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## Fate of East to be voted on Saturday



-Photos by Joshua Hughett

Shown at left Dane Davis asks the school board, middle, about the importance of education over sports programs while Gianna Armstrong reads her concerns on the impact to the younger children by being moved into the junior high school.

**BY COURTNEY HUGHETT**  
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A special meeting was held by the Loogootee School Board last night, Tuesday, April 20, to discuss the board's proposal to close Loogootee Elementary East and to hear public comments and questions on the issue.

The meeting began with Superintendent of Loogootee Schools Larry Weitkamp addressing the audience and explaining the need to cut the school's budget. He said that Loogootee is not the only community affected and that Indiana is not the only state affected by decreased budgets. He said that Bloomington schools have laid off 120 teachers, Tippecanoe County schools laid off 150, and New Castle is up to around 60 teachers and is closing an elementary school. "It's not something people want to do; it's just the

economic situation demands that you live within your means," he said. He said that the school corporation was hit with \$300,000 in cuts in January which is more than what they were told the summer before. He said that school enrollment is also declining. Loogootee's enrollment fell by 51 students this year to a total of 996 students, Loogootee's lowest student population for decades.

He said the original plan was to not fill retirements but that is not enough now. "That won't take care of all of it," he said. He also noted that by not filling teacher retirements, class sizes would ultimately be raised but with declining enrollment classes will be moved from the teens to the 20s. He said that the corporation has been able to ride out the cuts for awhile but now the big decisions will need to be made. One option would be to ask for a referendum of special property tax to be placed on the ballot in November. Voters would then choose whether they wanted to

pay more in property taxes to help offset the school's decreased funding. Weitkamp explained that a few cities in Indiana currently have the referendum on the primary ballot in May and they will see how those turn out. He said some referendums in the past have already failed however and if passed the taxes would be in place for seven years. Weitkamp explained that the amount of a person's property tax increase is hard to determine because it is based on the assessed valuation of their property. The school's current tax levy is 89 cents per \$100 of assessed value of a property. He said that in order for the school to get the amount of money they need they could possibly add 21 more cents to that levy. One example he gave to the audience was that if you had a property with the assessed value of \$100,000 you could be paying \$210 on top of what you are already paying annually.

Another option he mentioned was to con-

solidate with another school corporation or fire staff. He said that everyone needed to keep in mind that if teachers were let go, the program or class that they taught would, in turn, be affected. "Are we going to give up on a particular vocational class? Are we going to give up on a foreign language class? Are we going to give up on music classes? Just what are we going to give up on," he said.

He said that the option that was presented to the board and to the community was to close Elementary East and relocate students to Elementary West and the junior high. "By doing so, we don't have to say bye to anyone right now," he said. He said money would be saved on utilities, maintenance, and by not filling teachers who retire because the school has teachers to cover those positions over the next couple years. "It's seriously time to con-

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## Martin County's unemployment rate unchanged from February to April

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Martin County's ranking in the state's unemployment remained at 7.7 percent for the month of April and at 88th place of the 92 Indiana counties. The county had 5,092 residents in the workforce up from 5,051 from February. Of those 394 were unemployed, an increase from 387 residents in February.

Daviess County's unemployment raised by .01 percent from February to April to 6.1 percent keeping hanging on to the top spot in the state with the 92nd ranking.

Dubois County's jobless rate rose for another month to 8.5 percent from 8.2 percent in February. Their ranking is 83rd.

The top five counties with the lowest unemployment for April were Daviess at 6.1 percent, Monroe at 6.9 percent, Knox at 7.3 percent, Hamilton at 7.3 percent, and Martin at 7.7 percent. The five counties with the highest unemployment for April were Elkhart with 15.2 percent, Vermillion at 14.5 percent, Fayette with 14.1 percent, Noble at 14.1 percent, and Henry at 13.7 percent.

Indiana's preliminary seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate for March 2010 increased by 0.1 percent to 9.9 percent, but the number of Hoosier jobs increased by 16,600.

That is the largest over-the-month employment increase since September 2005. The monthly increase in the unemployment rate is not considered statistically significant.

"Ten percent of all jobs added in the U.S. (162,000) in March were located in Indiana, but more Hoosiers returned to the workforce last month, impacting the rate," said Teresa Voors, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

Seasonally-adjusted total non-farm employment in Indiana increased by 16,600 in March, the third straight month of employment gains. Sectors reporting significant employment increases include: Professional and Business Services (7,200), Manufacturing (6,300), Construction (3,500) and Trade, Transportation and Utilities (3,000). Sectors reporting significant employment declines include: Leisure and Hospitality (-1,100), Financial Activities (-1,100), Private Education and Health Services (-800).

Indiana is the only state among its neighbors to report an unemployment rate below 10 percent and a year-to-year decline in its unemployment rate. The national employment rate increased 1.1 percent compared to March 2009.

Article written in part with a press release from the Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development



## Taste of Martin County

The First Annual Taste of Martin County was held Tuesday night, April 20, at the community building. Shown above, Jonathan Pierce, with Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant waits patiently to hand out prime rib. For more information see page 12.

# SCHOOL BOARD

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sider looking at cuts right now," he said. "They're trade-offs, not easy choices," he said.

Before opening up the floor to the patrons in the audience, Weitkamp said that there were questions about whether there was enough room in the junior high school. He said that when he was in school, there were 550 students in the building and there are not even 300 currently. "The building was built to accommodate definitely more people than what there currently are," he said. He said that the north wing of the junior high has six rooms to accommodate the fifth and sixth graders with the south end, and the remaining 10 classrooms holding the seventh and eighth graders.

On the subject of intermixing between the fifth and sixth graders and the seventh and eighth graders Weitkamp said that the younger students would be taken to and from areas with an instructor. "We are not turning them loose, they go with someone," he said. "The opportunity for intermixing is very limited, very limited, no more than what they do when they ride the bus; they do that in the morning and evening," he said. He said that the intermixing would be more controlled than when a child is taken by their parents to the Little League fields or to a ball game. "That fear is very minimized compared to what you already do with your kids in other settings," he said. He added that the school has cameras and administrators to monitor and handle any situations that may come up.

Helen Dearwester, one of the first audience members to ask a question, asked whether the board had already come to a decision on closing East prior to having this meeting. Board president Larry Gates said that a vote had not been made. Dearwester then asked when a vote would be made and he replied that it would be on Saturday at the regular school board meeting.

Jenny Stuffle than asked if the board could guarantee that the fifth and sixth graders would not be eating lunch with the older students. Board member Tim Bradley said that this was one of his main concerns and that the students would not be in the cafeteria at the same time. Weitkamp said that schedules are currently being worked out.

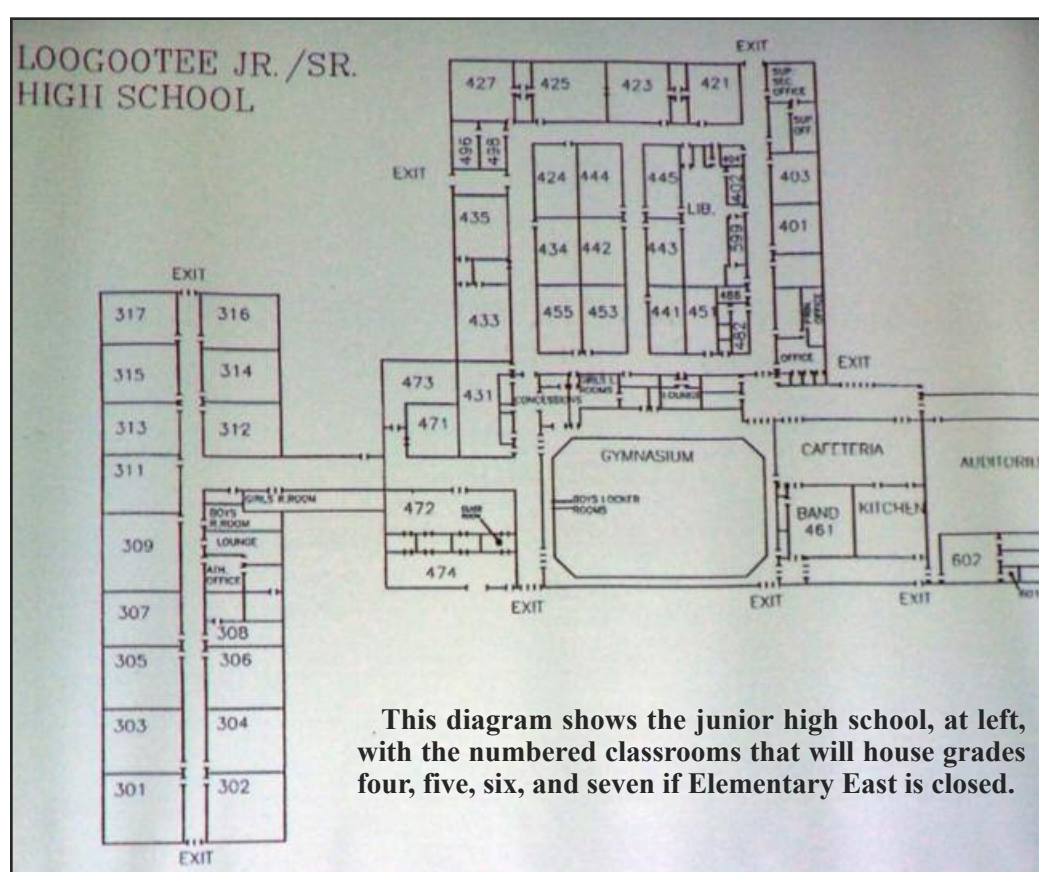
This reporter for the Journal then asked about recess and whether the fifth and sixth graders would still have it. Weitkamp responded that the board is asking what the

teachers want to do. He said that the teachers could take students to the track, to the tennis courts, or to a sectioned-off blacktop area for days the grass is wet. He said that some of the playground equipment from East may be moved over but he is unsure of the exact setting yet.

This reporter then asked whether it has been considered to move the fifth graders to West instead of into the junior high. Weitkamp replied that some of his staff looked at that as an option but found that a few rooms would have to be freed up. He said that if the kindergarten was still half-day instead of a full day it would not have been that hard to work out. "It's not that we didn't look at it, it's just that it's not as practical space-wise and classroom size to do presently with the size of classes that we have," he said. He said that if in the future class sizes would change they would consider it.

Jackie Esch, parent of students in West, and teacher at Washington, asked about the library. She wanted to know if grade five books would be included in the library with twelfth grade books. Weitkamp said that, yes, the library would house books for all grade levels. She also questioned how breakfast would be done. Weitkamp said that it would be done in two shifts with the high school students completing their breakfast by 8 a.m. and the younger students to follow until 8:15 or 8:20 a.m. Esch also noted that she finds it unreasonable that the board believes that there would be no interaction between the younger and older students. "Jackie, we're not referring to absolute total separation," said Weitkamp. "These kids are exposed to adults all the way down at every ball game they go to, at all the non-school settings they go to." Esch went on to comment that she felt that her current second grader would be moved on to junior high to mature faster than she should have to. Weitkamp said that the school is not going to change; it will still have the same teachers, the same curriculum, and the same test scores. He said that the location is simply being changed.

Gianna Armstrong then commented on Weitkamp's earlier reference that some children are dropped off at ball games or the city pool and have interaction with older students outside of school. Armstrong said that if she did do these things then it would be her option and that the school is taking that away from her. She also commented on East Principal Bill Powell and his positive influence on the students. She also said that she felt with six teachers retiring, the school should have already cut the amount needed. She also suggested that the board ask the teachers to give up their five personal days because the teachers she had spoken to were in favor of the idea. She said that future funding cuts should be addressed when they arise and that East is a safe haven for children of this age without them being thrust into junior high when it is not absolutely necessary. "I understand your future problems but it is not necessary yet," she said. She told the board that she is concerned about the interaction be-



tween the fifth and sixth graders and the older students and that she wanted to be guaranteed about the safety of her children.

Mike Milligan then questioned whether the board would be publishing which staff members would be staying or going and what would be done with the East building. "Mike, we're not laying anybody off, that's the whole idea of trying to save money here," said board member Gates. "The building is not going away we'll be mothballing it." Gates said that East will still be maintained. Board member Tim Bradley said that the building will not be torn down and there may be someone who has a use for the building. "The details is what I'm looking for," said Milligan.

Brooke Gregory then spoke to the board about her concern on class sizes going up and the effect it can have on a student's grades. She told the board that she is considering homeschooling her children. "You can't keep adding to the classroom and expecting the same result especially with the kinds of children we are dealing with today," she said. Weitkamp said that they are talking about class sizes being increased to 20 to 25 students which he said isn't unreasonable in comparison to surrounding schools. Board member Bradley added that Loogootee is lucky compared to a lot of schools because it doesn't have to lay off any teachers. He said that if the economy picks up in the next few years then more teachers could be hired and students could move back into East. "Everyone is sacrificing," he said. Gregory also asked why the corporation would need to keep a principal if the students from East were moved. Weitkamp said that over the next few years more teachers would be retiring which would be a better way of cutting back staff then having to let anyone go.

Dane Davis spoke next and expressed his concern about the interaction between the

younger and older students. He said he felt that just because cameras were present in the school does not stop something horrible from happening to a child that they could not get back. He also expressed his opinion on East sitting as an empty building and the corporation's potential cost to maintain it. His final comment was regarding sports. "I would much rather see us axe all the sports programs; those sports programs are only benefiting a handful of kids," he said. He said that keeping the schools open and teaching academically is more important and that if the sports programs were cut and even more money needed to be found he would understand the need to close an elementary school. Board member Bradley said he disagreed with Davis about sports programs and he felt that they were important to keep kids motivated for good grades.

"We're supposed to be education, that's what school is, not sports," said Davis.

Lori Mattingly then approached the microphone to explain her feeling about sports programs and how they helped keep her motivated in school growing up. She also said that sports motivates her children and keeps their grades up.

Jason Hollihan was next to speak and simply thanked the board for their efforts to fix a problem that they didn't create.

Mark Sims then asked Mr. Weitkamp what his definition of mothball was. Weitkamp explained that the school's maintenance man would still mow and make repairs, but keep the utilities and water low or off. "Mothball doesn't mean just let it sit there, it means keeping it in good shape so that someone can use it," he said. He said they just won't have to do the daily maintenance items. He said that the gym is the only area of the school that will still be used. He said that someone could potentially lease East which would be

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# ELECT

# JASON ZIEGLER

- Not in favor of cutting programs
- Thinks consolidation is a last resort
- Believes in keeping small class sizes
- Wants what's best for ALL students

- 1989 graduate of Loogootee High School
- Member of the Truelove United Methodist Church
- Board member of the Loogootee Little League
- Has 5 children in the Loogootee School system

## LOOGOOTEE SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3

-Paid for by Jason Ziegler for School Board

# Obituaries

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. - Matthew 5:4*

**CARL ELLIOTT**

Carl Joseph Elliott, of Loogootee, died at Saturday, April 17, at Daviess Community Hospital. He was 81.

Carl was born on January 28, 1929, in Martin County, to Clarence and Ada (Doyle) Elliott. A self-employed salesman, he owned and operated Elliott Water Conditioner. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict, a member of St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield, and the Loogootee American Legion and V.F.W.

He is survived by his wife, Marie (Lo-Presto) Elliott, whom he married on April 24, 1965; one sister, Donna VanWinkle of Loogootee; four brothers and sisters-in-law, James C. and Irene Elliott, Doyle and Rita Elliott, Mike and Vonda Elliott, all of Loogootee, and Tony and Debbie Elliott of Greenwood; one grandson, Sean Peterson of Loogootee; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Carla Mae Elliott; two sisters, Naomi Walters and Martha Wolford; and four brothers, Clarence Junior, Frederick Eugene, Norbert Leo and Lawrence Joseph Elliott.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Tuesday, April 20, at St. Martin Catholic Church in Whitfield. Burial will be held in the church cemetery, with military graveside rites by the American Legion and V.F.W.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com).



**JEWELL EVELYN GILBERT**

Jewell Evelyn Gilbert, of Rawlins Road, Bedford, died at noon on Wednesday, April 14, 2010, at her home. She was 86.

She was born November 11, 1923 in Clay County, Kentucky, to John Green Morris and Rhoda (Turtle) Morris. She married Billy (Stan) Gilbert on December 9, 1944, and he preceded her in death on November 21, 1999. She was retired from Sarkes-Tarzian in Bloomington and was a member of the Oolitic Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Bill (Paulette) Gilbert, of Springville, Wally (Eileen) Gilbert, of Orleans, and Ron (Laura Jean) Gilbert, of Loogootee. She was a loving grandmother to ten grandchildren, Brad Gilbert, Missy (Jeff) Lambrecht, Mindy (Darren) Waggoner, and Shelly Gilbert, all

of Bedford; Jessica Gilbert, and John Gilbert, of Orleans; Billie Kaye Gilbert, of Greenfield; Elizabeth (Sam) White, of Shoals; Katherine Gilbert, of Loogootee; Stephanie (David) Lantz, of Flagstaff, Arizona; and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, five brothers, Robert, John, Willie, Charles, and Tom Morris; five sisters, Haley Gilbert, Minerva Maloney, Annie Gilbert, Flora Sasser, and Edith Miracle.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 18, and from 9 a.m. until the hour of service on Monday, April 19, at the Day & Carter Mortuary.

A funeral service will be held Monday, April 19, at 10 a.m., in the Elmwood Chapel of the Day & Carter Mortuary. Reverend Richard Tallman will officiate. Burial will follow in Beech Grove Cemetery.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and light a candle in memory of Jewell at [www.daycarter.com](http://www.daycarter.com).

**MONTINE H. TABER**

Montine H. Taber, of Loogootee, formerly of Kansas, passed away at 5:50 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at Loogootee Nursing Center. She was 89.

Montine was born on June 24, 1920, in Hall County, Georgia, to Luther and Lula (Umphries) Hulsey. She married William Brewster (Bruce) Taber III, on October 25, 1942; he preceded her in death on September 29, 2003. Montine was a member of the Pleasant Hill Christian Church of rural Kansas, where she was pianist until she was 85.

Montine was always happy and upbeat, and a gracious hostess, never knowing a stranger, always welcoming people into her home. She enjoyed having grandchildren stay with her during summer months, sometimes letting them get by with things they were not allowed to do at home. She loved NASCAR, watching golf, and playing bingo, but most of all, she treasured her family and friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Sophie (Tony) Bledsoe of Loogootee; one son, Jim (Debbie) Taber of Fayetteville; and one daughter-in-law, Terry Taber of Kansas, Illinois; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Tom Taber; two brothers, and one sister.

A funeral service honoring her life was held Wednesday April 21, at 10 a.m., at the Kansas Christian Church, with Bret Hammond, Ed Frost, and Reverend Tom Black officiating. Interment followed in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, rural Kansas.

Harper-Swickard Funeral Home, in Charleston, Illinois were in charge of arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to Pleasant Hill Christian Church.

**ORA B. HAMILTON**

Ora B. Hamilton of Bedford, died Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at his residence. He was 85.

He was born March 24, 1925, in Martin County, to Bert and Fairene (Wagoner) Hamilton. He married Ada Mae Ashcraft on February 28, 1947, and she survives.

He was a heavy equipment operator for 65 years, a life-time member of the I.U.O.E. Local No. 181 and a member of the Hillcrest Christian Church.

Ora was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will be deeply missed by family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Ada; two sons, Michael Ora and wife Vickie of Heltonville, and Timothy Mark and wife Teri of Springville; four grandchildren, Traci Graves and husband Jim of Springville, Crystal Siegfred and husband Kyle of Morgantown, Traven Hamilton and wife Annette of Bedford, and Hunter Hamilton of Heltonville; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren in infancy; his parents; two sisters, Barbara Jean Terrell and Viola Mae Rambeaut; and two brothers, Richard and Robert Hamilton.

In accordance with Ora's wishes, graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, at the Owensburg Cemetery with Charlie Scott officiating. Burial will follow.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 16, at the Day & Carter Mortuary in Bedford.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and light a candle in memory of Ora at [www.daycarter.com](http://www.daycarter.com).

**BLANCHE E. BOWDEN**

Blanche E. Bowden, 89, Mitchell, passed away at 5:50 a.m. Thursday at Bedford Regional Medical Center.

Born March 12, 1921, in Orange County, she was the daughter of Perry and Emma (Pipher) Batchelor. She married Bernard N. "Bernie" Bowden March 28, 1937, and he preceded her in death May 10, 1997.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Mitchell Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are daughters, Shirley Ann Gross of Mitchell, and Karen R. (Craig) Miller of Phoenix, Ariz.; sons, Lester Wayne (Shirley) Bowden of Loogootee, and Jerry A. (Sharon) Bowden of Mitchell; brothers, Chester G. (Maxine) Batchelor and William H. (Ruth) Mullis, all of Mitchell; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreatgrandchildren.

Her parents; sisters, Ethel (Batchelor) Bowden and an infant; brother, Clinton Batchelor; grandchildren, Deanna (Gross) Sipes and Craig Bowden; and great-granddaughters, Vanessa Benham and Jennifer Kay Bowden, preceded her in death.

Funeral service will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Mitchell Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Mark Bechtel officiating. Burial will be in Mitchell Cemetery.

Friends may call from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at Chastain Funeral Home and from 12:30 p.m. until the service on Sunday at the church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.chastainfuneralhome.com](http://www.chastainfuneralhome.com).

**DAVID L. BAKER**

David L. Baker, of Washington, died Friday, April 16, at his home. He was 64.

He was born July 26, 1945, in Daviess County, to Vernon and Ruth (Kays) Baker. A graduate of St. John High School in Loogootee, he was a two-time enlistee in the U.S. Army in 1964 and 1976. He was an explosives supervisor No. 1 at Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly (Brooks) Baker, whom he married July 26, 1969; one son and daughter-in-law, Jon and Ashley Baker of Washington; daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Darrell Taylor, Nikki Baker, Amanda and Terry Winger and Brandie Baker, all of Washington; and 11 grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents. The body was cremated and private services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being made through Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee.

Online condolences may be made at [www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com](http://www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com).

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# Public RECORDS

## MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

### Tuesday, April 13

4:36 p.m. – Male caller advised that there was a truck in front of him that was dropping gravel that was bouncing and hitting his car and getting on the roadway. Sergeant Pritchard was notified.

### Wednesday, April 14

3:32 a.m. – Received a request for extra patrol at Lundy Road. and Witt Road regarding speeding vehicles.

6:00 a.m. – Received a report of a water outage and leak on Albright Lane in Shoals. Shoals Water Department was contacted.

7:20 a.m. – Received a 911 call, however, no one would answer on the other end. Sergeant Pritchard checked the residence and everything was all right. The resident advised she had been having phone problems.

7:58 a.m. – Lawrence County Sheriff's Department advised that there was a report of a stranded truck on U.S. 50 inside Martin County but they have checked it and it was surveyors working.

10:20 a.m. – RJ's Food Mart reported a drive off of gasoline. Corporal Fischer and Loogootee Police Dept. were advised.

10:37 a.m. – A female caller requested to talk to an officer about her daughter. Corporal Fischer spoke with the caller.

11:22 a.m. – Received a report of theft of a gasoline tank from a camper. The investigating officer was Deputy Nolan.

12:30 p.m. – Deputy Fischer observed thick black smoke from the Chicken Farm Road area. He responded and found a male subject burning brush that had spread into a pile of tires. The Shoals Fire Dept. was dispatched. Conservation Officer Eric Doane also responded.

2:00 p.m. – A male caller reported a theft from his farm. Stolen items included gas tanks and regulators to a camper located on the property. The investigating officer was Deputy Nolan.

A report of a possible drunk driver was received. The caller advised the driver was leaving the Shoals School and headed toward town. ISP Trooper Sexton watched for the vehicle in Shoals and Loogootee Police Department was notified.

5:13 p.m. – A male caller reported that someone had broken into his residence. Deputy Nolan is the investigating officer.

6:47 p.m. – An ambulance was requested in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance was dispatched but no transport was necessary.

7:05 p.m. – A 911 call was received in reference to a personal injury accident with an individual leaving the scene. Marshall Eckert was the investigating officer.

7:51 p.m. – A male caller reported an illegal dirt bike on the roadway on S.R. 450. Deputy Greene was notified.

8:41 p.m. – Extra patrol was requested on Deep Cut Lake Road in reference to trespassing.

8:58 p.m. – A male caller reported a vehicle revving the engine and intimidating individuals on horses. Deputy Greene was notified.

10:25 p.m. – A female caller requested to speak to an officer about harassment. Major Burkhardt was advised.

11:39 p.m. – An ambulance was requested in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Major Burkhardt, Deputy Greene, and Shoals Fire Department first responders responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

### Thursday, April 15

1:15 a.m. – Marshall Eckert was informed of a report of juveniles at the ball park in Shoals.

1:40 a.m. – A caller stated that she was from the regional office and wanted to speak with the Child Protective Services person on call. The message was relayed.

10:50 a.m. – Major Burkhardt responded to unlock a vehicle off of S.R. 150.

11:35 a.m. – A home health care nurse requested an ambulance in Loogootee. One subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:02 p.m. – A male caller advised that there was a dump truck, carrying gravel, losing his load on U.S. 50 near the 4-H fairgrounds. Deputy Keller was notified.

4:13 p.m. – Received a call from the Loogootee Police Department reporting a field fire on Dover Hill Road. Shoals Fire Dept. was dispatched to assist the Loogootee Fire Department.

5:11 p.m. – Received several calls regarding a tractor in the slow lane on U.S. 50 near Max Warrens Curve. Deputy Nolan was notified.

5:23 p.m. – A request for an ambulance in Loogootee was received and the Martin County Ambulance was dispatched. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:32 p.m. – Received a report of a fight involving juveniles at Loogootee Elementary East. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

5:47 p.m. – A male caller in Shoals requested to speak to an officer about a barking dog. Marshall Eckert was advised.

8:35 p.m. – A male caller advised the field fire from earlier today has flared up. Martin County Civil Defense and Shoals Fire Department were dispatched.

### Friday, April 16

1:32 a.m. – Deputy Burkhardt responded to a complaint of someone in the woods outside of a residence on U.S. 150. No one was located.

8:07 a.m. – Received a report of a stolen wallet from a vehicle in Crane Village. Deputy Keller is the investigating officer.

11:14 a.m. – A residential burglar alarm was received but was cancelled shortly after.

11:32 a.m. – A female caller reported someone trespassing on her property and they were now stuck in the mud. Deputy Nolan responded. It was determined that it was not the complainant's property and the vehicle was removed.

12:42 p.m. – A report was received of a tree over the roadway on U.S. 150 just past Singing Hill. The State Highway Department was contacted.

1:19 p.m. – Received a report that the sign is down on Bill Fisher Road. County Highway Department was notified.

3:30 p.m. – A female came to the station to request a vehicle inspection. Deputy Nolan took care of the detail.

4:54 p.m. – An ambulance was requested in Loogootee and a female was transported to the Daviess Community Hospital.

6:55 p.m. – A female caller reported that some kids were in an old building that she owns. Deputy Burkhardt responded.

8:06 p.m. – A male caller requested an ambulance for his father, who was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

8:52 p.m. – A 911 caller advised of a possible intoxicated pedestrian on Butler Bridge Road. Deputy Burkhardt was notified.

### Saturday, April 17

1:24 a.m. – A 911 caller was disconnected. When contact was finally re-established the caller advised his car was flipped over in a culvert on Kale Road. He had attempted to pull out the vehicle with his pick-up but the car flipped over into the culvert. Major Burkhardt responded.

9:00 a.m. – A male caller reported that his 16-year-old son did not return last night. Deputy Keller located the juvenile and the boy returned home.

10:04 a.m. – An ambulance was requested

in Loogootee and a male subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:02 p.m. – Deputy Keller assisted with a court order to vacate a residence in Loogootee.

2:50 p.m. – A female caller reported a possible drunk driver in Shoals that was headed toward Loogootee. Deputy Keller was notified.

4:53 p.m. – A female caller reported the mistreatment of dogs. She said she had spoken to the Humane Society and they wanted it reported to an officer first. Deputy Keller was assigned.

7:54 p.m. – A male caller reported an attempted break-in at his residence. Deputy Nolan responded to check the residence.

11:02 p.m. – A female caller advised there were possibly two male subjects dressed in black at her daughter's residence. She advised that they were threatening to kill her daughter's cats and dogs, and also threatening her daughter.

11:16 p.m. – A 911 call was received from Crane Village. One subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:35 p.m. – Received a call regarding a possible drunk driver on U.S. 50. The vehicle was westbound between Loogootee and Shoals. Loogootee Police Dept. was notified.

### Sunday, April 18

2:29 a.m. – A female caller requested to speak to an officer about harassment. Deputy Nolan was notified.

2:43 a.m. – Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. One subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:35 a.m. – A female caller requested to speak to an officer again about harassment that occurred during the night. Deputy Keller spoke with the caller.

1:42 p.m. – A female caller reported damage done to her car overnight in Shoals. Deputy Keller was notified and he responded to observe the damage.

6:35 p.m. – Lawrence County requested that the sheriff's department attempt to locate a vehicle after leaving the scene of an accident.

7:10 p.m. – A male caller advised of an ATV driving on S.R. 450.

9:58 p.m. – Received a report of a dead deer in the roadway on S.R. 550. Corporal Fischer was advised.

10:42 p.m. – Received a report of a speeding vehicle northbound on U.S. 231 near Bramble. Daviess County was notified.

11:18 p.m. – Received a report from Jasper State Police of a subject on the river bridge railroad tracks. Corporal Fischer and ISP Trooper Sexton checked on the subject.

### Monday, April 19

12:04 a.m. – A female caller advised that she heard someone screaming and beating on doors outside her residence in Shoals.

## City of Loogootee traffic accidents

### Friday, April 16

4:33 p.m. – Thelma L. Coomer, of Jasper, was operating a 2006 Ford in the Marathon parking lot. Coomer backed and failed to see a 1986 Chevy, owned by Michael Cook, of Coatesville. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Hennette was the investigating officer.

### Saturday, April 17

11:05 a.m. – Betty Hendricks, of Loogootee, was operating a 1997 Chevy on JFK Avenue near the railroad crossing. Hendricks went around a 1994 Mac driven by William Reynolds, of West Baden. Hendricks then struck the side of the Mac truck. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Hennette was the investigating officer.

12:06 a.m. – Another call was received about screaming and beating on doors. Corporal Fischer was notified for extra patrol in the area.

12:07 a.m. – Received a call about a fire hydrant in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Dept. advised the hydrants were being flushed.

8:00 a.m. – Received a complaint of a vehicle disregarding a school bus stop arm at the Katy Did Trailer Park. Sergeant Pritchard responded to the area.

9:57 a.m. – Received a residential burglar alarm from ADT Alarm Systems. Deputy Nolan was notified.

11:17 a.m. – A female caller stated that someone is trespassing on her property. She advised they are stealing rock. Chief Deputy Rob Street was notified.

12:25 p.m. – A female caller requested to speak with an officer and made threats toward an individual in the event that he shows up at her residence.

4:20 p.m. – A female caller advised that a dog had bitten her daughter's arm. Deputy Nolan was advised.

4:31 p.m. – A male caller requested an officer to assist in removing a female from his property.

4:55 p.m. – Received a 911 request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Orange County Hospital.

6:48 p.m. – An ambulance was requested in Shoals. The subject was transported to Dunn Memorial Hospital.

7:00 p.m. – A report was received in reference to a stranded motorist on a dangerous curve on U.S. 50. Corporal Fischer responded but was unable to locate any stranded vehicle.

7:10 p.m. – Orange County Sheriff's Dept. requested assistance for a fight near the Martin-Orange County. Deputy Nolan responded

7:58 p.m. – A female called and advised her vehicle is broken down on Beard Road. Corporal Fischer assisted.

8:03 p.m. – Received a report of a missing juvenile from Huntingburg.

8:34 p.m. – The report of missing juvenile was cancelled. The juvenile had returned home.

### Tuesday April 20

4:20 a.m. – A male caller reported a dispute and threats by his father-in-law. Corporal Fischer spoke with the complainant and is the investigating officer.

4:20 a.m. – A female caller from Shoals reported a male violating a protective order she has against him. Deputy Fischer was informed.

6:00 a.m. – An ambulance was requested in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:36 p.m. – Dubois County 911 transferred a call about a child that was hit by a vehicle on E 650S. The incident occurred in Daviess County. Martin County Ambulance, Daviess County Ambulance, Jasper Memorial Ambulance and Deputy Nolan responded. The child was transported by Jasper Memorial Ambulance.

*Expressions*

**Special Sale!**  
**"Shop for Mom Nite"**

Dads bring the kids in for a special shopping experience just in time for Mother's Day. Save 15% Cash 'n Carry and 10% off special orders.

Free Personalizations & Gift wrapping!  
Wed. April 28th 'till 7 pm  
Downtown Loogootee  
On 231 N @ 203 JFK Ave.  
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# Real estate transfers

**Sam Mehringer, Kent McCain, and Tim McCain, d/b/a Triple M. Farms**, a partnership, in Martin County, Indiana, a partnership, in Martin County, Indiana to **Samuel J. Mehringer**, of Dubois County, Indiana, the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, containing 40 acres, more or less. Except, a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 6, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Rutherford Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 30 acres, more or less.

**R. Scott Query**, of Orange County, Indiana to **R. Scott Query and Mickie J. Query**, of Orange County, Indiana, a part of Section 23, 24, 25, and 26, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Lost River Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 103.113 acres, more or less.

**Wanda S. Armstrong**, of Riverside County, California to the **Wanda Armstrong Living Trust 2010**, of Riverside County, California, part of the fractional Northwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, lying south of White River in Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 6.385 acres, more or less.

Department advised of a red tanker truck leaking materials on the roadway. Deputy Nolan, of the Martin County Sheriff's Dept., located this vehicle.

# Loogootee Police activity log

## Monday, April 12

10:49 a.m. – An employee at Marathon requested an officer to view video footage of a drive off which occurred the day prior.

## Tuesday, April 13

1:48 p.m. – Caller reported an abandoned vehicle on Wood Street. Chief Rayhill put a 72-hour tag on the vehicle. – Vehicle was later moved.

3:49 p.m. – Chief Rayhill responded to a business alarm. Business was secure.

5:10 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle accident near Los Bravos. Capt. Akles responded.

8:28 p.m. – Caller reported illegal burning near Wood Street.

## Wednesday, April 14

1:49 a.m. – Teresa Alspaugh, of Loogootee, reported a theft of her cell phone. Sgt. Norris spoke with the complainant.

7:56 a.m. – Caller reported a dog continuously barking on Butcher Boulevard. Officer checked the area.

8:17 a.m. – Caller reported a semi broken down on US Hwy 50. Chief Rayhill responded.

10:18 a.m. – Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a drive off from RJ's Food Mart. Suspect vehicle was a white bus. Chief Rayhill located the vehicle. Driver stated he forgot to pay for the fuel. Driver called RJ's and gave them his credit card number.

3:00 p.m. – Female requested an officer to go with her to a residence on Queen Street to retrieve some personal belongings.

4:11 p.m. – Caller reported an anhydrous tank had flipped over in a field on US 231 South. Fire personnel were on scene for approximately 25 minutes.

4:53 p.m. – Martin County Sheriff's Department advised of a possible impaired driver westbound from Shoals. Officer Branham was unable to locate.

5:17 p.m. – A male requested to speak with an officer in regard to his son.

8:56 p.m. – Caller reported gas leaking from his truck. Caller was fearful someone would come by and throw out a cigarette. Fire personnel were dispatched and on the scene for approximately 20 minutes.

11:00 p.m. – Caller reported a reckless driver on Butcher Boulevard. An officer went to the area for an extended amount of time and did not see the vehicle.

## Thursday, April 15

7:39 a.m. – Martin County Sheriff's Dept. advised of a white truck that had just passed a school bus with its stop arm out. Chief Rayhill was unable to locate this vehicle.

10:00 a.m. – Caller reported a white dog running loose on Park Street. Chief Rayhill notified the owner.

10:39 a.m. – Daviess County Sheriff's

1:47 p.m. – Caller reported an electrical line down on Kentucky Avenue. Extensive electrical damage was reported at 301 N Oak Street.

4:12 p.m. – Caller reported a field fire on Dover Hill Road. Fire personnel were on the scene for approximately one hour.

5:32 p.m. – Caller reported juveniles fighting on Church Street. Capt. Akles responded.

6:00 p.m. – Rent-a-Center requested an officer on Grant Street to help retrieve some property.

## Friday, April 16

7:20 a.m. – An officer responded to a business alarm on JFK Avenue. Business checked secure.

2:14 p.m. – Marathon reported a drive off. Suspect vehicle was a green extended cab pick-up.

3:41 p.m. – A male on Church Street reported harassment that involved his children.

## Saturday, April 17

10:17 a.m. – First responders were requested on Clark Street.

## Sunday, April 18

12:45 a.m. – Caller reported a suspicious vehicle driving up and down Vincennes Street. Sgt. Norris checked the area.

12:46 a.m. – Caller reported a domestic dispute on West Broadway Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

6:28 p.m. – Caller reported a structure fire near Goodwill Cemetery. Fire Personnel were on scene for approximately one hour.

Any drug or criminal tips can be forwarded to loogooteepd@hotmail.com. You will remain anonymous.

# Martin County jail bookings

## Wednesday, April 14

1:18 a.m. – Lonnie Hill, 28, of West Baden was brought in by Indiana State Trooper Sexton. Hill was charged with Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, and Operating a Vehicle Under Influence of Controlled Substance.

## Friday, April 16

11:05 a.m. – Nathan C. Stoltz, 29, of Indianapolis was charged with Operating While Intoxicated a report of a possible drunk driver in a vehicle parked at Main Street and Water Street in Shoals. Deputy Keller and Deputy Nolan were the investigating officers.

# Martin County Court news

## CRIMINAL COURT

### New Charges Filed

#### March 24

Aaron M. Cary, driving while suspended with prior conviction, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Sean J. Peterson, criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

#### March 30

James L. Gilbert, taking of wild animals vermed by laws and rules, a Class C Misdemeanor.

#### April 5

John P. Sanders, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Misty D. Jones, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Kenneth G. Evinger, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

#### April 6

Billie J. Groff, invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

Robert J. Hawkins, residential entry, a Class D Felony, dismissed; invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

John F. Vandevanter, possession of marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT NEW FILINGS

#### April 9

Capital One Bank vs. James R. Pritchard, civil collection.

Capital One Bank vs. John E. Gore, civil collection.

Midland Funding vs. Joyce D. Hembree, civil collection.

## CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

#### April 7

Nicholas Strange to Chase Bank for \$11,805.84.

## CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

#### April 8

IN Receivables, LLC as assignee of HSBC vs. Travis Campbell, civil collection, dismissed.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

#### April 12

Jacquelyn Sosh to Kevin R. Boyd for \$994.

## TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

#### April 7 – April 14

Adam Beasley, Bloomington, speeding 62 in a 55; alteration by local authority; school, \$126.

Ronald Bell, Taswell, maximum weight restrictions; enforcement of limits, \$539.

Frederick Best, Providence, Rhode Island, violation of 70-hour rule, two counts, \$124.

Douglas Condra, New Albany, speeding 40 in a 30, \$119.

Russell Cook, Mitchell, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Joseph Dore, Mesquite, Texas, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Todd Earnest, Mount Carmel, Illinois, speeding 65 in a 50, \$119.

Gerald Garrlott, Scottsburg, disregarding automatic signal, \$119.

Donald Glaze, Tompkinsville, Kentucky, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Marvin Graber, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Shawn Griffin, Worthington, speeding 40 in a 25, \$119.

David Head, Jasper, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Susan Hedge, Vincennes, speeding 66 in a 50, \$124.

Alicia Hernandez, Shoals, speeding 45 in a 30, \$119.

Charles Herwehe, Indianapolis, speeding 64 in a 50, \$119.

Roger Hess, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Mary Johnson, Otwell, disregarding automatic signal, \$124.

Michael Kline, Loogootee, unsafe start, \$124.

Galen Knepp, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Gary Lannan, Loogootee, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

Lindsey Mattox, Loogootee, speeding 72 in a 55, \$124.

Nicholas Parks, Valparaiso, speeding 66 in a 50, \$124.

Arthur Mikel, East Carondelet, Illinois, violation of 70-hour rule, \$119.

Cynthia Phillips, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Christina Pierce, Jasper, speeding 65 in a 50, \$119.

Shawn Porter, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

William Qualkenbush, Shoals, violation of 70-hour rule, \$25.

Frank Runyon, Olney, Illinois, speeding 72 in a 55, \$124.

Jamie Ruvira, Seymour, speeding 69 in a 55; no valid operator's license, \$126.

Jerry Shake, Washington, disregard traffic control device, \$124.

Lucas Sipes, Washington, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jennifer Sitzman, Loogootee, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Royce Stemen, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Robert Sterling, Loogootee, speeding 69 in a 55, \$119.

Robin Stoll, Loogootee, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Amy Trambaugh, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Stephanie Watkins, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Dustin Wittmer, Odon, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Eileen Workman, Bloomington, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

#### April 9

David Scott Rincker, of Shoals and Jessica Ruth Jewell, of Shoals.

#### April 14

Darin Lee Butler, of Shoals and Jennifer Elaine King, of Shoals.

Keith Edward Williams, of Loogootee and Lacy Ann Huff, of Loogootee.

A CANDIDATE WHO WILL WORK HARD

FOR THE YOUTH OF LOOGOOTE

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, May 4th



LORI MATTINGLY for School Board District 3

-Paid for by Lori Mattingly for School Board District 3

## Spring Clean-Up is Saturday, May 8

for Martin County residents only from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\$10 per pick up truck load

Extra fees for paint, tires, computers

Stop in at the Loogootee Recycling Center at 500 Industrial Park Drive to pick up a flyer. 295-4142



# Chief Deputy Street offers emergency preparedness checklists and information

91 Percent of Americans believe that it's important to be prepared for emergencies. However, only 58 percent of households report having taken any steps at all to prepare. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) has sponsored advertisements that educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to all kinds of emergencies. All the resources and information has been set up into a website for easy access. The website is [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

The ready campaign asks individuals to do three key things to prepare for the unexpected: 1) get an emergency supply kit, 2) make a family emergency plan, and 3) be informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their appropriate responses.

In the event of an emergency or disaster you may need to survive on your own. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone immediately. So everyone should be prepared for the worse. Recommended items to include in a basic emergency supply kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
  - Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food.
  - Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA weather radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both.
  - Flashlight and extra batteries.
  - First aid kit
  - Whistle to signal for help
  - Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place.
  - Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation.
  - Wrench and pliers to turn off utilities.
  - Can opener for food.
  - Local maps
  - Cell phone with charges, inverter or solar charger.
- Additional items to consider adding to an emergency kit:
- Prescription medications and glasses

Infant formula and diapers

- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification, and bank account records in a waterproof, portable container

- Cash or traveler's checks and change
- Emergency reference material such as a first aid book or information from [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person. Consider additional bedding if you live in a cold-weather climate.

- Complete change of clothing including a long sleeved shirt, long pants and sturdy shoes. Consider additional clothing if you live in a cold-weather climate.

- Household chlorine bleach and medicine dropper – When diluted nine parts water to one part bleach, bleach can be used as a disinfectant. Or in an emergency, you can use it to treat water by using 16 drops of regular household liquid bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented, color safe, or bleaches with added cleaners.

- Fire Extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

The next step is making an emergency plan for your family. This will include emergency contacts, places to meet, and emergency information. Ready.gov has a planning tool which makes a printable comprehensive plan. It can be found at <http://www.ready.gov/america/makeaplan/index.html>.

You should also be informed of all emergencies you might face.

Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count. Thanks for taking time to read this.

If you have any questions contact me at the sheriff's department.

Chief Deputy Rob Street

## ISP provides motorcycle safety awareness

Sunshine and warm weather trigger the inevitable motorcycle riding season in Indiana. This period poses hidden dangers for the both the rider and drivers of other motor vehicles. Those dangers can lead to serious injury and death to motorcycle enthusiasts around the state. In fact, 89 motorcyclists died on Indiana roadways in 2009.

Recent Indiana motorcycle fatality data indicate about 49 percent of the motorcycle operators were not properly licensed and nearly 65 percent were not wearing a helmet. Alcohol was a factor in about 31 percent of motorcycle crashes.

To promote safety during the onset of the riding season, the month of May is nationally declared as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. This event is geared toward increasing awareness and bringing together law enforcement, motorcycle riders, and the motoring public to make our highways a safer environment for everyone.

Ensuring public safety through crash reduction efforts is a primary mission of the Indiana State Police. Therefore, troopers will be enforcing all hazardous driving and operator licensing violations as they pertain to motorcycle drivers and other motorists.

The Indiana State Police would like to offer these safe driving tips so that everyone can share Indiana roadways safely.

Tips for passenger vehicles:

Watch attentively for motorcycles. Check blind spots before switching lanes and look twice at intersections before you turn or pull out into traffic.

Anticipate hazards that may confront a motorcyclist like large pot holes, debris, or

generally poor road conditions. Allow at least two seconds of following distance between your vehicle and a motorcycle.

Be cautious when turning left. This is when a majority of crashes between vehicles and motorcycles occur.

Share the road. Remember, motorcyclists are entitled to operate in a full lane.

Obey all traffic laws especially as they relate to using your turn signals when switching lanes and yielding to other vehicular traffic.

Tips for motorcycle riders:

Wear protective equipment and clothing, especially a helmet with face shield.

Make yourself visible by wearing bright clothing, using reflective tape; your motorcycle's headlight should be illuminated night and day. Always use turn signals when switching lanes and turning.

Check your motorcycle before each ride and do not ride if any equipment is not operating properly.

Look for road hazards. Be especially cautious around intersections, alleys, driveways, and other areas where an animal, pedestrian, or vehicle might enter your path.

Avoid riding in other vehicles' blind spots.

Give yourself plenty of room. Never tailgate and leave enough time to react to unexpected movements from other vehicles.

When operating a motorcycle during inclement weather slow down and use extra caution. Avoid sudden changes in direction or speed.

Attend and complete an approved motorcycle operators' safety course

Remember; look twice to save a life!

## Indiana State police dispatcher retires after 44 years of service

Telecommunications officer Donald Freson, from the Jasper Post, is retiring after 44 years of service to the State of Indiana and the Indiana State Police.

Don, also known amongst his co-workers as Big Daddy, Colonel, or Coach worked his last day behind the microphone at the Jasper Post radio console on April 8, 2010. Don began his career on February 1, 1966 and was assigned to the Pendleton Post. In May of 1968, Don was able to transfer back home to the Jasper Post.

Then in 1983, Don was promoted to dispatch supervisor where he served in that capacity until 2000 when he retired

for a day and decided to come back and work just as a dispatcher.

A recent article in the Jasper Post Dispatch Newsletter said "Don's calm demeanor served him well and was rarely, if ever, rattled by any calls he answered. The ISP is fortunate to have had such a devoted and committed employee for all these years of service."

We wish Don well in his retirement and will miss his smiling face at the Post."

Don and his wife Eileen reside in Jasper. They have three grown children, Stacy, Kevin and Bryan along with six grandchildren.



## ISP offers planting season driving tips

The Indiana State Police would like to remind citizens that the farm planting season is upon us and often requires large farm machinery to be on the road. This requires drivers in rural areas to be alert to the possibility of encountering slow-moving farm machines.

Motorists should be prepared to slow or stop to avoid a collision with a farm machine turning into a field or driveway.

Tips for Farmers and Rural Drivers:

- Farm machinery can unexpectedly turn onto a public road from a field or driveway. It is important for everyone's safety to have patience and share the road.

- Farm machinery travels slower than normal traffic, often at speeds of 25 miles per hour or less. Automobile drivers must quickly identify farm equipment and slow down immediately to avoid rear end crashes.

- Slow-moving farm machinery, traveling at less than 25 miles per hour, are required to display a slow-moving vehicle emblem on the back of the equipment. This is a quickly identifiable sign to other motorists. All lighting should be working properly and be highly visible.

- Slow-moving vehicles are required to

pull off to the right when three or more vehicles are blocked and cannot pass on the left.

- Machinery that is half on the road and half on the shoulder may suddenly move completely onto the road. Machinery may take up more than one lane to avoid obstacles such as road signs.

Before passing farm machinery:

- Check to be sure that machinery is not turning left. Look for left turn lights or hand signals. If the machinery slows and pulls toward the right side of the road, the operator is likely preparing to make a wide left turn. Likewise, sometimes to make a right turn with wide equipment, the driver must fade to the left.

- Determine if the road is wide enough for you and the machinery to safely share.

- Look for roadside obstacles such as mailboxes, bridges, or road signs that may cause the machinery to move to the center of the road.

- Be sure there is adequate distance for you to safely pass.

- Extra patience, careful driving habits, and the use of highly visible markings, and lighting will help prevent crashes involving farm machines and automobiles.

## Martin County accident reports

### Friday, April 16

5:44 p.m. – A 911 call was received, advising of an accident on U.S. 150 near Natchez Church. Ronald Witsman, 63, of Loogootee, was traveling west on U.S. 150 near Deer Valley. While rounding a sharp curve, his 1996 Chevrolet Lumina hydroplaned on the wet pavement, causing the vehicle to leave the north side of the roadway. The vehicle traveled down an embankment and struck a fence before coming to a rest in a field. Mr. Witsman was not injured in the accident and his vehicle sustained minor damage. The investigating officer was Deputy Nolan, and he was assisted at the scene by G&M Wrecker Service.

10:50 p.m. – A female caller advised she had hit a deer on U.S. 50 near Pomp's Tire. Carla S. Allbright, 59, of Mitchell, was eastbound on U.S. 50, in a white 2005 Pontiac van, when her vehicle collided with a deer that was in the roadway. The investigating officer was Major Burkhardt.

### Saturday, April 17

10:19 p.m. – A 911 caller reported an accident on Dover Hill Road. Patsy Taylor, 43, of Loogootee, was traveling east on Dover Hill Road in a blue 1993 Ford Escort. She drove off the south side of the roadway and struck a tree. After impact with the tree, the vehicle came back onto

the roadway, where it came to rest. No injuries were reported. Patsy Taylor was charged with Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated. Deputy Nolan was the investigating officer.

### Tuesday, April 20

8:45 a.m. – Received a report of an accident on Brett Road. Amanda Stewart, 16, of Shoals, was traveling west on Brett Road in a 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier. As she rounded a curve she met an eastbound vehicle, over steered, causing her vehicle to skid off the roadway, and struck a tree. She was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital for treatment. Sergeant Pritchard was the investigating officer.

9:11 a.m. – Received a report of an accident on U.S. 50 near the 4-H fairgrounds. Zachary J. Dosch, 19, of Loogootee, was traveling westbound on U.S. 50 near the fairgrounds in a brown 1985 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. The driver stated that he fell asleep and the vehicle traveled off the north side of the roadway, returned to the roadway, crossed the centerline, and went off the other side of the road. He struck a guardrail, and after the impact the vehicle rolled over at least once and came to a rest upright in a field. The driver sustained minor hand and facial injuries. The investigating officer was Deputy Nolan.

# Martin County OUTDOORS



## NATURE'S WONDERS

By Mike Axsom

### Make It Earth Day Everyday

Earth Day 2010 is on April 22nd. That being a Thursday, a lot of people are planning on doing something on the weekend; such as participating in an event, marching, or fundraising. Others will just reconsider their own use of resources and make resolutions to reduce their personal impact on the planet. But for those who really "get it", Earth Day is not about doing something responsible for one day. If you are one of us who wants to make more than a passing contribution to the planet we call home, you may want to look for a way to get involved on somewhat of a more ongoing basis and not just on the first day of spring. Our community needs some Earth and nature-friendly support all the other 364 days a year too.

Since Earth Day is seen as an almost religious holiday for the environmentalist movement, I think I should explain a few things before I get too far along in beating the Earth Day drum. I do not consider myself a member of that environmentalist sect; at least not in the modern political sense. I am a confirmed skeptic on the man-caused whole global warming thing and I generally don't put a lot of faith in the ideas of people who get any inspiration from smoldering herbs. Still, as an old-school conservationist I do believe we have a duty to be good stewards of the Earth, and to take reasonable, responsible steps to leave it in as good or better shape than we found it. If giving that a name like Earth Day helps people focus on the need for wisdom in our use of the planet and its resources, then I have no more compunction to celebrating Earth Day with my agnostic friends than they have to celebrating Christmas with me. As long as we keep things in perspective, this holiday that began in 1970 can do, and has done, a lot of good.

To give people a way to make the connection between personal responsibility in the stewardship of our world and their individual choices and activities, the Daviess-Martin Joint County Parks and Recreation Department has selected Earth Day 2010 to launch an effort to organize a VIP program. That stands for Volunteers in Parks, and can cover almost any sort of outdoor and park-related work an individual wants to participate in.

Gardening, trail maintenance, site development, public information, natural resource interpretation, customer service, and recreation programming are just a few areas that are open to VIP's here. There are so many things that need to be done that you can almost make up your VIP function to fit whatever your interest may be, working almost any hours that work for you. We are also seeking a VIP coordinator to pick up the ball for this program and run with it, so if your real skill is in organizing, that is

something to consider.

A good first place to get involved will be on Saturday, April 24. That day we will be hosting an Earth Day litter clean-up project at West Boggs Park. There are some very real problems associated with litter around the lake. Discarded fishing line, six-pack rings, plastic bags, jars, and cans all do more than leave a mess. These types of litter become entanglement death traps for fish and wildlife around the lake environment. That's why our litter clean-up project is so important. Tight budgets and lack of manpower are reasons why your participation is important in dealing with this perennial issue.

The Earth Day clean up will be operated as a contest, to see who can round up the most litter from the woods, lake shore, and along the roads around West Boggs Lake. At the end of that project we will have a cook-out and information session for participants of the cleanup and anyone who wants to learn more about the VIP program. Prizes will be awarded at the cook-out, and will include park passes, fishing equipment, and other outdoor related items. It is a great way to spend a day with friends and family enjoying the great outdoors, and having fun. The real reward will be to know that you have helped clean-up the environment, and perhaps saved some wildlife from harm in the process.

Anyone interested in participating should be at the West Boggs Park Activities Center by 10 a.m. on Saturday April 24. If you need more information in this or the VIP program, call the Department's Program Director, Susan Harrowood, at 812-295-3421.

Another current volunteering opportunity is being organized by the Martin County Park Board, for providing some enhanced maintenance of the Hindostan Falls area. There has long been a local interest in trying to get some locally-managed activity going on at the Hindostan Falls site and the Park Board has been asked by the Martin County Council to investigate possible ways to make that interest become a reality. After conferring with the owner of the property, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, it is now clear that the best, most achievable process to make this happen in the near future is in an Adopt-a-Site program that has been offered by IDNR.

Needed now are volunteers who will commit to specific days and tasks for things like mowing, litter pick-up and trash removal at the Hindostan Falls site, and someone to serve as a volunteer coordinator to manage the program for the first season. People with an interest in helping build and manage this beginning effort to place some local involvement in the future of Hindostan Falls can contact Martin County Park Board member Spencer Keller at his office at 812-295-4637.



The deadline to join Martin County 4-H is May 1!

### 4-H Sign-ups at Community Building April 26 and 27

Any Martin County child currently enrolled in grades K-12 can enroll in Martin County 4-H! For those not familiar with 4-H, it is a youth organization whose focus is providing members with an enjoyable extra-curricular experience in a positive, supportive environment. 4-H can provide a wide range of experiences for youth, but the one most people are familiar with is participation in the Martin County 4-H Fair. At the fair, the youth display projects that they make themselves and have those projects judged and given awards like ribbons. The experience is a lot of fun for the youth and now is the right time to get your child involved! If you are interested please visit the community building at the fairgrounds on Monday and Tuesday, April 26 and 27, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., to speak with someone about the program. There will be 4-H club leaders and extension office staff available to help with enrollment forms for those who choose to join. Enrollment is free and open to any Martin County child currently enrolled in grades K-12. They hope to see you then!

### Sheep and goat tagging

Sheep and goat tagging will take place on Saturday, May 15, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. All wethers, market lambs, unregistered ewes, and unregistered does will need to come and get an official 5-digit county tag and get scanned. If you have a registered doe or ewe, the registration papers must accompany the animal at fair check-in. There will be NO last chance tagging for goats and sheep, so if you miss the tagging, you will not be able to exhibit your goats or sheep that need county tags. If you know somebody that wants to exhibit a goat or lamb for the first time, please have them contact the extension office so that they can get the proper paperwork.

### Swine Tagging

This year, 4-H members who wish to exhibit a hog at the fair must come to Swine Tagging at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 15, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. All unregistered gilts and barrows must get an official county tag. The only exception would be registered gilt with the proper national breed registry identification, but all other hogs must be tagged on the 15th. Swine registration forms will be due at the tagging so don't forget to bring them. Swine enrollment forms have been sent out to those who enrolled last year and a few new exhibitors who have requested forms. If you plan on exhibiting hogs for the first time this year and you don't have a swine enrollment form, call the extension office at 295-2412 immediately and let them know you need one.

### Jolly Juniors 4-H Club Meeting Dates

The Jolly Juniors 4-H Club will have meetings this year on the following dates: April

22, May 4 and 20, and June 8, 17, and 24. All of the meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Truelove Church. Kathy Lingenfelter is the leader of the club. If you would like to join the Jolly Juniors, please attend one of the meetings, or call the extension office at 295-2412 for Kathy's contact information.

### Mitcheltree Go-Getters 4-H Club Meeting Dates

There is a brand new 4-H club in Martin County and it is called the Mitcheltree Go-Getters 4-H Club. The club leader is Tammy Gore, and her assistant leader is her husband, John. The club's next meeting will be on Monday, April 26, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Dover Hill Christian Union Church. You do not have to live in Mitcheltree Township to join this club; any Martin County 4-H member can join. The Mitcheltree part of the club name is just that, a part of the name. It is not meant as an exclusionary term. So, if you are interested in joining Martin County 4-H or Future 4-H, and you would like to join the Mitcheltree Go-Getters, please call the extension office at 295-2412, and they can tell you how to contact Tammy.

### Registered Beef Heifer Enrollment Forms

4-H members who plan on exhibiting a registered heifer at the fair this year need to make sure they turn in an official beef enrollment form to the extension office by May 15. Exhibitors need to make sure the enrollment form is filled out completely with all of the registration information and all required signatures. Late enrollment forms will not be accepted. If you have questions about enrolling your registered heifer please call the extension office at 295-2412.

### Survey online for proposed changes to deer hunting

An online survey designed to gauge hunter and landowner support for proposed changes to deer hunting rules aimed toward better deer herd management is available until Sunday, April 25.

The survey is at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5904.htm>. The components of the proposed strategy, which were formed after meetings during the past several months with stakeholder groups to discuss objectives, strategies, and components of deer management in Indiana, include deer donation programs, hunter access, antlerless quota system, season structure, bag limits, hunting equipment, licensing, and special deer control permits.

The group agreed that the objective of Indiana's deer management strategy for the next five years should be to focus deer herd reduction in a strategically targeted manner to more adequately balance ecological, recreational and economic needs of the citizens of Indiana.



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# Tick season is upon Martin County

Around 15 different species of ticks are found in Indiana. Of these, only four are normally encountered by people and their pets. These are the American Dog Tick, the Lone Star Tick, the Blacklegged Tick (also known as the Deer Tick or the Lyme Disease Tick), and the Brown Dog Tick.

Most of the ticks that people find on themselves during the spring and summer in Indiana are the American Dog Tick. The second most common species is the Lone Star Tick.

Blacklegged Ticks are increasingly being found, especially in the northwestern part of the state. The Brown Dog Tick is limited in Indiana. The remaining eleven species of ticks are found almost exclusively on wild vertebrates and are only rarely encountered by the average citizen.

The American Dog Tick  
The slow-moving American Dog Tick is the largest of the four main ticks. It has short mouth parts and the female has a creamy, white shield on her back. The back of the male is mottled, gray and dark brown. The adults feed on dogs, cats, and humans and are often seen in late April, May, June and early July.

It is the tick that most people see and is found in all of Indiana's 92 counties, although the amount varies greatly from one area to another.

The Lone Star Tick  
The Lone Star Tick is slightly smaller than the American Dog Tick, but has much longer mouth parts. The female has a single white spot near the center of her back. The males are much smaller than the females. All three stages—larvae, nymphs and adults—are quite active and walk fast. The Lone Star Tick differs from the American Dog Tick in that all three active stages will attach to humans. The young stages of the Lone Star Tick, sometimes referred to as "Seed Ticks," "Turkey Ticks," or even "Deer Ticks," will even attach to ground-feeding birds and be carried to distant locations. Lone Star Ticks have been collected in more than two thirds of Indiana counties, but are much more abundant in southern Indiana. High populations can be found in parts of Posey, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Spencer, Perry, Crawford, Harrison, Floyd, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Davies, Martin, Orange, Lawrence, and Monroe Counties.

Adult lone star ticks appear in late March. Their numbers peak in May and June, declining in July. The Blacklegged Tick (Lyme Disease Tick or Deer Tick)

The Blacklegged Tick (Lyme disease Tick or Deer Tick) is the smallest of the four ticks. The female, the largest of the stages, is oval in shape, mahogany in color, and has

long mouth parts. The male is smaller and has shorter mouthparts. The nymph and larva are very small; the nymph is not much larger than the size of a period on this page. Larvae of the Black-

legged Tick feed on mice and other small rodents, while adults prefer to feed on deer. Nymphs will feed on almost any host, including humans.

Adults appear in Indiana in September, seeking their preferred host, white-tailed deer. They can be found in October and November and on warm days throughout the winter. Adults can even be collected in April and May, but are usually not encountered during June–August. Nymphs are active during May–July, peaking in June, and larvae can be found from July–September, peaking in August.

The blacklegged tick arrived relatively recently in Indiana, the first specimens were collected from a deer killed in Porter County in 1987. Since then, its range has expanded considerably so that by the end of 2000, specimens had found in more than half of Indiana's 92 counties. Established populations are more likely to be found in the northwest quadrant of the state, including Lake, Porter, Laporte, Newton, Jasper, Pulaski and Starke Counties. Ticks infected with Lyme Disease bacteria have been collected from four counties in the northwest corner of the state: Newton, Jasper, Pulaski and Porter Counties. The counties with no record of Blacklegged Ticks are most likely to be those located on the eastern side of the state.

The Brown Dog Tick  
The Brown Dog Tick is not native to Indiana but is occasionally brought into the state on pets. Thus, the Brown Dog Tick is much less common than either the American Dog Tick or the Lone Star Tick. This tick occasionally becomes a pest in kennels and homes; it is the only tick that can become established inside the home. All stages readily feed on dogs but occasionally attach to humans. Like the American Dog Tick, the Brown Dog Tick has short mouth parts but, unlike the American Dog Tick, the Brown Dog Tick is uniformly brown in color. It is also smaller in size.

In Indiana, ticks are responsible for transmitting several diseases. The three most common are Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme Disease and Ehrlichiosis.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever  
Rocky Mountain spotted fever is an acute

infectious disease caused by the bacteria-like microorganism, *Rickettsia rickettsii*. Both the American Dog Tick and the Lone Star Tick can harbor this microorganism, and bites from infected ticks of these species can give rise to spotted fever cases. Since the peak activity of these ticks occurs in the spring, cases of spotted fever usually occur in the spring or early summer. An average of six cases is reported annually in Indiana.

The major symptoms of spotted fever begin 3–10 days after tick attachment. They include headache, chills and fever, and muscle aches. From one to three days after the fever begins, a rash usually appears, first on the wrists and ankles and then spreads to the rest of the body. When promptly diagnosed, spotted fever can be successfully treated with antibiotics. The patient's recollection of a tick bite is frequently the key factor in a successful diagnosis, treatment and recovery. When a prompt diagnosis is not made, deaths have occasionally occurred. Case fatality rates range from 13 to 25 percent in untreated cases.

Lyme Disease  
Lyme disease is a chronic, tick-borne infection caused by the bacterial spirochete, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. The disease is named for the towns of Lyme, and Old Lyme, Connecticut, where it was first discovered in 1975. Lyme disease is now the number one reported vector-borne disease in the United States. Most of the cases are reported from New York and the New England states in the east, from Minnesota and Wisconsin in the midwest, and from California in the west. However, cases have now been reported from 47 states, including Indiana.

Symptoms of Lyme Disease vary from patient to patient. In approximately 90 percent of infected people, a rash will develop at the site of the tick bite within one month of the bite. This rash, the hallmark of early Lyme Disease, begins as a small papule and expands, ranging from several inches to a foot or more in diameter. The rash usually appears reddish but may be pale in the center. It can be either flat or raised, or even blistered or scabbed. Regardless of whether or not a rash appears, other symptoms can occur during this acute phase of infection, including: fatigue, fever, headache, swollen glands, and stiffness or pain in the muscles, joints and neck. If these early symptoms are not treated with the appropriate course of antibiotics, the disease may become disseminated. Medical complications of disseminated Lyme Disease can involve the heart, nervous system and joints. Diagnosis of Lyme Disease is based on clinical findings and blood tests.

Ehrlichiosis  
Two types of human ehrlichiosis occur in the Midwest, human monocytic ehrlichiosis and human granulocytic ehrlichiosis (sometimes referred to as human anaplasmosis). Human monocytic ehrlichiosis (HME), first reported from Arkansas in 1986, is characterized by fever, headache, muscle aches, nausea and vomiting. The disease can be a serious, but is usually not fatal.

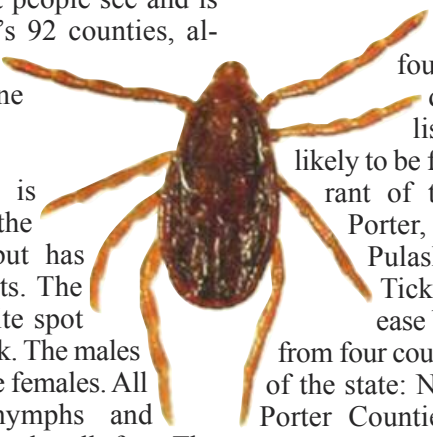
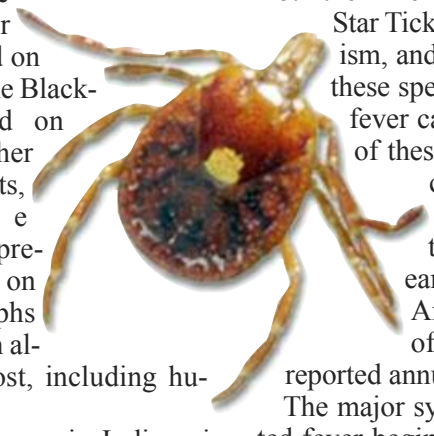
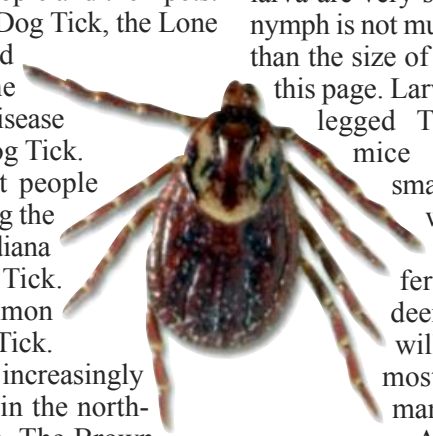
The first cases of HME to be reported in Indiana occurred in 1994. Most of the cases have been reported from Indiana's southernmost counties where the Lone Star Tick is most abundant. Lone Star Ticks infected with *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*, the cause of human ehrlichiosis, have been collected from Warrick, Spencer Crawford, Perry, Pike and Orange Counties. Human granulocytic ehrlichiosis (HGE), which produces symptoms similar to those of HME, is transmitted by the Blacklegged Tick. The first case of HGE in Indiana was reported in 2003. Both types of human ehrlichiosis can be treated with antibiotics, such as tetracycline.

The best way to avoid tick bites is to stay out of tick-infested areas, especially during the height of the tick season – April, May and June. Because this is not always possible: wear long pants and a long-sleeved shirt; tuck the shirt into the pants, and the pants into the socks; apply insect repellents to clothing to further reduce the incidence of tick bites (always follow directions for use on label); conduct thorough "tick checks" immediately after leaving any tick-infested area. Inspect the entire body and promptly remove any ticks found. Prompt removal of attached ticks may reduce the risk of disease transmission.

Recent research indicates that some traditional methods of tick removal are ineffective and may even be dangerous. Medically acceptable procedures for tick removal are as follows: grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible with a pair of tweezers and apply an even, upward pulling force. If tweezers are unavailable and fingers must be used, they should be protected by disposable rubber gloves or, at least, facial tissue. Do not jerk or twist the tick; this action might tear the head and mouth parts from the tick's body and expose the feeding wound to the tick's body fluids.

Removed ticks should be saved in a vial or jar labeled with the date and location. This information will aid the physician in the diagnosis of spotted fever or Lyme disease should an illness develop.

Keep your yard neat and keep your lawn closely trimmed. Mouse-proof your house and remove any outdoor materials which might make good homes for mice. If you live in an area frequented by deer, consider contacting a professional exterminator about spraying your yard for ticks.



## Classified ADS

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#### The City of Loogootee is now accepting applications for PART-TIME POLICE DISPATCHER

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Applications may be picked up at the Loogootee Police Department at 401 JFK Ave. during normal business hours. Deadline for this process is 4 p.m. on April 23, 2010.

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608 Church Street, A-frame across from White River Co-Op.

Josh & Courtney Hughett residence, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Boys' clothing sizes 8-12, many name brands; womens' clothing sizes 10-14, Xbox 360 console, Xbox 360 games, Nintendo DS games, Wii games, Weedeater, toys, board games, computer games, lots of books, children and adult; plus other odds and ends.

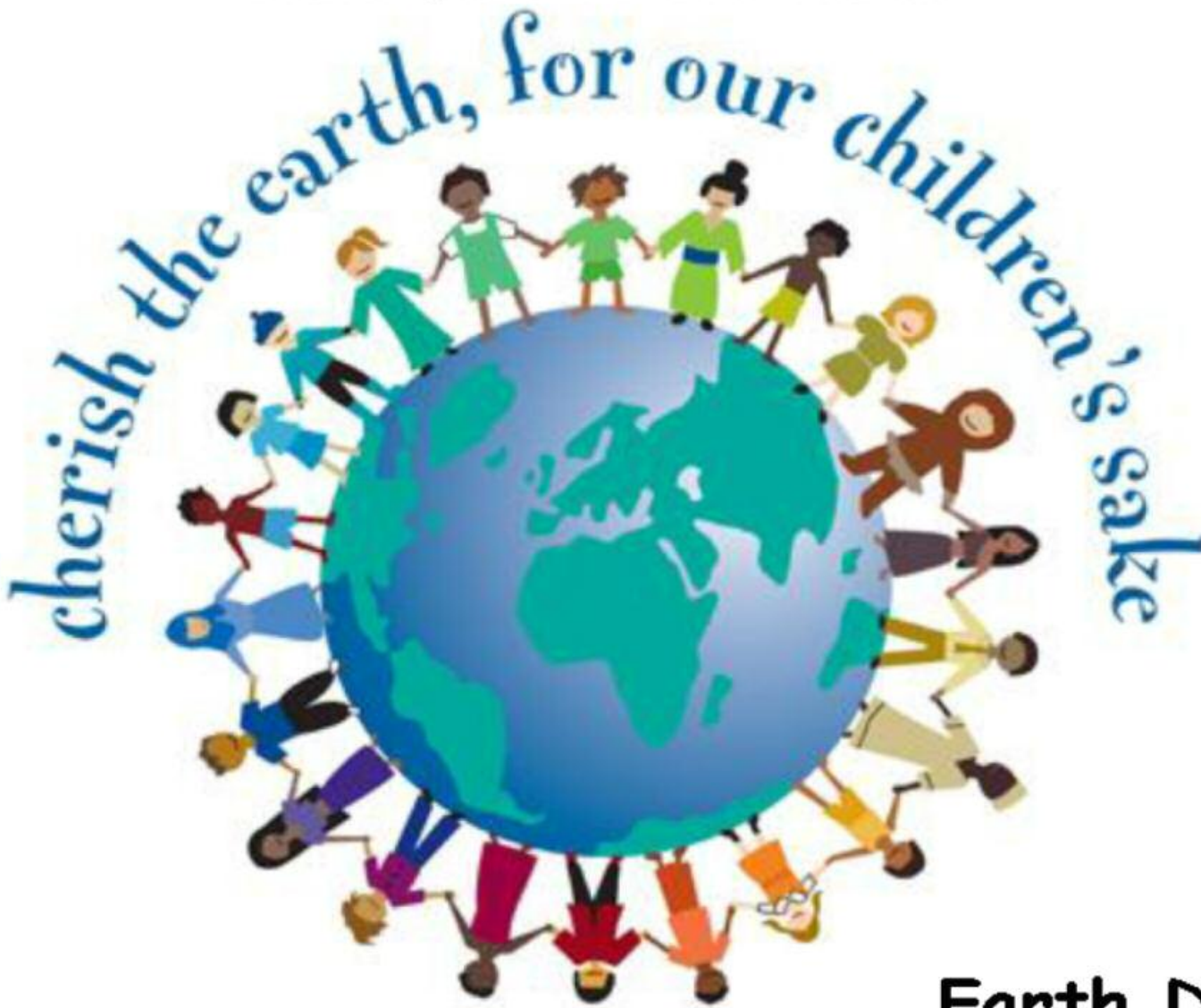


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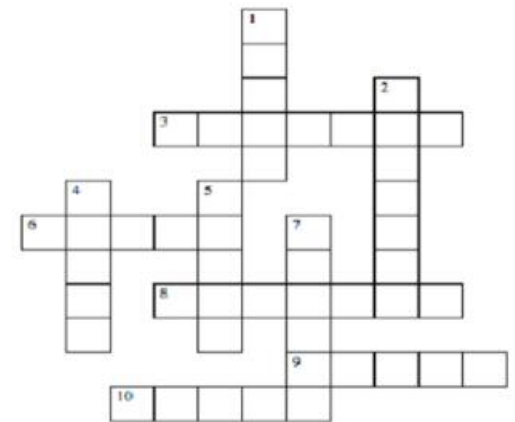


## Take Care of the Earth

Earth Day was first conceived by Sen. Gaylord Nelson in the early 1960s. Nelson worried that environmental issues were not being addressed in the political arena. In his conservation efforts, Nelson organized a nationwide grassroots demonstration in the spring of 1970, to further promote conservation involvement and awareness. Support for and interest in the activity was immense and the 1970 demonstration became the first official Earth Day. The first Earth Day helped inspire the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air, Clean Water, and Endangered Species acts. Each year, April 22 marks the celebration of Earth Day, which is now observed around the world.



### Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- 3 We can use this to tell time when we do not have a clock
- 6 What is another name for h2o?
- 8 This symbol has three arrows that point to each other. What is it called?
- 9 What we call the planet we live on
- 10 The number of days in a week

**DOWN**

- 1 What is the layer above earth which forms a thin shield high up in the sky
- 2 The term we use that is one of the ways to get places (such as work or school) with friends when and save on gas
- 4 One of the items you can recycle easily
- 5 What is Planetpals favorite color
- 7 We get this from plants

## Earth Day Every Day



- AIR
- ANIMALS
- CARE
- CLEAN
- CONSERVATION
- EARTH
- ECOSYSTEM
- ENERGY
- EXTINCT
- FUEL
- HABITAT
- HOME
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- LITTER
- OCEANS
- OXYGEN
- OZONE
- PEOPLE
- PLANTS
- POLLUTION
- PRESERVE
- RAINFOREST
- RECYCLE
- RESOURCE
- REUSE
- SOIL
- VOLUNTEER
- WATER
- WETLANDS
- WORLD

### Fun Facts About Earth Day

- Earth Day Networks estimates that 500 million people from 4,500 organizations in 180 countries will participate in Earth Day events during the month of April.
- Earth Day is big with schools. On many school calendars, it is the third most activity-inspiring holiday, after Christmas and Halloween.
- Companies have even gotten into Earth Day. Last year, office supply store Staples introduced office paper made entirely without new trees.
- As part of the celebration, some communities make Earth Day a "Car-Free Day."

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# Local SPORTS

## Lady Lions Softball team rules Crawford County 10-0

It was all Loogootee as the varsity softball team soundly defeated Crawford County Saturday, April 17 on their home turf by a score of 10-0 ending the game in the fifth inning by the 10-run rule.

In the first inning Jennifer Clark, for the Lions, lined a single to right center. Blake Walker then took a pitch to the shoulder and chin and Jessica Padgett lined a double off the left field wall scoring Clark while Walker is tagged out at home plate. Jaclyn Padgett drew a walk and Breann Truelove hit a deep sacrifice fly to left allowing Jessica Padgett to score putting the Lions in the lead 2-0.

In the third Walker led off with a double down the right field line. The Padgett sisters both drew walks to load the bases as Truelove popped up for an in-field fly. Rebecca Craney then smacked a ground ball to second base and the throw home by Crawford County forced Walker out at the plate. Remington Wagler then doubled to left center scoring Jessica and Jaclyn Padgett upping the ladies lead 4-0.

The Lions continued their impressive game in the fourth when Jennifer Clark lead off with a double to right center. Walker then singled down the right field line allowing Clark to advance to third. Jessica Padgett popped out to first but her sister Jaclyn singled down the left field line scoring Clark. Truelove then singled to center scoring Walker and Craney doubled to left scoring Jaclyn giving the Lady Lions three more runs.

In the fifth inning, Amy Beasley led off with a single that ripped down the left field line. Clark hit a one-out double to left center allowing Beasley to make it to third base. Walker then hit a ground ball to second and the second baseman fired home to try and

get Beasley out. Beasley beat the throw and scored. Jessica Padgett continued her hot streak and doubled off the left field wall scoring Clark. Jaclyn Padgett then reached first on an error by the first baseman as Walker scored ending the game with a 10-run rule.

Loogootee pitcher Rebecca Craney ended with 12 strikeouts and two walks. Novak for Crawford had zero strikeouts and four walks and hit one batter.

The Lions had two errors in the game to Crawford's one. Loogootee finished with 12 hits and Crawford County only had two.

### Lady Lions defeat Southridge Raiders

The Loogootee Varsity Softball team added another tally to their win column last Wednesday, April 17, by defeating Southridge 4-1.

To start of the game Gabrielle Ritchey takes one in the back for the team advancing her to first. Jennifer Clark then successfully bunts and allows Richey to make it to third base. Jessica Padgett then smacked a ball off the pitcher which is picked up by the shortstop and Padgett is thrown out at first and Ritchey scored on the interim putting the Lady Lions on the board with one point.

With the Raiders still not on the board, Ritchey, for the Lions, again leads off with a walk and makes it to third on Clark's sacrifice bunt. She scored on a single up the middle by Jessica Padgett. Padgett moved on to third on a throwing error by the Southridge pitcher and scored on Bre Truelove's single putting the lions up 3 to zip.

At the top of the fourth inning, Allie Michel for the Lady Raiders, drew a one-out walk, advanced to second on a wild



pitch, and scored on a two-out hit to right by Vanessa Kern.

With the Lady Lions up 3-1, pinch hitter Blake Walker, led off with a walk. Jennifer Clark then hit a two-out double to right center allowing Walker to round the bases and score. Southridge was unable to score in the seventh.

Head Coach Gary Clark said, "It was a really nice win for us. Rebecca (Craney) pitched very well and we scored on most of the opportunities we had."

He went on to say that Southridge was well-coached by Stephanie Linnetti, who played college ball at Indiana Wesleyan, and played the Lady Lions hard.

The winning pitcher, Rebecca Craney, ended with seven strikeouts and three walks. Dearing, for Southridge, had three strikeouts, two walks, and hit two batters. The Lady Lions had one error and the Lady Raiders had three. Loogootee ended with six hits to Southridge's four. The Lions stand at 4-1 on the season.

## Crawford County defeated by junior varsity Lady Lions 7-2

The Loogootee Junior Varsity Softball team defeated Crawford County Saturday, April 17, at home by a score of 7-2.

Gabrielle Ritchey started things off for the Lady Lions with a lead-off walk and quickly stole second. Remington Wagler then singled through the left side advancing Ritchey to third. On the first pitch to Lion Allyson Arvin, Wagler advanced to third uncontested. Then on a wild pitch Ritchey scored and Wagler advanced to third base. Arvin singled to right scoring Wagler and is tagged out trying to steal second. Brooke Nonte then made it to first on a throwing error by the third baseman. Holly Stacy also lands on first due to a throwing error and Candace Dawson drew a two-out walk loading the bases. Kelly Jo Stuckey also drew a walk forcing home Nonte and putting the Lady Lions on the board with 3 runs.

Crawford was unable to score in the first inning and at the top of the second with one out Wagler singled to left and scored after a

drive by Arvin that hopped the fence in right center increasing the Lion lead 4-0. In the third inning Dawson lands on first after a fielding error and Stuckey is then hit by a pitch. Dawson advanced to third on a missed catch by Crawford's catcher and scored on a sacrifice fly by Addison Dant.

Crawford County's Smith scored in the third inning after a two-out error in left field putting them on the board 5-1.

In the fourth inning Richey led off with a slap bunt single and stole second. Wagler grounded out and advanced Ritchey to third. Arvin doubled to right center and Ritchey scored. Arvin advanced to third on a wild pitch walking Nonte and scored on another wild pitch bumping the ladies lead 7-1.

Crawford attempted a comeback at the top of the fifth and a one-out field error by Loogootee's Wagler at shortstop gets Pellman to first base and then a steal at second. Erwein, for Crawford, drove home Pellman with a single to right center upping their

tally by only one.

### Junior varsity softball team raids Southridge

The Loogootee Lady Lions Junior Varsity Softball team traveled to Southridge on Wednesday, April 14, and came home with a win, 6-4.

The Lady Raiders started off the first inning with Ingle hitting a single down the right field line due to sacrifice outs by Teest and Woebrenburgh, moved on to third. Morgan Kippenbrock's single to center allowed Ingle to score the first and only point of the inning for the Lady Raiders.

At the Lady Lion's turn at bat Addison Dant drew a lead off walk and then stole second. After Blake Walker is walked, Remington Wagler lands on first after a fielding error by the Raider second baseman. Dant attempted to score on a passed ball at home plate but is caught for the out. Brooke Nonte's pop fly was then caught for the second out. Allie Schultheis was walked loading the bases and then Holly Stacy and Kylie Raney are also walked forcing home Walker and Wagler, putting the Lions in the lead, 2-1.

At the top of the third, Teest scored for the Lady Raiders. At the bottom of the third, Allyson Arvin, for the Lions, singled and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Wagler and Nonte drew walks loading the bases. Stacy is also walked which allowed Stacy to score and at the end of the inning Wagler scored on a wild pitch keeping the ladies on top 4-2.

With one out in the fourth inning, Claire Hoppenjans, for the Lady Raiders, singled to right and Felicia Mathies sacrifices to get her to second. Messmer then tripled to right scoring Hoppenjans and Main singled to



-Photo by Joshua Hughett  
Loogootee's Jennifer Clark seems happy with a win.

center allowing Messmer to score, tying the game.

Candace Dawson led off the bottom of the fourth for the Lady Lions with a walk. Kelly Jo Stuckey was then hit by a pitch. With runners on first and second, Addison Dant hits to the pitcher who threw to third for the forced out. Arvin then smacked a double to left center scoring Stuckey and Dant.

The Lady Raiders failed to play catch up in the fifth giving the Lions the victory.

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# LHS Tennis action

## LHS defeats Wood Memorial

The Loogootee Varsity Tennis team defeated Wood Memorial Tuesday, April 20, 5-0.

"It was good to get back on the winning track. We lost some close matches over the weekend and again on Monday. That really helped us be mentally tough today against a scrappy Wood Memorial team," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

### Varsity matches

Loogootee 5 Wood Memorial 0  
 #1 Singles Andrea Vaupel (L) defeated Aneili Tooley 6-3, 6-0  
 #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Brenda Ramirez 6-3, 6-4  
 #3 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Sierra Youngblood 6-0, 6-3  
 #1 Doubles Ashton Matthews/Hannah Lamar (L) defeated Jenna Will/Randa Sermerheim 6-3, 6-2  
 #2 Doubles defeated Lindsay Winger/Becca Zins (L) defeated Abbi Heironimus/Sonja Cox 2-6, 6-1, 6-3

### Junior Varsity matches

Loogootee 3 Wood Memorial 1  
 #1 Singles Allison Kiser (L) defeated Shelby Seramir 7-6  
 #2 Singles Allison Kiser (L) defeated Sam Heironimus 6-1  
 #1 Doubles Dev Arvin/Kylie Sims (L) defeated Emily Heironimus/Shalyn Youngblood 6-2  
 #2 Doubles Erica Memmer/Rebecca Mullen (WM) defeated Natasha Trinkle/Emily Lannan 6-2

## Tennis teams fall to Bedford

The Loogootee High School Tennis team lost to Bedford North Lawrence on Monday, April 19, at home, 1-4.

Coach Mike Tippery said after the game, "We dug ourselves too big of a hole early and were never able to get out of it. BNL has a good team and played better than we did today."

### Varsity matches

Bedford North Lawrence 4, Loogootee 1  
 #1 Singles Ashley Bunch (BNL) defeated Andrea Vaupel 6-4, 6-1  
 #2 Singles Maddie Ikerd (BNL) defeated Brittany Eckerle 6-2, 6-3  
 #3 Singles Brianna Ikerd (BNL) defeated Jill Taylor 6-2, 6-2  
 #1 Doubles Ashton Matthews/ Hannah Lamar (L) defeated Alyssa Hansen/Michelle Mullin 3-6, 6-4, 6-3  
 #2 Doubles Chelsea Hillenburg/Katelynn Tlustek (BNL) defeated Lindsay Winger/Becca Zins 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-4

### Junior Varsity matches

Bedford North Lawrence 4, Loogootee 0  
 #1 Doubles Meg Bohling/Tanna Cox (BNL) defeated Erin Wittmer/Kylie Sims 6-0  
 #2 Doubles Susan Bandagriff/Nisha Nagarajan (BNL) defeated Emilee Lannan/Dev Arvin 6-2  
 #3 Doubles Laken Waggoner/Morgan McCullough (BNL) defeated Allison Kiser/Natasha Trinkle 6-2  
 #4 Doubles Lindsay Perry/Hannah Pritchett (BNL) defeated Paige Schafer/Dana Sibrel 6-2

## Lions take 8th in Jasper Tourney

The Loogootee High School Tennis team traveled to Jasper for the Jasper 8 Tourney last weekend.

Because of rain on Friday, all matches were played on Saturday, April 17. The Lions finished eighth overall with Jasper winning with 42 points.

"In a tournament of this format, the draw is important. I felt like we got the toughest first-round draw of any team," said Head Coach Mike Tippery.

"Additionally, we lost four of our first and second round matches in the 3rd set super tiebreakers. I would have liked to have won a few of those close matches but ultimately playing opponents of this caliber, whether you win or lose, will only make you better," he went on to say.

### Varsity matches/rankings

Jasper (J) 42, Greenwood (G) 35, Perry Meridian (PM) 24, Jasper 2 (J2) 23, Southridge (S) 19, Sacred Heart (SH) 17, Vincennes Lincoln (V) 15, Loogootee (L) 11

*There were not enough teams so Jasper filled the final spot with a second team (Jasper 2).*

#1 Singles  
 Round 1 - Kasey Land (J) defeated Andrea Vaupel (L) 6-1, 6-1  
 Round 2 - Katie Krauth (PM) defeated Andrea Vaupel (L) 6-0, 6-3  
 Round 3 - Andrea Vaupel (L) defeated Catherine Baker (J2) 6-1, 6-1  
 Andrea Vaupel 7th Place  
 #2 Singles  
 Round 1 - Hayle Scanlan (PM) defeated Brittany Eckerle (L) 6-0, 6-2  
 Round 2 - Ashley Bauer (J2) defeated Brittany Eckerle (L) 4-6, 6-3, 1-0 (8)  
 Round 3 - Tonya Kunkler (S) defeated Brittany Eckerle (L) 6-1, 6-3  
 Brittany Eckerle (L) 8th Place  
 #3 Singles

Round 1 - McKenzie Hilsmeier (J2) defeated Jill Taylor (L) 3-6, 7-6 (5), 1-0 (9)  
 Round 2 - Emily Manzanares (PM) defeated Jill Taylor (L) 6-4, 6-1  
 Round 3 - Athena Unroe (SH) defeated Jill Taylor (L) 6-1, 6-1  
 Jill Taylor (L) 8th Place  
 #1 Doubles

Round 1 - Lauren Hannah/Ashley Fowler (G) defeated Ashton Matthews/Hannah Lamar (L) 6-3, 6-4

Round 2 - Katherine English/Sara Aschbacher (SH) defeated Ashton Matthews/Hannah Lamar (L) 6-1, 6-7 (5), 1-0 (7)

Round 3 - Ashton Matthews/Hannah Lamar (L) defeated Kelsey Held/Kyle Tromley (V) 6-1, 6-0

Ashton Matthews/Hannah Lamar (L) 7th Place

#2 Doubles  
 Round 1 - Elizabeth Pipher/Jenna Prout (V) defeated Lindsay Winger/Becca Zins (L) 6-2, 3-6, 1-0 (7)

Round 2 - Lindsay Winger/Becca Zins (L) defeated Amanda Morrison/Kenzie Bushkoetter (S) 6-1, 6-1

Round 3 - Lindsay Winger/Becca Zins (L) defeated Elizabeth Keefe/Morgan Pierle (PM) 7-5, 6-1

Lindsay Winger/Becca Zins (L) 4th Place

## Lady Lions take down Hatchets

The Loogootee Tennis team defeated Washington 5-1, on Tuesday, April 15.

"After a big win like the one we had Tuesday, you are always a little concerned about a let-down in your next match. Washington made a good charge at us early but we were able to raise our level of play and finish strong," said Coach Mike Tippery.

### Varsity matches

Loogootee 5 Washington 0  
 #1 Singles Andrea Vaupel (L) defeated Justine Johnston 6-3, 6-0  
 #2 Singles Brittany Eckerle (L) defeated Hanna Mattingly 6-1, 6-0  
 #3 Singles Jill Taylor (L) defeated Joselyn Ivy 6-1, 6-0

#1 Doubles Ashton Matthews/ Hannah Lamar (L) defeated Taylor McPherson/Brooke Gress 6-1, 6-0

#2 Doubles Lindsay Winger/Erin Wittmer (L) defeated Morgan Whitehead/Rachel Chattin 6-4, 6-4

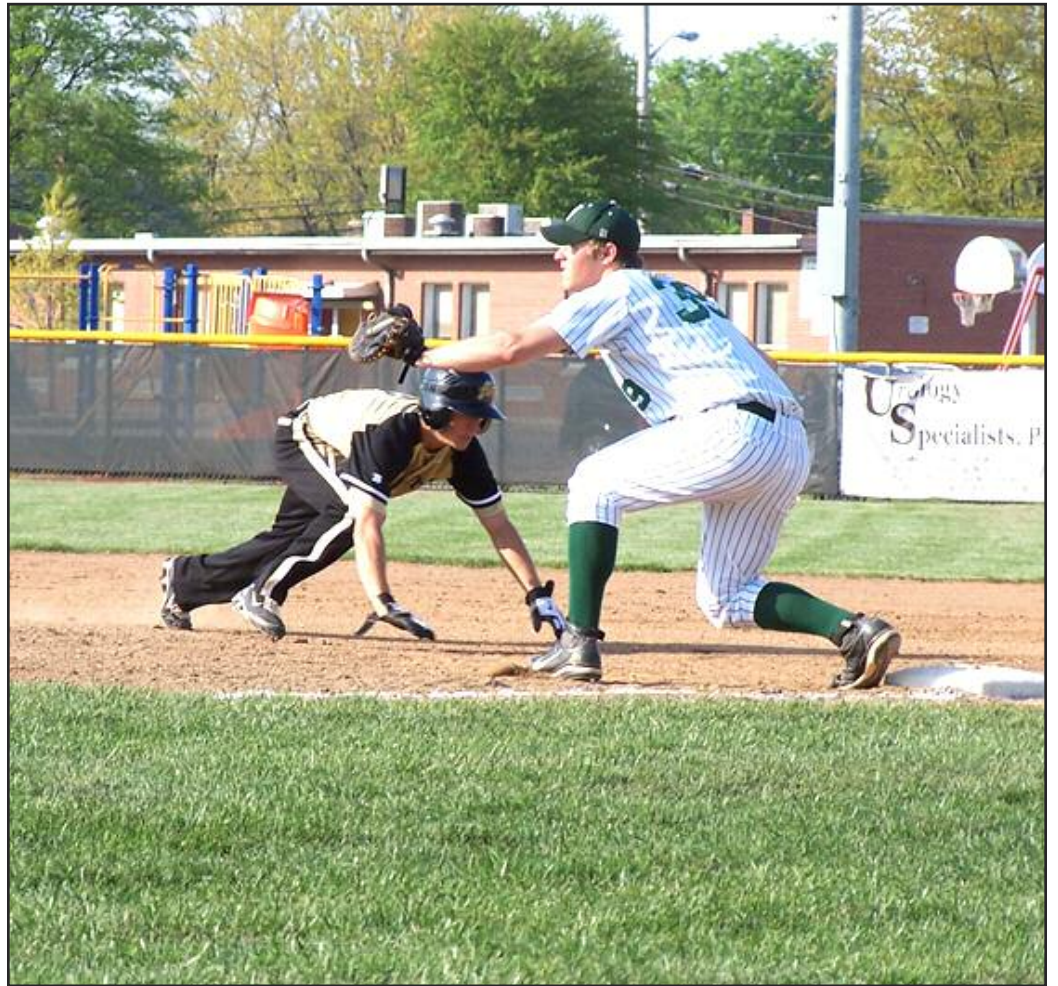
### Junior Varsity matches

Loogootee 3 Washington 1  
 #1 Singles Becca Zins (L) defeated Kayla Mercer 6-1

#1 Doubles Becca Zins/Emilee Lannan (L) defeated Hannah Rodimel/Kyla Miles 7-5

#2 Doubles Allison Kiser/Natasha Trinkle (L) defeated Hayley Baxter/Brittany Pierson 6-4

#3 Doubles Jordan Sewell/Shawna Campbell (W) defeated Paige Schafer/Dana Sibrel 6-2



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## Defeat Alices

The Loogootee Lions defeated the Vincennes Lincoln Alices on April 13 by a score of 9-3. This win took the Lions to -3 on the season.

## Loogootee High School Track results

### Monday, April 19 meet

The Loogootee High School Track team participated in a three-way meet with Mitchell and Springs Valley on Monday, April 19.

For the girls the final scores were Mitchell 65, Springs Valley 58, and Loogootee 28.

Lauren Walton finished first in the high jump at 5'2", first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.39 seconds, second in the 400-meter dash at one minute and seven seconds, and first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.39 seconds.

Desiree Matheis placed third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 19.59 seconds, third in the 300-meter hurdles at 55.17 seconds, and fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 30.79 seconds.

Melissa Ritchie finished third in the discus at 76'4" and fourth in discus at 85'3".

Shelby McAtee placed third in the shot put at 26'0.5" and Sarah Richer finished third in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 15 minutes and 49 seconds.

For the boys the final scores were Mitchell 66, Springs Valley 61, and Loogootee 28.

Aaron Howell finished fourth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 20.56 seconds.

Travis Osborne placed third in the 100-meter dash at 12.02 seconds, fourth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.31 seconds, and third in the 400-meter relay with his teammates with a time of 48.31 seconds.

Dylan Frye finished first in the shot put with a distance of 43'10" and Nick Sander placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of five minutes and 36 seconds.

Tanner Trambaugh placed first in the high jump at 5'8", third in the long jump at 17'9.25", and fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of one minute and six seconds.

Justin Limbach placed fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of two minutes and 33 seconds and third with his teammates in the 400-meter relay at 48.31 seconds.

Will Smith finished third in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.22 seconds and third with his teammates in the 400-meter relay at 48.31 seconds.

Chris Axsom placed third with his teammates in the 400-meter relay with a time of 48.31 seconds.

### Thursday, April 15 meet

The Loogootee High School Track team held a four-way meet with Linton, Washington, and North Daviess last Thursday, April 15.

The final scores for the girls were Linton

94, Washington 80, Loogootee 26, and North Daviess 26.

Lauren Walton finished first in the high jump with 5'0" and third in the 100-meter dash at 13.38 seconds. Desiree Matheis finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles with 19.45 seconds and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with 55.56 seconds.

Melissa Ritchie finished third in the discus with a distance of 76'4" and Catie Wagler finished second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6 minutes and 50 seconds.

Sarah Richer finished fifth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 7 minutes and 10 seconds and fourth in the 3,200-meter hurdles at 15 minutes and 45 seconds.

Shelby McAtee finished third in the shot put with a distance of 24'10.25".

The final scores for the boys were Washington 123, Linton 42, Loogootee 32, and North Daviess 32.

Travis Osborne finished third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.87 seconds, third with his teammates in the 400-meter relay at 48.56 seconds, and 3rd in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes and 22 seconds.

Will Smith finished fourth in the 100-meter dash at 11.94 seconds, fourth in the long jump with a distance of 18'2", fourth in the 200-meter dash at 25.03 seconds, and third with his teammates in the 400-meter relay at 48.56 seconds.

Dylan Frye placed second in the shot put with a distance of 43'9" and fifth in the discus at 93'6".

Tanner Trambaugh finished first in the high jump with a distance of 5'8", fifth in the long jump at 18'2", and third with his teammates in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes and 22 seconds.

Garrett Carrico placed fourth in the discus with a distance of 102'3".

Justin Limbach finished fifth in the 400-meter dash at one minute, six seconds, fifth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2 minutes and 41 seconds, third in the 400-meter relay at 48.56 seconds, and third in the 3,200-meter relay at 10 minutes and 51 seconds.

Chris Axsom placed third in the 400-meter relay at 48.56 seconds and third in the 1,600-meter relay with a time of 4 minutes and 22 seconds.

Matthew Ritchie and Nick Sander placed third with their teammates in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 10 minutes and 51 seconds.

Aaron Howell finished third with his teammates in the 1,600-meter relay at 4 minutes 22 seconds.

# Taste of Martin County held last night



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Martha Wininger, at left, and Sandy Truelove, at right, from Sandy's Dining Room in Shoals stand ready to hand out their cuisine to those attending the Taste of Martin County last night.



-Photo by Joshua Hughett

Visitors to the First Annual Taste of Martin County benefiting the Martin County Community Foundation enjoy meals from area restaurants.

Many with a taste for a wide variety of cuisine turned out at the First Annual Taste of Martin County Tuesday night, April 20, at the community building to sample menu items from area restaurants.

The "Taste" was organized by the Martin County Community Foundation and all proceeds went in support of the foundation to provide various community support.

Restaurants participating were Carla's Catering and Creations, in Loogootee; The Corner Cafe and Coffee Shop, in Loogootee; Highland House Bed and Breakfast, in Shoals; Oden Essen Haus, in Odon; Sandy's Dining Room, in Shoals; The Schnitzelbank Restaurant and Catering in Jasper, and Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant in Loogootee.

Sponsors of the event were Dairy Queen, in Loogootee; Buehlers, in Loogootee; The Cartridge Depot, in Loogootee; National Gypsum, in Shoals; Loogootee Collision Center, Southern Indiana Steel, in Loogootee; German American, in Loogootee; Bailey Bros. Used Cars in Shoals and Loogootee; and Loughmiller Machine Tool, Design, in Loogootee; Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company, in Jasper; and Midwestern Engineers, Inc., in Loogootee.

## Humane Society Pet of the Week



This is a sweet little 10-month old Shih Tzu mix. She is up-to-date on her shots, and crate trained. She would make a very nice pet. If interested in Coco, call the Humane Society at 812-296-0952. The Humane Society is in great need of used dog kennels. If you have one that you are not using anymore, and would like to donate it, you can call us. We are taking items for our yard sale now, so if you have anything that you would like to donate call us.

## Top sales advisor for lia sophia named in Loogootee

lia sophia recently announced top honors for its Excellent Beginnings Program Achievers for their outstanding sales accomplishments and professionalism.

Having just joined the fashion jewelry business, Lacy Jeffers has earned this prestigious accomplishment in the first 15 weeks by attaining certain sales levels and by sharing lia sophia with other new Advisors.

According to Bonni Davis, vice president of lia sophia, "This immediate success is a result of Lacy's hard work and dedication. lia sophia is fortunate to have this individual

as part of our team and we look forward to celebrating future successes."

All new lia sophia advisors have the opportunity to increase their earnings and earn free jewelry as part of the Excellent Beginnings Program.

The plan celebrates the success of advisors who stay on track in the first four months in business. lia sophia provides ongoing opportunities for recognition including monthly, quarterly and annual awards.

For more information about lia sophia, please contact Lacy Jeffers at lacyfisher@hotmail.com.

## Extra form will appear with property tax bill

Representative Mark Messmer wants homeowners to know that this year they may receive an extra sheet of paper with their property tax bill.

The extra form is no cause for alarm; it is just a result of legislation that was enacted in 2009 by Indiana legislators.

Starting in 2010, House Enrolled Act 1344 requires the tax statement to include a 'Homeowner Verification' form that allows taxpayers to verify their residency and eligibility for the homestead deduction. This form is also an extra protection to reduce homestead fraud.

It is important that Hoosiers fill out the form, because it allows homeowners to continue receiving the homestead standard deduction. Without it, they could potentially lose the homestead deduction beginning in 2013.

Homeowners should mail the form back to the provided address, including the last

five digits of their social security number and their full driver's license number. This information will only be used to track the homestead database and to prevent fraud.

"Just like higher census participation rates will mean a larger share of federal funding for our community, higher response rates on this Homestead Verification form will mean lower taxes for all because the tax burden will be spread across a greater number of homes," said Representative Messmer. "That's why it's crucial for Hoosiers to return this form with all of the necessary information."

Questions may be directed to Rep. Messmer's Statehouse office at 317-232-9793, or to the Department of Local Government Finance's website: <http://www.in.gov/dlgf/8455.htm>.

## Spring Clean-up to be held May 8

The Martin County Solid Waste Management District will host the Spring Clean-up on Saturday May 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clean-up is an opportunity for all citizens in Martin County to clean out their house, garage, attic, and yards of rubbish. The recycling center accepts all items that cannot be picked up on the curb, such as mattresses, furniture, appliances, carpeting and other bulky items.

They will not accept yard waste and construction materials, such as drywall, bricks, blocks, trees and branches.

It is requested that items accepted for recycling be separated instead of disposing them in the trash boxes. Items to separate for recycling are cardboard, newspaper, magazines and catalogues, all paper, tin and steel cans, metal clothes hangers, aluminum cans, all plastic bottles, plastic grocery bags, hardback books, paperback books and clean clothing and household textiles.

The center also accepts scrap metals such

as fencing, satellite dishes, lawn mowers and bicycles. All scrap metals will be recycled.

If you are not recycling at your house or business this is a perfect time to get acquainted with the program.

The cost is \$10 per pick up truck load. Extra charges are for: Freon-containing appliances \$10 each, tires are \$2 each, paint and paint products are \$1 per can, up to a gallon size, over a gallon is \$1 per gallon. (A 5 gallon can is \$5).

Computers and televisions also have an extra charge of \$10, and \$20 for big screens.

Please bring your own help to unload your trucks, the center will not have extra help this year.

The recycling center is located just off of Hwy. 50 East in Loogootee. For more information call 295-4142.

## Property taxes due May 10

Martin County Treasurer Diana M. Schutte would like to inform the taxpayers of Martin County that their property taxes will be mailed by Friday, April 23 with a due date of Monday, May 10. If you are a property owner and do not receive a tax statement by April 30, contact the Martin County Treasurer's Office at 247-3701.

If you have questions about your tax statement you may contact the following offices: Assessment questions should be addressed to the assessor's office at 247-2070. Exemptions and tax credit questions can be answered by the auditor's office at 247-3731. Other inquiries should be made to the treasurer's office at 247-3701.



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# Church **BULLETIN**

**New Beginnings Church**  
**WEEKLY MESSAGE**  
 By Shirley Canell –*Pastor's wife*



## My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett

New Beginnings Community Church  
 Picture this: You have just finished a ten-mile hike on a 95 degree day and on the entire journey you haven't had a thing to drink. Stumbling with thirst, you come to your father's house and plea for water. With love and concern, he brings you a cold pitcher of water and a glass and tells you to take what you want, he's got plenty. With a chuckle he tells you that his well is full. What do you do? You take a couple of sips and quit. Drink more, he insists, you must be parched. But you decline because you don't want to impose on his generosity. When you leave, you are still thirsty and he is hurt and disappointed. Why did you do that? Why do you do that spiritually? Your heavenly Father wants you to experience fullness, fullness of life, fullness of joy, and fullness of God Himself. And yet you are only taking a few sips of living water. The purpose of this story illustrates that we are the deciding factor when it comes to fully experiencing fullness in God. God has done his part. The problem is with us not taking full advantage of his love, grace, mercy, and fullness.

The sermon Sunday was from Ephesians 3:16-19. When was the last time you truly got down and bowed on your knees before the Father? When was the last time you humbled yourself enough to say 'I really do bow my life before you God?' Humility is not weakness. God works through humility. It's in His strength alone that we truly live.

1 Peter 5:6, Therefore, humble yourself under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.

1 Peter 5:5, Gives grace to the humble.  
 Proverbs 22:4, The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, honor, and life.

Philippians 2:3, Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.

Humility will empty out the pride. It takes what is in us that may be in the way of receiving the fullness of God and opens up our heart for more of God. You cannot be humble and prideful at the same time.

Paul is clear where our strength comes from. We can try to do all the right stuff in our own strength, but the strength we need for our inner being is the power that comes from the Holy Spirit. So that, (there is a purpose for the Holy Spirit power), Jesus is the center of your life. He is what dwells in your heart through faith. Spiritual power is a mark of every Christian who submits to God's word and Spirit. All those who disci-

pline their minds and spirits to study the word, understand it and live by it. You are strengthened with power through his spirit, so that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith. This is the power of continuing trust in Christ to exercise His lordship over your life.

Being filled with the love of Christ is like taking a cup and filling it with the ocean water. It can be filled with the ocean but the ocean cannot be completely in the cup. The vastness of God's love is like that. Being rooted and grounded in love with the unlimited resource of God's love. Everything we do grows, with the supply of love that comes from the roots that are grounded in the vastness of God. When our human love fails God's love through us will never run out.

One thing we know is that when we are running on empty, physically, emotionally, and spiritually, all of us need to refuel. There are always things trying to drain us, challenge us, or wear us out. Being filled with the fullness of God is not just a one-time filling, it is a constant refueling. Open yourself up to God; he cannot fill us unless we desire to be filled. He will not force himself on you or invade your heart uninvited.

Let go of the things that fill your heart and compete for God's place there. Open yourself to a fresh indwelling of the Spirit. Stop thinking of yourself as someone better than others.

Ernie and I have a great relationship, not only because he is awesome but because our relationship is deeply rooted in God's love first. God's love has to come before the love we have for each other. With God's love we keep the little things little. My advice to any couple planning to get married or to a married couple: you have to know God's love first before you can truly be ready to show love, give love, or receive love from your husband or wife. I was recalling Ernie giving advice at lunch Sunday to a couple. It's all about God.

If you have any questions you can call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258. See you Sunday at 10 a.m.

I don't know about you fellow parents of Loogootee School children out there, but I was a little disappointed with the outcome of the school board meeting last night. Don't get me wrong, I have zero issues with any of the school board members, they have all been nothing but nice to me, however they are in a public office, paid by us, and elected by us, so it is our duty to make sure they do the best job possible. I certainly don't envy them; nor do I envy those vying for the open seats in a few weeks.

One thing that did strike a chord in me though was when Tim Bradley mentioned that the school board has had the closing of East on the table for several months. He's right, they have.

I have not missed many school board meetings over the last three years and I know what you're thinking, 'she is a reporter, of course she goes to the meetings.' Yes, that's true, but I also like to know what is going on. After every meeting I do my absolute best to report what happened but that doesn't mean that anyone reads what I write. I try to use charts, graphs, website and facebook posts, you name it, but it still doesn't mean that anyone reads it.

It was mentioned last night that people don't attend the meetings because they feel the board doesn't listen and makes up their mind in the executive session prior to the open meetings. First of all, that is against the law if true. The school board is only allowed to discuss a few things in closed-door meetings. I have the Open Door Law right here on my computer; email me if you want to see it.

Second, you voted those board members in office! If you don't agree with the job they are doing then don't vote for them. If you know someone who would make a good school board member, encourage them to run.

Change starts at the bottom, not at the top and I don't care what anyone says. No one person or one group controls this town . . . the people do.

I am a huge believer in democracy – gov-

ernment by the people. A majority of our property taxes pay the salaries of every single person in that school system. If everyone would quit saying that their voice doesn't matter and joined together (and I mean more than just one time) there would be no other option for our elected officials but to listen.

Do I feel that the majority of the school board listened with an open mind Tuesday night? No, I don't. This is partly because half of them didn't speak at all. In three hours I don't feel like anything requested, aside from the publishing of the cuts from closing East, was taken into consideration. I, too, felt like short of handing over a bag of money, it was a done deal. So now what? Let it go? Pull your children from school? Decide that the board was right all along? My phone was ringing off the hook last night. These were just a few of the things I heard.

Let me put it another way. Pretend you owned a chain of businesses and you came into work one day and your employee told you that they were thinking about closing one of your locations.

Three months later, without you saying a word to the employee about it, you learn that the employee has already made arrangements to close the business the following week. What do you do?

I know what I would do. The first time my employee told me they were thinking of closing my business I would have started asking questions.

This is pretty much the same situation our community is in now.

I don't claim to know all the answers, or any of them for that matter. People can make a difference though and I will go to my grave believing that, but no one can do it alone.

Attend the school board meeting this Saturday morning. For first-timers you can enter in the side door by the Superintendent's office at the high school. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. after the closed-door session at 9:30.

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# Election 2010

Over the past couple weeks the *Martin County Journal* has been working on putting together a special section with candidates in the upcoming primary election. This week, in the next few pages, you will find bios on the Indiana District 8 Republican candidates. We hope this helps the voters make an informed decision on Tuesday, May 4th. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

## Indiana District 8 Republican State Rep. candidates



**BUD BERNITT**

Bud Bernitt grew up in Owen and Greene counties. After high school, Bud worked as an electrician for about 15 years. Bud and Amy founded Bloomington-based Bernitt Realty, a small business that serves a number of customers both large and small. Bud said he saw how government taxes and regulation was killing business and he knew he needed to get involved and stand up for the regular folks who are often ignored. The politicians in Washington DC are stealing us blind and the madness needs to stop. Barack Obama and the Democrats are running up trillions of dollars in debt. Obama and the Democrats are running a historic administration, but it is historic for all the wrong reasons – like the debt he is creating. If elected to Congress, I promise to stand for conservative Hoosier values and work to make our nation the best it can be.



**KRISTI RISK**

Kristi is married to David Risk, II and they have lived in Owen County for over 11 years. They have four children who Kristi views as a vested interest in her seeking this office. She is a wife, mother, and community volunteer whose love and passion for studying history and the constitution have prepared her for the task of seeking this office. Kristi has worked as a substitute teacher and has hosted an exchange student from China, which was a key time in her deciding to seek office. She understands if we do not do something revolutionary, we will lose our great Republic. After much prayer and consideration, Kristi has determined she should give the people of Indiana's 8th district back their voice in government. As their representative, she will be an elected official who will serve them, not her pocketbook, which is part of the reason she is pledging not to take the special Congressional health care or pension. She feels government must stop spending and it should start with the offices of the elected officials.

Having spent countless hours volunteering in her community through her church as a Youth Leader, board member and Adult Sunday School teacher; being a 4-H Councilwoman and Leader; National Wild Turkey Federation (treasurer); Hunters Helping Kids (coordinator/treasurer); softball (coach); and local Republican Women's Club officer, Kristi understands the importance of being able to choose where you invest your time, talents and financial resources.



**LARRY BUSCHON**

Larry Buschon was born in 1962 and raised in Kincaid, Illinois, a small town of 1,400 people in central Illinois.

His life was shaped by this small town upbringing by two hardworking parents. Larry's father was an underground coal miner and his mother was a nurse.

Both are now retired and still live in Kincaid.

Larry attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and upon receiving his bachelor's degree, attended medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Following medical school Larry completed a residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he served as chief resident in surgery, and then remained there to complete a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

During this time he also enlisted in the United States Navy Reserve and served with them for almost a decade.

Larry's wife, Kathryn, is a physician and a practicing anesthesiologist in Evansville and they reside in Warrick County with their four children, Luke, Alexander, Blair, and Zoe.



**JOHN K. SNYDER**

John K. Snyder was born in Indianapolis two days after the Christmas of 1920. He grew up during the Great Depression. With his father serving as Clerk of the Indiana General Assembly, Snyder learned a lot about grass roots policy-making at an early age. A few days after Pearl Harbor, he joined with hundreds of thousands of Americans by enlisting in America's Armed Forces to fight for freedom. Following serv-

ice in the U.S. Navy in the Atlantic and European Theatres, Snyder attended Purdue University.

With a young son and daughter, Snyder moved to Jasper, Indiana in the late 1940s to take up a regional sales position for a school supply company. Crisscrossing almost all of southern Indiana south of U.S. 40, Snyder learned what it took for dramatically expanding Hoosier school systems to bring a real public education to youngsters and teenagers. Moving west to Washington, Indiana in the early 1950s, Snyder organized the first economic development organization for Daviess County, serving as President of the Washington Industrial Expansion Committee until 1957, where he helped attract major businesses to the city and create hundreds of new jobs. During this time he was active in community leadership both in his Presbyterian church as an elder and as district chairman for the White River Council of the Boy Scouts of America. His quarter of century of service and commitment to Scouting values is reflected in the fact that his three sons all became Eagle Scouts. Beginning in late 1950s through the 1980s, Snyder was intensely active in Indiana politics. Known as "Mr. Republican" after leading the state Republican comeback victory in 1966 and later attracting more Democratic crossover votes than any candidate in a Presidential election year, Snyder racked up new records for Return on Investment (ROI) of state funds. He later served as Republican State Chairman.

His focus on education included serving as a trustee of Vincennes University under four Governors (Republican and Democrat). After the 1973 Oil Crisis he actively farmed 150 acres, growing corn and soybeans and raising cattle and hogs for 12 years. His public service has been recognized no less than three times with the Award of the Sagamore of the Wabash from three different Governors (the first a sitting Democratic Governor). Snyder semi-retired in the late 1990s, remaining an influential "statesman" of Republicans.



**DAN STOCKTON**

Dan Stockton was born in Clinton, Indiana and lived in and around Bainbridge for 40 of his 46 years. He has been married for 26 years and has two children. His daughter is 25 and married to Stockton's campaign manager. His son is 23.

He graduated salutatorian from high school in 1981 and graduated from Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana with a degree in Biology and Chemistry in 1985. He worked in sales and manufacturing for most of his career and currently works in Greencastle in the automotive industry.

For many years he has been an avid motorcycle enthusiast and recently began writing a blog for the local paper as well as a column for "The Hoosier Motorcyclist" magazine. He said he learned more of the

issues faced nationwide by motorcyclists and ATV enthusiasts, and began paying more detailed attention to other issues facing Americans. After some discussion with his family and especially upon the urging of his son-in-law who has been politically aware from a very young age, he decided to run for Congress.

Stockton has never held public office before, but says he has often been told he should. He said that not being involved in politics until now in his estimation is a good thing. He said, "I'm not already in someone's pocket and to be honest, have lived too long on my own to get in someone's pocket."



**JOHN LEE SMITH**

John Lee Smith, a resident of Vanderburgh County has had experience as an elected member of the Monroe County Council from 1990 until 1998, and served as president from 1996 until 1998. He is a 1982 graduate of Indiana University in Business Finance and Economics. He is an elder at the Crossroads Christian Church in Newburgh.

He also served as Republican Party Chairman, Monroe County, IN 1994-1998 and Monroe County Precinct Committeeman, 1990-1998

John is a financial adviser with Edward Jones Investments in Evansville. His experiences with clients have shown him how government policies are adversely affecting families.



**BILL MAHONEY**

Bill Mahoney is a single father of 7 and 12 year old boys, Dalton & Dylan, living at home with him in Newport, Indiana. His oldest son is 29 this July and lives in Colorado. He is a 53-year-old full-time on line student working on his AA in Business, with Ashford University, out of Clinton, Iowa. He said he graduates in January and if he makes it past the primary this May, he will be doubling up on classes so he can graduate before November. He said he has been involved in many types of construc-

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tion including seven years in the labor union through the eighties. His most recent construction job was the Cayuga Power Plant and was there five years. He was a night club DJ in nightclubs coast to coast. He said he was originally going to be a preacher with the Salvation Army, but found out that his mother was dying of cancer when he was very young and he went a different route but still has a religious foundation.

He was U.S. Army Military Police during the seventies as a Military Police Dog Handler and was stationed in Washington DC. He worked the Dussa Airstrip, Cameron Station, Ft. McNair, and Ft. Myer, with a top secret military clearance. He has been involved in martial arts since he was 14, and was trained as a Presidential bodyguard, and owned his own security/bodyguard business in Golden, Colorado (Renegade Investigations) He also fought in two tough



man contests.

STEVE WESTELL

Steve Westell was born August 10, 1972, and grew up on the south side of Indianapolis, with three brothers and a sister. His first job was delivering newspapers at age 11. He said it was there that his mother first observed his penchant for talking with others. His father worked at Eli Lilly while his mother took on the primary role of homemaker.

He graduated from Perry Meridian High School and then attended the University of Indianapolis for two years.

His career aims focused a bit which prompted him to transfer to Vincennes University to pursue a degree in Conservation Law Enforcement.

After an intense interview process he was one of approximately 60 recruits that were invited to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for a ten-week, military-style boot camp to become an Indiana Conservation Officer. He served approximately two years in Delaware County before transferring to Putnam County, with his wife Donna, and their newly born daughter, Makayla. The birth of their second daughter, Makenzie, came a couple of years later.

After twelve years of service as a Conservation Officer he decided to shift gears and head into the private sector.

He was offered a position with a start-up company focused on alternative energy as its spokesperson and interface with the community.

The economic downturn hit very hard and he found himself unemployed for the first time in 26 years. After attending tea party demonstrations in Indianapolis and in Washington, he decided to run for a congressional seat and become involved in the political process.

# SCHOOL BOARD

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beneficial for the school. Sims also asked about the extra cooks and janitorial staff that would be moved from East. Weitekamp responded that by having those extra staff members the school would not need to hire subs or summer help.

Brian Esch asked about other options considered in cutting the budget. Weitekamp said that closing schools was one of the items on the governor's checklist along with consolidation with other corporations. He said that a special tax referendum (spoken about above) is another option along with cutting sports programs or college courses in high school. Esch asked if the board had asked teachers close to retirement to take an early leave. Weitekamp said that the corporation is trying to hold on to teachers as long as possible to maintain programs and small class sizes.

This reporter for the Journal then asked about drop off and pick up of students. Weitekamp explained that the fifth and sixth grade would have a separate pick up time than the seventh and eighth graders allowing traffic to diminish slightly before high school dismissal. He said that situations could be set up so that parents with children in both ends of the junior high could pick them up together.

Tim Pinkham with the Washington Times-Herald asked whether the board had considered waiting on a vote until the two new board members were elected in May. Board member Larry Gates said that he didn't feel that it made a difference. He said that if the decision was to be made then it should be made now so they could move on. Board member Bradley said that the new board members wouldn't even take office until July and it would be too late.

Pat Wagoner was next to speak. He said that he didn't quite understand how the board would be saving money by closing East but still maintaining East. He also questioned why administrator contracts were renewed if they board knew cuts were going to be made. He said that without a building he didn't see the need of paying \$100,000 a year to an administrator. "It just mind boggles me that we are going to pay someone \$100,000 a year when we could save that money," he said. He said that he is not saying that the board should get rid of Bill Powell, he is just wondering how that money could be spent without having a building to manage. Board member Gates explained to Wagoner that they were unaware of the funding cuts a year ago. "We didn't know all the state budget cuts were coming to this degree," he said. Weitekamp also went over his ways of breaking down the cost savings of closing East. Wagoner also asked if East would ever be re-opened back up to fourth through sixth graders. Weitekamp said that it was dependent on the economy and what the state will fund in the future. He said that if there would be a forced consolidation with another corporation having the space would be good for Loogootee. "We have to keep our options open," he said. Wagoner also commented that many people in the audience and the community needed to be comforted in knowing that their children would be safe so they could be more comfortable with the merge.

Angie Gibson asked the board whether or not there would be any security measures taken for having people watching in the hallways. Weitekamp said that there are hall monitors but the school is not looking to hire an off-duty police officer or someone similar. Gibson said that she was speaking more of the staff that was already in the school to take extra shifts watching the hallways especially between the junior high and high school and near the restrooms.

Brooke Gregory spoke again and asked if some of the surplus staff members such as cooks and janitors could be cross-trained to help out with hallway monitoring and helping out in larger class sizes. She also noted that the members of the audience she is sitting near along with herself feel that the board has already made up their mind about closing East and they "want to get the biggest bang for their buck." Board member Gates

Estimated savings per the non-use of Elementary East but leaving the gym in use				
Area	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Maintenance/ Cleaning Supplies	\$9,050	\$9,410	\$9,790	\$10,180
Utilities	\$36,140	\$37,600	\$39,090	\$40,660
Technology	\$31,330	\$11,077	\$11,520	\$11,980
Personnel	\$0	\$20,662	\$116,532	\$116,532
Personnel	\$39,860	\$39,860	\$39,860	\$39,860
Personnel	\$14,510	\$63,632	\$63,632	\$63,632
Personnel	\$33,400	\$33,400	\$33,400	\$61,300
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$164,290</b>	<b>\$215,641</b>	<b>\$313,824</b>	<b>\$344,144</b>

*Note: These estimates use the normal increases in supplies, utilities, insurances, and increments. No salary increases were included.*

said that, yes, the staff could be cross-trained.

Lori Mattingly questioned how many lunches will be held. Weitekamp said that fifth and sixth grade would be eating from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with the other classes to follow. She also asked whether the possibility of K-4, 5th through 7th and 8th through 12th had been discussed since the high school is quite a bit larger than the junior high. Weitekamp said that there are currently some eighth grade classes that go to the junior high now but he said that some parents don't want their 7th and 8th graders interacting with high school students.

Krista Sims asked the board if closing East is their first resort, what is their last resort? Board member Gates said that the last resort would be laying off teachers, increasing class sizes, or cutting programs. She also noted that where she works administrators have been asked to cut their pay three times and wanted to know if that has been considered. "We don't talk about personnel issues in an open meeting," said Gates. She then explained to the board that it would be a little easier to understand if the board actually published the savings from closing East and not just used a number. Sims also asked about the Rainy Day Fund and if the public had access to it. Weitekamp explained that there is a Rainy Day Fund but it is typically used for large maintenance expenses because the school doesn't have other funds to pull from. Sims also asked whether the board has been actively seeking grants. It was explained that the school has applied for the Race to the Top grant but the state was denied. The school also received a technology grant with Shoals Schools recently. Weitekamp said that there are just not very many of those types of grants.

Shayna Otto asked about the referendum of special property tax and what would be involved with getting that put in place. Weitekamp explained that it is too late for the May election to get that included on the ballot. He said that the corporation would also have to first figure out the amount that would be needed to fund the school each year as an estimate. Then they would have to show the need for the extra tax and that other measure to cut costs were done first.

Brent Williams also asked about the details on cost savings and whether or not they will be made public and whether or not it will be known in the future if those savings were actually made. Board member Gates responded that more information would be given to the public.

Bobbi Nonte spoke to board about her concerns with mold in the basement of West and how the board planned to fix it. She also questioned how the congestion during pick-up after school would be handled. She asked if the board would consider forming a committee with parents and teachers to discuss issues facing the school. She also stated that she felt parents could feel better about decisions that were being made if they had a better relationship with the faculty and administration. Weitekamp responded to Nonte by saying that no mold has been found in the basement of West and people have been brought in to check. He said that there are moisture issues. "Water is not necessarily

mold," he said. As far as the traffic issue he said they hope to have a traffic person out during pick-up to help navigate the vehicles at West.

"I think that people are more open to decisions if they feel like they've had input into it," she said. She went on to say that she thinks a lot of people feel like the decision to close East was thrown upon them without having a say or any control. Board member Bradley said that the subject of closing East has been brought up at several board meetings in the past but no citizens show up. Lori Mattingly from the audience then said that she has heard that the reason most people don't show up is because they know the board has already made up their minds prior to a meeting so what the citizens say ultimately doesn't matter. Bradley said that he has not made up his mind yet. "I have a very open mind about all of this, a lot of concerns," he said. "I just don't know what other answers we've got right now, other options," he added. "We value all your input, it's very important."

Christie Wilcoxon then approached the microphone asking about seeing a copy of the numbers showing how money will be saved by closing East. She asked if the board would postpone the vote to allow the residents to see the cost savings and see what they are giving up.

Tiffany Pennington expressed her concern about special education students and the life skills students and where they will be placed. She said that the current life skills classes take up five rooms in the junior high. Weitekamp responded by saying that the area would not be changing.

Mary Padgett was also concerned about the resource children and whether fifth and sixth children would be moved in with the older students. Weitekamp said this would be left up to the special education teachers.

Pat Todd questioned putting the fifth graders in the junior high and whether the board was making a rash decision within 90 days by deciding to close East. He said that he wishes they would wait until July when the two new board members area seated to make a decision. He also wanted to know if the teachers were on board with the closing of East.

Don Bowling commended the board on their patience through the long meeting. He said he has been watching the school corporation's budget over the last several years and he thinks they are doing a great job with what they have been given.

Audrey Robinson asked if the board had done any studies on why students are leaving Loogootee and enrollment is dropping. Board member Gates said that jobs is the main reason he is aware of. Robinson then asked why Loogootee was losing so many children to North Daviess, Barr-Reeve, and Shoals while member of the audience shouted home-schooling to be included in that list. Board member Bradley said that it may be for other programs offered at other schools like football at North Daviess. Robinson said that she thinks the school needs to find out why students are leaving so it can be fixed. Bradley said that it is demographics and people are having fewer children.

