com.

Edward Jones

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Edward Jones Salutes

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Martin County Sheriff’s Department log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:30 a.m. - Received a call advising of a traffic hazard east of Loogootee. Major Reed responded.

5:30 a.m.- Received a call advising of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:00 a.m. - Received a call from Area 1 Protection advising of a commercial burglar alarm northeast of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

7:39 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down southwest of Shoals. Martin County Highway Department responded.

8:30 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn north of Loogootee.

12:09 p.m. - Transport Officer Norman was on station with James Sisco per transport order.

12:34 p.m. - Received a call advising of a suspicious item found east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded. Indiana Conservation South Region was notified.

3:53 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department and Loogootee Officer Davis responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:49 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle identification number check south of Loogootee. Deputy Doane responded.

6:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol at a business in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Deputy Doane and Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

11:57 p.m. - Received a call reporting a residential entry south of Loogootee. Major Reed, Deputy Doane and Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

3:40 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

5:32 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:34 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Major Reed and Big John’s Towing responded.

10:23 a.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported one inmate to court.

11:11 a.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231S traveling north. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

12:26 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:36 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

1:51 p.m. - Corporal Hawkins transported two inmates to court.

4:35 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident east of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:40 p.m. - Received a report of a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

8:36 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:19 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

7:55 a.m. - Received a report of a hit-and-run in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

7:55 a.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident north of Loogootee. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

8:41 a.m. - Received a request for a vehicle unlock in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

12:37 p.m. - Transport Officer Norman was on station for court with Leroy Taylor, 50, from Wabash Correctional Facility.

2:55 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Loogootee Fire responded. No transport was needed.

4:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person northeast of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

4:45 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

6:57 p.m. - Received an animal complaint east of Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:12 p.m. - Received a report of a person possibly being threatened in Shoals. Captain Gibson responded.

8:31 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Captain Gibson and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:05 p.m. - Received a request to speak with an officer. Captain Gibson responded.

10:24 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Captain Gibson and Big John’s Towing responded.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

8:20 a.m. - Received a call wanting to speak to a deputy in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

9:38 a.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle unlock north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller responded.

12:26 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident west of Shoals. Sheriff Greene responded.

1:40 p.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn south of Shoals. Lost River Fire Chief was notified.

3:24 p.m. - Received a call reporting a domestic dispute in Shoals. Chief Deputy Keller, Loogootee Chief Long, Sergeant Wells, and Deputy Erwin responded.

4:07 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a disabled vehicle in Shoals. Caller advised they would have it moved Saturday.

5:18 p.m. - Received a call reporting a suspicious vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

5:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible break in north of Shoals. Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

6:46 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a large brush fire south of Loogootee. Haysville Fire Department responded.

6:50 p.m. - Received a call in regard to an animal complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

8:10 p.m. - Received a report of a possible fire south of Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department responded.

9:19 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:23 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a fire south of Loogootee. Advised caller it is a controlled burn.

9:25 p.m. - Received a 911 call advising of a fire south of Loogootee. Advised caller it is a controlled burn.

10:45 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

11:00 p.m. - Received a call reporting possible harassment in Shoals. Deputy Shields responded.

11:28 p.m. - Received a call reporting a huge fire south of Loogootee. Deputy Shields, Loogootee Officer Wagoner, and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

12:32 a.m. - Received a call reporting a

fire south of Loogootee. Advised caller it is a controlled burn.

2:15 a.m. - Received a call reporting the controlled burn south of Loogootee.

3:02 a.m. - Received a call reporting the controlled burn south of Loogootee.

3:12 a.m. - Received a call reporting the controlled burn south of Loogootee.

3:24 a.m. - Received a call reporting the controlled burn south of Loogootee.

3:56 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance south of Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 and Haysville Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:07 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the controlled burn south of Loogootee.

8:09 a.m. - Received a 911 call requesting a Daviess County address. Transferred call to Daviess County 911.

9:23 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

10:30 a.m. - Received a call in regard to a civil issue. Seargeant Wells responded.

12:04 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1 and Shoals Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:42 p.m. - Received a call reporting an accident with no injuries north of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

12:52 p.m. - Received an animal complaint in Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

2:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Sergeant Wells responded.

2:55 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Sergeant Wells and Indian Creek Fire Department responded.

2:56 p.m. - Received a call requesting assistance with a hazmat spill in Crane. Loogootee Fire responded.

3:32 p.m. - Received a call reporting a broken-down vehicle south of Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

3:36 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

3:44 p.m. - Received a 911 call in reporting a disabled vehicle in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Long responded.

3:45 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Sergeant Wells responded.

4:50 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer. Sergeant Wells responded.

5:22 p.m. - Received a call requesting a welfare check in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner, Martin County Medic 1, and Loogootee Fire Department responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:28 p.m. - Received a call reporting a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Shields and Big Johns Towing responded.

7:36 p.m. - Received a report of someone pointing laser lights in the sky in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

9:18 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting a tree down east of Shoals. Shoals Fire Department responded.

9:21 p.m. - Received a 911 call reporting an accident east of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy Shields, and Conservation Officer Fuhrman responded. No patient was transported.

9:45 p.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

6:31 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:14 a.m. - Received a 911 call report-

ing an accident south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department and Sergeant Wells responded. No one was transported.

10:41 a.m. - Received a call reporting damaged mailboxes south of Shoals. Sergeant Wells responded.

11:08 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Chief was advised.

12:03 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting the fire department in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

1:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting an object hitting a vehicle east of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:12 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1, Loogootee Fire Department, Sergeant Wells and Loogootee Officer Davis responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting a burglary in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

6:54 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak with an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

8:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting a reckless driver on US 231 North, traveling south. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an officer in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

11:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded and transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

6:31 a.m. - Received an accidental 911 call.

9:14 a.m. - Received a text 911 of an accident south of Shoals. Martin County Medic 1, Shoals Fire Department, and Sergeant Wells responded. No patient was transported.

10:14 a.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to a deputy. Sergeant Wells responded.

11:08 a.m. - Received a call reporting a controlled burn in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department was advised.

12:03 p.m. - Received a call of a possible fire in Loogootee. Sergeant Wells, Officer Davis, and Loogootee Fire Department responded.

1:27 p.m. - Received a call reporting an incident east of Loogootee. Sergeant Wells responded.

3:12 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Loogootee Fire Department, Martin County Medic 1, and Loogootee Officer Davis responded.

6:09 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible break-in, in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

6:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

6:54 p.m. - Received a call requesting to speak to an officer. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

8:21 p.m. - Received a call reporting a possible intoxicated driver south of Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

10:05 p.m. - Received a 911 call in regard to a domestic dispute in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Wagoner responded.

11:54 p.m. - Received a 911 call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Medic 1 responded. Medic 1 transported one patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

COURT NEWS

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCINGS

October 27

Richard S. Smith, Jr., convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 20 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 1 actual day previously served plus 1 Class A credit day.

October 30

Michael T. French, convicted of driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 365 days suspended. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Marjorie Hether, convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 349 days suspended and credit for 8 actual days previously served plus 8 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

October 31

James L. Wildrick, convicted of pointing a firearm, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 357 days suspended and credit for 4 actual days previously served plus 4 Class A credit days. Defendant received 12 months of probation.

Brandie Morris, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated with prior conviction within 7 years, a Level 5 Felony. Sentenced to serve 540 days with 0 days suspended and credit for 3 actual days previously served plus 3 Class A credit days. The defendant shall serve the remainder of the sentence of 534 days on Martin County Community Corrections Home Detention Electronically Monitored Program, which includes paying for and completing 96 hours of community service restitution, as long as the defendant remains eligible.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

October 30

Michael T. French, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Marjorie Hether, possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

October 31

James L. Wildrick, intimidation, a Level 5 Felony, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

October 25

Miranda Adkins vs. Jeremiah Adkins, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

October 26

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Mariner Finance, LLC and against the defendant Stephen Engleman in the amount of \$7,915.29.

October 31

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff OneMain Financial Group, LLC and against the defendants Lee Mayo and Richard Hoffman in the amount of \$22,250.22.

SMALL CLAIMS COURT

New Suits Filed

October 25

George Schroeder vs. Kaleb and Beth Connell, eviction.

October 30

Aragam Ashby vs. Apryl Parker, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

October 31

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Dustin Fox in the amount of \$10,143.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Travis S. Ashby in the amount of \$10,115.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Chad Lechner in the amount of \$1,596.23.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Amanda K. Miller in the amount of \$4,322.29.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Brandi Gilbert in the amount of \$921.06.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

October 31

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Justin P. Hayden, complaint, dismissed.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

October 26

Dylan Matthew Jones of Loogootee and Brianna Renee Williams of Loogootee.

Real estate transfers

DeWayne Wittmer, Jennifer Wittmer, David R. Knepp and Mary Ruth Knepp, of Martin County, Indiana to Jennifer Wittmer, David R. Knepp and Mary Ruth Knepp, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter and a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 40 acres.

Mark E. Tedrow, of Martin County, Indiana to Jordan T. Sorrells, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 30 in that part of Shoals originally platted as West Shoals, now Shoals, Indiana. More commonly known as 433 Courthouse Drive, Shoals IN 47581.

Jalen M. Pearson, of Martin County, Indiana to Anthony Stemen, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the north half of Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Margaret Ann (Jones) Murphy, of Lake County, Indiana to Adam D. Lengacher, of Daviess County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 6.11 acres, more or less.

Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

6:00 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Cherry Road.

3:54 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Long assisted in a medical call on Southwest Third Street.

6:48 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call near Taco Bell.

8:31 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a call near West Boggs Park.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

5:32 a.m. - Loogootee Fire Department responded to a medical call at Hoosier Car Wash.

11:22 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Highway 231 South.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7:55 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Southeast First Street.

8:50 a.m. - Chief Long performed a vehicle unlock on Sycamore Street.

12:20 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at Eagle Place Apartments.

2:50 p.m. - Chief Long stopped a vehicle on Broadway Street.

3:00 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Chief Long responded to a medical call on Church Street.

8:31 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a medical call on St. Joseph Road.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

10:02 a.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at the BMV.

3:24 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at RJ's.

6:18 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Trimble Lane.

6:42 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on North State Road 450.

11:28 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Highway 231 South.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

3:03 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department assisted Crane Naval Base.

3:13 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call at Greenwell Hardware.

3:58 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Mt. Pleasant Road.

3:47 p.m. - Chief Long responded to a call on Butcher Boulevard.

5:22 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Wagoner responded to a medical call on Southwest First Street.

9:45 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Mt. Calvary Road.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

1:58 p.m. - Officer Davis responded to a medical call at Lakeview Restaurant.

3:54 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department, Officer Davis and Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Highway 231 North.

ment, Officer Davis and Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Highway 231 North.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

12:05 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Davis responded to a call on North Line Street.

3:14 p.m. - Loogootee Fire Department and Officer Davis responded to a medical call on North Line Street.

6:09 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Southwest Third Street.

8:21 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on Highway 231 South.

8:52 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call on William Daily Drive.

10:05 p.m. - Officer Wagoner responded to a call at the Loogootee laundry mat.

ARRESTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

9:41 a.m. - Stephen Worthington, 48, of Loogootee, was arrested by Loogootee Chief Long on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

1:00 a.m. - Joshua Seibert, 46, of Evansville, was arrested by Major Reed and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and residential entry. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond. Deputy Doane assisted with the arrest.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:37 p.m. - Donnie Cato, 64, of Loogootee, was arrested on a Martin County warrant. He is being held without bond.

10:58 p.m. - Ian Crosby, 18, of Bedford, was arrested by Captain Gibson and charged with possession of paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. He is being held on \$5,000 10% bond.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

3:55 p.m. - Timothy Sterling, 51, of Dubois, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with battery on a minor. He is being held on \$15,000 10% bond.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

10:01 a.m. - Lisa Lindsey, 59, of Shoals, was arrested by Orange County on a Martin County warrant. She is being held without bond.

7:41 p.m. - Ronald Wade, 64, of Shoals, was arrested by Sergeant Wells and charged with operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangerment. He is being held \$10,000 10% bond.



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More Neat Stuff



By Ann Ackerman



REMEDIES:

1. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
2. Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
3. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
4. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives; then you'll be afraid to cough.
5. You need only two tools in life - WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
6. If you can't fix it with a hammer, you've got an electrical problem.

RIDDLES (Here we go again!)

1. What do you call a wild dog that meditates?
2. Who is the dog's favorite comedian?
3. How is a dog and a marine biologist alike?
4. What do you get if you cross a gold dog with a telephone?
5. What kind of dog likes taking a bath every day?
6. Why did the man living in Alaska name his dog Frost?

THOUGHTS

- *I finished three books yesterday. And believe me, that's a lot of coloring.
- *What did our parents do to kill boredom before the internet? I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.
- *Struggling to get your wife's attention? Just sit down and look comfortable.
- *Just sold my homing pigeon on eBay for the 22nd time.
- *I grew up with Bob Hope, Steve Jobs, and Johnny Cash. Now there's no jobs, no cash, and no hope. Please don't let anything happen to Kevin Bacon.
- *Shoutout to everyone who can still remember their childhood phone number but can't remember the password they created yesterday. You are my people.
- *One minute you're young and fun. And next, you're turning down the stereo in your car to see better.
- *Think you're old and you will be old. Think you are young, and you will be delusional.
- *There's nothing scarier than that split

COPS AND KIDS looking for donations

Each year, the Daviess-Martin Fraternal Order of Police sponsors a COPS AND KIDS program (formerly called Shop with a Cop). This program helps local Head Start children have a brighter Christmas. With help from you the children can be provided with needed items such as clothing, coats, shoes and some toys. All money raised is used for the children's purchases. The shopping day will be on December 14.

For more information about this program contact Sheriff Josh Greene or Deputy Sheriff Keith Keller at 812-247-3726, Loogootee Chief of Police Kyle Long at 812-295-2246, or Deb Terry or DeAnna Porter at 812-295-4700

Donations may be mailed to COPS AND KIDS, Head Start, 401 South Oak Street, Loogootee, In. 47553.

second when you lose your balance in the shower and you think, "They are going to find me naked."

*Today, I melted an ice cube with my mind just by staring at it. It took a lot longer than I thought it would.

*As blunt as I may seem, I really don't say half of what I'm thinking.

*Telling an angry woman to calm down works about as well as baptizing a cat.

*At my age, I am good at multitasking. I can listen, ignore, and forget all at once.

*Shout out to dogs that will eat cat poop given the chance, but to try to hide a pill in 3 pounds of cheese and suddenly they're Gordon Ramsey.

*I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, "Well, that's never gonna happen."

ANSWERS:

1. Aware wolf, 2. Growlcho Marx, (we old-timers know who he was), 3. One wags a tail and the other tags a whale, 4. A golden receiver, 5. A shampoo-dle, 6. Because Frost bites.

GOOD THOUGHTS

- *In a world where you can be anything, be kind.
- *What a beautiful world it would be if people had hearts like dogs.
- *One of the most important things you can do on this earth is to let people know they are not alone.
- *If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever. -Winnie the Pooh

Make someone smile today!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Thank you to everyone who helped support the Shoals Athletic program'

To the editor of the Martin County Journal,

The Shoals Adult Booster Club would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their donations and support of this year's Fall Festival: Chicago's Pizza, Evansville Children's Museum, WonderLab, Indiana State Fair, Los Amigos, Midwestern Engineers, Shoals Legion, Carla's Catering, Bedford Walmart, Full Circle Photography, Holiday World, Cincinnati Reds, REMC, Kizior & Young Orthodontics, French Lick Resort, USG, All About You, Rising Sun, Fast Eddies, Shoals Eagles, Lane and Kayde, Raising an Old Soul, Greene's Body Shop, Yellow House, H&H Hardware, Eichmiller's, RTC Communications, Lakeview Golf Course, Jolene's Decorating, Pizza Junction, Andrea Lemon/Country Creations, Bauer's Coffee Shop, Velma's Diner, Southern Indiana Steel/Loughmiller Machine, Magical Places Travel, Loughmiller's, Bo-Macs, Travis Brett/Farm Bureau, Casa Sevilla, Crane Credit Union, Rosie's, White River Marina, Brittany Fuhrman, Heather Hager, Kevin Fuhrman, Faytastic Pizza, Deanna Hert, The Shoals News and the Martin County Journal

A special thanks to all of the coaches, athletes, staff, parents and community volunteers who helped make this year's festival a great success.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to support the Shoals Athletic program.

Shoals Adult Booster Club

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loogootee School Board meeting

The Loogootee School Board will meet Thursday, November 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the meeting room off the superintendent's office. The only item on the agenda is personnel. The meeting is open to the public.

Tourism meeting

The Martin County Tourism Board will hold their next meeting Thursday, November 9 at 5 p.m. at the Community Learning Center Building at the fairgrounds. The meeting is open to the public.

Park Board meeting

The Daviess-Martin Joint County Park Board will hold their monthly board meeting Monday, November 13 at 7 p.m. at the West Boggs Park Activity Center. The meeting is open to the public.

SIDC 50th Anniversary

The Southern Indiana Development Commission (SIDC) is celebrating 50 years of service to Martin County and the surrounding area. SIDC is a regional planning commission that serves the area with community, economic, and housing development needs. SIDC is hosting a 50th Anniversary Celebration Open House on November 15, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chandler Barn, located in Gasthof Village, at 6747 E. Gasthof Village Road, Montgomery. There will be food, a live band, and games.

Celebrate Recovery meetings

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

St. Vincent Food Pantry

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry,

on Park Street in Loogootee, is open the fourth Thursday of the month except November and December when they are open the third Thursday. The hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-3:30 p.m.

Free lunch for kids

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

SOAR Tutoring

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

LUMC Food Pantry

The Loogootee United Methodist Church Food Pantry is open every Thursday (except the fourth Thursday) from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

Soil and Water meetings

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



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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser,
Purdue University Master Gardener

Freezing temperatures last week caused tender plants to die back, but that does not mean the gardening year is over. There is still a lot to do to put the garden to bed and get ready for next year.

Many summer bulb plants have become mushy after the freeze. Take advantage of one of the beautiful, sunny days to get out and cut back that dead foliage. Elephant ears, cannas, gladioli and many other flowers are generally not considered hardy to this area. If we have a mild winter, they may return next year without any special care, but a really hard freeze this winter will make the bulbs look as bad as the foliage looks now. You may rake a pile of leaves to cover the area where such bulbs are planted. You may need to put a tarp over the leaves and anchor it with stones or some other anchor. Straw bales placed over the areas will also provide insulation. Just be certain to remove the leaves or straw in the spring, so the bulbs can sprout and grow into plants again.

The traditional way to save such bulbs for next year is to dig and store them. Dig carefully. I prefer to do this with a digging fork, but you may use a shovel if you are careful. Start far enough from the stem to ensure you do not cut into the bulb. Let the bulbs dry in the sun for several hours, and carefully remove excess soil.

Storing the bulbs can be a challenge. They need to be stored in a cool, dry place. Most homes are too warm, and the bulbs may sprout new growth before it is time to plant them again. Cellars are good storage places also, as are garages that do not freeze. You may store the bulbs in boxes of sphagnum moss or dry sawdust, being careful that the bulbs do not touch. Another good storage trick

is to put them in mesh bags and hang them where rodents cannot get to them. You may tie a twist-tie above each bulb to separate them in the bags. I have also seen this done using old nylon hose.

Many of the bulbs I planted are in pots, and my favorite way to store them is to put the pots in the crawl space under my house. You could also put them in a cellar or cool garage that does not freeze. I lay some hardware cloth over the top of the pots to keep the critters out. Next spring, I just set the pots back outside and the bulbs will grow again. As the bulbs multiply, I have to re-pot after a few years, and either plant the extra bulbs in new pots or share them with friends.

In the vegetable garden, most of the plants have been killed by the freeze. However, some very hardy greens may still be growing, and it is fine to use them as long as the plants remain firm. Root crops may be dug and stored, or you may cover them with some type of mulch and dig them as needed during the winter. You will find that some of them will put out new growth next spring. Most of these crops are actually biennials. The growth next year will flower and then set seed. While I leave foliage in the flower beds, I find that it is easiest to remove everything from my vegetable beds. If there were no disease problems, the foliage may be added to the compost bins. Anything that may harbor disease spores, I usually place on a burn pile.

This time of year, there is less work in the garden, but we will still have many pretty days to get out. That is the reason I have planned Sandhill Gardens for interest in all seasons. I love walking in the garden in late fall and winter. I am amazed at the life I see during this dead time of the year.

Visitor use monitoring begins on the Hoosier National Forest

The public will encounter contract employees working on the Hoosier National Forest in developed and dispersed recreation sites and along Forest Service roads conducting the National Visitor Use Monitoring (NVUM) survey now through September 30, 2024. They will be out in all types of weather conditions, wearing bright orange vests and be near a sign that says, "Traffic Survey Ahead".

The survey gathers basic visitor information and the information gathered is useful for forest planning as well as local community tourism planning. It provides National Forest managers with an estimate of how many people recreate on the National Forest, what activities they engage in while there and how satisfied people were with their visit. The economic impact to the local economy is also captured in the survey.

Surveys are voluntary and all responses are confidential; names are not included. Interviews last about 10 minutes.

Questions asked include where you recreated on the forest, how many people

traveled with you, how long you were on the forest, what other recreation sites you visited while on the forest, and how satisfied you are with the facilities and services provided. About a third of the visitors will be asked to complete a confidential survey on recreation spending during their trip.

"Although the survey is entirely voluntary, participation is extremely important so we can assess visitor experiences on the Forest, ultimately improving and sustaining recreation opportunities" said Stacy Duke, forest recreation program manager. "We would appreciate it if visitors would pull over and answer a few questions. It's important for interviewers to talk with local people using the Forest, as well as out-of-area visitors, to ensure a robust and all-inclusive study."

Information about the National Visitor Use Monitoring program can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/about-agency/nvum

For more information on the Hoosier National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/hoosier.



Grazing Bites

By Victor Shelton
NRCS State Agronomist/Grazing Specialist

The autumn colors and a few frosts and light freezes have reminded us that the growing season has come to a pause and winter weather is in the foreseeable future. Are you ready for winter?

I generally keep a running list of things to get done. Most of the time, that list is on an index card that I carry in my pocket, but sometimes it is the back of an envelope or scrape piece of paper. I try to arrange the list from priority to "try and get done," in that order. I slowly mark items off as the day progresses or at least I try to.

My typical winter check list includes: checking winter feed supplies with estimates of livestock needs; making sure winter feeding areas are cleaned and ready; confirming fields that might be used for bale grazing are left with enough stockpile to reduce soil and forage damage; ensuring any winter feeding equipment is ready to when needed; and checking all winter watering equipment while it's nicer to work on if needed.

As I write this, there is some rain in the forecast and whether the rain is needed or not (most need it) it initiates an enhanced urgency of some items on the list – especially when good weather and drying days are numbered.

Typically, cool season grasses start really slowing down now and complete movement of carbohydrates towards root reserves while the above ground portions go dormant. It is at this point where we can normally feel reasonably safe to start grazing stockpiled forages without worrying about stressing the plant too much. I would prefer to wait until there have been several nights in a row in the mid-twenties. I say this with the assumption that you have also finished up grazing any corn residue that might be available. If not, keep grazing as long as conditions permit, then move to the stockpiled forage if you have any.

It has been a tough year to stockpile much forage under the dry conditions. If you were able to stockpile forages this year, then you have done very well.

If you have stockpiled forages, forages that don't hold value very well and for very long need to be grazed first, such as orchardgrass, timothy hay aftermath, or perennial ryegrass, and even smooth brome once it has gone dormant should be first on the list. I would then move to the last grazing of the year on Italian ryegrasses and continue with annual small grains as long as soil conditions permit.

If you have any fall seeded brassicas, now is a good time to start grazing on those if you haven't already. Most brassicas are very high in water and nutrients and most likely are going to need a little dry matter, such as hay or dry stockpiled forage added to keep a good balance. As I've said before, don't stand too close behind them if you are grazing turnips by themselves or you'll see quickly what I'm talking about; just not a good idea to graze these brassicas as a monoculture.

If you are thinking about grazing any alfalfa hay aftermath, it is important to allow the plants to go completely dormant before grazing - this is usually in the same timeline as the first hard freeze. Graze then before leaf drop. Do not graze under wet conditions to prevent crown damage and ideally leave a minimum of three to four inches of stubble for winter protection.

Pastures that could use more legumes can be grazed down extra tight at this point, opening up the canopy for frost seeding later on and also reducing competition for the new legume seedlings in the spring.

Extra thick monocultures of grass proba-

bly need to be grazed a little harder prior to going dormant in the fall to really set them back in the spring, if that is your intent. Ideally though, try and still leave three to four inches of forage behind for winter cover which helps reduce runoff, increase infiltration, and provide some dry forage with new grass next spring.

If it is going to be the first field grazed next spring, try to leave as much as possible or skip it completely. This creates a great combination to start grazing next spring – dry forage mixed with very fresh new growth. If you watch spring growth next spring – you can see a difference in forage growth as compared to how it was treated.

Water is still needed during winter months, and still needs to be adequate in quality and quantity. Now is a good time to make sure everything is working and ready. Most livestock prefer water between the temperatures of 37- and 65-degrees Fahrenheit. When the water temperature deviates very much beyond this range, intake is reduced. All-weather tanks such as "ball" tanks or heated tanks are great for extending the grazing season out in the field and for winter feeding areas. Spring developments also make really great winter watering systems because water is constantly flowing through them keeping them open and fresh.

I mentioned bale grazing earlier – it's a good option. It certainly can help to either return nutrients back to where hay was harvested or to areas where it is needed. Bales need to be set out while soil conditions are good and ideally on soil and sites where excess moisture is not an issue. If it remains somewhat dry the next couple months, then that makes this even more practical.

Once the weather stays cold, biological activity slows down and bales can be set out in the field ahead of time with less risk of loss. Bales should be spaced according to how they will be fed. A temporary electric fence is then used to allocate out the bales being fed. In most cases, only one or two bales at a time is enough and reduces waste – roughly about two tons per acre, which also gives you a visual of about what spacing is needed.

Bale rings are good to use when bale grazing, if conditions are dry and or will be consumed fairly quickly. When conditions are less ideal, and you want to keep soil disturbance to a minimum and don't mind a bit more waste then don't use rings. Fields used for bale grazing should be deferred to early next year to allow time to recover and hay residual to start breaking down.

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

Reminders & Opportunities

Match Made in Heaven is trying to find out the roadblocks that producers are experiencing (or think they will experience) when integrating livestock into cropland. The goal is that more educational opportunities will be targeted towards integrating livestock onto cropland with the ultimate goal of more soil health and expanding grazing livestock operations. <https://greenlandsbluwater.org/match-made-in-heaven-livestock-crops/>

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PURE COUNTRY *Throwback*

By Dan Gregory

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People notice odd things and the fact that this upcoming Veterans Day falls on 11/11/11 and its odd numeric was noticed by many as a once in a century occurrence. Everyone has a different perception of what Veterans Day means to them. I doubt any family can claim to have zero veterans in their family tree and depending on the experience of their veteran what the day means to them.

Even though I am a veteran, my Indiana National Guard experience was all domestic and without any intense wartime service. I missed being drafted by a few months as Vietnam was nearly over when my draft number of 63 was pulled out of the hat in the summer of 1971. I chose the Guard as an alternative and served six years with some really good people, both Korean and Vietnam Veterans who opted to continue serving in the Guard, and others like me who could only listen to what they went through. We all held the wartime vets in high regard for what they had sacrificed in the conflicts.

Still my personal Veterans Day thoughts center around both of my parents. Dad served in the Army during WWII as a field artillery surveyor. His job was to provide co-ordinates for artillery to launch shells into enemy territory. He started at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and from there began a three-year journey in North Africa that ended in Berlin, Germany. The images of artillery warfare are well documented, and one can imagine the noise, smoke and intensity of it all. How different that period of his life was

compared to the farm boy life of Dubois and Daviess County where he was raised.

My mom was also a veteran of a different sort. Just out of high school in Ireland, Indiana, she went to work in an ammunition factory in Evansville and later the steel mills of northern Indiana that produced the steel for the war effort. She worked there until the day my dad returned to America on October 31, 1945. They married eight days later just as they had promised each other.

Neither of my parents ever glorified war. I know that dad kept very quiet about the whole thing and that said enough to me. It was one of the few subjects that was off limits. Veterans Day to him had a far different meaning and he felt very lucky to have survived.

We were in Sweden a few months ago for one of our granddaughter's baptisms. Our son Mark has a friend named Tobias. He was there from Germany to help celebrate the occasion. Tobias and I had a great time talking and when I asked him about WWII, he said his grandfather (which he had never met) had been killed in that conflict fighting for Germany. It doesn't happen often, but I was speechless. Even as I write this, I don't know how to respond to that. The nature of war is one side wins, and one side loses. Within those "sides" are real people like my dad and Tobias's grandfather, one who gave plenty but not the ultimate sacrifice, and one who did.

Veterans Day is a special day to honor those who have given so much. I plan to spend that day calling a few and thanking them. You know a few, care to join me?

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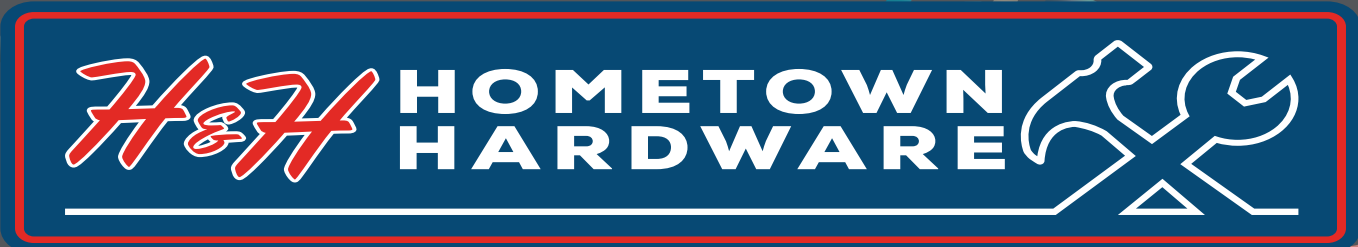


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