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Two more Loogootee Schools staff to retire; two coaches resign

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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41-year Loogootee teacher John Drake is another long-time teacher who will say goodbye at the end of the school year according to Superintendent Larry Weitkamp.

Mr. Drake's retirement was announced at the school board meeting Saturday morning, March 20. Weitkamp called Mr. Drake an "icon in our junior high wing." Mr. Drake is the junior high school science teacher.

Another Loogootee Schools staff member, Elementary West cook Virginia Street, will be retiring effective at the end of the school year after 34 years of service. The board thanked Street for her long-time service and for taking care of the students.

It was also announced that Varsity Volleyball Coach Phil Goodpaster and sixth grade basketball coach Tyler Walton would be stepping down. Weitkamp also noted that Goodpaster would also like to, if the new coach is in agreement, to do some volunteer work with the volleyball team. "I want to thank those guys," said board member Tim Bradley. "Phil did a great job and Tyler was good to the boys and was always great with the kids," he said.



JOHN DRAKE



VIRGINIA STREET

"They don't coach for money, that's for sure," added board member Eric Ackerman.

Weitkamp said that the coaching positions will be posted but a decision will be made at a later date regarding the other two positions.

"Like I said at last meeting we are looking very hard at where we can cut funding and if there are any positions that we can cover in-house that's what I would recommend doing," he said. He told the board he would bring back possible recommendations later this school year.

The school board also approved the 2010-11 school calendar put together by a 13-member committee. The first day of school will be August 16 with three professional days at the beginning of the year which committee co-chair Mike Tippery said he pushed for due to technology changes that will take place for next year.

Two days will be given for fall break and eight make-up dates were built into the calendar as opposed to the six this year. The last day for students will be Tuesday, May 24 with graduation set for Friday, May 27. Board member Eric Ackerman suggested that the

graduation date be changed due to it falling on Memorial Day weekend. He suggested it ('SCHOOL' continued on page 3)



Accident near fairgrounds

-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Marvin Graber, 61, of Loogootee, was traveling westbound on U.S. 50, operating a 1993 mini-truck. Graber's vehicle traveled off the north side of the roadway and traveled along a ditch before going over a culvert. After striking the culvert, Graber's vehicle crossed Dover Hill Road and struck a 1995 Chevrolet Silverado in the front driver's side fender being operated by Matthew Wagler, 27, of Odon. Mr. Graber was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extricated by fire personnel. Mr. Graber was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. Mr. Wagler was uninjured.

Shoals fire station not moving

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A special meeting was held Wednesday, March 17, with the Martin County Commissioners, the Council Council, the Shoals Town Board, and the Solid Waste Board.

Richard Burch of Midwestern Engineers started the meeting by explaining that his company, along with SIDC had worked with Shoals on acquiring a \$500,000 grant to build a fire station. The grant was successful and the plans were drawn up with the fire station to be built where the Shoals Town Hall currently sits. In the plans for the station, which is 80 feet by 80 feet, it was discovered that due to its size, it would have to be built into the existing recycling center

garage and the recycling center garage would have to be torn down. In a meeting held on March 3, it was suggested that instead of tearing down the recycling center garage the Martin County Redevelopment Commission and the Solid Waste District go together and purchase a blighted lot owned by Joe Jones and Dick Fuhrman for \$57,500, right behind town hall. By placing the fire station on this lot the recycling center would not need to be torn down and the courthouse would also gain parking.

At Wednesday night's meeting Richard Burch explained that he had been contacted by Greg Jones of SIDC, who was unaware of the new plans told the group that there is only a month and a half to bid the project. ('SHOALS' continued on page 2)

Commissioners don't want new tax but options limited

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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With warm weather approaching the Martin County Commissioners spent a good portion of their meeting Tuesday night, March 23 discussing ways to increase the highway department's funding so county roads can be repaired and eventually improved.

At the February 1 meeting of the Martin County Council, Highway Superintendent Jim Williams made a request to have a wheel tax imposed. The tax, the maximum being \$25 per vehicle, would apply to all vehicles registered in Martin County. Since the county currently doesn't have a wheel tax,

Williams said that it could bring in \$250,000 with approximately \$30,000 going to Loogootee, \$10,000 going to Shoals, and \$3,000 to \$4,000 to go to Crane to use on their roads. At that meeting Williams had gone on to say that the highway department's budget had been cut by \$210,000 by the state and no roads had been

"Nobody wants a tax but I don't want to see the highway department go belly up."

-Commissioner Paul George

paved at all last year. He said that if a funding source was not found there would be no road paving this year either. County Council Member Lonnie Hawkins requested that Williams bring back an estimate on what it would cost to pave 15 miles of roads, which was the original amount the county wanted to do each ('COMMISSIONERS' continued on page 2)



Coach Bailey's Baseball Clinic

-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Loogootee's Varsity Baseball Coach Roger Bailey put on a baseball clinic Tuesday, March 23 for parents and coaches who will be participating in baseball this season. Coach Bailey demonstrated several drills including those associated with pitching, batting, and communication. Varsity players who assisted Coach Bailey, shown above, were Matt Tucker seen behind the coach, Josh Divine, in the back; and Cole Lawrence. The Lions kick off their season on April 2 at North Daviess. Another photo on page 10.

COMMISSIONERS

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year.

At Tuesday night's meeting Commissioner Dan Gregory made a motion of a formal request to the county council for the wheel tax be put in place at a rate to be determined at their next meeting. Commissioner George seconded the motion and Commissioner John Winger also agreed. Gregory said that a decision needed to be made on the matter as soon as possible because the wheel tax must be imposed by June 1 for it to be effective for 2011. Highway Superintendent Jim Williams is out from six to eight weeks due to medical leave and Misty Melvin was at the meeting in his place.

Gregory said that 46 counties in Indiana have this tax and that 15 are considering implementing one. Martin County is not included in the 15. Gregory went on to explain that there are 377 miles of roads in Martin County; 149 miles are blacktop and 228 miles are gravel. "We want to protect the investment that has been made over these last decades in improving roads and maintaining road," he said. He went on to say that maintenance is something that needs to be done all the time and that when the timber money comes in from Crane it needs to be used to improve the roads. He said that poor roads also affect property values.

Gregory said that the highway department is currently funded primarily by the Motor Vehicle Fund Tax. The state receives 18 cents for every gallon of gas or diesel sold and then they disperse that money to counties. "It's just become really difficult given our miles and our conditions and where we are in the world to give our citizens really what they deserve," he said.

Gregory also discussed the fact that the county had Rainy Day and EDIT money available. He said that he would like to see that money used now since construction season has already begun.

"I hate to deplete our Rainy Day Fund," said George.

Gregory said he hated it too but the county could not depend on the Crane timber money anymore to help with road maintenance. The money from the cutting of timber at Crane has gone down dramatically over the last few years.

"I mean nobody likes any more taxes, I don't, I also don't want our 100 and however many miles of hard surface roads to go back to gravel," said George. "It could easily happen, all few of them, right now," he

added.

"I'm predicting if we don't do something we will be going backwards," said Gregory. He went on to say that the county wants to attract people to move here, build here, and enjoy living here. "It becomes a quality of life thing pretty fast if you live on some of these roads," he said.

"Nobody wants a tax but I don't want to see the highway department go belly up," said George.

The county council meets again Monday, April 5.

Jenny Dearwester with SIDC informed the commissioners that Martin County received a \$250,000 grant from the Disaster Recovery Fund from Indiana Housing for the Housing Rehabilitation Project. The county has been trying for the grant for two years and in the fourth try, the maximum allowed was received and it was more than the county had requested.

SIDC had originally submitted five applicants for consideration of the grant, but since the maximum was received all 14 property owners who submitted applications will be included. Each house will receive \$13,838.

Dearwester said that some of the 14 applicants may drop out of the program at which point more applications could be accepted or the money could be divided among the remaining applicants. There is a cap, however, of \$20,000 per house.

She added that work could possibly begin in late fall and work may be combined with a project at Lawrence County. The grant is for 18 months and with an end date of September 30, 2011.

In other business Commissioner Paul George read a resignation letter from Bobbie Souerdike who was serving as the Martin County Public Health Coordinator. The resignation was effective March 12. Souerdike was arrested on February 6 for purchasing more than three grams of pseudoephedrine. She had been suspended without pay.

Peggy Hollow Road resident Terry Hoopingarner made a request to the commissioners that they put smaller gravel on his road and possibly do some dust control by oiling the road in the summer. He said "It's been ten years and we can't breathe in the summertime." It was explained that the larger stone was put down to try and fill in some of the ruts and to battle the muddy conditions. Commissioner George told Hoopingarner that it would be taken care of. "We'll see if we can't figure out something there," he said.

Commissioner George asked Sheriff Tony Dant if there was any way to replace the stucco on the exterior of the jail rather than replacing all of it. Dant said that he could not remember if an estimate was done but

he said that patch work has been done in the past and it is flaking off as well. George said that something needed to be done. "We need to salvage what we still have on there," he said. He said that the issue has been discussed for two years.

Sheriff Dant said he would look into the cost of repairing it. Commissioner Gregory asked Jenny Dearwester of SIDC, who was in the audience, whether there were grants available for such a project. Dearwester said she was not sure but she would look into it. Gregory said it was included in the county's wish list for stimulus money last March but the funding turned out to be a very slow process.

Emergency Management Agency Director Monty Wolf, District Administrator for District 10 Maddison Seib, and Amanda Woodruff with the county ambulance service spoke with the commissioners about the county possibly receiving a mass casualty trailer as part of the 2008 SHSP grant involving Department of Homeland Security money. The 24-foot trailers are provided to counties that do not have a hospital and they provide supplies needed in a mass casualty situation when patients cannot be transported to a hospital. The trailer is for 100 patients. Seib said that nothing is written in stone about the details, however, there was discussion about where the trailer would be housed. She said that it would be up to the county to license and insure the trailers.

Amanda Woodruff said that the ambulance service is willing to pay the fees to license and insure the trailer. She said the insurance would be \$292 annually but she was unable to get a weight of the trailer for licensing fees. She said that the trailer would need to be kept inside and that she had spoken to the Shoals Fire Department and they had agreed to house it. "If we had the earthquake scenario and the bridge is out, I have ambulance supplies on this side and the ambulance station is more than equipped with supplies on that side," she said.

SHOALS

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If the location was changed an environmental review would have to be done which would take from 60 to 120 days. He said that the fire station would have to be built on the original lot that the town owns and if they did choose to build on the new lot they would have to pay back the grant.

Since the recycling center is owned by the county and Shoals, both had to agree to tear the building down. Both boards unanimously voted to go ahead with the tear down. Recycling Director requested that some of the building be saved including the

Wolf asked if a for-profit, private ambulance service was allowed to have possession of the trailer. "It's not going to be my property it's still the property of . . ." Woodruff began to say and Wolf interjected, "I understand that." Commissioner George then explained that if the trailer was owned by the county then the ambulance service could not purchase the plates and insurance. "I don't think you can license or insure what you don't own," added Commissioner Gregory.

Shoals Fire Chief Kenny Sanders said "If we've got the room I don't care to store it but it's going to be another issue when the building gets built."

Loogootee Fire Chief Terry Pielemeier said "I've got room right now; there's somewhere we can put it if we had it tomorrow," he said.

Seib said that a lot of counties are storing it based on population and where it can do the greatest good for the greatest amount of people.

Commissioner George said it was a good idea to keep it in Shoals since the ambulance base was in Loogootee but added, "If they don't have a spot for it we may not have a choice," he said. "We can work something out," he said.

Faith-based recovery support group meets every Tuesday

The Overcomers Recovery Support Group (faith based) meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the learning center in room 100.

The group is for those recovering from drugs and alcohol, has over-eating issues, or any other addition of any kind.

The peer supported recovery group who says they have been there and have, themselves, overcome drugs such as meth, pot, cocaine, alcohol, etc. They provide mentoring, phone support, email contact and help with job applications.

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windows and doors since they are new items.

The group also discussed the possibility of moving the recycling center to the property the county owns next to the courthouse. Nothing was decided.

Discussion ensued on whether or not to go ahead and purchase the Jones/Fuhrman lot. Half were in favor of purchasing it and half were against and their reasoning was discussed.

In the end it was decided unanimously by the Redevelopment Commission to take the purchase of the lot off the table.

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SCHOOL

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get moved from Friday night to Sunday night due to sports conflicts with tennis and baseball.

Weitkamp said that graduation is listed on the calendar as tentative and it can be moved if need be. He said as long as the date is changed early enough to accommodate family members who travel to attend.

Ackerman made a motion to accept the calendar with the stipulation that the graduation date change could be discussed.

The board adopted the following policies that had a first reading at last month's meeting: Homeless Students; Enrollment Rights and Services; Student Wellness, Student Discipline, Student Lockers, and Habitual Truancy.

Since last month's meeting Weitkamp said there were 45 unique visitors to the policy review section of the school's website. He said that he, nor Mr. Tippery, had received any emails or phone calls regarding the policies.

Policies opened up for first reading at Saturday's meeting were: Title 1 Parent Involvement, Disclosure of Student Lists, the Right to Inspect Certain Instructional Materials, the No Child Left Behind Act, and the Homework Policy. See box below for more information on these policies.

Condolences were offered to Marcy Arthur for the death of her uncle and Linda Bledsoe, also for the death of her uncle.

Next month's board meeting was changed to Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. Board member David Lingenfelter was not present at the meeting.

School and Student Success

Elementary East Principal Bill Powell read

reports for his building and Elementary West.

For Elementary West's events, on March 9, Jonathan Stevens and three 4-H Junior Leaders spoke to students about joining the 4-H program. March 17 was the end of the grading period and report cards were sent home Friday, March 19. West will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 26, and kindergarten registration will be held April 9.



PHIL GOODPASTER



TYLER WALTON

At Elementary East the following students were named February Students of the Month: Kayla Taylor for fourth grade, Martina Stevens for fifth grade, and Justin Kiser for sixth grade. Congratulations were given to Math Bowl Coaches Tim Sanders and Megan Jones and the math bowl team for placing 43rd in the state at the competition held at Throop Elementary School in Paoli on March 11. The team won bronze in the local competition and scored 21 out of 28.

Spring pictures were taken on March 10 and 11 and Dr. Larry Sutton gave his annual Tar Wars Anti-Smoking presentation to the fifth graders on March 18. Report cards were passed out on March 19.

High School Principal John Mullen reported that students in his building have been taking the ISTEP+ and GQE tests for the past few weeks and that since last meeting a chorus concert and the Blue Chip Academic Bowl were held. An Incentive Breakfast was held March 20.

Mr. Mullen thanked Mr. Drake, Mr. Eyler, and Mrs. McAtee, all retiring teachers, for their years of service. He also thanked Phil Goodpaster for "three very strong volleyball seasons", Mr. Reid for putting on the recent basketball tournaments and Mrs. Nowaskie and the FACS club for taking care of the hospitality room at the tournaments.

School board policy review summary

Title I Parent Involvement

The Loogootee Community Board of School Trustees endorses the parent involvement goals of Title I and encourages the regular participation by parents of Title I eligible children in all aspects of the program. The education of children is viewed as a cooperative effort among the parents, school and community. Pursuant to federal law, the corporation will develop jointly with, agree on with and distribute to parents of children participating in the Title I program a parent involvement policy.

Disclosure of Student Lists

The Board of School Trustees of the Loogootee Community Schools in order to maintain the privacy of its students prohibits the disclosure of any student list to any commercial organization that intends to use the list for commercial purposes. "Student list" is defined as a list containing the names, addresses and/or e-mail addresses of any or all students currently or formerly enrolled in the school corporation. "Commercial organization" is defined as any entity that is a for-profit organization. "Commercial organization" does not include any of the "armed forces of the United States" as defined by state law. "Commercial purpose" is defined as any activity that is an attempt to solicit business or profit.

Right to Inspect Instructional Material

The parent or guardian of a child enrolled

in a school within the Loogootee Community School Corporation shall be entitled to inspect any instructional materials which will be used in connection with a survey, a personal analysis, or an evaluation which is not a direct part of the academic instruction. Instructional materials include teachers' manuals, student texts, films, other video materials, or tapes.

No Child Left Behind Act

In addition to any other rights with respect to the inspection of instructional materials, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in a school within the Loogootee Community School Corporation which receives funds from the United States Department of Education, either directly or indirectly, shall be entitled to inspect those instructional materials which will be used in connection with any survey, analysis, or evaluation as part of any school program or curriculum.

Homework

The Board supports teachers and administrators who are continually concerned that the purposes of homework lessons assigned for completion by students be carefully explained. Homework can be a meaningful and positive activity with purposes related to one or more of four major categories: Enrichment, Reinforcement, Preparatory, and Skill Development.

Full policies available at www.loogootee.k12.in.us/boardpolicyreview.htm

Guess where this is!

Last week's photo was apparently much too easy. We had 25 correct answers in the first 15 minutes after the paper went out to subscribers. Thanks to everyone who guessed! Let's see if this week's is a little harder. This picture was taken somewhere in Martin County. Do you know where? Be the first person to email courtney@martincountyjournal.com and your name will be announced in this box next week as our "Guess where this is" winner and your name will also be listed on our website. Ready, Set, GO.



LAST WEEK'S WINNER - MARY ANDERSON

Last week's picture of the Hindostan Falls Trail sign was located on Bloomfield Road just around the curve from Main Street in Loogootee.

Attention Loogootee golf cart owners

The city of Loogootee would like to remind golf cart owners that in order to operate a golf cart in the city of Loogootee, it first must be inspected and registered with the city.

Golf carts can be inspected and registered Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Loogootee Police Department. Annual registration fee is \$25.

In order to operate a golf cart, the driver must have a valid driver's license and be at

least 18 years of age. Valid insurance shall also be displayed at time of registration.

Golf carts must display a red or amber light which is visible from a distance of 500 feet.

Golf carts must be equipped with headlights and tail lights that are in working order.

All golf carts must be equipped with rear view mirror, seatbelts, and a slow moving vehicle sign.

Meet Your Legislators live broadcast Saturday

"Meet Your Legislators" will be broadcast on Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on WVUT-TV. The live broadcast from Vincennes University's Davis Hall, Studio B, will feature legislators discussing issues in the recently concluded session of the Indiana General Assembly. The public is invited.

Legislators invited to attend include District 45 Representative Bruce Borders, District 64 Representative Kreg Battles, District 63 Representative Mark Messmer,

District 48 Senator Lindel Hume, and District 39 Senator John Waterman.

The event is co-sponsored by the Knox County Chamber of Commerce, League of Women Voters of Knox County, and Pace Community Action, Inc. Viewers can phone in questions the day of the show to 812-888-5334 or email questions in advance to wvut@vinu.edu.

In addition to the live morning broadcast, the program will be repeated at 5 p.m. on March 27.

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Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Sunday, March 14

Loogootee Police Department advised of a possible drunk driver on Highway 50 near the fairgrounds. Deputy Josh Greene was advised.

12:08 a.m. – Deputy Greene on station with 30-year-old Jonathan Baker, of Loogootee, charged with Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated.

8:15 a.m. – Jonathan Baker was bonded out with \$750 cash.

10:33 a.m. – Received a call from a male in Loogootee, requesting an ambulance for his wife. She was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:50 p.m. – Received several calls about a stranded motorist on U.S. Highway 50, east of National Gypsum. Deputy Nolan was advised.

4:12 p.m. – Received a call about a possible drunk driver westbound on U.S. 50 from Loogootee in a black Cadillac.

4:18 p.m. – A female came on station and advised that an officer that worked a report about a male subject harassing her told her to contact the dispatch if she sees him, and he was walking past her residence minutes ago.

5:03 p.m. – Officer Jason Hennette, of Loogootee, advised Deputy Nolan of a domestic dispute in Loogootee that has become physical. Deputy Nolan assisted Officer Hennette.

5:40 p.m. – Received an anonymous call requesting an officer patrol the Burns City area in reference to suspicious vehicles near the Golf Club Road area. Deputy Nolan was advised.

9:45 p.m. – Female caller advised that she is at work in Loogootee and a male subject has broken into her home to confront his ex-wife who is at her residence. Shoals Town Marshall Todd Eckert and Corporal John Fischer responded. The door appeared to be broken at the residence but the male subject had left.

11:37 p.m. – Corporal Fischer was on station with 27-year-old Robert Hawkins of Shoals, charged with Invasion of Privacy and held without bond.

Monday, March 15

12:17 a.m. – Received a call in reference to a possible drunk driver or sleepy driver of a commercial vehicle eastbound on U.S. Highway 50 and just crossing into Lawrence County. Call was transferred to Lawrence County.

12:30 a.m. – G & M Auto, of Loogootee advised of a private call reporting that a truck was stuck in a private driveway about a quarter mile north of Boggs Park. Subject stated that he was attempting to turn his vehicle around and drove off the gravel into the soft yard. He was driving a 1998 Chevy truck. There were two deep ruts in the yard approximately 20 feet in length. Corporal Fischer was the investigating officer.

Called State Highway Department and advised them of a large dead deer on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

8:14 a.m. – Received a 911 call from the Corner Café in Loogootee requesting an ambulance for a male. The ambulance was dispatched.

9:00 a.m. – Loogootee Police Department advised there is an attempt to locate from Daviess County on a silver 2004 Honda Civic in reference to a female taking her daughter-in-law's vehicle keys after an altercation. Subject possibly headed to Lawrence County.

10:00 a.m. – Received a call from Dr. Kerr's Office in Shoals, requesting an ambulance for a 55-year-old male. The ambulance was dispatched.

4:42 p.m. – Received 911 call from a female reporting a small SUV pulling a trailer almost rear-ended her vehicle. Deputy Nolan was notified.

5:12 p.m. – Received call from a female

subject advising that there is a dog loose in the Loogootee area near the water tower and she does not know if it is dangerous. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

6:13 p.m. – Male caller advised of a deranged man walking around Loogootee and stated if an officer would meet him he would show the officer who he is talking about. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

6:23 p.m. – Caller advises of a domestic dispute in Shoals. Marshall Eckert and Deputy Nolan responded.

7:47 p.m. – Received 911 call from a male in Crane for his wife. Caller called back and advised that he will take her to the hospital in his personal vehicle.

8:54 p.m. – Received call from a semi driver in reference to a stranded motorist on U.S. Highway 50 east of U.S. Gypsum. Caller advised westbound lane was blocked. Corporal Fisher was notified.

9:55 p.m. – Deputy Nolan investigated possible gunshots heard just inside Daviess County and near Park Street, but was unable to locate anything suspicious.

Tuesday, March 16

12:01 a.m. – An elderly and confused subject in Shoals requested an officer. He advised he sees subjects on his roof drinking. Marshall Eckert responded and spoke with the caller.

9:10 a.m. – State Highway Department advised that a deer was struck and was still alive on U.S. 231 north of Loogootee. Sergeant Pritchard responded.

9:16 a.m. – RJ's Food Mart in Shoals reported a white male had come into the store on March 16 and purchased gas and other items. The white male wrote a check for them. While the clerk was verifying it the white male drove off. The bank informed the clerk that the account was closed. It was later found that the white male had written several other bad checks at RJ's and in Loogootee. Sergeant Pritchard is the investigating officer.

2:00 p.m. – Male caller requested a vehicle inspection of a camper. Deputy Nolan responded.

2:40 p.m. – Male caller advised that there is a large black dog with a chain and stake in his front yard on S.R. 450. Corporal Fischer spoke with caller.

3:30 p.m. – Complaint received from a male caller in Shoals about a dog at his residence. The Humane Society was contacted.

5:05 p.m. – Received a call from a female in Crane Village regarding a dispute with a male and his mother at her residence. Corporal Fischer responded.

5:30 p.m. – Anonymous caller reports a speeding vehicle making bad passes on U.S. 231 south of Loogootee. The vehicle was northbound from Walton's Greenhouse. Corporal Fischer and Loogootee Police Department were advised.

7:02 p.m. – Received a call from Daviess County advising that they received a call from an unknown subject in Crane Village saying that he was being terrorized. Daviess County lost contact with the child and tried to call him back but there was no answer. Corporal Fischer was advised.

7:05 p.m. – Received a 911 call from Dubois County advising that they had a female caller on the line reporting a possible drunk driver near the Alfordville area on U.S. 231 south of Loogootee. Corporal Fischer responded and checked the driver who showed no signs of intoxication.

7:43 p.m. – Loogootee Police Department advised that a gold Mountaineer with a handicap plate left Jones Oil in Loogootee after getting gas without paying. Corporal Fischer searched for the vehicle but was unable to locate it.

8:54 p.m. – A female caller requested an ambulance in Shoals for a 31-year-old male with possible overdose. Corporal Fischer

and Shoals Fire Department first responders also responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Wednesday, March 17

12:20 a.m. – Male caller from S.R. 450 complained of a white Ford F150 driving past his house and blowing the horn. Major T.A. Burkhardt was advised.

12:55 a.m. – Sharon Craft reported that she had been involved in a one car accident on U.S. 231 south of Loogootee. Major Burkhardt responded.

2:06 a.m. – An ambulance was requested at the Loogootee Nursing Center for a 66-year-old male. The ambulance was dispatched and the patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:13 a.m. – Received report of a business alarm. Major Burkhardt responded, checked the building, and found it secure.

5:36 a.m. – Sergeant Pritchard responded to a report of someone setting off car alarms in Sunset Trailer Court in Loogootee. Sergeant Pritchard was unable to locate any alarms.

8:15 a.m. – Request for an ambulance in Loogootee in reference to a fall. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:30 a.m. – Received a call from a female in Shoals regarding problems with a neighbor's son. The caller spoke with Sergeant Pritchard. Sergeant Pritchard also spoke with the Shoals School due to the problem occurring at a bus stop.

10:00 a.m. – A female caller advised of a person gaining entry to her grandmother's property. The person is not welcome on the property. The caller spoke with Corporal Fischer.

12:57 p.m. – Dubois County advised of a wildfire in the brush near Alfordville off of County Road 725 South and advised they are sending Haysville Fire Department.

1:48 p.m. – Report of brush fire near the end of Harper Hill Road in the Burns City area. Loogootee Police Department was contacted to send Loogootee Fire Department.

3:15 p.m. – Received another call from another relative about the individual in the complaint at 10:00 a.m. coming onto property that does not belong to her and gaining entry to the residence. She requested extra patrol in that area. Deputy Nolan was advised.

5:00 p.m. – ISP Trooper Lents was on station with 35-year-old Corey B. McCormick, of Loogootee, charged with Intimidation, Failure to Identify, Reckless Driving, and Unsafe Lane Movement.

5:06 p.m. – Received a 911 call from CVS requesting an ambulance for a male with an unknown problem that is on the floor. Ambulance was dispatched.

7:43 p.m. – Received a call from a female, in Shoals, advising that she could not find her 3-year-old son. The child had reportedly been in his bedroom twenty minutes prior to this call but was not there now. Deputy Nolan, Marshall Eckert, and Shoals Fire Department were notified.

7:43 p.m. – Male caller advised that he was the U.S. 50/S.R. 150 junction and a green Mustang slammed on his brakes in front of him for no reason. Deputy Nolan was notified but was still on the missing child complaint.

7:55 p.m. – Notified that the missing child had been found.

8:20 p.m. – Received a complaint from a male caller regarding subjects on four-wheelers at Hindostan Falls tearing up the state property. The caller advised it happens quite often. Extra patrol has been requested in the area.

11:20 p.m. – Major Burkhardt investigated a report of a female walking on Dover Hill Road in Loogootee. The female could not be located.

Thursday, March 18

1:16 a.m. – Received 911 call from a 23-year-old male in Loogootee who stated that his father had battered him. The information was given the Loogootee Police Department.

5:21 a.m. – The Loogootee Police Department requested an ambulance in Loogootee for a 21-year-old male who had been drinking. Sergeant Pritchard assisted the Loogootee officer at the scene. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:54 p.m. – Received call from W&H International in reference to a commercial burglar alarm in Loogootee. The Loogootee Police Department was notified.

2:35 p.m. – Received a call from a female in reference to harassing e-mails. Deputy Keller spoke with the caller.

3:17 p.m. – Male caller advised of a truck parked in front of his house and wanted it recorded in case he has any further problems.

3:30 p.m. – Deputy Keller advised that he was enroute to a dog complaint of 4-5 dogs running loose. He went to the residence and spoke with the complainant and the owner of the dogs.

3:35 p.m. – Male on station to requesting vehicle check.

3:49 p.m. – Female caller requested extra patrol on S.R. 450 in reference to someone walking past her house and something hit her barn.

4:35 p.m. – A male caller advised his neighbors were gone, left two pit bulls loose, and yesterday one bit him as he walked by the residence.

6:00 p.m. – Daviess County Sheriff's Department requested assistance locating a missing child. ISP Trooper Lents responded.

6:49 p.m. – Martin County Civil Defense was dispatched to assist Williams Fire Department with a field fire on Trip Road.

10:02 p.m. – Ambulance requested in Shoals for a 32-year-old female. The Shoals Fire Department first responders were also dispatched. The female was transported by ambulance to Daviess Community Hospital.

Friday, March 19

7:16 a.m. – Ambulance was dispatched for a male subject in Loogootee with breathing difficulty. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:00 a.m. – G&M Auto of Loogootee advised they had a request to tow a vehicle that was struck in someone's driveway outside of Shoals on U.S. 150. Deputy Keith Keller responded to assist.

11:03 a.m. – Received request for an ambulance in Loogootee for 2-year-old female. The ambulance was dispatched, but no transport was needed.

2:00 p.m. – A female caller requested to speak to someone about her ex-husband violating a custody order. The information was given to Deputy Keller.

4:55 p.m. – Loogootee Police Department called and advised of a property damage accident near the White River Co-Op. Deputy Keller responded.

6:44 p.m. – A female caller advised a male that she has a protection order against was harassing her. Deputy Greene attempted to serve the protective order, however was unable to locate the subject at home.

Saturday, March 20

5:21 a.m. – Received 911 call from a male subject at a residence just into Daviess County. He advised he had been kidnapped and battered. The information was given to Daviess County.

7:30 a.m. – Male caller from Shoals advised he had hit a deer on U.S. 231 near Bramble. He advised his vehicle was drivable and he is now at work but will be ('SHERIFF'S LOG' continued on page 5)

SHERIFF'S LOG CONT.

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coming through Shoals later today. The information was given to the officer but the caller called back later and had spoken to his insurance and they did not require a report.

9:00 a.m. – An ambulance was requested in Loogootee for an individual with a diabetic reaction.

11:30 a.m. – Received request for an ambulance to meet a female subject who is on her way to Jasper Memorial Hospital with her 8-year-old child. Dubois County was contacted and they requested the caller meet their ambulance in Haysville.

11:44 a.m. – Deputy Keller did vehicle check on S.R. 450.

1:10 p.m. – Deputy Keller responded to a residential alarm.

1:15 p.m. – Deputy Keller assisted Daviess County in looking for a missing person.

1:21 p.m. – Williams Fire Department requested Martin County Civil Defense regarding a house fire near Low Gap Road.

2:16 p.m. – Deputy Keller checked a residential burglar alarm.

3:00 p.m. – Deputy Keller investigated a trash complaint.

3:11 p.m. – Received a 911 call but could not hear a voice. The caller called back and advised it was a misdial.

3:36 p.m. – Received a 911 call from a female stating that she was behind a dump truck that had no license plate or lights, and its load was coming out of the back of the truck. Deputy Keller and Indiana State Police checked the truck.

4:17 p.m. – Male caller advised that his residence had been broken into. Deputy Keller responded.

4:32 p.m. – Male caller advised of trespassing complaint. Deputies Greene and Keller were advised.

4:45 p.m. – Male caller advised someone was riding his or her four-wheeler on his property. Deputy Greene attempted to make

contact with the complainant but there was no answer at the number given.

5:01 p.m. – Received a 911 call about a field fire on Truelove Church Road. The caller advised it was in Daviess County. Dubois County was contacted to tone out Haysville Fire Department. A short time later assistance was requested from Martin County Civil Defense and Loogootee Fire Department. Both departments were dispatched.

5:50 p.m. – Received a request for an ambulance for a male in Loogootee with difficulty breathing. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

6:12 p.m. – Received a report of a flare up from an earlier reported fire off of Low Gap Road. Williams Fire Department responded.

10:45 p.m. – Received 911 call reference dirt bikes on Windom Road.

Sunday, March 21

9:15 a.m. – Male caller arrived at the station to report that some four-wheeler have been on his property without his permission. Deputy Nolan spoke with the complainant.

3:12 p.m. – Deputy Nolan did vehicle check.

4:05 p.m. – Received a 911 call from a residence regarding three families there that were in a dispute that was becoming confrontational. Deputy Nolan was advised.

5:27 p.m. – Report of business burglary alarm.

9:48 p.m. – Received 911 call from a female reporting a pickup of a stranded motorist on S.R. 150. It was determined this was an accident and the driver had left the scene. G&M of Loogootee was contacted to remove the vehicle.

10:34 p.m. – Received a district dispatch from the Indiana State Police reference a welfare check on a juvenile female. At 10:48 we were advised to disregard, the female had returned home.

reference to a 2-year-old having seizures.

11:06 a.m. - Caller reported a vehicle accident on JFK Avenue involving a semi and a van. No injuries were reported. Sergeant Hennette investigated.

9:15 p.m. - Caller reported loud music on Park Street. Captain Ankles investigated.

Saturday, March 20

5:42 p.m. - Dubois County requested assistance from the Loogootee Fire Department in reference to a field fire. Fire personnel were on scene for approximately one hour.

7:03 p.m. - An employee at McDonald's reported a person harassing some of the employees. Captain Akles spoke with the parties involved.

10:48 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles at the skate park lighting trash cans on fire. Caller reported the fire was not out of control. Captain Ankles arrived and stated the fire was almost burned out.

Sunday, March 21

10:22 a.m. - Jackie Davis, Loogootee, reported she had observed two open windows at her residence. Officer Branham reported nothing missing from the residence.

1:38 p.m. - Teresa Ausbaugh, Loogootee, reported she was being harassed by another person. Officer Branham spoke with both parties.

5:44 p.m. - Employee at Sunoco reported a drive off of \$60.81. Vehicle was last seen traveling west on Highway 50.

City of Loogootee traffic accident

Wednesday, March 17

3:29 p.m. - Aaron Bridgewater, Loogootee, was operating a 1993 Ford and exiting a parking spot at Loogootee High school parking lot. At this time Bridgewater pulled into the path of a 2002 Ford operated by Suzetta A. Jones, Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

Martin County Court news

CRIMINAL COURT New Charges Filed March 3

Tyrie N. Thomas, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor.

March 9

Joshua Aaron Benton, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Craig M. Burch, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Federico Suanez, operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Amber N. Jochim, illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage on a public highway, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Stephen J. Dellamorta, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Jordan K. Morrison, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

John R. Stoll, possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED
Donald L. Gibson, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Marie L. Query, failure to stop after an accident resulting in non-vehicle damage, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT FILINGS

March 12

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Benny Floyd, civil collection.

March 16

Capital One Bank vs. Michael D. McLaughlin, civil collection.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Diane Fields, civil collection.

Equable Ascent Financial, LLC vs. William Sexton, civil collection.

Capital One Bank vs. Mary Lett, civil collection.

SMALL CLAIMS FILINGS

March 12

Robert and Terri Williams vs. Shane and Marcy Holt, complaint.

March 15

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Wendy Chapman, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Chanell Mathies, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Bobbie Souerdike, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Angela M. Kruchten, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Gregory Halcomb, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Ryan and Katrina Bell, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Richard Ivey, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Lois and Charles Payne, complaint.

Hoosier Accounts Service vs. Derek and Meridith Sipes, complaint.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

March 12

David Abel to Martha Blessinger for \$3,981.86.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

March 11

Heather Andrews vs. Kourtnei Carrico, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

March 10 – March 17

Russell Allee, Lafayette, speeding 74 in a 50, \$124.

Grant Arvin, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Stephen Blaut, Cincinnati, Ohio, speeding 69 in a 55, \$119.

Kimberly Brown, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Larry Cox, Coatesville, speeding 72 in a 55, \$124.

Chelsie Dunn, Vincennes, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Nick Eicher, Loogootee, child restraint violation – child less than 8, \$25.

George Erler, Loogootee, ignoring stop sign, \$124.

Benjamin Fuqua, Loogootee, ignoring stop sign, \$124.

Francis Hopkins, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Brandon Hovis, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Troy Johnson, Petersburg, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Micah Keith, Bedford, unregistered vehicle; expired plates, \$119.

Julie Lents, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Gregory Machmer, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Christian Munize, Huntingburg, speeding 73 in a 50, \$124.

Amber Ross, Shoals, unregistered vehicle; expired plates, \$119.

Beverly Taylor, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Eric Waltz, Huntingburgh, speeding 41 in a 25, \$124.

Loogootee Police Department log

Tuesday, March 16

9:21 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised officers to be on the lookout for a light blue Corolla. This vehicle left RJ's in Shoals and failed to pay for fuel and cigarettes.

7:44 p.m. - Employee at Marathon reported a drive off of \$10.70 of fuel. Vehicle was a gold-colored Mountaineer. Vehicle proceeded east towards Shoals. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

Wednesday, March 17

8:17 a.m. - First responders were requested on Doyle Avenue in reference to a male who had fallen.

1:49 p.m. - Caller reported a field fire on Harper Hill Road in Burns City. Fire personnel were on scene for approximately 30 minutes.

Thursday, March 18

1:16 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street. Officer Fischer arrived and spoke with all parties.

1:25 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Queen Street. Officer Fisher arrived and transported a female to another residence.

5:14 a.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated male on Cedar Street. Male was transported to Memorial Hospital in Jasper.

2:11 p.m. - Gary Neukam, Loogootee, reported a theft of bird ornaments at his mother's property.

3:14 p.m. - Caller reported a male subject driving recklessly on a scooter. Officers were unable to locate the scooter.

5:56 p.m. - Joe Melton, Loogootee, reported vandalism to his bike while parked at Loogootee Public Library.

Friday, March 19

12:39 a.m. - Caller reported a noise complaint at Country Place Apartments. Captain Akles investigated.

7:15 a.m. - First responders were requested on East Main Street in reference to an elderly male with difficulty breathing.

11:01 a.m. - First responders were requested at Country Place Apartments in ref-

Martin County accident reports

Sunday, March 14

9:16 a.m. – William Powell, of Wheatland, was eastbound on U.S. 150 in his white 2006 Cadillac. He was exiting a curve, just east of Butler Bridge Road. He stated that his vehicle began to slide sideways coming out of the curve and then spun off the roadway into a ditch. The vehicle came to rest facing west, on the south side of the roadway. The roadway was wet and covered in sand in places around the curve. The investigating officer was Depute Steve Nolan.

Monday, March 15

7:55 a.m. – Female caller advised she hit a deer across from the Shoals High School. Amanda Sorrells, of Shoals, was traveling west on U.S. 50 in her silver 2003 Pontiac Grand AM when two deer ran out onto the highway. She advised she slowed down for the first but did not see the second deer. Sergeant James Pritchard was the investigating officer.

Tuesday, March 16

10:36 a.m. – Received a 911 call from Larry Graber who stated he overturned his trailer on U.S. 50 approximately 3 miles east of Shoals. He advised he was traveling eastbound on U.S. 50 pulling a trailer. As he was exiting a curve, the trailer began to fish-tail and then jackknifed, causing the trailer to overturn and sustain damage to the hitch. The trailer was carrying scrap metal, which scattered over the roadway and in both

ditches. Deputy Nolan investigated the accident.

Friday, March 19

5:42 p.m. – Received a 911 call about a property damage accident on Dover Hill Road. Larry Summers of Loogootee was driving a 2008 John Deere tractor with a large round bale of hay on the front-end loader. He stated he was looking forward and to the right at an upcoming corner to see if there was any traffic coming when the bale of hay struck a grey 2010 Volkswagen Jetta driven by Prescilla Sipes of Shoals. She stated that she had stopped to avoid the tractor and honked her horn but he did not see or hear her. Deputy Green was the investigating officer.

Saturday, March 20

4:50 p.m. – Charles W. Watts of West Baden, was traveling west on U.S. 150, west of Singing Hill, operating a 1993 Dodge Caravan. Mr. Watt's vehicle traveled left of center while rounding a curve and struck a 1998 Ford Taurus in the driver's door area, being operated by Jill Weaver, of French Lick. Two juvenile female passengers in the Watts vehicle suffered minor injuries and were transported to Bloomington Hospital of Orange County. Ms. Weaver also sustained minor injuries and was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital. The Investigating officer was Deputy Nolan. Shoals Fire Department, Martin County EMS and G&M Wrecker assisted at the scene.

Martin County OUTDOORS

Hunters will soon flock to the woods for mushroom season

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

After March a new kind of madness begins – mushroom season. Avid mushroom hunters look forward to this time of year and trek off to their favorite spots which they will usually not reveal to anyone.

Morel mushrooms are only up for a short amount of time in the spring, however, the debate on the proper method for hunting them has gone on forever.

Morel mushrooms have white stems and the tops can be black, yellow, or gray. Black mushrooms have a smaller, pointy top and are found later on in the season. Morel mushrooms are the most popular and the most expensive to buy.

Some mushrooms are poisonous and unless you are experienced with the types of mushrooms it would be a good idea not to eat any that you find.

Morel mushrooms can be found anywhere conditions are favorable. Some different theories about where morels grow are near dead or dying elm trees, near pine, ash, or shag-bark hickory trees, near May apples, or on hillsides. It is also said that morels grow in multiples, so where you find one you will most likely find more nearby.

Mushrooms have fine spores that allow them to reproduce. It is said that if you carry your morel finds in an onion or potato sack the spores will fall out onto the forest floor and new ones will grow next year. It has also been said that if you soak your mush-



rooms in unsalted water and then dump the water in an area mushrooms will grow in that spot. Another theory is that if you pull a mushroom out of the ground, instead of just cutting it off before the root, then the mushroom will not re-grow in that spot.

When to hunt is another debate. Almost everyone will agree that a good time to hunt is after a good rain when the weather is warm. Morels tend to pop up overnight so hunting a spot one day doesn't mean that a mushroom will not appear there the next.

While many Martin Countians will find enough mushrooms to feed a small army, others will just be happy if they can find their first one.

4-H Shooting Sports Discipline classes

Martin County 4-H will hold Shooting Sports Discipline classes on Saturday, April 3 and Saturday, April 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The first class will be held at the fair-ground and the second session will be held at the American Legion Country Club. The classes are free and lunch will be provided.

Weapons covered include the pistol, rifle, muzzleloader, shotgun, and archery. Children currently in grades 3 through 12 are eligible although Hunter Education Certification is required to participate.

Leaders are Tony Mann, Kathy Burns, Eric Doane, and Harold Bleemel. Those participating are asked to dress appropriate

for the weather.

To register, call the Purdue Extension office at 295-2412 as soon as possible.

Upcoming 3-D archery shoot

Saturday, March 27 – White River Bowhunters, Bedford from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost: Adults \$10, Youth \$5, Cub Free. 14 targets shoot twice, food available. Directions to the shoot: Club grounds located between Bedford and Mitchell, 4.7 miles south of Hwy 37 and W 50 Junction. Turn west off Hwy. 37 at Tieman Tire Co. and go 1.7 miles. Club is on the left. www.whiteriverbowhunters.com

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SCOUTING MATTERS

By Mike Leighty - Odon Troop 481 Scoutmaster

For sometime now, I have pondered ways to become a greater advocate of Scouting. With this being the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) there is an expanded national public awareness campaign on BSA awareness and support. Our local newspapers have always been supportive of local scouting programs; however, the information shared is always after the fact and typically only highlight big events. There is so much more going on and offered by our local scout programs on a weekly basis through regular pack and troop meetings.

Did you know the North Daviess community has two active Cub Scout Packs and two active Boy Scout Troops? Loogootee, Washington and other nearby communities have active units as well. In fact, you can find an active scouting unit in virtually every community in the nation and they are always looking to increase their numbers of youth and volunteers.

Greeting all, my name is Mike Leighty, Scoutmaster of Odon Troop 481 and I want to introduce you to what will be a monthly publication entitled Scouting Matters... because it does. The purpose and vision of Scouting Matters will be to advocate the values and vision of Scouting, highlight local activity and keep the public informed of benefits your son and family will receive

through active participate in a local scouting program.

With 100 years of scouting under our belt, we can soundly say a firm foundation has been established. The next 100 years, which we can all be part of in some way, provides us a shared vision of continued adventure. In the coming months I hope to share with you, the public, and hopefully future Scouters, facts, figures, and an occasional big tale with informative articles such as Did You Know, Does Scouting Matter, What I've Learned and Scouting just to name a few.

Therefore, with that in mind let me tell you about a conversation overheard at a recent scouting activity. I know a gentleman who is one of those leaders who has stayed involved in scouting long after his son turned 18. He simply loves giving back to a program he believes so strongly in. Recently a first-year Scout asked him to point out which of the older boys was his son. The leader told the young Scout his son was in college and was not in the troop anymore. Which the young scout replied, "Oh, so you just do this for the money?"

I am looking forward to these short chats and I hope you find them interesting as well. I challenge you to seek out your local unit and support scouting in the future. It is going to be great next 100 years.

Looking for something to do? EVENTS CALENDAR

Catholic Church Fish Fry

The Martin County Catholic Cluster will host a Christ Renews His Parish Teams Annual Fish Fry Friday, March 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the St. Johns Center Lower Level.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Country Cousins, Relay for Life teams #7 and #27 are hosting Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and pony rides Saturday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Martin County Community Building for children 9 years and under. Breakfast and games \$3. Pony rides an extra \$3. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for purchase or bring your own camera. So hop on over to the Martin County Community Building to see the Easter bunny and have some fun!

Lions Club Pancake Fry

Shoals Lions Club will be having a Pancake fry on Saturday, April 3, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. The pancake fry will be held at the Shoals American Legion Hall. The price will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 10 and under. Carry outs are available.

Relay for Life Bake Sale

Martin County Relay For Life Team #8 - "Remembering Dennis" Coney Dog/Bake Sale will be held on Saturday April 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Jasper Walmart. Assorted jellies and colored Easter eggs will also be available.

Youth Workshop weekend

David Walters is coming to our area! Check out his website www.goodnewsministries.com. This ministry is not about entertaining your children, but making them mighty, our desire is raise a generation of anointed youth and children. Friday through Sunday, April 23 through 25, at Church on the Way, 700 W. Van Trees, Washington. \$8 per child, \$12 per adult, or max \$40 per family for Saturday's session. Call 295-4678, or email bdgreene5@verizon.net to register. Friday night at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9:30 a.m., Sunday at 10 a.m., and Sunday night miracle service at 6 p.m.

"Taste of Martin County"

On April 20th, the Martin County Community Foundation will host the first annual "Taste of Martin County." It is an event where people can sample fantastic dishes from area food vendors. The event will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Martin County Community Building. Prizes will be given away. Admission at the door is \$12 for a single adult, \$20 per couple, \$5 for students K-12, Children 5 and under are free. Presale tickets are available at discounted prices at The Shoals News, German American Bank in Loogootee, or the Cartridge Depot in Loogootee. Proceeds will go to support the operations of the Martin County Community Foundation. 812-295-1022 or mccf@rtc.com.net for more information.

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Our GOVERNMENT

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative Mark Messmer



The 2009-10 Indiana General Assembly has adjourned. The group of 150 senators and representatives who made policy at the Statehouse is not likely to be gathered together ever again.

This session has been especially memorable for me, since it's my very first. In the next few weeks, I'll write about some of the things I found most surprising about my first term in office.

If you are registered to vote in House District 63, you'll also receive an end-of-session newsletter from me in a few weeks.

However, today I'd like to give a plug for something else that probably appeared in your mailbox last week: the 2010 Census form.

According to www.2010.census.gov, "people from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more."

Census data is also used to determine how political districts are drawn. If everyone does not fill out the census, Indiana could lose a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, which happened in 2000.

That would mean one less vote being cast on behalf of Hoosiers on important legislation, like the national health care bill.

Not only that, census data is used to determine how \$400 billion in federal funding (and even more in the form of state funding) is distributed.

Basically, whatever money is paid out by the government for the safety and well-

being of a community—infrastructure, road projects, police and fire protection—is divvied up based on census numbers.

So if you think your school is overcrowded or your local hospital needs a facelift—this is the time to speak up and let the government know, "Hey, there are a lot of people living here!"

In 2000, the Jasper area had about a 72% participation rate in the Census. Let's see if we can do even better this year!

Keep in mind that if you don't fill out the census form and return it quickly, a census worker may come to your door to ask you a few questions.

Again, according to the 2010 Census Web site, "[a]ll census takers carry a badge with a Department of Commerce watermark and expiration date.

"Some census workers might carry a U.S. Census Bureau bag as well.

"The census taker will provide you with supervisor contact information and/or the Local Census Office phone number for verification, if asked."

However, millions of taxpayers' dollars can be saved if more people send back the form instead of waiting for a census worker to visit their home, so it's best to return your data as soon as possible.

In the future, it may be possible to fill out the census form online, but that is not an option for 2010.

If you need help filling out the 2010 Census questionnaire, feel free to contact the census office at 1-866-872-6868.

Development continues at Westgate

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Martin County Redevelopment Commission Consultant Jerry Ott told the commission at their meeting Tuesday night, March 23 that work on Building 5 at Westgate is close to a breaking ground and EG&G, a division of URS, is planning to add a 17,000-square-foot addition onto their building. He said both construction projects are in the works they are just finalizing lease details.

Ott presented the board with the Interlocal Agreement between Martin, Daviess and Greene Counties to be signed at the commissioners' meeting later in the evening. The agreement was already approved by the county councils and commissioners. The only change is that the agreement spans 30 years. Also included in the agreement was the expansion of representatives on the Westgate Authority from two to three members from each county. The agreements are necessary in order to received grant funding totaling \$6 million for the Academy to be built.

The board also approved an easement on Martin County's four-acre portion of the tech park for the purpose of building a retention pond on the south area of the property for the Westgate 5 building. Ott explained that the company will be requesting another easement for another pond toward the center of the property.

In the claims Commission Member Dan

Gregory questioned a payment to Martin County Online. Commission Member Paul George explained that the payment was an annual fee for the hosting of the county's website. "We need to get that a little better along then it is," said Gregory. He added that there are only six county businesses included on the site. Jerry Ott explained that new Economic Development Director Tim Kinder has plans to bring in someone from Radius Indiana to help that along.

Commission Member Randy Winger was not present at the meeting and member Warren Albright arrived right at the end of the meeting.

Government notices

Democrats to meet

Martin County Democrats will meet, Thursday, April 1, at 6 p.m., in the city hall in Loogootee. The public is invited to attend.

Head Start applications

Beginning on April 1st, Hoosier Uplands Head Start will be accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year. To be eligible for Head Start, a child must be at least 3 years of age by August 1st. The family must also meet federal income guidelines. All Head Start services are provided at no cost to those who qualify, although families are asked to volunteer each month. For more information on enrolling a child, call the Loogootee Head Start office at 295-4700



News from the Statehouse

By District 62 State Representative Sandy Blanton

It is important to protect the economic growth that has been made in Orange County. The "Miracle of the Valley" and the progress of our area is largely possible because of the French Lick Resort.

The downturn in the economy seriously imperiled the viability of this treasure. Something had to be done to protect our interests.

Last summer, a study committee met, held hearings and proposed recommendations to protect Indiana's gaming industry. Everyone recognizes the perils to come. Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, and soon Kentucky will enter the gaming industry. No matter what one may think about this industry, they are vital to our state's economy. Gaming taxes are the third largest source of revenue in Indiana. Indiana gaming tourism now ranks third in the United States.

Tourists bring dollars. They bring development and generate employment. Before this recession started, things were going well for our resort, not as well as hoped, but OK.

The study group proposed some changes in regulations and oversight. They made some recommendations that would have allowed the riverboat casinos to become land-based and reduce other fees. It was a good proposal that failed in the House.

This economy and the creation of the two racinos in Anderson and Shelbyville hurt French Lick. Resort revenue fell about 20 percent. The folks from Indianapolis and north of there, found it more convenient to spend their time and dollars there, not in French Lick.

When the enabling legislation allowing us our opportunity passed in 2003, French Lick was treated differently than other casinos.

Because of the limitations and special treatment, the resort suffered. The existence of French Lick as a resort was seriously, seriously jeopardized. No business can continue to operate with the losses they incurred. We absolutely, positively could not let them suffer and fail.

Every patron who enters a casino in Indiana generates a \$3 tax. That tax is paid by the owner of the facility, not the patron. In French Lick, the tax was set at \$4. Every time the turnstile clicks in French Lick, it counts as another \$4 - another \$3 in all the others.

But the count is not fair for French Lick because it is not only a casino. It is a resort where people come to golf, eat, and relax. For a grand experience in hospitality, many people go through the gate just to look and see, and every time someone goes inside the casino, the tax is \$4. Even if it is only to see what it looks like! It is not fair.

I am proud to say that we took a very important step toward sustaining the economic operation of the French Lick resort. I begged, I pled, I twisted arms, and I used the rules of the House to get our case heard during the final hours. The opposition of the other casinos and those wanting casinos was fierce. There were those who wanted to hold us hostage. They wanted their bill or nothing for anyone. Some of them got greedy. They did not care about fairness.

I counted the votes, I argued the fairness

of our proposal and finally I got it done. The admission tax at French Lick resort was dropped from \$4 to \$3, a savings of about \$1 million a year. This is money that can be used to fund growth and jobs, stability and excitement.

The reduction in the tax will not mean less money for the towns, schools, county and supporting organizations. It will not reduce the distribution for economic development. The distribution formula was adjusted to protect the vital interests of our communities.

As an extra added benefit, interest on the money that is set aside to preserve the historic hotels can now be used for that purpose, not the principal, the interest - another benefit for the people in our area and the state.

I am excited and proud to have been able to participate in helping stabilize the resort's finances, lower taxes and hopefully invigorate the economy of our area. The fight was difficult and it was contentious; some feelings were hurt along the way. I feel honored to have fought the fight and to have been the champion of this legislation in the House and to have a good outcome. How sweet it is!

It is always good to lower taxes and generate business.

I attended the Orange County and Greene County celebration of Ag Day this week. I am always inspired by the youth of our communities, the young men and women who are following their family traditions. I am comfortable and happy to see their dedication to hard work and innovative ideas. I know from personal experience the joys (and occasional heartbreak) of farmers and their families.

Stanley and Debbie Hall, Howard and Katherine Springer, their sons and their extended families reflect hard work, dedication and great family values. John Tarr, Willie Wilson, Gary Heshelman of Orange and Greene County Farm Bureaus and the board members work hard for our agricultural community.

Stewart Gerkin of Orleans is the FFA "Young Farmer of the Year." C. J. Fleenor of Orleans is the national chairman of the Young Farmers Association. What a great honor for them—and what great examples of the value and dedication of our young people! What a time for pride in Orange County!

Though the session was over, I went back to the Statehouse on Thursday. I wanted to be there for the seniors of Shoals High School. There were about 50 of them. They were attentive and full of life, beaming excitement and filled with pride.

We had to explain to the lady leading the tour what a Jug Rock was, in detail. The kids told her about Shoals and their community. They are proud of their town and their heritage. We're not real sure about whether the tour guide will attend, but she was invited to the annual Catfish Festival.

It would benefit a lot of people in Indianapolis to visit with us!

If you wish to share your views or opinions about these issues or any other topics related to Indiana state government, please contact me at h62@in.gov.

Bill to improve farmland assessments heads to Governor Daniel's office

Senate Bill 396 would eliminate highest value in six-year rolling average formula

The General Assembly has sent legislation to the governor that would protect Indiana farmers and agriculture companies by improving the state's assessment of farmland. State Senator Lindel Hume (D-Princeton), a coauthor of Senate Bill (SB) 396, said the change is needed to more accurately assess increases in farmland value for property taxes. SB 396 was approved by a vote of 50 to 0 in the Senate and a vote of 97 to 1 in the House of Representatives.

Beginning with taxes payable in 2011, SB 396 would change the calculation by which farmland assessments are determined. Under the proposal, the base rate formula for farmland assessments would be done on an adjusted six year average with the highest value eliminated.

The Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance currently determines farm-

land value based on a six-year rolling average. The value is based on a formula that takes into account information on land rents, crop yields and prices, and interest rates. Farmland values are recalculated each year as part of the trending process.

"This legislation will improve farmland assessments by reflecting the true values of property," said Sen. Hume. "It will also reduce dramatic increases in property tax assessments on farmland and property used in Indiana's agricultural industries."

For example, the base value per acre of farmland is \$1,250 for taxes payable in 2010, and is currently estimated to increase to \$1,400 for 2011, \$1,700 for 2012, and \$1,810 for 2013. Under this proposal, the base rate would be \$1,290 for 2011, \$1,500 for 2012, and \$1,620 for 2013.

SB 396 will now be sent to the governor for final consideration and possible enactment.

General Assembly approves Hume legislation

The 2010 session of the 116th General Assembly ended March 13, with 115 bills sent to the governor. State Senator Lindel Hume (D-Princeton) sponsored and co-authored a number of bills that gained approval by the legislature this year. They include:

Transportation Safety - Hume co-authored Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 93, which provides that the failure to use due caution when approaching a stationary utility service vehicle that is being used to perform utility services is a Class A infraction, and may result in the loss of driving privileges. The bill also applies to stationary road, street or highway maintenance vehicles. The bill was approved by a final vote of 35 to 10 in the Senate and was approved unanimously in the House of Representatives. The governor signed SEA 93 on March 12 and the new law will become effective July 1.

Child Support - SEA 163 increases the state's ability to collect child support due to families by requiring Indiana riverboat casinos and horse race tracks licensed for gambling games to withhold the cash winnings of those who are delinquent in child support. The bill applies to those who owe \$2000 or more and are at least 3 months late in child support payments, and it requires the Child Support Bureau to provide certain information regarding persons who are delinquent in child support to gaming establishments. SEA 163, co-authored by Hume, was approved unanimously by the Senate and the House of Representatives and has been sent to the governor for possible enactment. If signed, the law will become effective July 1.

School Funding Flexibility - Hume co-

sponsored House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1367, which allows a school district to transfer up to 5 percent of the capital projects fund levy to its general fund. HEA 1367 authorizes school districts to transfer up to 10 percent of the capital projects fund levy to its general fund with certain stipulations. The legislation is a result of action taken by the governor in early January when he imposed funding cuts of \$300 million on K-12 education as state tax collections continue to fall below expectations. The bill was approved unanimously in the Senate and House of Representatives and will be sent to the governor for possible enactment. If signed, these provisions of the bill will become effective July 1.

Wild Game Donations - Hume also co-sponsored HEA 1064, which establishes a procedure to collect voluntary donations when hunting licenses are sold, and deposited into the Sportsmen's Benevolence Fund. It specifies that the proceeds must be used to process donated wild game related to feeding the state's hungry. The bill was approved by unanimous votes in the Senate and House and was signed by the governor March 12. The bill will become effective July 1.

Veterans Disability Benefits - HEA 1165 provides that a veteran's service-connected disability benefit is protected from a judicial lien, process, or proceeding to collect a debt. This is already a federal law and the bill will codify the existing federal law into state statute. HEA 1165 was approved unanimously in the Senate and House of Representatives and was signed by the governor March 12. The legislation becomes effective July 1.



I find myself spending the majority of my "free" time asking myself why. Why my son wouldn't eat his dinner, when he gobbled up the same meal the week before. Why my husband doesn't understand how tired I am, even though I got more sleep than he did. Why the television has become such a huge part of our existence. Sound crazy, don't I?

I am told constantly by the people who know me that I spend too much time thinking about things that don't matter. When I was a child, I remember very distinctly seeing a book on my step-mom's night stand that was called Don't Sweat the Small Stuff. I was curious so I picked it up and flipped through the pages. It was full of quotes about how to laugh off the little worries in life. At the time, being the head-strong, over-confident kid I was, I felt it was ridiculous that people would have to be guided on how to deal with life's little stresses.

After getting married and having four children of my own, I get it. Boy do I ever get it. That book must have jinxed me. I can try to justify my hours of replaying my days and questioning my every move all I want, but it will never get back those hours and

emotions wasted. Enjoying my children and most of all enjoying all the struggles and life lessons is what it's all about. Laughing at my own mistakes and the stubbornness I see in my son's eyes, hmmm I wonder where he got that from, keeps our days together light and easy.

Don't get me wrong, you can't live without worrying. It's only natural. I have come to the conclusion that I worry about things before looking at the big picture. Rather than running around after my kids, making sure that they don't get dirty or wash their hands when they do, give them a vitamin. Hand sanitizer and shielding them from sickness is just another burden, why not a proper diet and a supplement instead. Rather than worrying about the kids not making a mess at the kitchen table, why not just take the little boogers outside. Eating lunch or dinner outside is the perfect way to keep your kitchen straightened up.

Our time on this Earth is precious. Life has a funny way of becoming overwhelming and aggravating, but only if you let it. Accept the things that you cannot change and change the things that you cannot accept.

Nominations for Martin County Ambassador

At times people can become so accustomed to something special that it isn't appreciated anymore. Or opportunities may be available right around the corner that aren't taken advantage of, or even noticed at all. Other times you may be so wrapped up in the daily grind of life that you overlook a moment to offer a hand or a simple smile.

Martin County has many citizens who do an outstanding job of representing our county, and these citizens should be recognized. For example, it is a nice touch to see those who work hard to landscape their property along the highways so visitors have a positive experience driving through. Did you know that someone volunteers to pick up trash along our major roads on a regular basis! Maybe you've noticed someone offer assistance to a stranger whose car has broken down, or give a cheerful smile as a visitor orders lunch, asks for directions or pays for gas. And don't forget others who have the courage to start a new business, right here in Martin County, which ultimately improves our economy and quality of life.

If you know someone who fits the above description, please complete this form, cut it out and return it to: Martin County Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 257, Loogootee, IN 47553

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Why do you think this person should be a Martin County Ambassador?

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Sprucing up for Spring!
When the snow melts and the ground thaws, it's time to plant your garden. There are twenty objects hidden among the busy children. Can you find the ice-cream cone, mouse, crayon, clothespin, trumpet, toothbrush, glove, hammer, clock, paper clip, feather, comb, chicken, candle, teacup, sock, seal, frog, fish, and book?

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Local SPORTS



Pitching stance

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Loogootee Baseball Coach Roger Bailey demonstrates pitching techniques to participants at his clinic held Tuesday, March 23. To see schedules of Loogootee and Shoals baseball and softball click the sports link at www.martincountyjournal.com.

Shoals Varsity Golf 2009-2010

Date	Place	Opponent	Time
April 8	Home	North Daviess, Dubois	4:30 p.m.
April 12	Home	Bloomfield, North Daviess	4:30 p.m.
April 16	Home	Shakamak, Loogootee	4:30 p.m.
April 19	Home	Barr-Reeve, North Daviess	4:30 p.m.
April 23	Home	Vincennes Rivet	5 p.m.
April 27	Home	Orleans	4:30 p.m.
April 29	Away - S. Valley	Orleans, Springs Valley	4:30 p.m.
April 30	Away	South Knox	5 p.m.
May 4	Away - Country Oaks	South Knox, Barr-Reeve	4:30 p.m.
May 7	Away	Loogootee Invitational	4:30 p.m.
May 10	Home	Orleans, Paoli, Loogootee	4:30 p.m.
May 15	Away - Country Oaks	Blue Chip	9 a.m.
May 18	Away - Mitchell	Springs Valley, Mitchell	4:30 p.m.
May 20	Home	Washington Catholic, Rivet	4:30 p.m.
June 1	Away	Dubois	4:30 p.m.

Loogootee Varsity Golf 2009-2010

Date	Place	Opponent	Time
April 5	Away	North Knox	4:30 p.m.
April 8	Paoli	Vincennes Rivet	4:45 p.m.
April 15	Away	Southridge	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Eagleview Golf Course@ Crane	Shakamak, Shoals	4:30 p.m.
April 17	Away	Edgewood Invitational	10 a.m.
April 19	Eagleview Golf Course@ Crane	Northeast Dubois, Rivet	4:30 p.m.
April 20	Phil Harris Golf Course@ Linton	Bloomfield, Mitchell	5:15 p.m.
April 23	Home	Washington	4 p.m.
April 26	Home	North Daviess	4:30 p.m.
April 30	Elks Country Club@ Vincennes	South Knox, Shoals	4:40 p.m.
May 5	Paoli	Eastern Greene	4:45 p.m.
May 7	Home	LHS Invitational	4:30 p.m.
May 10	Eagleview Golf Course@ Crane	Paoli, Shoals, Orleans	4:30 p.m.
May 14	Country Oaks Golf Course	Barr-Reeve	4:30 p.m.
May 15	Country Oaks Golf Course	Blue Chip	9 a.m.
May 17	Home	Mitchell	4:30 p.m.
May 22	Away	Washington Invitational	9 a.m.
May 25	English Golf Course	Northeast Dubois	5 p.m.
June 2	Away	North Knox Invitational	10 a.m.

High School Basketball without the class

BY MARC OTTO
Journal Chief Sports Editor

In 1997 classed basketball was introduced to the fine state of Indiana with a lot of disappointed fans.

The way the system was set up was to let smaller schools stand a chance to win a state championship. A lot of people from the smaller schools said that it was not a championship that they wanted, but instead a sectional win over a large school.

For instance, I remember going to the 1988 Southridge Sectional before classed basketball was implemented. It featured the Jasper Wildcats (4A), Southridge Raiders (3A), Forest Park Rangers (2A), Wood Memorial Trojans (1A), Pike Central Chargers (3A), and the Northeast Dubois Jeeps (1A) and watched the Northeast Dubois Jeeps win the sectional crown.

The system works like this: they take all eligible schools in the state of Indiana then they divide them in to even groups according to school enrollment in grades 9-12

from largest to smallest.

From year to year as enrollment changes so do the teams in each class, for example the Wood Memorial Trojans had an enrollment of 329 students that put them at the top of class 1A right below West Washington with an enrollment of 333 students that puts them at the bottom of class 2A.

If there is a change of enrollment the next year, the two teams could switch classes and the schools could go from the smallest in their class to the largest or the largest to the smallest.

The biggest impact that the system has on the basketball tournament is that it changes the number of games played at the semi-state and state championships. Now there are two semi-state locations (per class) with only one game played compared to four separate semi-state locations with three games played.

The state championship is now only one game (per class), instead of the traditional final four setup.



MARC OTTO

Upcoming sporting events

Football fundraiser

The Martin County Raiders Football team will be holding a stoplight fundraiser Saturday, April 3, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Brick Dedication Day at Les Page Field

Saturday April 10, Loogootee Baseball is having its brick dedication day for those who purchased an engraved brick on Saturday, April 10. Those who donated will receive free admission and a hot dog. Come out and see your brick! The Loogootee Baseball team plays Boonville at 1 p.m.

Loogootee Little League dates to remember

Saturday, April 3 - First day of practice

for baseball and softball. Schedules will be out at a later date

Saturday, April 17 - Picture day for all teams at the high school cafeteria

Saturday, May 1 - Opening Day for baseball and softball.

Shoals Baseball fundraiser

The Shoals High School Baseball team will play a 50-inning baseball game Saturday, March 27, at 11 a.m., at Harding Diamond, in order to raise money for the season's expenses.

The team is asking anyone to play a position in that game by sponsoring a monetary donation per inning or by donating a lump sum for the entire game.

Loogootee Varsity Track 2009-2010

Date	Place	Opponent	Time
April 6	Away	Northeast Dubois (4-way)	5 p.m.
April 7	Away	North Knox	4:45 p.m.
April 9	Away - Eastern	Bloomfield, Eastern Green	4:30 p.m.
April 13	Away - Wood Memorial	Forest Park, Wood Memorial	5 p.m.
April 15	Home	Linton, Washington, N. Daviess	4:45 p.m.
April 19	Away - Mitchell	Springs Valley, Mitchell	4:45 p.m.
April 23	Away	North Daviess Invitational	4:30 p.m.
April 27	Home	South Knox	4:30 p.m.
April 29	Away - Shoals	North Daviess, Shoals	4:30 p.m.
May 7	Away	Washington	4:30 p.m.
May 11	Away	Girls' Blue Chip	6 p.m.
May 13	Away	Boys' Blue Chip	6 p.m.

Shoals Varsity Track 2009-2010

Date	Place	Opponent	Time
April 8	Away - Mitchell	W. Washington, Springs Valley	4:30 p.m.
April 13	Away	Orleans	4:30 p.m.
April 15	Home	South Knox	4:30 p.m.
April 20	Away	Dubois - Fresh. & Soph. boys	5 p.m.
April 22	Away	Paoli - Boys	4:30 p.m.
April 22	Away	Dubois - Girls	5 p.m.
April 23	Away	North Daviess Invitational	5 p.m.
April 27	Away	Dubois Invitational - Boys	5 p.m.
April 29	Home	North Daviess, Loogootee	4:30 p.m.
May 3	Away - Orleans	Springs Valley, Orleans	4:30 p.m.
May 7	Away	Dubois Relays	5 p.m.
May 11	Away - Dubois	Girls' Blue Chip	6 p.m.
May 13	Away - N. Knox	Boys' Blue Chip	6 p.m.
May 18	Away	Girls' Sectional	tba
May 20	Away	Boys' Sectional	tba

Martin County Ag Day celebrated last weekend

A large crowd was on hand to celebrate agriculture and the American farmer at the fourteenth annual Ag Day on Saturday March 20.

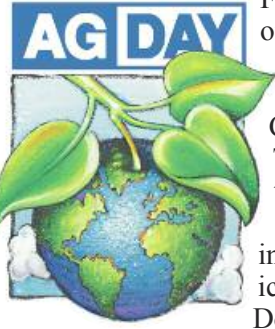
The event started with the invocation by Pastor Ernie Canell followed by the National Anthem sung by Joel Weitkamp, the Pledge of Allegiance by Shoals Student Council member Gus Sherfick and the 4-H pledge lead by Junior Leader members. Shoals High School band/choir director Joel Weitkamp and choir members Tonya Probasco and Aron Warner provided entertainment for the morning. A breakfast was prepared by the Martin County Junior Leaders and the Ag Day committee. The Ag Day committee recognized Chester and Betty Chattin, Byron and Norma Slaubaugh, and Ray and Jennifer Walton for

being good stewards to the land. SWCD River Friendly Farmer Kenneth Fuhrman, Master Farmer Louis Carrico, and Farm Family of the Year the James Troutman

Family were also recognized. Second graders Dalton Rouch, Landon Harder, Makenzie Colson, Christopher Jones, Aerial McCarty, Kaeleigh Ross, and Nick Tuttle were winners of the Martin Co. SWCD coloring contest.

Twenty-five vendors provided information on products and service available to local farmers. Door prizes were given away at the conclusion of the day.

The Martin County Ag Day committee would like to thank the vendors and the many volunteers that help with Ag Day. The committee would also like to thank WRZR and WJTS for their broadcasts of the event.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Sheriff's Deputies Keith Keller and Rob Street spoke with Jason and Mary Waggoner, of Loogootee. The sheriff's department handed out flyers and provided information to passersby.



-Photo provided by SWCD

John Gore, shown above, of Shoals, fries up some potatoes for the Ag Day breakfast Saturday morning. The breakfast was served by the 4-H Council and Junior Leaders.



-Photo provided by SWCD

The petting zoo is always a favorite for the kiddos at Ag Day. Shown above, Hailey Beasley shows the little ones how to gently pet the goats.



-Photo provided by SWCD

Martin County SWCD coloring contest winners were, from left to right, Landon Harder, Christopher Jones, Aerial McCarty, Kaeleigh Ross, and Makenzie Colson. Winners not available for the photo were Dalton Rouch and Nick Tuttle.

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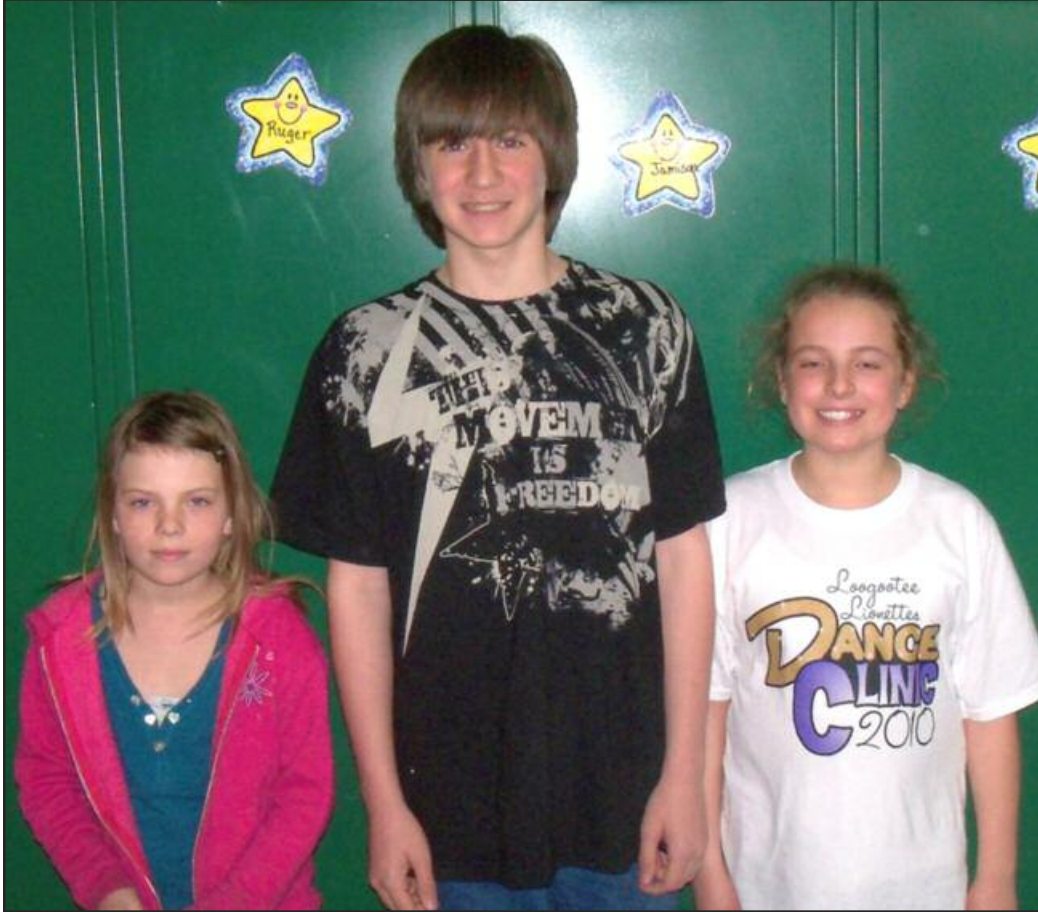
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Our **SCHOOLS**



East Students of the Month -Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Loogootee Elementary East Students of the Month for February were, from left to right, Kayla Taylor for fourth grade, Justin Kiser for sixth grade, and Martina Stevens for fifth grade.

Elementary school parent math nights coming in April

Elementary school parent math nights, called "Math Matters!," will be from 6 to 8 p.m. (EDT) on Friday, April 12 at Vincennes University's McCormick Science Center in Room B5/B11, and at the VU Jasper Campus on Saturday, April 13 in the Bistro Dining Room inside the Ruxer Student Center.

All area parents, relatives, and teachers of elementary-school children are invited to attend the free workshops. Area elementary teachers can get an Indiana certification renewal unit for attending.

This will be the fourth semester for the presentations that attracted more than 80 participants last fall.

For persons who have attended in the past, the April sessions will feature all new games and activities to promote learning.

Students majoring in VU's Elementary Education and Secondary Mathematics Education programs will host the workshops in conjunction with Nancy Mathis and Dr.

Danielle Goodwin of the VU Mathematics Dept.

The purpose of the "Math Matters!" workshops is to show local elementary parents, relatives, and teachers math games and activities they can use to build mathematical fluency and number sense. "Getting parents and teachers to put themselves out there as mathematical problem-solvers is really important. Students need to see that their parents and teachers try new things on their own when it comes to math, so they don't come to think that math can only be done by geniuses," Goodwin said.

Many of the activities and games are geared at what Goodwin calls "sense-making."

For example, students might be asked, "Can you estimate how many paperclips tall you are? Does that number make sense?"

More information is available from Dr. Goodwin at dgoodwin@vinu.edu or 812-888-5156.



Brush fire -Photo by Courtney Hughett

It's a little difficult to see in the above photo but smoke fills the sky and air for miles when a fire broke out in a field and spread into the woods on Truelove Church Road Saturday, March 20, at 5:01 p.m. Martin County Civil Defense and the Loogootee Fire Department assisted Haysville Fire Department with the blaze. Departments were on the scene for over an hour.

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Martin County real estate transfers

James E. Johnson and Mary A. Johnson, of Martin County, Indiana to **James Christopher Johnson**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 4 West containing 5.01 acres.

Donald R. Jackson and Janet Sue Jackson, of Posey County, Indiana to **Carl E. Wiscaver, Sr. and Melanie F. Wiscaver**, of Martin County, Indiana part of Section 19, Township 3 North, Range 4 West in Martin County, Indiana containing 1.914 acres.

Sharon A. Hentry, of Winnabo, North Carolina to **J.L. Sutton**, of Winnabo, North Carolina, a part of the southwest quarter of Fractional Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 3 West, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.386 acres, more or less.

Terry L. Wade, of Martin County, Indiana to **Michael L. Wade and Terry L.**

Wade, of Martin County, Indiana a part of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter and a part of the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter all in Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West containing 8.635 acres, more or less.

Karen L. Wilson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Karen L. Wilson, Terry G. Street, and Marsha J. Street**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1 acre, more or less.

Matthew L. Bradley, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thomas Joseph Harbison and Kristina Shirlye Harbison**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana containing 1.00 acre, more or less.

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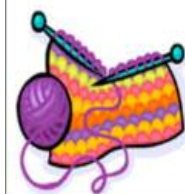
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Election 2010



Primary Candidates

The following are the candidates who have applied to run for elected office. Those who are unsure of their district can look on their voter registration card or contact the clerk's office at 247-3651.

United States Senator

Republicans

Don Bates, Jr.
Richard Behney
Dan Coats
John N. Hostettler
Marlin A. Stutzman

US Representative - District 8

Republicans

Bud Bernitt
Larry D. Bucshon
Billy J. Mahoney
Kristi Risk
John Lee Smith
John K. Snyder
Dan Stockton
Steve Westell

Democrat

W. Trent VanHaften
State Senator - District 48
Lindel O. Hume, Democrat
State Representative District 62
Matt Ubelhor, Republican
Sandra Blanton, Democrat
State Representative District 63
Mark B. Messmer, Republican
Daniel M. (Dan) Steiner, Democrat

Judge of the Martin Circuit Court - 90th District

Lynne E. Ellis, Republican
David Lett, Democrat

Martin County Prosecuting Attorney - 90th District

C. Michael Steiner, Democrat

School Boards

(Voters will choose one candidate from their district. The school board elections will be decided in the primary on May 4.)

Loogootee School Board

District 1

Scott Hall

District 2

Larry W. Craney
Mark C. Sims

District 3

Lori Mattingly
Shawn Howell
Jason Ziegler
Keeven Neukam

Shoals School Board

District 1

Christy Farhar
Chad D. Cundiff

District 4

Glen A. (Tony) Cundiff

Martin County Clerk

Julie Fithian (Republican)
Bobbi Sue Nonte (Democrat)

Martin County Sheriff

Robert F. (Rob) Street (Democrat)
T.A. (Andy) Burkhardt (Democrat)
Kevin R. Boyd (Republican)
Bruce Hardwick (Republican)

Martin County Assessor

Carolyn Sue McGuire (Republican)

County Commissioner District 2

Paul R. George (Democrat)
County Council District 1
Randy Winingier (Democrat)

County Council District 2

Phyllis J. (Allen) Kidwell (Democrat)
Keith Gibson (Republican)

County Council District 3

Michael (Mike) Dant (Democrat)
John D. Stoll (Republican)

County Council District 4

Lynn Gee (Democrat)

Township Trustees

Perry Township

Noel D. Harty (Democrat)

Rutherford Township

J. Sue Hembree (Democrat)

Mitcheltree Township

Michael R. LaMar (Democrat)
James Norman (Republican)

Lost River Township

Alice Dianne Butler (Republican)

Halbert Township

Exzelia Montgomery (Republican)

Township Advisory Board (Voters choose up to three in their township)

Perry Township

Brandi Hennette (Democrat)
Julie Green (Democrat)
Sandra (Sue) Hunt (Democrat)
Rosemary Harder (Democrat)

Mitcheltree Township

Barbara Braton (Democrat)
Tammy Gore (Democrat)
Dan J. Butler (Republican)

Rutherford Township

Rosamary Street (Democrat)
Lonnie E. Survance (Democrat)
Jason Survance (Democrat)
Lost River Township
Mildred C. Brown (Republican)
Keith Emmons (Republican)

Halbert Township

Travis Montgomery (Republican)
Kimberly L. Albright (Republican)
Jane Montgomery (Republican)

Center Township

Kenneth L. Brett (Republican)
Larry L. Downs (Republican)
Norma J. Baker (Republican)

Precinct Committeeman

James (Rich) Taylor - Perry 1 (Democrat)

Floyd "Lonnie" Hawkins - Perry 6 (Democrat)

Raydies Thimling - East Memphis (Democrat)

Roger Cooper - Lost River (Democrat)
Charles W. Stringer - Halbert (Democrat)

Richard T. (Rick) Baught - Halbert (Democrat)

Harley L. Bratton - Mitcheltree (Democrat)

Tammy Gore - Mitcheltree (Democrat)

Chad D. Cundiff - West Memphis (Democrat)

State Convention Delegate

Noel D. Harty (Democrat)
Fred A. Dupps (Democrat)
Gerald D. Montgomery (Republican)
Larry G. Shaw (Republican)
Warren D. Albright (Republican)
Earl Boyd, Jr. (Republican)

You must register to vote by Monday, April 5th. Contact the Martin County Clerk's office for more information at 812-247-3651.

Absentee voting info for residents

The first day to vote an absentee ballot at the Martin County Clerk's office will be Monday, April 5, and end on Monday, May 3, at noon. Voting will be held Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and also Saturday, April 24 and Saturday, May 1, from 8 a.m. to noon.

Absentee ballot applications can be obtained by calling 247-3651 or at the clerk's office in the courthouse in Shoals. Absentee ballots will start being mailed on March 25. To ensure your ballot is received on time, please request one by April 26.

Voting registration will end on April 5, and will re-open June 13. In order to be eligible to vote in the May 4 Primary Election, you must be registered by April 5.

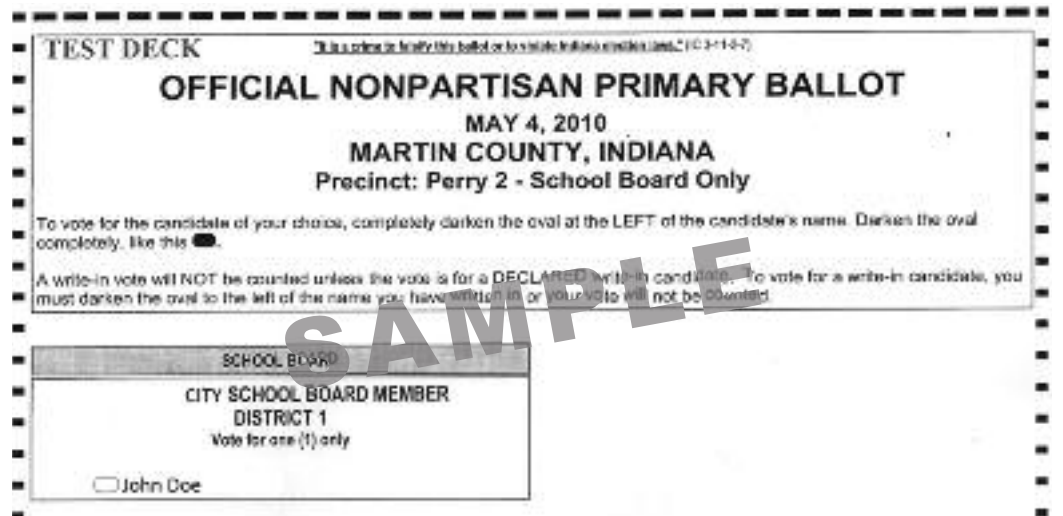
The Primary Election is on Tuesday, May 4, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at all precincts.

Election equipment test

Martin County Clerk Julie Fithian would like to announce that a public testing of the Accu-Vote OS Tabulators and Accu-Vote TSX units to be used in the 2010 Primary Election will be conducted Tuesday, April 6, at 2 p.m., in the commissioners' room of the courthouse at 129 Main Street, in Shoals. The test is open to the public.

2010 POLLING SITES

- Perry 1 & Perry 3 - Loogootee United Methodist Church
- Perry 2 & Perry 4 - St. John Center
- Perry 5 - St. Martin's Hall
- Perry 6 - Martin County Community Building at the fairgrounds
- Perry 7 - Bramble Conservation Club
- Crane - Crane Town Hall
- Rutherford - Mt. Zion Church
- Lost River - Bateman Community Center
- Mitcheltree - Trinity Springs Church of Christ
- North Center - Dover Hill Church of Christ
- South Center - Hindostan United Methodist Church
- East Memphis & South Halbert - Shoals American Legion
- West Memphis - West Shoals Church of Christ
- North Halbert & Southeast Halbert - St. Mary's Church



-Sample ballot provided by the Martin County Clerk's office

The sample ballot above shows the new format for filling in your selection for each office up for election. Instead of filling in an arrow as in the past voters will be filling in an oval as shown above.

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\$10 per pick up truck load

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