



Shoals Homecoming

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Homecoming will be held at Shoals this Saturday night, January 18 as the Jug Rox face Springs Valley. The junior varsity match-up starts at 6 p.m. Students competing for Homecoming King and Queen are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Damon Roach, Cody Hert, Cody McKibben, Alex Tedrow, Michael Hawkins, and Logan Harker. In the back row, from left to right, are Nicole Harder, Katlyn Sanders, Robyn Hamby, Aleia Couchman, Haylie Brace, and Megan Hawkins.

City discusses salaries, Bowling Manufacturing

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Bo Wilson, city superintendent, approached the Loogootee City Council at their meeting Monday night, January 13 about getting salary increases for himself and two of his employees. He asked for 50 cents more per hour for himself and one of his employees and 25 cents per hour for the other employee. Council member Rick Norris said it was his opinion that a special meeting be held to discuss this issue. The board agreed to meet Tuesday, January 21 at 5 p.m. in the council meeting room.

Alliance Director Tim Kinder gave the council an update on current projects. He said one is almost complete in the WestGate Tech Park. Regarding Bowling Manufacturing, which has been ongoing for several years, he explained, it is a slow, meticulous process and it cannot be sped up. He said there are initial preparations being done in the next few

months. Kinder said Mike Carney purchased the building and has a large investment in the project. Martin County Alliance President Don Bowling also spoke about Bowling Manufacturing. He said he has received many questions asking why it is taking so long. He said many of these deals do take a long time and you can run into obstacles you do not anticipate. "It's hard to understand but that's just the way it is," said Bowling. Kinder added that the team with the Alliance working with the company has to work at their pace. He said he asked Carney if a timeline could be set but Carney replied that he is not ready at this point to do so.

"We are very lucky somebody bought it," said Council member Richard Taylor.

The council then discussed the city's water wells and the recent inspection. Two of the wells are in need of repairs. The cost is around \$42,000 to do both wells. The council approved the repairs by Lane but told Wilson

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Martin County Primary Election 2014 update

Anyone wishing to register to run in the 2014 Primary Election, the last day to register is Friday, February 7, by noon. Martin County offices up for election in 2014 include: prosecutor, clerk, assessor, commissioner district 2 (currently held by Paul George), county council districts 1, 2, 3, and 4 (currently held by Randy Winger, Keith Gibson, Barb McFeaters, and Lynn Gee), sheriff, township trustees and advisory boards, and state convention delegates. The school board elections are now held in the fall General Election and registration dates are not until July. For information on registering in the Primary, contact the Martin County Clerk's office at 812-247-3651. The following are current filings to date:

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Gerald Wilcoxon (R)

Loogootee School Board talks economic development

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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The Loogootee School Board met Tuesday night, January 14. With it being the reorganizational meeting, the board voted to retain Scott Hall as president, Larry Craney as vice president, and Nancy Summers as secretary.

Hall wanted the community to know that the board truly cares about the community and the young people. "You've got some good ears here and some good hearts," he said.

During patron input, Loogootee Mayor Noel Harty told the board that he and Tim Kinder, Alliance Director, were told to arrive at 5 p.m. to discuss the Alliance for Economic Development with the board members. The board said they were not aware of the meeting as it was set up with board member Shawn Howell and he was not present. The board suggested Harty and Kinder go ahead and address the board.

Kinder explained that through Radius Indiana, a Martin County Workforce and Education Council has been set up and Mike Tippery is a part of it. He said there has been one regional meeting and the second one will be the first of February. The Martin County meetings will start after that. He said the purpose of establishing this council is to apply for a \$650,000 Lily grant.

Hall told Kinder that the board is more than willing to do what is needed to help out with the economic development. He also noted that schools are again getting hit hard with funding and the changes to tax laws. He urged the community to write to their repre-

sentatives and ask them to stop taking funding away from schools. Board member Tim Bradley said a handwritten letter will mean more than an email and the representative will take time to read it.

Bradley also noted that at some point he would like to talk about the former Elementary East building. Harty said that was one thing that was to be discussed in the 5 p.m. meeting that night.

In other business, the board approved the bus fuel escalations for the third quarter. Diesel is up \$1.50 over the base cost in January of 2009 and 11 cents higher than last quarter. Gas is \$1.59 above the base cost in January of 2009 and 12 cents higher than last quarter.

The board accepted the resignation of Mike Winger as teacher and athletic director. Winger has taken a job at Crane. The board also accepted the resignation of Alan Williams as musical stage director.

The board thanked both for their work. Superintendent Laura Mattingly reported that Josh Mullis will take over as athletic director for the rest of the school year.

The board accepted the retirement of Donna Graber as Title I Assistant. The board thanked her for her hard work and wished her the best of luck in her retirement.

Tippery requested the board make a change to next year's school calendar that was approved at the last meeting. He recommended fall break be changed from October 9, 10 and 13 to October 10, 13 and 14. He said this aligns the calendar better with other area schools and special education and Twin (See 'LOGOOTE' cont. on page 2)

Local food establishments inspected

The following restaurant inspections were done by Julia Albright, of the Martin County Health Department. The information listed is verbatim from the inspection report and all were routine inspections. A violation that has been found from one inspection to the next will be labeled with "repeat violation".

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Dairy Master, 506 W Broadway St., Loogootee

Two critical violations:
-Containers of special sauce, chili and coney sauce in walk-in cooler had no date marking

-Tupperware containers used to store lettuce, tomato, etc. in walk-in cooler had build-up of black substance on lid and exterior of container (repeat violation)

Two non-critical violations:
-Crate containing pre-portioned servings of mushrooms, onion rings, etc. sitting directly on floor of walk-in freezer

-Self-closing device for men's and women's toilet room door not functioning properly (repeat violation).

American Legion Post 120, 112 Church Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Subway #18904, 208 Mill Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

McDonald's, 106 E. Broadway Street, Loogootee

Two non-critical violations:

-Wiping cloths in kitchen area not stored in sanitizer between use

-Temperature of water at hand sink in toilet rooms and at sink near drive-thru less than 100 degrees

Los Bravos Mexican Restaurant, 502 E. Broadway Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Multiple items in all coolers had no date marking on container

Four non-critical violations:
-Multiple items in coolers and freezers were not covered between use (repeat violation)

-No buckets of sanitizing solution noted in kitchen or beverage prep area (repeat violation)

-Build-up of dust noted on ceiling of walk-in cooler

-Back exterior door and side exterior door not tightly sealed and back storage room door has no self-closing device (repeat violation)

Knights of Columbus, 102 E. Main Street, Loogootee

No violations noted.

Strike Zone Bowling Center, 409 J Strange Avenue, Loogootee

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Applications available at Daviess-Martin County REMC for 2014 youth activities

Daviess-Martin County REMC is excited to offer two unique programs geared toward the youth of the community. High school students in the Daviess-Martin County REMC service territory are invited to apply for participation in this year's Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., and sixth graders are encouraged to apply for participation in the eleventh annual Touchstone Energy Camp.

High school juniors have a chance to join other Indiana youth on a trip of a lifetime. Applications are now available for the 2014 Electric Cooperative Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. The trip begins on June 12 in Indianapolis and ends on June 21.

According to Ken Frye, General Manager of Daviess-Martin County REMC, the Indiana delegation will be approximately 75 students from throughout the state, each

Martin County Health Department adopts new volunteer management program

Many Americans rely and expect a strong public health system that is capable of meeting the needs of our community in the time of an emergency. The emergency might be man-made, weather related, or an infectious disease. Whatever the cause of the emergency, it is important to have pre-registered and pre-credentialed volunteers to assist the Martin County Health Department respond to the needs of the community during times of disaster.

At the time of an event or disaster, volunteers are critical to saving lives and it will take an immense amount of volunteers to meet the needs of the community. From registration clerks and greeters, to doctors, nurses, and pharmacists; everyone is needed when it comes to emergency response. Across the nation, recent experience has shown us how valuable volunteers are and the need for an effective volunteer management system. In order to effectively utilize volunteers, the Martin County Health Department has elected to take part in the SERV-IN program (State Emergency Registry of Volunteer for Indiana). SERV-IN is an electronic registration system and database of local, regional and statewide volunteers who want to assist our public health and healthcare systems during an event or disaster. It allows for the pre-registration of volunteers and identification of skills prior to a disaster or event. Registration on SERV-IN does not obligate you to serve during an event. However, if an event, requiring volunteer assistance occurs, Martin County public health officials will use SERV-IN to generate a list of potential volunteers. SERV-IN volunteers will be contacted and given the opportunity to accept or decline service. Tony Holt, of the Martin County Health Department, says that, "Pre-registration of potential volunteers enhances the ability of the Martin County Health Department to quickly and effectively respond to an emergency event." He encourages anyone who is interested in volunteering during a public health emergency to register on SERV-IN. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed.

Registering is as simple as logging onto www.serv-in.org and entering the information requested. The registration process is easy and should only take a few moments of your time. After the initial registration, you can log back in and add more information or update your volunteer profile.

SERV-IN Registration Steps

Visit www.serv-in.org. Click on "Register Now"

Complete online application. License and contact information will be needed in order to complete the registration process. Your status will be pending until you are accepted by the Martin County Health Department

A representative from the Martin County Health Department may contact you, if additional information is needed.

selected by a local Touchstone Energy cooperative. They will join over a thousand other high school juniors from across the nation.

"Daviess-Martin County REMC is pleased to be able to provide this opportunity for local students," Frye said. "It's a great trip and a wonderful chance to see the sights, make new friends and learn how everyone, even young people, can make a difference in the world."

The Indiana delegation will meet in Indianapolis on Thursday, June 12 to tour the Indiana Statehouse and attend a get acquainted dinner with fellow Youth Tour delegates.

As they head east, students and chaperones will make a stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on their way to Gettysburg where they will visit the battlefield and museum. Then on to Washington, D.C. to begin a full schedule of sight-seeing, visits to Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian museums on the National Mall and tours of the National Memorials. Students will also have an opportunity to compete for a \$1,000 scholarship and the Youth Leadership Council.

Over 1,500 students – representing 44 states – will participate in the "Youth Tour Rally" on Monday morning where they will share their thoughts and opinions on a variety of timely issues. This will prepare them for a busy Tuesday on Capitol Hill, when students visit with representatives of Indiana's Congressional delegation. Leadership lessons will be intertwined with the itinerary throughout the week.

Indiana's electric cooperatives have hosted the Youth Tour since 1960, providing hundreds of young Hoosiers the opportunity to visit our nation's capital and learn about the federal government and the cooperative utility industry.

Touchstone Energy Camp

The Touchstone Energy Camp will be held June 4-7 at Camp Tecumseh in Brookston.

The experience was designed to educate sixth grade students across rural Indiana about electrification and electric safety, and help them to understand the cooperative business principle. A wide variety of activities have been designed to enhance this summer camp opportunity and create a memorable educational experience.

"Students will benefit from participation in a fun and powerful program," said Janet Chestnut, Daviess-Martin County REMC manager of communications/member relations. "Topics ranging from environmental education to electrification will be supplemented by traditional summer camp activities like swimming and horseback riding. This is truly a unique opportunity."

One student whose parents are members of Daviess-Martin County REMC will be chosen to participate in the Youth Tour and two students will be chosen for Touchstone Energy Camp. Applications for both programs are available at area schools and the REMC office. Deadlines to submit an application are February 14 for both the Youth Tour and Touchstone Energy Camp. For more information contact Janet Chestnut at 800-762-7362 or visit the website at www.dmremc.com.

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No violations noted.

Dairy Queen, 212 Mill Street, Loogootee

One non-critical violation:

-Fan covers of walk-in cooler have build-up of dust. Storage containers at cake prep table have build-up of dried food particles on outside of container (repeat violation)

Break Time Bar & Grill, 119 Cooper Street, Loogootee

One critical violation:

-Employee noted to have bare-hand contact with ready-to-eat pickles

Two non-critical violations:

-Single-use containers being utilized as

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Rivers programs. The board approved.

Tippery reported that the state is allowing the school to apply for a waiver for snow days on January 6 and 7 so that those days do not have to be made up. He said no official word has been received since the waivers have been filed. Make up days for now are January 20, February 17, April 21 and May 23. He said those days can be discussed once the waiver is authorized.

Mattingly asked the board's permission to post job announcements for the corporation treasurer and superintendent positions. The board approved.

The board offered their condolences to Ellen Dant for the loss of her brother-in-law, John Dant; to Megan Jones for the loss of her uncle, John Dant; Bill Riley for the loss of his father, Tom Riley; and to Chris Baugh for the loss of his father, Larry Baugh.

Mary Walton was appointed by the board to serve as the corporation treasurer and Sandra LaMar as the deputy treasurer. The board approved Laura Mattingly to serve as the Daviess-Martin Special Education Cooperative Voting Representative and Lacey Wade and Terri Smith to serve as alternates.

The board appointed Mike Tippery to serve as the Twin Rivers Career & Technical Education Area Voting Representative and John Mullen to serve as alternate.

The board voted to keep meeting days as the third Tuesday of the month with the open meetings starting at 5:30 p.m.

During the board of finance meeting, it was decided to keep the finance board the same officers as the school board.

In school and student success, Elementary Principal Terri Smith reported that on January 9 fourth grade math bowl practice began,

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he needed to work out where the funding is coming from to pay for it.

The Perry Township Fire Protection Agreement was tabled due to the clerk-treasurer not receiving the agreement from the trustee's office.

Jones recommended giving employees half of their health savings account contributions, paid by the city, and the other half later in the year when the health insurance policy is decided. She said a total disbursement would be \$30,000 and half would be \$17,000. Council member Norris expressed concern with employees who may need all of the money now. Jones replied that she has done half for several years so surely employees know not to use it all up right away. Norris replied that he knows of one employee last year whose first bill took all of his health savings money. He added that even if the policy is changed later in the year he doesn't see the deductibles changing. He suggested just giving it all now. The council agreed.

Council member John Fraley asked why the street department was not out early during the last snowfall putting sand on the roads. Wilson replied that workers were out by 8:30 a.m. Fraley replied that they should have been out around 5 a.m. because the sand froze and it took two days to sand the streets of Loogootee. He said workers went home before all the streets were completed and in the past they have stayed out until all the streets are sanded. "I don't understand why they are not putting out the same effort," he said. Wilson

replied that they are putting in the same effort. Fraley asked why then they waited to start sanding at 8:30 a.m. when the streets were slick. Wilson said it was a decision his department made amongst themselves and it was cleared with the mayor. "It's just as dangerous for us as it is for anyone else," said Wilson.

"Yeah, but that's your job to do that," replied Fraley. "I understand that, yes," replied Wilson. He added that they probably should have been out a little earlier. Police Chief Kelly Rayhill submitted his annual report that stated his department had 293 cases last year, 69 criminal arrests, 73 traffic citations, 1,518 calls for service, drove 32,208 miles, and issued 39 handgun permits. The following appointments were made for 2014 by the Mayor:

City attorney: Mark Jones
Board of Public Works and Safety: Fred Dupps and Ron Gilbert
Chief of Police: Kelly Rayhill
Chief of Volunteer Fire Department: Morgan Huebner
Public Works Superintendent: James E Wilson
Utilities Clerk: Nancy Spaulding
Mayoral Administrative Assistant: Phyllis Panko

Collections Clerk: Phyllis Panko
City Hall Custodian: Mary Davis
Martin County Solid Waste Board: Mayor Hartly and Rick Norris
Park and Recreation Board: Karen Slaven, Sue Carrico, Mark Ellis, Samantha Nelson and Mary Jane Frye

Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Board: Tim Strange
Building Commissioner: Greg Clark
Building Commission Board: Greg Clark, Hiram Sanders, Kay Ackerman, Judy Blackwell, Mike Engleman and Elaine Renoire
Summerfest Committee: Jolene McAtee, Don Greene, Van McAtee, Teresa Nolley, Mitch Green, and Brad Wade
Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones reappointed Kay Summers as her deputy clerk-treasurer.

The council voted Richard Taylor to serve as the council president for 2014. The council approved a building permit for Adam Greene to expand the back of his business on Riley Street.

OBITUARIES

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LARRY J. BAUGH

Larry J. Baugh passed away unexpectedly at 4 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2014 at his home. A resident of Shoals, he was 74.



He was born January 20, 1939 in Evansville; the son of the late Roscoe and Katherine (Oakley) Baugh. He married Marlene George on April 25, 1964 in Dover Hill and she survives.

He graduated from Williams High School, and then served his country in the United States Army. He was a retired farmer and bus driver for the Shoals Community School Corporation. He was a member of the Dover Hill Christian Union Church.

He will be greatly missed by his family, including wife, Marlene of Shoals; one son, Christopher and Janet Baugh of Loogootee; one daughter, Melinda Lewis and Terry Mays of Shoals; one brother, Richard Baugh of Shoals; one sister, Peggy Carter of Shoals; three grandchildren, Samantha Lewis, Lauren Baugh, and John Baugh; and one great-grandson, Dayson Laughlin.

Visitation will be from 4-8:00 p.m. this evening, Wednesday, January 15, at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals and a funeral service will be conducted on Thursday, January 16 at 11 a.m. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Condolences may be made on-line to the family at www.queenlee.com.

RUSSELL GOURLEY

Russell Talbot Gourley died Saturday, January 4, 2014 of heart failure. A resident of Lafayette, he was 73.

He was born in Buck Creek, Indiana on March 16, 1940; son of the late Clarence and Lillian (Gross) Gourley. He was a graduate of East Tipp High School and honorably served in the U.S. Army from 1963 to 1965.

He worked at Alcoa in Lafayette where he retired after 35 years in 1994. He received the World Safety Award. After taking over the safety program at Alcoa, accidents went from 300 a year to 5. After retiring from Alcoa he became a safety consultant for Oscar Winski Co. in Lafayette. He was a member of the Alcoa Retirees Club and American Legion Post #492 in West Lafayette.

He was beloved by all who knew him. He was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church where he formerly sang in the church choir and where he was married to his high school sweetheart, Marilyn, to whom he was married for 54 years.

They have two children, a daughter, Marilyn Herbst-Briar (husband, Brett) of Loogootee and a son, Russell E. Gourley (wife, Tina) of Lafayette. Although he was a foster father to at least 17 children throughout his life, many people considered him father. He is also survived by his best friend and

brother, Larry Gourley (wife, Carole) of Monticello and three sisters, Ramona Lambert, Clare Brickler and LeEtta Mann all of Lafayette. Also surviving are countless grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Vince Herbst, and a brother, Archie Gould. Russell's life was an example of selflessness. He was a hero to some and a friend to all.

Four Rivers Support Group kicks off the New Year

Families looking for direction and help will be able to find an extra asset available to them. Four Rivers has been asked by teachers, community members, families and other interested individuals to provide information about resources available to individuals with disabilities. Seeing this need, Four Rivers has developed a new support group to provide a forum for this.

This support group is intended to educate the community about available options and how to access them. The support group is open to the public including current families, guardians and other interested individuals.

The support group will host its next meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 6 p.m. Randy Kriebel will be the key speaker for the night. Randy has worked within state government for 41 years leading, planning, developing and funding programs for individuals with developmental disabilities. He

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, January 11 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Dan Gartland officiating. Burial followed at St. Boniface Cemetery with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Hippensteel Funeral Home was entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.hippensteelfuneralservice.com.

has also started Enhancing Lives LLC to promote awareness of the needs of individuals with disabilities in order to enhance the quality of life and increase independence through advocacy and consulting. Currently, he is consulting, advocating and volunteering for The Arc of Indiana.

The group meeting will start with mingling and appetizers, and conclude with a question and answer time and door prizes.

The event will be held at Ride Solution's accessible upstairs meeting room located on 1001 East Main Street in Washington. Transportation is also available. For more information on the event and how to be involved, please contact Four Rivers at 254-3207 or visit www.frrs.org.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

8:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Williams.

9:11 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:18 p.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

5:07 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Shoals.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a scam.

11:57 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

4:06 a.m. - Received a report of a tree down and across the roadway on State Road 450.

7:25 a.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 50.

9:05 a.m. - Received a report of a theft on

State Road 550.

12:47 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals.

12:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

2:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 150.

3:10 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 231 South.

7:47 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident on U.S. 150.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:26 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

9:20 a.m. - Received a report of an auto theft in Shoals.

10:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee.

1:05 p.m. - Received an animal complaint.

path of a 1998 Ford operated by Diane Fields, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

7:27 p.m. - First responders were requested at the high school for a medical problem.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

2:14 a.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint on Park Street.

3:30 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on Walker Street.

3:55 p.m. - First responders were requested on US 231 for a three-vehicle accident.

4:20 p.m. - Caller reported a civil issue.

7:30 p.m. - Caller reported a child custody issue.

6:41 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

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Loogootee Police log

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

11:00 a.m. - Caller reported his vehicle was struck by a semi while parked at the Marathon Station. Caller stated the driver of the semi left the scene. Chief Rayhill completed a case report.

1:30 p.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted child protection services.

4:28 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Street for a medical problem.

9:24 p.m. - Caller reported a verbal argument on SE 1st Street. Captain Hennette responded.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

12:20 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious person on SE 1st Street.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on N. Oak Street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

10:15 a.m. - Caller reported a dog complaint on South Kentucky Avenue.

10:20 a.m. - Male reported a reckless vehicle in the school parking lot.

11:00 a.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on her father.

3:48 p.m. - Caller reported a theft of fuel from Chuckles.

6:35 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted Martin County with a domestic dispute.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

6:12 p.m. - William Pruett, of Shoals, was operating a Buick and attempting to exit the IGA parking lot when he pulled into the

Loogootee man arrested after fleeing accident

On Saturday, January 11, at approximately 8:52 a.m., Martin County dispatch received a call about an accident on Spout Springs Road in which the driver of the vehicle had fled on foot. Witnesses were able to give a description of the individual who left the scene and a direction of travel. Another witness was also able to give a name of the individual who was last seen driving the vehicle.

Once on scene, emergency personnel were able to determine that there was no one else inside or around the vehicle that was injured in the accident. Martin County Deputies, Damon Baker and Kevin McBeth, then began to search the area the individual was last seen fleeing to. Approximately a half mile from the accident scene, deputies observed a male subject, fitting the description of the individual fleeing the accident scene. When Deputy Baker and McBeth announced themselves as police officers, the male subject ran and crouched behind a tree. Deputy Baker ordered the male to come out from the behind the tree and the individual eventually complied.

After a short investigation it was determined that the male subject was Ryan Mattingly, 28, of Loogootee, and he had been the driver of the vehicle. Mattingly was taken into custody without incident.

Mattingly was charged with leaving the scene of a property damage accident, a Class A Misdemeanor, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor, and public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Jail bookings

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

10:57 a.m. - Ryan Mattingly, of Loogootee, was arrested on preliminary charges of public intoxication, false informing, and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

Real estate transfer

Douglas Sanders, Phyllis K. Warner, and Karla Fay Haswell; and Gerald L. Sanders and Phoebe K. Sanders, of Martin County, Indiana to Phyllis K. Warner, of Martin County, Indiana, the east half of Lot No. 205 in the plat of Daugherty's Addition to West Shoals, now a part of Shoals, Indiana.

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296-0649, jajeffers20@hotmail.com, www.beachbodycoach.com/jkthompson20



Students/staff of the month

-Photo provided

Students of the month and staff member of the month at Loogootee Elementary have been chosen for December. They are: kindergarten-Praylee Haggard, 1st grade-Morgan Mattingly, 2nd grade-Chance Carrico, 3rd grade-Shawna Mason, 4th grade-Saddie Marshall, and staff member-Regina Turner. Students have been chosen by their teachers because they possess positive character qualities of respect, caring, integrity, responsibility, and self-discipline as well as their perfect or outstanding attendance for the month of December, no detentions or loss of recess for behavior issues, they exhibit good effort daily, and they also work well with classmates with a cooperative attitude. The staff member of the month is nominated by the Loogootee Elementary Staff.



100 point club!

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Shown above are the Loogootee Elementary students that were awarded lunch at Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant on December 19. They had to read independently and pass Accelerated Reader quizzes. They had to accumulate 100 points or more with at least an 85 percent average for the first semester of this school year. This is an exemplary goal for the students to meet! Congratulations goes to Mikenna Jones with 294.3 points/ 96.4 percent, Kyleigh Courter with 114.3 points/ 93.5 percent, Abigail Fischer with 178.1 points/ 96.1 percent, and Tierlan Norris with 135.3 points/ 94.4 percent. Shown from left to right, are Tierlan Norris, Mikenna Jones, Mrs. Brenda Edwards, Abigail Fischer, and Kyleigh Courter.

Loogootee all-time greats to be honored Saturday

You'll want to score a seat to this one. Fans from all over the place may want to consider flocking to Loogootee on Saturday night. First, it is the annual Blue Chip border battle between perennial rivals Barr-Reeve and the homestanding Lions. The Vikes sit atop the 1A polls once again, and although LHS has fallen off the rankings radar, the black-and-gold should have plenty of reasons to put up a valiant fight against their brethren to the west. And, while the reserve/varsity games themselves are worth plunking down five bucks for, the celebration in between the two contests is a late Christmas gift and once-in-a-lifetime engagement. Saturday night's true main event is the historical showcasing of the town of Loogootee's finest basketball players, at least from an offensive production standpoint.

An invitation was sent out a couple of months ago to all 22 of the Lions/Lady Lions/St. John's Eagles players that managed to amass 1,000 or more points in their basketball careers. Remarkably, 19 of those 22 will be in attendance on Saturday for the occasion. Those who will appear include: Leslie Wade VanHoy, Ashley Fraley Salmon, Brian Canada, Jeff Doyle, Junior Gee, Wilmer Wittmer, Bill Butcher, Brett Bradley, Conner Wittmer, Jeff Bledsoe, Larry Reynolds, Mike Bohlinger, Wynter Wagoner, Jennifer Bullock Guinn, John O'Maley, Amanda Green, Todd Baker, Nick Toy, and Jim Trout. Bryant Ackerman is playing a game that evening with his Elmhurst College team while both Steve "Doc" Downey and Bill Nigg were unable to make the fold due to health concerns. That trio will have family members in attendance to share in their honor.

The group in attendance will travel back home from such cities as Spring, Texas and Cumming, Georgia; Daytona Beach, Florida, and Monroe, New Jersey; and Mainville, Ohio, and Whitehouse, Tennessee. 16 of the 22 honorees have never been bestowed a 1,000 Point Club basketball for their high school accomplishments, but each of the 22 will have that chance on this night, many getting a commemorative-decorated ball from their coach, Indiana Basketball Hall-of-Famer Jack Butcher, who will also be present for this monumental reunion.

Regardless of whether you follow Loogootee basketball in 2014, this tribute event is one that hoops fans from days gone by will certainly want to see for themselves.

1,000 point club

- Leslie Wade VanHoy, LHS Class of 1992, (All-Time Leader) 1,867 Points
- Ashley Fraley Salmon, LHS Class of 2005, 1,599 Points
- Brian Canada, LHS Class of 1972, 1,496 Points
- Jeff Doyle, LHS Class of 1990, 1,478 Points
- Junior Gee, LHS Class of 1963, 1,373 Points
- Wilmer Wittmer, LHS Class of 1959, 1,366 Points
- Bill Butcher, LHS Class of 1975, 1,349 Points
- Brett Bradley, LHS Class of 2001, 1,275 Points
- Conner Wittmer, LHS Class of 2013, 1,237 Points
- Jeff Bledsoe, LHS Class of 1995, 1,186 Points
- Larry Reynolds, St. John's Class of 1958, 1,177 Points
- Mike Bohlinger, LHS Class of 1965, 1,170 Points
- Bill Nigg, LHS Class of 1960, 1,107 Points
- Wynter Wagoner, Class of 2012, 1,088 Points
- Steve "Doc" Downey, St. John's Class of 1966, 1,070 Points
- Jennifer Bullock Guinn, LHS Class of 1989, 1,065 Points
- John O'Maley, St. John's Class of 1969, 1,053 Points
- Amanda Green, LHS Class of 2002, 1,034 Points
- Bryant Ackerman, LHS Class of 2012, 1,026 Points
- Todd Baker, LHS Class of 2007, 1,025 Points
- Nick Toy, LHS Class of 1996, 1,016 Points
- Jim Trout, LHS Class of 1970, 1,011 Points

And, in case any person out there is a bang-up mathematician, the 22 all-time greatest scorers poured in a total of 27,068 tallies via free throws, baskets, and three-pointers beginning at St. John's with Larry Reynolds during the 1954-55 season and continuing through last winter when Conner Wittmer made his last point against Barr-Reeve in the sectional final on the hallowed hardwood of Jack Butcher Sports Arena. Come enjoy Christmas in the Gym!

Loogootee Elementary Honor Roll

Term 2

THIRD GRADE

High Honor Roll: Parker Arvin, Kyleigh Courter, Abbey Fischer, Euan Graves, Mackenzie Hembree, Broedy Knepp, Symphony Lantz, Kage Lyon, Lindsey Nolan, Grace Stanley, Wayden Wagoner, Ethan White, and Morgan Wolfe

Honor Roll: Lacie Arthur, Zoey Brassine, Lucas Brittain, Isaac Eagle, Ethan Earley, Linsey England, Maddie Fischer, Bri Greene, Talan Hayes, Claire Kemp, Noah Knight, Tasha Kreilein, Bridget Like, Shawna Mason, Ashley Nail, Kieragen Napier, Lane Rankin, Kortni Rumble, Ashley Sargent, Madyson Simmons, Kaylynn Sims, Savannah Stevens, Ava Summers, Mallorie Sutton, Anastasia Toy, Hannah VanMeter, Brenna Wade, Brenda Wagler, Matthew Wagler, Ashden Walton, and Tylan Williams

FOURTH GRADE

High Honor Roll: Dax Bailey, Tessa Bradley, Katie Callison, Grace Foddrill, Grace Gingerich, Lauren Holt, Mikenna Jones, Aiden Kain, Nick Keller, Jacob Lengacher, Rachel Lents, Haylie Mathies, Jaylen Mullen, Mason Roark, Miracle Stin-

son, Jalynn Stoll, Jocelyn Strange, Rory Tippery, Caylin Wagoner, and Tucker Walton

Honor Roll: Jacob Bowman, Kyndal Braun, Abbey Fuhrman, Tia Fuhs, Ethan Graber, Wade Graber, Chantel Greene, Jayleigh Harger, Hannah Harshaw, Tristan Knight, Grace Lingenfelter, Madison McAtee, Saddie Marshall, Lexi Overton, Anna Marie Park, Nicholas Poole, Andrew Powell, Annalise Powell, Trysten Stevens, Reece Tippery, Jon Whitworth, Drew Williams

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Kendra Norris, Washington resident and Crane Employee, is shown helping Lexus Overton on her engineering project.

Loogootee students learn about engineering

The fourth grade students at Loogootee Elementary had the opportunity to work with the following engineers on December 18th: Caleb Richer, Brian Esch, and Kendra Norris.

The students and engineers completed an experiment called Bubble Gum Physics.

The students had to use their problem solving skills, math skills, and work effectively with peers to complete this project. The program is called Engineers in Action. It is a partnership through NSWC

Crane to education students about engineering. Through this partnership, NSWC Crane sends one engineer into the classroom to work on a science experiment.

The materials needed for the experiment were purchased through money allotted for the education of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) through NSWC Crane (the Army side).

Third grade students will have the opportunity to participate in Engineers in Action during the second semester.



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Masison McAtee and Ethan Graber are working together to solve those tough word problems.



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Brian Esch, Loogootee resident and Crane employee, is shown working with 4th grade students on their bubble gum project.



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Graduate

Kara Renee Mann graduated on December 14, 2013, Cum Laude from Indiana State University in Terre Haute with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a Minor in Psychology. Kara is the daughter of Duane and Karen Mann and a 2010 graduate of Loogootee High School.

Commissioners make annual appointments

The Martin County Commissioners met Tuesday, January 7. Commissioners attending were President Paul R. George and Kevin R. Boyd. Commissioner Dan J. Gregory was unable to attend.

Commissioner Boyd made a motion to retain Paul George as Martin County Commissioner President and Dan Gregory as Martin County Commissioner Vice-President. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The Commissioners made the following appointments for 2014:

Southern Indiana Development Commission-Kevin Boyd.

Alcoholic Beverage Board-William Shaw. Martin County Redevelopment Commission-Paul George, Dan Gregory and Kevin Boyd.

Samaritan Board-Gerald Wilcoxon. County Attorney-J. David Lett.

Veteran Service Officer-Linda Evans-Dillon.

Highway Superintendent-Leo Padgett. Local Economic Development-Dan Gregory.

Solid Waste-Paul George, Dan Gregory and Kevin Boyd.

District Oversight Planning Committee-Paul George.

Civil Defense Director-Cameron "Monty" Wolf.

Civil Defense Assistant Directors-Mike Ringwald and Andy Ringwald.

Disaster Planning Council-Casey Dearwester.

South Central Region 8 Workforce Board-Paul George.

Courthouse Janitor-John Jones.

Auditor Roush submitted the ESPY Services contracts. Attorney Lett reviewed and had no objections. Commissioner Boyd made a motion to approve the ESPY Service contracts. President George made the second. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Kathy Collins, community corrections director, thanked the commissioners for closing the courthouse and being on a delay during the recent cold weather. Director Collins along with her Field Officer Gerald Harner submitted pictures of trash being illegally dumped in areas along Isaacs Sawmill Road and Mt Calvary Road. The trash contained address labels and other identifying items. Collins and Harner are to submit all evidence to the Martin County Sheriff's Department or Solid Waste for further investigation, which could result in commissioner court.

Monty Wolf and Andy Ringwald, civil defense/EMA, updated the commissioners on his department's recent activities. The Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department will be having a chili dinner, January 26 from 11-2 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church. Director Wolf received two quotes concerning the removal of trees at department headquarters. George will contact the local utility companies to see if they can assist before the county takes on the expense. There is a need for temporary housing in the event of an emergency. The department is gathering new information concerning earthquakes. Director Wolf is looking to fill the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

Leo Padgett, highway superintendent, submitted his two-week work schedule. Deep Cut Lake Road and Baxter Cemetery Road are currently closed due to icy conditions. A lengthy discussion concerning the cave-in on West River Road due to the river bank followed. Padgett will be contacting DNR to see what can be done with the river bank.

President George gave the December Veterans Service Officer Report.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned 7:09 p.m. with a motion by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by President George. All were in favor and the motion passed.

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Calendar of Events

Loogootee City Council special meeting

The Loogootee City Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 5 p.m. in the council meeting room of the municipal building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the department of public works.

Shoals School Board meeting

The Shoals School Board will meet tomorrow night, Thursday, January 15 at 5 p.m. in the central administration office. Some items on the agenda include election of officers, resolution for board member pay, review of investments, administrative contracts, and summer driver's education. The meeting is open to the public.

Farewell reception for Fr. Erbacher

The Martin County Catholic Churches will be hosting a farewell dinner for Fr. Joseph F. Erbacher this Sunday, January 19 after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. John Catholic Church in the lower level of the Center. Fr. Erbacher will be moving to Linton January 22 as pastor of the Greene County Catholic Churches. He has been pastor of the MCCC since June 2004. All parishioners and friends Fr. Effie has made over the years are cordially invited to attend.

Food pantry applicants

The River at 125 Water Street in Shoals will be having open appointments on February 4 from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. to pick up paperwork to fill out to qualify for the food pantry.

Tea Party meeting

Martin County Indiana Tea Party will meet Thursday evening, January 16 at 7 p.m. in the Shoals Library Basement. Andrew McNeil will address the group at this meeting. Mr. McNeil is running against current 8th District Representative Larry Buschon in the May 2014 Republican Primary. The meeting is open to the public.

SWCD Annual Meeting & Banquet

The 69th Martin County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting & Banquet will be held on January 27, 2014 at the Martin County Community Building. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the meal, catered by Schnitzelbank Catering, being served at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the night will be local historian, Bill Greene. Also on the agenda will be election of supervisors and presentation of awards. Tickets for the event will be \$5 each (adult and

children) and must be purchased in advance. Please contact the SWCD office at 295-3149 before noon January 20 for your tickets.

Boy Scouts

Boys interested in Boy Scouts, please call 295-6652 or 854-7837 for information on joining.

Public Square Rosary

The public is invited to pray a patriotic rosary every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. on the square in Loogootee. Bring a lawn chair if desired. Booklets are provided.

GED exam fees

Catholic Charities is happy to announce that they will be sponsoring GED exam fees. If you are ready to take your GED exam, give them a call at 812-423-5456 or email us at ccordovilla@evdio.org.

SAT prep classes

SAT preparation classes at the Martin County Learning Center are scheduled for the first through third and the fifth Wednesdays in January 8, 15, 22, and 29, from 7-9 p.m. These classes are sponsored by the counseling departments of the Shoals and Loogootee High Schools, and Martin County SOAR, the adult literacy program. Karen Whorrall teaches these classes to help Martin County high school students improve their chances of getting into the college of their choice and prepare themselves for a career. The cost is \$25, payable the first night. Please sign up with your guidance counselor. Out-of-county students, please call Kris Beasley at the learning center, 295-2674. Class will be repeated in January. For further information, call Karen at 388-6639.

SOAR Tutoring

Need Skills? SOAR tutors can help! Free and confidential. Call or text Beverly at 812.709.1618 to learn more. Located in the Martin County Community Learning Center Improve Your Skills, Improve Your Life!

Solid waste board

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

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Friday of the month at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee, at 7 p.m. Members of the humane society are invited to attend. To find out how to become a member, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com.

Tourism meetings

The MCCC Tourism Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Martin County Community Learning Center on the fairgrounds.

Soil and Water meetings

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



New orthodontists

-Photo provided

Kizior & Young Orthodontics recently held a ribbon cutting at their new office located at 201 East Broadway Street, Loogootee. The office is open Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For a free consultation with no referral needed, call 812-295-0000 or check them out on their website www.KiziorYoungOrthodontics.com. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Bonnie Hupp, Karyn Borden, Beth Buechler, Dr. John Kizior, Dr. Derrick Young, Karla Huebner, Cassy Bawel and Julia Meadors. In the second row, from left to right, are Mayor Noel Harty, Tim Kinder, Mary Lou Englert, Rodney Wright, Greg Matheis, Ken Schnaus, Carla Barrett, Tracey Weisheit, Dawn Conard, Alyssa Meiring, Lindsey Griepenstroh, Tina Felter, and Mary Alles.

VU scholarship application deadline extended

The deadline to apply for Vincennes University scholarships has been extended to January 24, according to an announcement from the VU Foundation.

With many schools in the area cancelling classes due to weather and road conditions, it is hoped that extending the deadline will help students complete the scholarship application process.

Students can still complete the online scholarship application at www.vinu.edu/scholarships.

All students should complete a scholarship application, regardless of academic standing and financial status, according to the VU Foundation.

Humane Society featured pet



Shown above is a male terrier/beagle mix. He is a year and a half old. He is up to date on his shots. This boy is one of six from his litter still at the shelter. Three are boys and three are girls. If interested in adopting him, stop by the shelter at 507 N. Oak Street in Loogootee. Shelter hours through the winter are Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appt. For information, call the shelter at 812-295-5900 or email mchs@frontier.com. You can find all of the adoptable dogs and cats at the humane society on Petfinder or Facebook.

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In the Garden

By Ralph Purkhiser
Purdue University Master Gardener

The recent sub-zero temperatures has many people yearning for spring. While spring weather may be a ways off, there are some preparations for a new growing season that gardeners can make now.

Good tools always make a garden task better and January is a good time to get tools ready for April. If you put your tools away without a proper cleaning, now is a good time to get them out and rectify that situation. Scrape any soil residue from the tools and use sandpaper or steel wool to get rid of any rust. Once the tools are clean, coat them with oil. You may use cooking oil or linseed oil to protect the tool surfaces. Linseed oil is also great for wooden tool handles. Again, use sandpaper to smooth them down and rub in the linseed oil. The oil will keep the wood from cracking and will give old tools a shine.

Tools with a cutting edge may need to be sharpened. If you do not own one, a good tool sharpening kit is available at most hardware stores for less than ten dollars. It is a good investment. Put a good edge on hoes, knives, shears and pruners. Dull cutting tools are always more dangerous than good sharp ones. If you cannot tell the proper way to sharpen the tool, ask an experienced gardener or take the tool to a professional

for sharpening.

Gardening gloves, pouches and other cloth and canvas items may also need to be washed out. Do not put such items in a washing machine. Just wash them in warm water and hang them up to dry.

The recent swing in temperatures may have caused some heaving in garden soils. Plants installed last fall may have been heaved out of the ground, putting the roots in danger of freezing and desiccation. Any time the soil is solid enough to prevent compaction, walk through the garden looking for signs of heaving. If you find plants that have been raised out of the ground, simply press them back into the soil. Applying a good layer of mulch now will help protect the plant from more heaving as temperature swings continue.

Most small engine repair shops are less busy at this time of the year, so if you were having issues with a mower or tiller last fall, it would be a good time to take the machine in for repairs or a tune-up. Change the oil and filters and get blades sharpened so they will be ready for use when the time comes.

A little preparation now will mean more time for actual gardening when spring weather gets here. Just keep thinking warm thoughts.

“Lunch with Nature” series launches January 31 at Monroe Lake

A new monthly program series starts January 31 at Paynetown State Recreation Area on Monroe Lake to highlight the natural history of south-central Indiana.

Each program in the “Lunch with Nature” series will be on a weekday during lunch. Participants can bring their own brown bag lunch to eat indoors during the main program. After lunch, the naturalist will lead attendees on a short hike or excursion that highlights the day’s topic.

The first program in the series is Friday, January 31, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The topic is “Eye on Eagles.” Attendees can learn the history and status of bald eagles at

Monroe Lake. The program will conclude with a short walk to look for eagles on the lake.

The program is free and there is no entrance fee for Paynetown during winter.

The program is limited to 12 people, and advance registration is required by January 28. Sign up by emailing jvance@dnr.IN.gov with your name, phone number, and number of people in your group, or call the Paynetown Activity Center at (812) 837-9967.

Paynetown SRA on Monroe Lake (stateparks.IN.gov/2954.htm) is at 4850 South State Road 446, Bloomington, 47401.

“Talk” to DNR snowmobiling expert on Facebook, January 16

Facebook followers of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources can “talk” online with DNR Streams and Trails Specialist Dale Brier about snowmobiling on Thursday, January 16, from 2 to 3 p.m. EST on the DNR’s Facebook wall.

Brier will talk about the changes to snowmobile and ORV registrations as well as trails, safety tips and laws about snowmobiling. Participants are invited to join the conversation and ask questions.

Future topics, instructions on how to join a conversation on Facebook, and commenting guidelines are posted at dnr.IN.gov/7315.htm.

To join a chat, go to the DNR’s Facebook wall, facebook.com/INdnr, and click “like” (if you are not already a “friend”).

You may begin typing in questions during the time slot. The DNR experts will answer questions as time allows.

Guided hike to fossil beds at Monroe Lake

The public can join Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance on a hike to the fossil beds on the Allens Creek State Recreation Area peninsula on Saturday, February 1.

The free hike starts at 1 p.m. and takes roughly three hours, covering a distance of about four miles over moderate terrain to the fossil exposure and back.

“This is easily the most popular program that I offer,” Vance said. “It always fills, so I recommend registering early.”

The limestone beds are so densely packed with fossils that finding “plain” rock is difficult. Vance will share the larger geological story of the fossils on the hike.

The hike is limited to 20 people. Registration is required by January 28 by emailing jvance@dnr.IN.gov with your name, phone number, and the number of people in

your group.

Directions to Allens Creek SRA on S.R. 446 will be provided upon registration.

Due to the length and content of the hike, Vance recommends it for ages 16 and older.

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DNR seeks input on fish, hunt, trap regulations

The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife wants to hear your ideas on fishing, hunting, trapping and other fish and wildlife related regulations in Indiana, including special permits.

From January 2 to February 28, the public can use a convenient online form to contribute ideas and provide input on issues the DNR has identified for consideration.

The form is at wildlife.IN.gov, at the “Got INput?” box near the middle of the page.

“Got INput?” allows the public to comment on ideas put forward by the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife as well as requests for rule changes from citizen petitions.

The program also allows members of the public to propose their own ideas on any fishing, hunting or trapping topic.

“This is an opportunity for people to let us know what changes they would like us to consider,” said Gregg McCollam, assistant director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife. “This process also allows us to get much-needed feedback on issues that the division is interested in moving forward.”

Got INput users must register with a username and a password.

Input and ideas can also be mailed to: DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife, Attn: Got INput, 402 W. Washington St., Room W273, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

After February 28, the Division of Fish & Wildlife staff will evaluate all comments and determine which proposals to forward to the Natural Resources Commission for consideration.

Outdoor Indiana magazine features Brown County State Park

The January-February issue of Outdoor Indiana magazine features Brown County State Park.

The attraction near Nashville is the largest and most heavily visited of all of Indiana state parks. But some scenic, historic and recreational offerings can get lost among the roughly 16,000 acres.

Learn more in the article on the park, which continues a series in which one state park or reservoir property is portrayed through 2016, the 100th anniversary of Indiana state parks. Short videos featuring the park’s recent Christmas Bird Count and its autumn colors are at youtube.com/id-nrvidoes under “State Parks and Inns.”

The 48-page full-color magazine also includes a feature on historic eateries around the state.

Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores and many DNR properties for \$4. A one-year, six-issue subscription costs \$15. A two-year subscription is \$28.

Subscribe at OutdoorIndiana.org or by calling (317) 233-3046. The 2014 Outdoor Indiana calendar costs \$10 and is available by calling (317) 233-3046.

To subscribe online or read excerpts, go to OutdoorIndiana.org.

Indiana Master Naturalist course begins February 6 in Bloomington

An Indiana Master Naturalist course will be offered in Bloomington beginning February 6.

Participants will learn about Indiana’s plants, wildlife, geology and geography, meet others with similar interests, and make connections with natural resource professionals.

The course consists of eight Thursday evening classes at Karst Farm Park and two Sunday afternoon field sessions at Monroe Lake.

Each course component is taught by an expert or natural resource professional. A list of session dates, topics and speakers is

in the course brochure, available at dnr.IN.gov/parklake/2954.htm.

The course fee is \$50 for an individual or \$75 for a couple from the same household. Space is limited to 20 people, and the registration deadline is February 3 at 4 p.m. Register by calling Monroe County Parks at (812) 349-2800, or stop by the county parks department office at 501 N. Morton, Suite 100, Bloomington.

The Bloomington course is organized by the Monroe County Parks Department, Monroe Lake, and City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation. Learn more at IndianaMasterNaturalist.org.

Snowmobile and ORV registration switches from DNR to BMV

Mandatory registration for owners of snowmobiles and other outdoor recreational vehicles switched on January 1 from being handled by the Department of Natural Resources to being handled by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Registration is valid for three years and must be renewed every three years thereafter, also for \$30. Registration may be done online at mybmv.com or in person at a BMV branch.

Questions about the process should be directed to the BMV at 1-888-692-6841.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF EAST FORK WATER, INC.

The annual meeting of East Fork Water, Inc. will be held January 27, 2014, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the office, located at 213 S. Main Street in Shoals, Indiana. Directors for North Rutherford, West Perry, and South Center townships will be elected. Members are invited to attend.

Berry Plastics to add to four Indiana manufacturing operations

Berry Plastics Corporation (NYSE: BERY) announced plans last week to relocate equipment and related production from out-of-state locations to four Indiana manufacturing operations, creating up to 336 new jobs by the end of 2014.

"There's a reason why manufacturing companies looking for a competitive advantage continue to choose Indiana," said Governor Mike Pence. "As a state that works, Indiana offers a strong legacy in building products that are used around the world. We provide the knowledgeable workforce and low-cost business environment companies like Berry Plastics are seeking when they decide where to locate their next investment, proving why Indiana is a manufacturing leader."

The company, which employs approximately 2,800 associates in Indiana and more than 15,000 worldwide, will invest more than \$21 million for new infrastructure and equipment, and will also invest \$10 million to transfer existing equipment from Berry Plastics facilities outside Indiana to its downtown Evansville, Evansville airport, Princeton and Richmond facilities. The company will begin filling new production jobs at these four Indiana locations early this year.

"The relocation of production equipment to Vanderburgh, Gibson and Wayne counties from other Berry facilities supports our restructuring efforts, announced in November 2013, to optimize our manufacturing operations, maximize production efficiencies and best service our customers," said Jon Rich, chairman and chief executive officer of Berry Plastics. "We are extremely appreciative of Indiana's city, county and state officials for their joint support of this initiative."

Today's Indiana expansion announcement is the company's fourth in five years. In 2011, Berry Plastics announced plans to grow its world headquarters workforce in Evansville by 120 associates. That same year, it also made plans to add a \$5 million production line to increase manufacturing capacity at its operations in Odon, Ind. In 2009, the company unveiled plans to hire 360 employees

and invest \$150 million to expand its thermoform operations and build an additional facility in Evansville.

Originally established in 1967 as Imperial Plastics, Berry Plastics has grown into a major manufacturer of plastic packaging including containers, bottles, closures, prescription vials, trash bags, duct tape and other packaging materials.

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation offered Berry Plastics Corporation up to \$2,350,000 in conditional tax credits and up to \$300,000 in training grants based on the company's job creation plans. These incentives are performance-based, meaning until Hoosiers are hired, the company is not eligible to claim incentives. The city of Evansville will consider additional tax abatement at the request of the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville.

"Berry Plastics continues to demonstrate its commitment to our city with another major expansion that will create hundreds of new production jobs at its Evansville facility. The partnership between the city and Berry Plastics has produced new investments exceeding \$64 million and a total of 395 production jobs over the past two years," said Evansville Mayor Lloyd Winnecke.

Berry Plastics' announcement to expand in the Hoosier State adds to the recent good news about Indiana's economy. In November, Indiana led the nation in its percentage of private sector job growth. It gained 25,300 private sector jobs that month, the largest one-month increase in the Hoosier State on record.

Berry Plastics Group, Inc. is a leading provider of value-added plastic consumer packaging and engineered materials delivering high-quality customized solutions to our customers with annual net sales of \$4.6 billion in fiscal 2013. With world headquarters in Evansville, Ind., the company's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol BERY. For additional information, visit the company's website at www.berryplastics.com.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



2014 legislative agenda invests in Indiana's future

On Wednesday, House Speaker Brian Bosma announced the House Republican agenda for the 2014 legislative session. From education to the skills gap, the agenda includes many issues that I believe are important for Indiana's future.

One of the most crucial issues that the Speaker addressed was education. As a state representative, it is important to look beyond the present and invest in Indiana's future. In order to invest in Indiana's children, we must invest in Indiana's children, and this starts at a young age. Indiana is one of only 10 states in the country that does not offer state-funded preschool programs. As a result, only 40 percent of Hoosier children age three to four are enrolled in preschool. We must expand early education opportunities for Hoosiers, so they have the best possible start to their academics.

While investing in Indiana's future and our education system, we must also be mindful of the present. After graduation, students expect to enter the workforce. They cannot enter the workforce, however, if they don't have the necessary skills to meet today's demands. This is particularly a problem in Indiana. Sixty-seven percent of our manufacturing companies are currently reporting a moderate to severe shortage of available, qualified workers. Fifty-six percent of these companies expect that shortage to worsen over the next three years. We must work to bridge this skills gap so that we can not only help our citizens acquire an education, but help them acquire a job as well.

The job market is not independent of other issues. In industries such as tourism,

retail sales and agriculture, 1.7 million jobs are dependent on the state's transportation system and over \$500 billion in goods traveled on Indiana roadways last year alone. Having a superior statewide transportation system is crucial to Indiana's economy and future growth. Increasing our investment in roads would directly provide jobs through their design, construction and maintenance and would also allow us to realize further economic opportunities.

While addressing all of these issues, we, as a legislative body, must also take a critical look at the work that has been done before. Among the general public, there is great skepticism of the government's ability to deliver services competently and cost-effectively. The best way to gauge whether or not what we are doing is necessary is to engage in only that which could not be accomplished more efficiently by the private sector. Indiana currently has many unnecessary and outdated laws and regulations on the books; laws and regulations that need to be repealed. Moving forward, we must continue to allow the free market to function and look for ways to trim the government.

I am encouraged by the announcement of the 2014 legislative agenda, and I look forward to being a part of these changes for the betterment of Indiana's future. By addressing these issues, we can create a better, stronger Indiana that will continue to lead the rest of the nation by example. As has been our goal in the past, we want to make Indiana the best state in the country to live, work and raise a family; a goal we can all be proud of!

Rep. Messmer (R-Jasper) represents portions of Daviess, Dubois, Pike and Martin counties.

National jobless rate drops down to 6.7 percent for December

The unemployment rate declined from 7.0 percent to 6.7 percent in December, while total nonfarm payroll employment edged up (+74,000), the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported last week. Employment rose in retail trade and wholesale trade but was down in information.

Household Survey Data

The number of unemployed persons declined by 490,000 to 10.4 million in December, and the unemployment rate declined by 0.3 percentage point to 6.7 percent. Over the year, the number of unemployed persons and the unemployment rate were down by 1.9 million and 1.2 percentage points, respectively.

Among the major worker groups, the unemployment rates for adult men (6.3 percent) and whites (5.9 percent) declined in December. The rates for adult women (6.0 percent), teenagers (20.2 percent), blacks (11.9 percent), and Hispanics (8.3 percent) showed little change. The jobless rate for Asians was 4.1 percent (not seasonally adjusted), down by 2.5 percentage points over the year.

Among the unemployed, the number of job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs decreased by 365,000 in December to 5.4 million. The number of long-term unemployed (those jobless for 27 weeks or more), at 3.9 million, showed little change; these individuals accounted for 37.7 percent of the unemployed. The number of long-term unemployed has declined by 894,000 over the year.

The civilian labor force participation rate declined by 0.2 percentage point to 62.8 percent in December, offsetting a change of the same magnitude in November. In December, the employment-population ratio was un-

changed at 58.6 percent. The labor force participation rate declined by 0.8 percentage point over the year, while the employment-population ratio was unchanged.

The number of persons employed part time for economic reasons (sometimes referred to as involuntary part-time workers) was essentially unchanged at 7.8 million in December. These individuals were working part time because their hours had been cut back or because they were unable to find full-time work.

In December, 2.4 million persons were marginally attached to the labor force, little changed from a year earlier. (The data are not seasonally adjusted.)

These individuals were not in the labor force, wanted and were available for work, and had looked for a job sometime in the prior 12 months. They were not counted as unemployed because they had not searched for work in the 4 weeks preceding the survey.

Among the marginally attached, there were 917,000 discouraged workers in December, down by 151,000 from a year earlier. Discouraged workers are persons not currently looking for work because they believe no jobs are available for them. The remaining 1.5 million persons marginally attached to the labor force in December had not searched for work for reasons such as school attendance or family responsibilities.

Total nonfarm payroll employment edged up in December (+74,000). In 2013, job growth averaged 182,000 per month, about the same as in 2012 (+183,000 per month). In December, job gains occurred in retail trade and wholesale trade, while employment declined in information. (See table B-1.)

Employment in retail trade rose by 55,000 in December. Within the industry, job gains

occurred in food and beverage stores (+12,000), clothing and accessories stores (+12,000), general merchandise stores (+8,000), and motor vehicle and parts dealers (+7,000). Retail trade added an average of 32,000 jobs per month in 2013.

Manufacturing employment continued to trend up in December (+9,000). Employment rose in primary metals (+4,000) and petroleum and coal products (+2,000), while electronic instruments (-4,000) lost jobs. Manufacturing added 77,000 jobs in 2013, compared with an increase of 154,000 jobs in 2012.

Employment in mining edged up in December (+5,000). The industry added 29,000 jobs over the year.

Health care employment changed little in December (-6,000). Employment gains in the industry averaged 17,000 per month in 2013, compared with an average monthly gain of 27,000 in 2012.

Employment in information fell by 12,000 in December, driven by a decline in the motion picture and sound recording industry (-14,000). Employment in information was essentially unchanged over the year.

Construction employment edged down in December (-16,000). However, in 2013, the industry added an average of 10,000 jobs per month. Employment in nonresidential specialty trade contractors declined by 13,000 in December, possibly reflecting unusually cold weather in parts of the country.

Employment in other major industries, including transportation and warehousing, financial activities, leisure and hospitality, and government, changed little in December.


The average workweek for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by

0.1 hour to 34.4 hours in December. The manufacturing workweek was unchanged, at 41.0 hours, and factory overtime edged up by 0.1 hour to 3.5 hours. The average workweek for production and nonsupervisory employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged down by 0.1 hour to 33.6 hours.

In December, average hourly earnings for all employees on private nonfarm payrolls edged up by 2 cents to \$24.17. Over the year, average hourly earnings have risen by 42 cents, or 1.8 percent. In December, average hourly earnings of private-sector production and nonsupervisory employees increased by 3 cents to \$20.35.

The change in total nonfarm payroll employment for October remained at +200,000, and the change for November was revised from +203,000 to +241,000.

With these revisions, employment gains in October and November were 38,000 higher than previously reported.



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