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Former Loogootee resident hopes to publish her poetry

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Loogootee native Lori (Arvin) Weaver, has been writing poetry since the age of 13. Now, she is in the process of publishing a book of her poems along with her other works.



LORI WEAVER

Lori grew up in Loogootee and graduated from LHS in 1990. She is the daughter of Gary and Beth Arvin, of Loogootee, the oldest of four children. "I was blessed to have been raised by two loving parents who worked

very hard to support me and my brothers and sister. We never went without, although back then we probably would have disagreed," she said. Lori said that she was not very good at making decisions growing up and the choices she made were not always good ones. "I lived and I learned," she said. She added that growing up in a small town, for her, was so much easier and things were much simpler. She said, however, that it was harder to do something she shouldn't in a small town because everyone knew her parents. "I got in trouble a lot, but it was never my fault," she said jokingly.

Lori said her first job was as a car hop at Dairy Master. She said she loved it because when she was grounded for misbehaving, she could volunteer to work so she could still hang out with her friends.

Lori, who has been divorced for six years, has four daughters, Chelsie, 14; Lexi, 12; Faith, 10; and Jaerin, 7. Chelsie and Jaerin are both deaf and have Cochlear Implants. Lexi has Pervasive Developmental Delay and severe anxiety. Lori says that since this affects her daily living, she has home-schooled her for the past two years. "She is a lovely young girl and will melt your heart," she said. Faith, Lori's youngest, was recently diagnosed with Narcolepsy. "It has been difficult for her this past year, however, she is a fighter and has dealt with it all well," said Lori.

All the girls are treated at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. "I have done my best to get the girls to look at the disabilities as 'abilities,' and that they are gifts from God to be accepted. The Lord has been good to us and He has never failed us," she said.

Lori said that about 11 years ago she became a Christian and that changed her whole way of writing. "My poems became more meaningful and more for the Lord. Writing poetry comes easy for me and for that I am thankful," she said.

She said every time a trial would arise,

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The 2010 Miss Martin County is . . .

-Photo provided

Pictured above are the seven lovely, young ladies who will be vying for the title of Miss Martin County 2010. Shown, from left to right, are Ashley Hawkins, Jade Frost, Diane McFeaters, Allyson Arvin, Lindsey Winger, Kylie Sims, Alayna Toy, and Miss Martin County 2009, Lauren Poirier. The 2010 Miss Martin County Queen Pageant will be held on Thursday evening, July 8, at 7 p.m. on the free stage at the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds. There will be no admission charge at the entrance neither to the fairgrounds nor for the pageant. The fair will officially begin on Friday, July 9.

Irate resident lashes out at commissioners

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Deborah Wells, who was in the audience of the Martin County Commissioners' meeting Tuesday night, June 29, brought forward issues with her driveway which she said the county owns but is not maintaining. She lives on Nolley Lane. She told Commissioner Paul George that she has to call a commissioner every year to get someone to grade her driveway and it is a safety hazard. She said that if she called for an ambulance in the winter months, they would not be able to get to her property. She said that

Commissioner George told her that since the highway department was down six employees they were having a hard time keeping up. "Get off your lazy butt and do something instead of feeling sorry for yourself," Wells said to Commissioner George. "I'm not feeling sorry for myself," said George.

"Well, you must be doing something because something ain't getting done," said Wells. George explained to her that he was sending a grader out to fix her driveway next week.

Commissioner Dan Gregory told Ms. Wells that her property description didn't

state that the county owned her driveway. Wells said that she called the courthouse six or seven months ago and they told her the description stated the county owned it but said that it may have been changed by someone. She went on to say that she would hold a bake sale or other form of fundraiser to help bring money into the county. She told the commissioners to let her know what she needed to do to help. "I'm willing to turn around and say, you want the money, I'll raise it," she said. "What do you want from me because I'm willing to do it?" she asked.

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25th Catfish Festival to begin tomorrow night

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The 25th Anniversary of the Shoals Catfish Festival will kick off tomorrow night, Thursday, July 1. This year's festival celebrates "25 Years of Memories".

The festivities begin Thursday with the Business Decorating Contest, sponsored by the Shoals Business Association, starting at 2 p.m.

At 6 p.m., will be Kids and Chalk on Sidewalk in front of G&R Variety sponsored by Tri Kappa. Akles Auction will put on the annual benefit auction at 6:30 p.m. behind the American Legion. There will be a Shoals High School Alumni Baseball game at Harding Diamond starting at 7 p.m.

On Friday, July 2, the day will kick off with the girls' high school quad volleyball game at 10 a.m. at the ball park. The Martin County Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Catfish Fishing Contest will be held on the bridge from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. A

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-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Shown above are the contestants for Miss Catfish Queen for the 25th Catfish Festival which will begin tomorrow, Thursday, July 1. The queen contest will be held on Friday, July 2, at 6:30 p.m. on the stage in front of the courthouse. See the other candidate photos on page 3. Shown, from left to right, are Raquel Fithian, daughter of Bruce and Julie Fithian; Shanda Haulk, daughter of Christian Denny; Jill Bradley, daughter of Larry and Shellie Bradley; Nici Land, daughter of Aaron and Terri Alcorn; and Sabrina Rossi, daughter of Jerry and Julia Sanders.

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she would write about it in her journal. A few years ago, she decided to start writing books pertaining to those trials. She said she has a few children's books that she is working on and they are based on children with disabilities and how they should cope with them. She said she also has a book on single parenting that she is writing, and a novel that she just started. "Writing is a wonderful release for me and it brings me such peace," she said.

Lori has had several poems published in magazines and two in Famous Poets Society books. She said her books have yet to be published but things are looking up. She is considering going with AuthorHouse Publishing because she said their prices are reasonable and they have agreed to allow her to maintain full ownership of all her work which she said is very important to her. She said she will probably publish her poetry book first since the poems are mostly completed already. She said that she is on a tight budget and cost is the problem with publishing all her books. "I am praying that God has a solution and will guide me in the right direction. In the meantime, I continue to write and trust in God," she said.

Lori is interested in motivational speaking. She said that she has only spoken to small groups through church or medical contacts but is looking forward to speaking to larger groups in the future. "I would be humbled to be able to actually speak to others and show them that it is okay to laugh and enjoy life even when things are not going your way," she said. Anyone interested in inviting Lori to speak to their group can contact her at lcfjweaver@gmail.com. She is also on facebook and maintains a blog at www.lori-caretohare.blogspot.com.

"I just want people to know that they are not alone in their trials," she said. "Everyone, whether they admit it or not, goes through hard times; we just have to trust that God is still in control and He will see you through. Blessings are all around you, just look for them," she added.

Notices

Holiday closing

The Martin County Recycling Centers in Loogootee and Shoals will be closed on Saturday, July 3.

Hoosier Uplands preschool

Hoosier Uplands Head Start Preschool Program is enrolling now for their free preschool program. Full-day with wrap-around childcare and single-session classes are available. You must meet guidelines. Call 295-4700 for enrollment.

Commissioners' special meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will hold a special meeting tonight, Wednesday, June 30, at 6 p.m. to discuss an appeal request for township assistance action. The meeting is open to the public.

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Class ring found after lost for 43 years

Approximately 43 years ago, Mark Downey, 1968 graduate of Loogootee St. John High School, had received his new class ring and was showing it to his fiancé, and now wife of 41 years, Brenda Divine Downey. They were sitting on the front porch of their friend's house, the late Janet Bateman Combes, located on Park Street in Loogootee. The ring got dropped from Mark's hand and landed to the right front of the porch they were sitting on. A short search was conducted that night, but the ring was not found. Mark decided to return the next day and search again in the sunlight. He was afraid that someone would spot the ring shining in the sunlight and take it, so he hurried back the next day with several friends, and they searched high and low for the ring but did not recover the missing ring. Mark returned on successive days only to come away empty handed each day. After approximately two weeks, Mark gave up hope and figured that someone had found or picked up the ring the morning after losing it.

In April, of this year, Mark, currently residing in St. Mary's, Kansas, received a surprising phone call from his brother Steve Downey, of Loogootee. Steve informed him that John Dant, also of Loogootee, had found his class ring while spreading some



-Photos provided

Mark Downey, at left, receives his lost St. John class ring found by John Dant, at right. The lost ring according to Downey was still in "like new" condition after being lost 43 years ago.

top soil. As it turns out the top soil that John was using had come from the site where the Bateman house once stood. The lot was being excavated and John had gotten a load of soil from the site. As John was spreading the top soil he noticed a shiny object and just assumed it was a can top or some other piece of metal. After taking a closer look, John noticed it was in fact a ring. John, having graduating from St. John's himself in

1967, recognized it as a St. John's High School class ring. Between the graduating year and Mark's initials, MED, engraved on the ring, it didn't take John and his wife Nancy long to figure out who the ring belonged to.

Last week, Mark returned to Loogootee to visit family and received his class ring that he thought had been lost forever 43 years ago.

COMMISSIONERS

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Commissioner Gregory explained that the county owns two road graders and has 370 miles of road. "We've already told you it's coming down there, what more do you want?" asked Commissioner Gregory.

She said she calls the highway department often and was told by Highway Superintendent Jim Williams that he was not allowed to touch her drive. Williams told Wells that this is not what he said. He told her that her neighbors did not want the chip and seal turned back into gravel. "I'm not going to sit here and lie on you and you are not going to sit here and lie on me," said Wells. She then offered to take a polygraph test to prove that she was telling the truth.

"Debbie, I've had enough," said Commissioner Gregory.

"I have too," said Wells. "I agree with you."

"No, you're done, we've heard it two or three times, that's enough," said Gregory.

"Ok, what are we going to do about it?" asked Wells.

"We're going to grade your driveway," said Gregory.

"Ok and then what can I do to help you guys?" asked Wells.

"We'll come up with something, if we need you we'll call you," said Gregory.

Commissioner George told Wells that she may want to call earlier in the spring to get her name put on the list for grading.

Moving on, Highway Superintendent Williams reported that the mowing in Perry and Rutherford Townships has been completed. He said that the mowing will begin in Center Township next and then Mitcheltree.

He also reported that the dirt patchers will be out soon and that they will try to save some of the blacktop roads with a coat of chip and seal.

Clerk Julie Fithian asked the commissioners to approve having a levy in place to add money back into the Cumulative Voting Fund to pay for the renting of the tabulation machines. She said that there is enough money in the fund to cover this year but it would need to be changed for next year. This would not cost the taxpayers any extra money another department would have to give up some money somewhere however. Fithian said that the money was specifically to pay for the tabulators and that unless the county wanted to do away with them and go with touch-screen only then the money would have to be added to the fund. Auditor Nancy Steiner said that the commissioners needed to vote on the decision at last night's meeting because if they approved it, it

would have to be sent to the state by August 2 and a public hearing would need to be held.

The commissioners decided that they would go ahead and approve the levy and Auditor Steiner would go ahead advertise for the public hearing and the issue would be brought before the county council at their Monday, July 5 meeting. If the council disapproves then they county would be out the money for the advertisement.

EMA Director Monte Wolf brought forth bids for spreading concrete at the new fire station at the fairgrounds. The concrete will go down at the front and side of the building. He said he is still expecting more bids but would give the commissioners the ones he currently has so they could look over them.

Wolf also got a bid from the architect of the fire station for lettering for the outside of the building. He said the lettering would be similar to what the community building has. He said he believes the quote was around \$500 but failed to print the email containing the bid to bring to the meeting.

Wolf also asked about adding Mike Ringwald back on as deputy EMA director along with Andy Ringwald. He said that Mike used to be a deputy. Wolf said that Mike would not be paid this year but he would add the \$1,000, the amount he and Andy each are paid to be directors, to his budget next year for a total of \$3,000. The board approved creating a second deputy position and to appoint Mike Ringwald to fill that position.

Ernie Davis with Hometown Disposal presented the commissioners with his company's trash bid. At a previous meeting, the commissioners asked Auditor Steiner to look into prices of local trash disposal companies. Hometown would provide a 7-yard dumpster with pick-up once a week for \$90 per month. The commissioners said they would take his bid and make a decision at the July 14 meeting.

Veterans' Service Officer Eric Wade reported that since he has taken over as officer, his office has cleared 1.4 million dollars in medical bills that the VA was refusing to pay so they were resubmitted. Wade said that one of the problems they are facing now is that veterans are going to six different veterans' service centers in three different regions. He said he is currently working to move the veterans' to a central location.

Wade also reported that the veterans' van is in need of service. He said the air conditioner is currently not working and that three-quarters of the veterans transported have respiratory issues.

He also reported that there are 14 veterans enrolled with the CLEC program at Crane that works to hire disabled veterans.

Commissioner George reported that he has had a few people contact him reporting that they are not getting a return phone call from Wade when they leave messages. Wade said he always returns phone messages when he gets them. Auditor Steiner told Wade that she needed receipts for gas, a log of where the van travels and the mileage to be on file in her office. Commissioner George just reiterated to Wade to keep in contact with the commissioners and provide a report of his activity and to take care of the veterans.

The commissioners voted to have an executive meeting on July 14 to go over resumes for the public health coordinator position for the county. It was discussed to have County Health Officer Dr. Sutton present to help look them over and come up with a recommendation. The meeting will be at 5 or 5:30 p.m. Auditor Steiner said she would check with Dr. Sutton to see when he would be available. The meeting will be closed to the public.

The commissioners approved Ruth Smith taking over for her late husband on the community corrections advisory board.

Auditor Steiner reported that District 62 State Representative Sandy Blanton donated a new Indiana flag to the courthouse.

Commissioner Paul George reported that he signed a one-year contract with an exterminator for the courthouse. He said that there have been some immediate problems with pests so he went ahead and met with Action Pest Control of Washington. The initial visit was \$225 and the contract is for \$55 per month. George noted that no harmful chemicals are used in the process. Adding to that, George stated that he thinks the board needs to come up with a resolution limiting cooking in the courthouse to microwave ovens and crock pots. It was discussed that there have been complaints from customers about the odor left behind from other forms of cooking.

It was reported by County Attorney David Lett that the executive session scheduled for tonight at 6 p.m. for an appeal for township assistance needs to be an open meeting with the public invited.

To end the meeting on a positive note, Commissioner Gregory reported that farmers are doing well so far this year with the amount of rainfall. "The ag community should be feeling pretty decent," he said. He added that prices could be a little better but the ag community has a lot to be proud of

CATFISH QUEENS

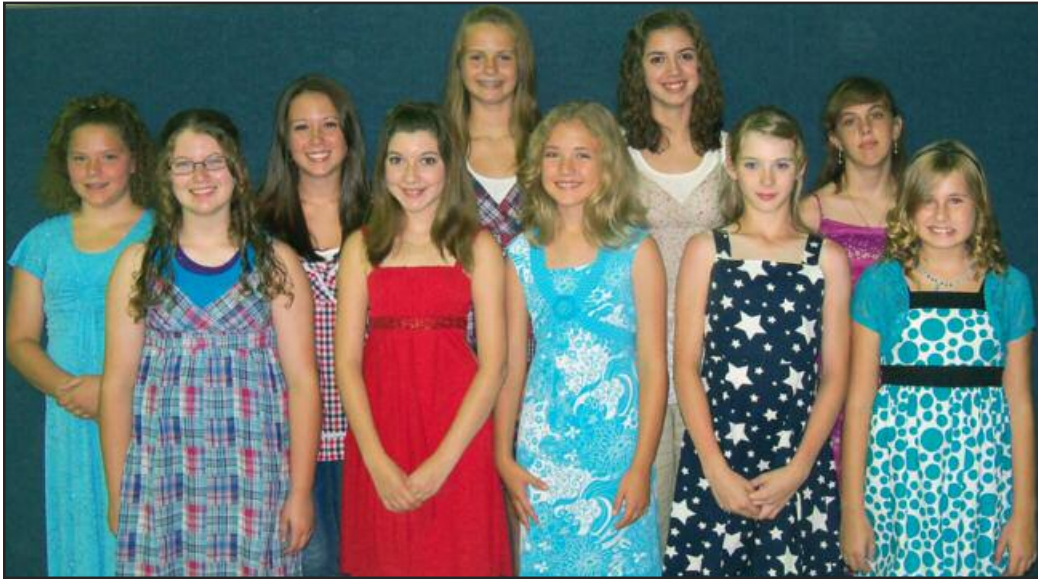
Obituaries

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



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Contestants for the Catfish Pre-Teen Queen contest are shown above. From left to right, they are HayLee Davis, daughter of Ernie and Misty Davis; Amber Fields, daughter of Scott and Missy Fields; Melanie Hawkins, daughter of Mimi and Rod Hawkins; Ivory Jackson, daughter of Jessi Kearby and Jeremiah Jackson; and Ashlynn Wathen, daughter of Tina and Jason Wathen. Not pictured is Sara Craft, daughter of David and Lenora Craft.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Contestants for the Catfish Festival Little Miss Firecracker Contest are shown above. In the first row, from left to right, are Brittany Bauernfiend, daughter of Leanna and Jeff Williams; Amanda Grafton, daughter of Andrew and Amy Grafton; Josey Waggoner, daughter of Matthew and Penny Waggoner; Tia Sanders, daughter of Jerry and Julia Sanders; and Carmen Houchins, daughter of Glen and Stephanie Houchins. In the back row, from left to right, are Ashley Phillips, daughter of Jeff and Cindy Phillips; Holly Self, daughter of Brian and Cassie Self; Alyssa Fithian, daughter of Bruce and Julie Fithian; Hannah Land, daughter of Terri and Aaron Aleorn; and Stephanie Craft, daughter of Lenora and David Craft.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Contestants for the Catfish Festival Junior Miss contest are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Summer Fromme, daughter of Ryan and Brenda Fromme; Emma Hert, daughter of Scott and Deanna Hert; Ashlyn Troutman, daughter of Patrick and Laura Troutman; Cheaney Archer, daughter of Michael and Marsha Archer; and Sari Armstrong, daughter of Mark and Melinda Armstrong. In the back row, from left to right, are Jasie Sipes, daughter of Jason and Vickie Sipes; Shana Troutman, daughter of Patrick and Laura Troutman; Kendra Howard, daughter of Leanna and Jeff Williams and Clay Howard; Morgan Baylis, daughter of Jason and Jayliene Baylis; Hannah Davis, daughter of Ernie and Misty Davis; and Cassidy Witt, granddaughter of Don and Phyllis Witt.

WILBUR G. KNEPP

Wilbur G. Knepp died at 2:36 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2010, at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Montgomery, he was 50.

He was born May 20, 1960, in Daviess County; the son of Henry L. and Rosa Mae (Graber) Knepp. He was a farmer and Old Order Amish. He was married April 2, 1982, to Mary Catherine (Graber) Knepp, the daughter of David W. and Rosanna Graber.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Catherine Knepp; his parents, Henry L. and Rosa Mae Knepp of Montgomery; five daughters and sons-in-law, Velma and Lester Raber and Wanda and Nick Raber, all of Odon, Joann Knepp, Amanda Knepp and Nancy Knepp, all of Montgomery; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Myron and Rachel (Graber) Knepp, Calvin Knepp and Adrian Knepp, all of Montgomery; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Elmer and Ida Mae Knepp of Milroy and Galen Jay and Joyce Knepp of Loogootee; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Fannie Mae and Glen Wagler of Odon, Mary Ruth and Delmar Wagler of Loogootee and Betty Jean and Jacob Knepp and Marly Kay Raber, all of Montgomery; five grandchildren, Marilyn, Maribeth and Rosann Raber, Joshua Allen Knepp and Malinda Raber.

One brother-in-law, Delmer Raber preceded him in death.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, June 30, at the family residence in Montgomery, with home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Wagler's Cemetery.

Arrangements were made through Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery.

DON JOHNSON

Don W. Johnson died at 5:05 p.m., Thursday, June 17, 2010, at Loogootee Nursing Home.

A resident of Loogootee, he was 73.

He was born August 11, 1936, in Minot, North Dakota, the son of Leo and Doris (Simmonson) Johnson.

He was a graduate of Minot High School and an Air Force veteran and was a retired Prairie Farmer Insurance salesman and a former manager of the Loogootee American Legion.

He was a member of the Loogootee American Legion Post 120 and an avid golfer.

He is survived by a son, Mitchell Johnson and companion Susan Young of Loogootee; two daughters, Kellie and husband Steve Idol of Indianapolis and Traci Johnson of Noblesville; a sister, Carol Knudson of Agate, N.D.; a companion, Donna Williams of Loogootee; three grandchildren, Derek and wife Amanda Johnson, Kierstin Johnson, and Jennifer and husband Kyle Kersey; three great-grandchildren, Emma and Katelyn Johnson and Kouper Kersey; his companion's children, Tom and wife Trish Carrico of Loogootee; and his companion's grandchildren, Logan and Jake Carrico.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers, Larry, Terry, Wesley and Denny Johnson.

Graveside funeral services were held Monday, June 28, at South Martin Cemetery in Rutherford Township. The American Legion and VFW conducted military rites.

Brocksmith Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

CATFISH SCHEDULE

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softball tournament will begin at the ball park at 6 p.m. The posting of the colors by the American Legion Post #61 will be held on the stage in front of the courthouse also at 6 p.m. along with the National Anthem sung by Jenn Hembree. The Little Miss, Pre-Teen, Junior Miss, and Little Firecrackers Queen Contests will take place on the stage at 6:30 p.m.

Also on Friday night, the Martin County Idol Contest will be held at 8:30 p.m. on the stage.

The Catfish Fishing Contest will take place on the bridge starting again on Saturday, July 3 at 7 a.m. and ending at noon. At 7:30 a.m. the 5K Catfish Walk will begin in the ball park and the 5K Catfish Run will begin at 8 a.m. The Run and Walk are sponsored by Propane Direct, Memorial Hospital and Healthcare Center, and Dr. Donald Kerr.

Breakfast burritos, prepared by Psi Otes, will be served in front of the courthouse from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The men's basketball tournament will begin at 8 a.m. at the ball park. The volleyball tournament will start at 10 a.m. at the ball park along with the co-ed doubles volleyball. The Martin County Museum will again be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Catfish Festival Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. Grand Marshals are Paul E. "Gene" Shaw and Stephen A. Deckard. The doubles only horseshoe pitch, sponsored by Sons of American Legion will begin at the boat landing at 1 p.m. along with the motorcycle show at the Legion Post #61, sponsored by the American Legion Riders. The Big Catfish Contest awards will be handed out in front of White River Outfitters, the contest sponsor, on Main Street at 2 p.m. The Catfish Gutter Race, sponsored by Akles Auction Service and White River Outfitters will be held in front of White River Outfitters at 2:30 p.m.

The Catfish Cooking Contest will begin on the east side of the post office at 3:30 p.m.

The cooking contest is sponsored by The Shoals News. The Bonnie and Clyde, John Dillinger Catfish Heist will be held on the corner of Second and Main Streets at 5 p.m. The heist is sponsored by Akles Auction Service. The Battle of the Bands will be held on the stage at 6 p.m. Saturday night. Bands participating are Mirror's Eye, Thirsty Turtle, That One Band, and Identity Crises.

Kicking off Sunday, July 4, the Motorcycle Catfish Ride will begin at the American Legion Post #61 at 9:30 a.m. The ride is sponsored by the American Legion Riders. The Catfish Bicycle Ride will also begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Shoals Post Office. The bicycle ride is sponsored by Acorn Ridge Hunting.

The Martin County Museum will be open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the corn hole tournament will begin on the lawn of the museum at 1 p.m. The corn hole tournament is sponsored by ABATE of Martin County. The washer tournament, sponsored by the American Legion Riders, will be on the lawn of the museum at 1 p.m. along with the Bunkam Valley Boys Band. The baby contest for ages zero to 12 months will begin at the Shoals Christian Church Resource Center at 2 p.m. The baby contest for 13 to 24 month olds will begin at 3 p.m.

Also on Sunday, the egg toss contest will be held in front of the post office at 3 p.m. The egg toss is sponsored by Edward Jones Investments. Kids games will be set up in front of the post office at 4 p.m. and the Gospel Sing featuring Judith Montgomery will begin at the Shoals Christian Church at 6 p.m. Finally, on Sunday, the Great Catfish Festival Fireworks display will be at 10 p.m.

Ongoing events throughout the festival include a flea market on Main Street beginning Friday, July 2 through Sunday, July 4. There will be antique tractors, cars, antique hit-and-miss one-lung engines next to G&R Variety along Highway 50 throughout the weekend. The antiques show is sponsored by Mike Akles and Don Jones.

Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Tuesday, June 22

4:15 a.m. - Deputy Josh Greene and Loogootee Officer Jeremy Branham responded to Loogootee City Park for individuals there after hours. They told the subjects to come to the park during the proper hours.

5:57 a.m. - Caller reported that he hit a deer on Brooks Bridge Road. Deputy Keith Keller responded to the accident.

2:00 p.m. - Received a call from the Shoals area from a concerned neighbor. She advised that she thought she heard three gunshots go off. Deputy John Fischer and Deputy Keith Keller responded to area and were unable to locate anything.

2:40 p.m. - Received a call from Dubois County advising of a speeding vehicle making bad passes heading on 231 North into Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

4:00 p.m. - Received a call from subject on High Gap Road in Shoals. He advised that someone had broken into his house. Deputy John Fischer was the investigating officer.

4:30 p.m. - Received a call from a 911 center advising that they needed an ambulance in the Loogootee area. Alert-1 responded and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:45 p.m. - Female caller requested to speak to Deputy John Fischer in reference to child custody. Deputy Steve Nolan spoke to subject, and Deputy John Fischer and Indiana State Police were notified.

5:46 p.m. - Received a call from a female requesting a welfare check in the Crane area. Deputy Steve Nolan was the investigating officer.

5:49 p.m. - Received a call in regard to animals being mistreated on Hwy. 231 in the West Boggs area. Deputy Steve Nolan was notified.

5:51 p.m. - Received a call about a possible drunk driver on Hwy. 150 heading into Shoals. Shoals Marshall Todd Eckert stopped the vehicle and everything checked out.

9:00 p.m. - Male subject called in and advised that a missing sign was recovered in the Rutherford area. The subject transported the sign to the Loogootee Police Department. Deputy Josh Greene was the investigating officer.

Wednesday, June 23

12:37 a.m. - Received a call from Shoals area advising that their vehicle had been vandalized. Deputy Andy Burkhardt was the investigating officer.

8:40 a.m. - Received a call from a male subject that lives in the Dover Hill area. Caller stated that someone had broken the window on his vehicle. Deputy Keith Keller is the investigating officer.

10:00 a.m. - Deputy Keith Keller responded to a residence on State Road 550 for a trailer inspection.

10:26 a.m. - Had a male subject advise that he hit a deer on his way to work on Hwy 231. He advised he won't require a report for insurance.

7:23 p.m. - Alert-1 responded to Loogootee Nursing Center for a private call. Alert-1 transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:48 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in the Shoals area for an elderly male with difficulty breathing. Alert-2 responded to scene and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:18 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in the Shoals area for a female complaining of severe headaches and vomiting. Alert-1 responded to scene and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:16 p.m. - Female caller requested to speak to an officer about her son not being

home. Deputy Andy Burkhardt was the investigating officer.

11:22 p.m. - Received a call stating that there is a broken-down vehicle on Hwy 231. Deputy Andy Burkhardt responded to the area and assisted with changing a flat tire.

Thursday, June 24

1:02 a.m. - Received a call from a concerned mother advising that her two juvenile daughters were late coming home. She later called back in and stated that her daughters had been located.

10:10 a.m. - A concerned caller from Shoals stated that there is a possible runaway juvenile in Shoals. Chief Deputy Rob Street was the investigating officer.

12:48 p.m. - Received a 911 hang-up call from the Odon area. Contacted Daviess County Sheriff's Department and relayed all information to them.

3:46 p.m. - Paged out Martin County Ambulance to the Loogootee area for a female having a panic attack. Alert-1 responded and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:46 p.m. - Received a report of a motor vehicle accident (no injury) on Hwy 231 at the intersection of 950 S. Corporal John Fischer was the investigating officer.

7:57 p.m. - Received a call from the Loogootee area requesting an ambulance for a male with chest pains. Alert-1 responded and transported the patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

10:31 - Received a call from a female requesting to have an officer check on her juvenile daughter in the Shoals area. Major Andy Burkhardt located the juvenile and advised the parent that everything checked out.

Friday, June 25

7:02 a.m. - Received a call from concerned citizen wanting an officer to check on a suspicious truck in the Shoals area. Deputy Steve Nolan located the vehicle and advised that the vehicle was supposed to be in the area.

7:33 a.m. - Received two 911 calls advising that there are cows on the roadway on State Road 450 around the Dover Hill area. Deputy Steve Nolan responded to the area. He advised that the owner of the cows was present and they were being removed from the roadway.

8:00 a.m. - A concerned citizen called in regard to a possible domestic dispute in the Shoals area. Deputy Steve Nolan responded and was unable to locate anything.

10:30 a.m. - Had a female come on station requesting to speak to an officer over child custody. Deputy Steve Nolan spoke with the subject.

3:18 p.m. - Indiana Stone Products requested a vehicle inspection on one of their semis. Deputy Steve Nolan was the responding officer.

4:33 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in the Loogootee area for a female with leg pain. Alert-1 responded and transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:11 p.m. - Received a 911 call from the Shoals area advising that someone has stolen some articles from their residence. Deputy Steve Nolan was the investigating officer.

5:16 p.m. - Received a call of a battery against a juvenile. Deputy Steve Nolan was the investigating officer.

6:44 p.m. - Received a call in reference to a child custody complaint. Caller requested to speak to an officer. Deputy Andy Burkhardt was notified.

7:40 p.m. - Male caller from the Shoals area requested that an abandoned vehicle be removed from his residence. Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert responded to the scene.

8:18 p.m. - Received a call in reference to the child custody complaint from earlier. The female caller is now requesting to speak to an officer. Deputy Andy Burkhardt was notified.

10:24 p.m. - Received a 911 call from the Crane area advising there is a domestic between two males. Deputy Andy Burkhardt responded to the scene.

11:08 p.m. - Had a parent call in and state that their juvenile son was on probation. They stated he is out past his curfew. The juvenile was located and the parents requested the incident to be documented.

11:53 p.m. - Deputy Andy Burkhardt responded to Crane and was unable to locate the domestic dispute from earlier.

11:54 p.m. - Resident on Wood Street in Loogootee, requested to speak to an officer. All the information was relayed to the Loogootee Police Department.

Saturday, June 26

12:10 a.m. - Deputy Andy Burkhardt responded to Wood Street in Loogootee with a Loogootee Officer. Alert-1 was paged out to this location and transported a subject to Good Samaritan Hospital.

3:07 a.m. - 911 caller report a erratic driver on a blue moped on Sherfick School Road. Deputy Andy Burkhardt patrolled the area and was unable to locate.

10:03 a.m. - Received a 911 call from the Odon area requesting an ambulance for an elderly female complaining of chest pains. The Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

11:24 a.m. - Received a call in reference to a child custody complaint. The female caller requested to speak to an officer. Deputy John Fischer was notified.

1:57 p.m. - Received a call from a member of the Shoals Fire Department reporting a suspicious male at the State Highway garage. Deputy John Fischer was the responding officer.

7:38 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee for a male having breathing difficulty. Alert-1 responded to scene and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:46 p.m. - The Loogootee Police Department requested an ambulance to respond to the Loogootee area for female having difficulty breathing. Alert-2 responded to scene but did not transport.

8:52 p.m. - Female caller requested to speak to an officer over child custody disagreement. Deputy John Fischer spoke with female subject.

11:58 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle all over the roadway. The vehicle was an older Ford F150 westbound on US Hwy 150 near Singing Hill. Deputy John Fischer and ISP Trooper Lents were notified, and they were unable to locate.

Sunday, June 27

1:50 a.m. - A male subject requested an officer over an altercation he had with another subject. He advised he is east of Shoals walking towards Shoals. Trooper Lents and Deputy John Fischer were advised.

9:51 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance north of Loogootee for a male with breathing difficulties. Alert-1 responded to scene and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Received a call of a tree on the phone lines on Williams Road near the turkey barns.

2:41 p.m. - 911 caller requests an ambulance in Loogootee for a female who fell and hurt her knee. Alert-1 responded and transported the patient to Daviess Community Hospital.

3:04 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver heading south from D&M Market on US Hwy 231. Caller advised the

vehicle is a silver Dodge Ram. Deputy Steve Nolan and Loogootee Police Department were notified.

3:48 p.m. - Received a trespassing complaint in the Shoals area. Deputy Steve Nolan was notified.

5:10 p.m. - Deputy John Fischer advised of a tree across the railroad at 152710G. CSX was notified.

5:53 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee for a female with breathing difficulty. Alert-1 responded and did not transport.

6:06 p.m. - Female caller north of West Boggs on US Hwy 231 advised there is a truck on their property that wouldn't leave. Deputy John Fischer was notified.

6:44 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee for a female with a head laceration. Alert-1 responded and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:52 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee for a male complaining of chest pains. Alert-2 responded and did not transport.

8:40 p.m. - Loogootee Police Department advised that they received a call of six people walking down US Hwy 50 near the Jug Rock. Shoals Town Marshal Eckert responded and was unable to locate.

8:57 p.m. - Shoals Town Marshal Eckert advised there is a motor vehicle collision with injuries at the intersection of Stevens and Lynwood Streets in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, Deputy John Fischer responded to scene. Alert-1 transported the injured parties to Daviess Community Hospital.

9:09 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee for a male with chest pains. Alert-2 responded and did not transport.

11:41 p.m. - Received a call from the Loogootee area advising that their neighbors are running around nude. Deputy John Fischer and Trooper Steven Sexton were notified.

11:52 p.m. - Received a call about a female that looked like she had been in a domestic in the Loogootee area. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

Monday, June 28

12:12 a.m. - Received a 911 call reporting the temporary traffic light on US Hwy 50 in Huron was out. Notified the technician responsible for the traffic light.

12:26 a.m. - Received a call from Area-1 protection advising of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

12:36 a.m. - Received a second call from Area-1 protection advising of a commercial burglary alarm in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified of the second call.

12:42 a.m. - Received a call from a subject in Shoals. He advised that some of his belongings were stolen. Shoals Town Marshal Todd Eckert was the investigating officer.

2:03 a.m. - Received a call reporting a motor vehicle collision (no injury) at the intersection of Pine Street and Country Place Apartments in Loogootee. The Loogootee Police Department was notified.

2:12 a.m. - Received a call from a female in Shoals. She advised that someone is trespassing on her property. Deputy John Fischer was notified and was unable to locate anyone.

9:21 a.m. - Received a call reporting that the traffic light on US Hwy 50 at the Martin/Lawrence County line is having problems. Contacted the construction company at the work site.

10:42 a.m. - Received a 911 call request- ('SHERIFF'S LOG' continued on page 5)

Real estate transfers

Douglas R. Lane and Christina A. Lane, of Martin County, Indiana to **Millstone Hollow Farm Corporation**, of Martin County, Indiana, that portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27, Township 3 North, Range 4 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 10.003 acres, more or less.

Anthony R. Bullock and Marlene K. Bullock, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mitchell Jeffers**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the north half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 0.552 acres, more or less.

Joseph S. Ogg, of Martin County, Indiana to **Nathan D. Hoffman and Katherine L. Hoffman**, of Martin County, Indiana, commencing at a point which is 772.67 feet south of the Northeast corner of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, and containing 1.8 acres, more or less.

Delilah S. Sellers, of Martin County, Indiana to **Robert Spurgeon**, of Martin County, Indiana, lots number 12 and 13 in Riverfront Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.

Rebecca S. Holt, now known as Rebecca S. Ramsey, of Martin County, Indiana to **Rebecca S. Ramsey, John Emerick, and Jennifer Ruth Holt**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land situated in the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, and containing one acre, more or less.

David A. Wininger, Donald Lee Wininger, Cameron Carrico, and Brandon Carrico, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian J. Sutton**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, in Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 1.10 acre, more or less.

SHERIFF'S LOG

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ing an ambulance in Shoals for a male subject who had cut his arm. Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance was paged out. Alert-1 responded and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:12 p.m. - Received a call reporting elderly abuse in Martin County. Deputy Steve Nolan was the investigating officer.

3:35 p.m. - ISP Trooper Ken Miller advised that someone flagged him down at the Overlook in Shoals. The subject advised he found a wallet there.

5:46 p.m. - Received a call requesting extra patrol on Kale Road for people driving recklessly on the road. Martin County Sheriff's Department deputies were notified.

6:32 p.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in Loogootee for a male with an unknown condition. Alert-1 responded and transported the patient to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

7:41 p.m. - Received a call from a female wanting to speak to an officer about a subject violating a protective order. Deputy John Fischer was notified and contacted the subject.

Tuesday, June 29

12:41 a.m. - Received a call requesting an ambulance in the Shoals area for a male with unknown medical problem. Alert-1 responded and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:36 a.m. - Received a call reporting three horses loose on Chicken Farm Road. The owner of the horses was notified and stated he would take care of the horses.

9:27 a.m. - Received a 911 call from the Shoals area requesting an ambulance. Caller advised her neighbor had fallen and needed help getting up. Paged out Shoals Fire Department and Martin County Ambulance. Shoals Fire unit on scene advised could disregard responding units, the subject was assisted up and the ambulance is no longer needed.

Martin County Court news

Persons listed on criminal charges are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

April 13

Joni M. Kern, domestic battery, a Class A Misdemeanor.

May 7

Alan C. Moorhead, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

May 13

Michael E. Norris, battery, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

Chadwick K. Funk, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Jose D J Ornate Magana, operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor.

May 14

George Alan Wade, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal trespass, a Class A Misdemeanor.

May 15

Devon Michael Payne, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

May 26

Tina I. Turpin, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor; operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Eric V. Peterson, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Stephen B. Smith, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Robert W. Brett, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June 3

Tatum W. Osborne, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

June 7

Alan Moorhead, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

June 9

Donna Sue Childress, burglary, a Class B Felony; two counts of forgery, Class C Felonies; two counts of theft, Class D Felonies.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

June 1

Jose D J Onate Magana, convicted of operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve two days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 0 days. Defendant received

0 days probation.

Casey Dean Gee, convicted of public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 176 days. Defendant received 5 months of probation.

June 7

David L. Hert, convicted of visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 0 days. Defendant received 0 days probation.

Adam C. Hudson, convicted of conversion, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 361 days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

Brian S. McCauley, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .08 or more, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 54 days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

Mark A. Parker, convicted of child molesting, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve four years in the Indiana Department of Corrections with credit for time served. Court suspends two years.

Brent J. Perkins, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 60 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 54 days. Defendant received 11 months probation.

June 8

Robert Gene Roach III, convicted of visiting a common nuisance, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with credit for time served. Court suspends 0 days. Defendant received 0 days probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED
Donald L. Hawkins, failure to stop after accident resulting in damage to unattended vehicle, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

James L. Mundy, casting spotlight while wielding a firearm, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed; refusal to submit to chemical tests, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

David L. Hert, dealing in methamphetamine, a Class B Felony, dismissed; possession of chemical reagents or precursors with intent to manufacture a controlled substance, a Class D Felony, dismissed; possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony, dismissed; illegal possession of an-

hydrous ammonia or ammonia solution, a Class D Felony, dismissed.

Adam C. Hudson, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 16

Somerhill Capital vs. Celena C. Ashby, civil collection.

Citibank vs. Charlotte Mundy, civil collection.

Beneficial Financial, Inc. vs. Patricia Parsons, civil collection.

June 17

First Resolution Investment Corp. vs. Daniel J. Greenwood, civil collection.

Cach, LLC vs. Christopher Jones, civil collection.

Ellen A. Barrett vs. Rufina T. Diamond, Procol, Inc., Bank of America, Springs Valley Bank and Trust and Dickinson Financial, Inc., civil plenary.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

June 17

Robert Allen to Household Bank in the amount of \$2,411.47.

June 21

Travis Campbell to Josh Jordan, civil plenary, in the amount of \$14,900.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

June 14

Merchants Acceptance, Inc. vs. Dustin Cramer and Tabitha Harlow, civil collection, dismissed.

June 16

Capital One Bank vs. Brenda Grey, civil collection, dismissed.

Midland Funding, LLC vs. Melchi Pennington, civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

June 21

Brittany Babrick to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$3,476.47.

Ryan Howe to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$1,062.03.

Angela Hunter to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$14,788.79.

Clinton and Rachel Shafer to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$1,221.60.

Thomas Tatlock to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$300.83.

Scott Wagler to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$1,114.39.

Tracy York to Crane Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$408.72.

June 22

Shane and Marcy Holt to Robert and Terri Williams in the amount of \$3,663.69.

June 23

George and LaDonna Raney to Christopher and Brenda Norris in the amount of \$865.32.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

June 16 - June 23

Gilbert Andis, Odon, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Lowell Baker, Mitchell, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Patrick Bruner, Loogootee, speeding 67 in a 55, \$119.

Christina Bullard, Bloomington, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Benjamin Cooksey, Washington, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Joshua Divine, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Derek Johnson, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

John Jones, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Milton Pennington, Salem, Alabama, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Adam Slaughbaugh, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Chase Stenftenagel, Jasper, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Corbin Wildman, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 23

Asadullah Laig of Oakland City and Amanda Kaye Sanders of Shoals.

Martin County accident reports

Thursday, June 24

7:46 a.m. - Received a report of a motor vehicle accident on Indian Springs Road, one-half mile from State Road 450. There was no report of injuries. Chief Deputy Rob Street responded to the accident. The parties involved was a Lowell Sanders Jr., of Shoals, and Michael McCarty, of Shoals.

Friday, June 25

3:38 p.m. - Jacob Williams, Loogootee, was operating a 1992 Ford and attempting to cross JFK Avenue and pulled into the path of a 1998 Honda driven by Alex Dus, of Evansville. Dus's vehicle sustained damage to the driver's side front panel. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

Saturday, June 26

9:36 a.m. - Paged out Martin County ambulance, Shoals Fire Department, and Deputy John Fischer to an accident on Hwy 450 at the Hickory Ridge area. Jesse Denny, of Shoals, had ran off the roadway into a field. Deputy John Fischer was the investigating officer.

Monday, June 28

2:12 a.m. - Janet Conklin, Loogootee,

was traveling eastbound on Pine Street when her 2004 Pontiac ran off the roadway and into a ditch. No damage or injuries were reported. Sgt. Norris was the investigating officer.

Tuesday, June 29

4:33 a.m. - Deputy John Fischer responded to a motor vehicle accident on US Hwy 231 near Whitfield. There are no reports of injuries at the accident. Timmy L. Hart, 52, of Jasper, was traveling north and failed to notice how quickly he was approaching another vehicle also traveling north. The other vehicle was being driven by Donald P. Macgillis, 53, of Canton Michigan.

Jail booking

Thursday, June 24

1:17 a.m. - Loogootee Officer Steve Nolan arrived at the Martin County Security Center with Tanner Bough of Loogootee.. He is arrested for domestic battery in front of a subject under 16 years of age and intimidation.

Loogootee Police activity log

Monday, June 21

8:41 p.m. - Caller reported that an intoxicated male was harassing several individuals at Loogootee High School parking lot. Officer Branham responded and located the male subject.

11:12 p.m. - Caller requested an officer at Eldorado Motel for a male subject going through vehicles in the parking lot. Officer Branham responded along with Deputy Nolan and Deputy Greene with the Martin County Sheriff's Department. As a result of the incident David Terry, 29, Loogootee was arrested for Theft and Public Intoxication and Devon Payne, 19, Loogootee was arrested for Theft. Terry and Payne were transported to Martin County Security Center. Officer Branham was the arresting officer.

Tuesday, June 22

9:22 a.m. - Caller on East Broadway reported that his medication had been stolen from his residence. Chief Rayhill spoke with the caller.

10:33 a.m. - Daviess County reported that a vehicle traveling eastbound on Hwy 50 had an unrestrained child in the vehicle. Chief Rayhill responded.

2:40 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Departments reported a reckless driver making bad passes northbound on US Hwy 231. Chief Rayhill responded.

4:33 p.m. - First Responders were requested on Bellbrook Road for subject with a possible broken hip. Personnel were on scene for approximately 20 minutes.

11:34 p.m. - Caller on Lincoln Avenue reported a prowler. Capt. Akles responded and spoke with complainant. Capt. Akles was unable to locate the prowler.

Wednesday, June 23

1:31 a.m. - Caller on North Street requested extra patrol. Capt. Akles was advised and conducted extra patrol.

4:03 a.m. - Officer Nolan responded to an alarm sounding at 225 JFK Avenue. Officer Nolan advised that the business was secure.

1:00 a.m. Tanner S. Bough, 31, Loogootee was arrested for Domestic Battery and Intimidation on a Law Enforcement Officer. Bough was transported to Martin County Security Center. Officer Nolan was the arresting officer.

Thursday, June 24

11:03 a.m. - An entry alarm was reported at 225 JFK Avenue. Chief Rayhill responded and advised that the business was secure.

Friday, June 25

8:55 p.m. - A caller reported a male and female subject, possible intoxicated, behind Marathon. Capt. Akles responded and spoke with both of the subjects and advised them to stay home.

Friday, June 26

9:46 a.m. - Air-Evac requested a landing zone at Pamida parking lot. Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department responded. Fire personnel were on scene for approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes.

10:54 a.m. - A sink hole was reported on Brady Street. Loogootee City Utilities was contacted and responded to the area.

Saturday, June 27

3:42 a.m. - Caller reported a possible drunk driver southbound on US Hwy 231 near Haysville. Dubois County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

9:58 a.m. - First Responders were requested at 15070 Love Cemetery Road for a male with difficulty breathing. Personnel were on scene for approximately 25 minutes.

11:15 a.m. - Caller reported that his grandson's bike had been stolen from his residence on Broadway Street. Capt. Akles spoke with the complainant. A case report will be filed.

4:44 p.m. - Daviess County Sheriff's Department reported a possible drunk driver traveling eastbound on US Hwy 50 near D.C. Metal. Capt. Akles and Trooper Lents responded. Vehicle was located at a residence but was not occupied by a driver.

8:36 p.m. - Caller reported several individuals in the roadway on US Hwy 50 near the Jug Rock. Martin County Sheriff's Department was advised.

8:30 p.m. - Caller requested to speak to an officer about a battery. Sgt. Norris spoke with the individual and will file charges.

11:57 p.m. - A fire alarm was reported at 1444 US Hwy 50. Loogootee Volunteer Fire Department responded. Personnel were on scene for approximately 40 minutes.

11:58 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on Washington Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

Monday, June 28

1:28 a.m. - An entry alarm was reported at 225 JFK Avenue. Sgt. Norris was advised.

1:41 a.m. - An entry alarm was reported at 219 JFK Avenue. Sgt. Norris responded.

11:20 a.m. - Extra patrol was requested on Broadway Street. All officers were advised.

Jasper ISP Post reports May enforcement activity

The Indiana State Police had the following enforcement activity for May 2010. The Jasper State Police Post covers Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Martin, Orange, Perry, and Spencer Counties.

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| Traffic Arrests (tickets) | 1425 |
| Warnings | 3134 |
| Commercial Motor Vehicle moving arrests | 27 |
| DUI Arrests | 38 |
| Total Criminal Arrests | 149 |

The Indiana State Police would like for all Hoosiers to have a safe Fourth of July holiday. Due to many Hoosiers celebrating our nation's independence, with the use of fireworks, the Indiana State Police would like to inform citizens of the Indiana fireworks law which is in place for the safety of everyone.

-Only individuals over the age of 18 can purchase fireworks.

-A person 18 years of age or older has to be present when anyone younger than 18 is using or possessing fireworks.

-Fireworks can only be used on the user's property, the property of someone who granted permission for fireworks to be discharged, or a place designated by

the Indiana State Fire Marshal for the discharge of consumer fireworks.

-Fireworks can only be discharged between the hours of 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. any day except on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and New Years Eve when the times are 9 a.m. to midnight. It is important to check with local officials, as local ordinances may restrict the use of fireworks.

A person who violates this law can be charged with a class C infraction.

If a person recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally uses fireworks and the violation causes property damage they can be charged with a Class A Misdemeanor. If there is bodily injury it is enhanced to a class D felony, and if there is death a class C felony.

Adults are encouraged to constantly monitor children who use fireworks. In the past, children have suffered needless burns on their arms and hands as a result of improperly using bottle rockets, fire crackers, and sparklers. All fireworks have the potential to be dangerous when used improperly. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure we have a safe holiday.



-Photo by Laura Albertson

Coming down

Will Trout, at left, and Mark Wathen, bottom right, employees of the Martin County Recycling Center are shown taking down the Shoals Recycling Center sign. The garage, located on Water Street, opened on June 7, 2005, as a recycling drop-off center for Shoals. The garage is being torn down to make way for the new fire station. There will still be a recycling program in Shoals - the recycling mobile unit will be parked in the same area on the same days and hours the garage was open; Tuesday 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday 1 to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. If you have more than two bags of trash please bring them to the recycling center in Loogootee, as the box truck will not be able to take large amounts of trash.

Guess where this is!

This picture was taken somewhere in Martin County. Do you know where? Be the first person to email courtney@martincountyjournal.com and your name will be announced in this box next week as our "Guess where this is" winner and your name will also be listed on our website.



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Martin County **OUTDOORS**

Reserved-hunt applications online starting July 1

Online applications for the following reserved hunts will be available July 1, 2010, at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/5834.htm>.

Dove Draw Hunt

Applications will be accepted online from July 1 to July 30, 2010.

- Successful applicants may bring one hunting partner.

- Draw results will be posted online at wildlife.in.gov up to a week after the deadline to apply.

- For more information, Kevin Hoffman, (317) 234-5904, khoffman@dnr.in.gov.

Military/Refuge Firearm Deer Draw Hunt

Applications will be accepted online from July 1 to August 27, 2010.

- Applicants do not have to enter their hunting partner's information online.

- Successful applicants are allowed to bring one hunting partner.

- Any military area deer hunt may be canceled or rescheduled upon short notice. No hunt fee refunds will be given if a hunt is canceled or rescheduled.

- Handguns are not permitted on any military area.

- Successful applicants will receive more information regarding their hunt once the draw results are posted. There will be a link to a document with the information.

- Draw results will be posted online at wildlife.in.gov up to a week after the deadline to apply.

- If you have questions regarding the military/refuge hunts, please call the Deer Hotline at (812) 334-3795 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. This is not a toll-free call.

- For more information, Kevin Hoffman, (317) 234-5904, khoffman@dnr.in.gov.

Military/refuge archery deer draw hunt

- Applications will be accepted online from July 1 to August 27, 2010.

- Applicants do not have to enter their hunting partner's information online.

- Successful applicants are allowed to bring one hunting partner.

- Any military area deer hunt may be canceled or rescheduled upon short notice. No hunt fee refunds will be given if a hunt is canceled or rescheduled.

- Handguns are not permitted on any military area.

- Successful applicants will receive more information regarding their hunt once the draw results are posted. There will be a link to a document with the information.

- Draw results will be posted online at wildlife.in.gov up to a week after the deadline to apply.

- If you have questions regarding the military/refuge hunts, please call the Deer Hotline at (812) 334-3795 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. This is not a toll-free call.

- For more information, Kevin Hoffman, (317) 234-5904, khoffman@dnr.in.gov.

Pheasant draw hunt

Applications will be accepted online from July 1 to October 1, 2010.

- The November 6 reserved hunt date is for youth only (age 17 and younger). Persons 18 years of age and older who apply for the youth hunt will be disqualified and not selected.

- Applicants do not choose a property, but do select a date. Properties are assigned to successful applicants.

- Successful applicants may bring up to two hunting partners.

- Draw results will be posted online at wildlife.in.gov up to a week after the deadline to apply.

- For more information, Kevin Hoffman, (317) 234-5904, khoffman@dnr.in.gov.

State park deer reductions

- Online applications accepted online from July 1 to August 27, 2010.

- Reduction hunts will take place November 15 and 16 and November 29 and 30.

- Applicant must possess a deer hunting license to apply for this hunt.

- Hunter densities and the number of available spots are carefully calculated for each park. The reductions are a necessary management tool that helps protect other plants and animals, some rare and endangered, from the effects of elevated deer densities. If you are successfully drawn, the parks depend on you to fill your spot.

- The following parks will host two reduction hunts in 2010: Brown County, Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls (archery), Fort Harrison (archery), Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick's Creek, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shakamak, Summit Lake, Tippecanoe River, Versailles, Whitewater Memorial.

- Individuals may take up to three deer (only one antlered). Deer taken in these hunts are in addition to all other bag limits.

- You may bring up to two hunting partners but you must include their information on your application to do so. No single name can appear on more than one application per reduction period. If you choose to apply, you must keep a copy of your application confirmation.

- To be eligible for these reductions, you must be an Indiana resident, 18 years of age by November 15, 2010 and possess a license to take deer.

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Hunters Helping Farmers sign-up starts tomorrow

Starting July 1, deer hunters who want to help landowners or farmers remove antlerless deer from private property during the regular deer hunting seasons can sign up online at www.IN.gov/dnr/fishwild.

Using an online form, each hunter will be able to select up to two counties that he or she would be willing to hunt. Landowners or farmers who think they need additional antlerless deer removed from their property can then contact their district wildlife biologist for the list of prospective hunters for their area. The landowner would then be responsible for reviewing the information on each application and contacting the hunter(s) of his or her choosing.

There are no special hunting benefits associated with this program, which is designed to connect landowners and potential hunters. The program does not increase a hunter's bag limit, county antlerless deer quotas, or give the hunter any special considerations or license fee reductions. Hunters selected by landowners to hunt on their property must abide by all Indiana hunting regulations, bag limits, bonus antlerless quotas, and purchase the appropriate valid license(s) needed to take one or more antlerless deer off the property.

The registration form must be completed online from July 1 at 12:01 a.m. to midnight on August 31. There will be no exceptions or extensions to the deadline. Mailed or faxed copies will not be accepted. Hunters who do not have internet are encouraged to visit a local library offering internet access. Multiple applications submitted by the

same hunter are prohibited and will be purged from the database.

Results from the first year of the Hunters Helping Farmers Program showed increased hunter access occurred, but not from those hunters who registered through the Hunters Helping Farmers list. Based on a random sample of landowners who received information about the program, 44 percent indicated that they made an effort this past hunting season to increase antlerless deer hunting efforts and add additional hunters; however, none of those surveyed used the Hunters Helping Farmers list. Instead the vast majority said they increased hunter access by recruiting local hunters with whom they were already familiar.

Even though none of the randomly selected and interviewed landowners used the Hunters Helping Farmers list, 10 landowners specifically requested a copy of the list for their county and six were interviewed. The two landowners who used the list said they were pleased with the results. Of the four landowners who didn't use the list, all said they might use the list in the future.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife would like to thank all the deer hunters that registered for the Hunters Helping Farmers program and their willingness to help resident landowners by taking antlerless deer. Although most of the hunters who registered for the program did not get called, hunter access to private lands was increased. One of the best ways hunters can help make this program a success is by telling landowners and farmers about the program.

Stay cool and save energy throughout the summer

BY JULIE PREBLE
Purdue University News Service

Homeowners can save as much as 20 percent in energy costs by adopting a few quick and easy practices, a Purdue University professor says.

One of the top ways to save energy is to make sure air-conditioning equipment is well-maintained, says William Hutzel, an associate professor of mechanical engineering technology.

"In many cases, the air conditioner will work and generate cooling, but it may not be operating close to premium," he says. "So you could pay 20 percent more than you need to if it's not maintained."

Maintenance does not necessarily require a trained technician; it can be as simple as clearing dirt, debris or blockages off the outdoor unit.

Another way to cut back on energy use – in summer or winter – is to make sure that the house is airtight. Any air leaking in will make the air conditioner or heater work that much harder to maintain a constant temperature. For especially hot days, shading also can be quite effective Hutzel says.

"Since air conditioning became popular, we've gotten away from homes with any

external shading. When you see an older home, a lot of times it will have awnings on it," he says. "Those awnings are actually very helpful to keep the sun off the windows – one of the easiest places to absorb heat. If nothing else, drawing blinds on a real hot day can have a positive impact."

In terms of electrical loads, it's important to remember that small plug-in devices like cell phone chargers are drawing power even when they're not operating or charging something.

"One doesn't draw a tremendous amount, but a typical home – believe it or not – may have as many as 20 devices. That adds up," Hutzel says. "What experts are recommending these days is unplugging that device or having a shut off that shuts off multiple devices; only use those devices when needed."

When in use, such devices not only draw power, but they also produce heat that forces an air-conditioner to work that much harder, he says.

Hutzel also recommends keeping the thermostat set at a slightly warmer temperature. Those who want keep to their house at 70 degrees in the summer will pay a premium. Instead, Hutzel recommends setting the thermostat at around 74 degrees to help save money.

Our PETS

Tips to keep pets safe this summer

Whether taking a walk, a drive or just hanging out in the backyard, there are extra precautions that people can take to keep their four-legged family members happy and safe through the summer months.

1. Never leave a pet unattended in the car on a warm or sunny day. Cars quickly heat up to a dangerous temperature, even with the window slightly open.

2. Be sure to keep pets up-to-date on their vaccinations and preventative medications. Fleas and ticks stay busy in warm weather and summer is also the prime time for heartworms. Check with a veterinarian about the best way to keep pets healthy.

3. Keep cats indoors to keep them safe. Cars, other pets, and wild animals can all pose risks to cats' safety. By providing playtime, cat trees, and other enrichment, a cat will be happy and content to stay indoors.

4. Beware of cocoa mulch and other gardening products. Cocoa mulch can be deadly if ingested and has an appetizing scent to some animals. Pesticides, fertilizers, and other harsh chemicals can also be quickly fatal if ingested.

5. When taking a dog for a walk on a hot day, plan for shorter walks midday, when temperatures peak, and longer walks in the morning and evening when it's cooler. Hot sidewalks can burn the

pads on a dog's paws, so walk on the grass when possible.

6. Pet rabbits should be kept indoors because they don't tolerate heat well. Keeping a rabbit indoors will also provide protection from predators who might try to attack a rabbit in an outdoor hutch.

7. Never leave a dog outdoors unattended on a chain or tether. Long-term chaining during the hot summer months can result in countless insect bites, dehydration and heat stroke. Even short-term unattended tethering can pose risks such as theft or attacks by people or animals.

8. When driving with pets, be sure to keep them properly restrained and inside the vehicle. Special seatbelts and secured carriers can protect pets during accidents and prevent them from distracting the driver. The back of a pick-up truck is never a safe place for a pet to ride.

9. Be mindful of pets around our wild neighbors. When going for walks or playing in a fenced yard, don't allow pets to harass birds, rabbits, squirrels or other wild animals.

10. Stay bite-free. The summer months are the peak season for dog bites because so many kids and dogs are playing outside. Training, socialization, and dog spaying or neutering a dog can reduce the risk of dog bites. Kids can learn to stay safe through good manners around pets and humane education.

Keep the family pet happy and healthy while you are on vacation

BY JULIE PREBLE
Purdue University News Service

Summer is a popular time for family vacations, but it also can be a stressful time for family pets.

Families taking their cats or dogs with them on vacation should try to keep a normal schedule to reduce stress for the animal, said Lorraine Corriveau, a wellness veterinarian at Purdue University's School of Veterinary Medicine.

It's also important to make sure your pet is healthy enough for travel, Corriveau said. Make sure they are up-to-date on all flea, tick, and heartworm prevention and vaccinations. It's also important to be aware of any health risks in the area where you're traveling.

Be sure the pet is wearing a collar with an up-to-date rabies tag, name, address, and phone number and consider adding temporary tags with the address and phone number of the final destination or a cell phone number.

Before leaving, feed the pet about one-third of a usual meal and feed the remainder upon arrival.

Here are a few other tips from Corriveau to consider when traveling with a pet:

-Use tranquilizers only if the pet has a tendency to vocalize excessively, drool or salivate, vomit, defecate, or urinate in the car. For mild symptoms, Benadryl, at a dose of 1 mg per pound, can relax pets, but check with a veterinarian first to make sure it is safe for your pet.

-Make sure the pet does not ride unrestrained in the car - use either a seatbelt or secure carrier for travel. The carrier should be large enough for the animal to stand up, turn around and lie down comfortably, and it should be leak-proof, well-ventilated, free of protruding objects, and have a door that latches securely.

-Do not have the pet wear a choke or pinch collar while traveling as these can get caught on objects and result in seri-

ous injury.

-Take a break every three hours to allow your pet to exercise, relieve itself, and get a drink of water.

-Take the pet for a series of shorter trips to make sure it is used to traveling in a car.

-Consider a microchip implant as a means of permanent identification.

-Bring an extra leash, preferably a slip-loop leash.

-Research pet-friendly parks and hotels.

-Remember that health certificates are required if crossing the Mexican or Canadian borders.

If owners decide not to take the pet on vacation, they should find a kennel or pet sitter for their time away.

An important part of finding a suitable kennel is to make an appointment to see the facilities and ask questions.

It's good to know where the pet will be staying, how often it will be taken outside, what vaccinations are required, what health records must be provided, and whether there is a veterinarian on staff, Corriveau said.

If a friend or family member will be looking after the pet, there are a few options. They can either stay at the house with the pet, visit the pet a couple of times a day, or have the pet stay with them.

Keeping the pet in its own environment will help to reduce stress, Corriveau said.

If the pet sitter chooses to visit the animal a couple of times throughout the day, they should stay at least 30 minutes for a walk or playtime, she said.

For families who have trouble finding a pet sitter, ask around at the local veterinary clinic. Sometimes veterinary technicians or assistants also do pet sitting or have a good idea of where to find sitters.

"There are more pet sitting options out there than what people think are available," Corriveau said.

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New Beginnings Church Weekly Message

By Shirley Canell –Pastor's wife

Do you have peace? John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." The first thing Jesus wanted His followers to know was that He was leaving them peace. What drives us to do things and what makes this relationship with God so meaningful? What is it that people need from God that will help with their relationship with their marriage, themselves, with God? It is something that comes when we know Christ and His surpassing goodness and grace. It is peace.

When we came to Jesus Christ we became at peace with God. It's as if God was on one side, we were on the other side. Christ filled the gap, he took the hand of God and the hand of man redeemed and placed them together in the same grip. We have now been brought together through Jesus Christ. Christ has made peace by His blood at the cross. So God and man estranged have been reconciled. Psalm 85:10, "Righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Without righteousness there is no peace with God.

Peace of the world gives temporary freedom from distractions, anxiety and strife, enabling man to settle down for a short while. There is also the peace of monetary flight from unpleasant things of life sought in daydreams, pleasure and amusement, the peace of escape. There is the peace of false security when men cry, peace, peace where there is no peace, the peace that is so often the prelude to disaster. Example: A person has a lot

of troubles and pressures so they decide they need a way to escape. They think that escape is to drink alcohol to dull the pain, but all it does is lead to disaster. It is temporary and the problem doesn't go away, only aggravated by new problems. The world bases its peace on its resources, while God's peace depends on relationships.

To be right with God means to enjoy the peace of God. The world depends on personal ability but the Christian depends on spiritual adequacy in Christ. The world peace is something you hope for or work for, but to the Christian, peace is a wonderful gift received by faith. Worldly people enjoy peace when there is an absence of trouble. Christians enjoy peace in spite of trials because of the presence of power, the Holy Spirit.

The result of this peace it says, I give you peace and then He says let not your heart be troubled. With that kind of promise and with the promise of calm, untroubled peace to be ours the very peace of Christ we ought to be able to lay hold on that peace and not go around with troubled hearts.

Don't let your heart keep on being troubled. Don't let it be afraid. What do you have to fear? He leaves them peace. The kind of peace that Stephen had as he sank bleeding and bruised under the stones of the cursing mob, lifted his face and offered a loving forgiving prayer for his murderers and said "Lay not this sin to their charge, Father." Paul's kind of peace that let him be driven out of one city, dragged almost lifeless out of another, stripped by robbers, arraigned be-

fore ruler after ruler and continually saying, "Rejoice ever more and again I say rejoice" Paul had the kind of peace that holds the key, the peace found here in this passage, "we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, trouble comes and goes but the things that are not seen are eternal."

His own perfect peace assures us that He alone can give true peace. Jesus was always the Master of the situation and He enables us to take control of our lives as we surrender to Him and receive His legacy of peace. Where is your heart? Do you have peace with God? Do you keep searching for the peace that the world offers that is temporary or do you have Jesus in your heart? Have you truly accepted Jesus Christ as your savior and Lord? Have you asked for forgiveness and life in eternal hope of glory because you know Him in a personal and intimate way? Do you have the peace of God that Jesus left us when He died on the cross for your sins? Does that kind of peace rule your heart and mind regardless of your circumstances?

Sunday morning service was great. The praise and worship time was awesome. I could feel the Holy Spirit going around the room. Ernie and I are always looking for a Sunday evening service to attend on the Sunday's that we don't have Sunday evening service. What keeps us from walking into a church where we don't know anyone? It's hard to say. Mark your calendar for July 25 for our next Sunday evening service if you

find yourself in the same situation. I promise you won't feel like a stranger. We pride ourselves in the family atmosphere. I would like to name a few people who need prayers if you could please include them in your prayers: Jimmy, Samantha, Greg, DeShawn, Fernando, Bill and Bubba. VBS is coming up July 12 thru 16, please mark calendars we are decorating and getting for the kids already.

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Loogootee Little League Softball teams finish regular season tourneys



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Shown above are the Loogootee Little League Major League Softball champs, the Yankees. In the front row, from left to right, are Sydney Davis, Anaya Carrico, Malory Berry, Katie Hupp, and Kayla Taylor. In the second row, from left to right, are Kylie Hall, Brittany Woody, Bailey Davis, Nicole Fahey, Kristen Norris, Halle Sheetz, and Emily Whitworth. In the back row, from left to right, are Jim Woody, Travis Davis, and Kent Hupp.



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Shown above are the Loogootee Little League Softball champs, the Pirates, of the minor league. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Francis Ross, Assistant Coach Mark Sutton, and Jared Welker. In the second row, from left to right, are Kaleigh Ross, Tia Fuhs, Emily Trambaugh, Karoline Tedrow, and Makenzie White. In the front row, from left to right, are Bethany Welker, Jessie Stoll, Chelsi Sutton, Jayleigh Wagoner, Asia Crim, and Emily Crane



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Shown above are the runners up of the Loogootee Little League Softball Major division. Members of the Tampa Bay Rays, in the front row, from left to right, are Estrelia Brewer, Angel Stuckey, Breana Holloway, Lauren Fuqua, and Becca Holloway. In the second row, from left to right, are Kayla Nicholson, Mayson Riley, Paige Walton, Renee Whitman, Mykayla Wolf, Deanna Canell, Joanna Schnarr, and Julie Walton. In the back row, from left to right, are John Brewer and Ron Riley.

Martin County Youth Football ready for season

The Martin County Youth Football League will begin its 2010 season on Tuesday, July 13, Wednesday, July 14, and Thursday, July 15, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Practices will start on Tuesday, July 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the football field at Lark Ranch, located outside of Loogootee.

Anyone interested who has not yet signed up to play football can attend a practice and sign up - Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays until school starts and Tuesdays or Thursdays after school starts.

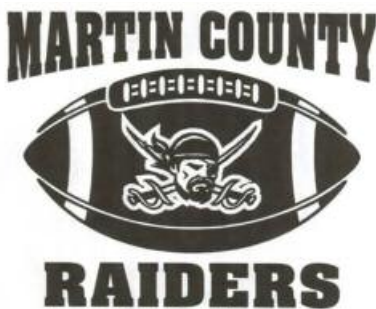
The league has four teams as follows: 10U, 12U, and 14U by August 1, 2010 and

the Martin County High School Football Team grades 9-12.

Ninth graders that are under 14 on August 1 can make a special request to be on the 14U team at sign-ups and representatives of the MCYFL can make a special request to the Quad County Youth Football League for eligibility for you to participate on the 14U team.

The sign-up fee is \$40. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Robinson at 295-4773.

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Shown above are the third and fourth graders who are participating in the summer volleyball program. In the front row, from left to right, are Elly Wagler, Aubrie Reid, Emily Thomas, Breah Bailey, Melaina Tippery, Katlyn Bruner, and Chelsie Sutton. In the back row, from left to right, are Madisyn Wade, Olivia Winger, Leonna Hedrick, Jayleigh Wagoner, Mallory Berry, and Katie Hupp.



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Fifth and sixth graders participating in the summer volleyball program are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Anaya Carrico, Kristin Norris, Candace Clark, Julianne Bell, Jody Seals, Katie Sims, Taylin Trambaugh, Emily Witworth, and Shalyn Bruner. In the back row, from left to right, are Kylie Hall, Mikayla Wolf, Brenna Hollaway, Emily Brookshire, Mya Hedrick, Breigh Lamar, LeAnne Trambaugh, Megan Street, and Savannah McAtee.



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Seventh and eighth grade girls participating in the summer volleyball program are shown above. In the front row, from left to right, are Bailey Davis, Emma Walters, Jordan Mann, Taylor Hardwick, Nicole Ader, and Tara Pennington. In the back row, from left to right, are Emily Bateman, Waylee Wagoner, Lauren Bowling, Addyson Aiman, Chassidy Bridges, and Kendall Riley.

School librarians crucial to students' academic success but being cut statewide

Students across the state of Indiana will be returning to schools in August with part-time or absent certified school librarians (also called media specialists). School libraries have been hit especially hard as school districts look to find ways to deal with declining revenue from the state. Unfortunately, those who will suffer the most for the decisions made are Indiana students.

Over 80 school librarian positions (see accompanying list) have been lost for the 2010-2011 school year. Many of these school libraries will be staffed by an instructional assistant or clerical employee without library education or training. Some school libraries will have professional librarians for only a limited part of the school day, because those librarians will be supervising, training, and assisting the untrained staff placed in other schools in their district.

For years, the traditional role of a school librarian has been undergoing changes. School librarians are not only trained librarians, but also certified teachers. Their primary role is to help students learn how to find, evaluate, use, and create information. Groups such as the Partnership for 21st Century Skills site skills that are needed for students to be successful in the 21st century and identify critical skills that are necessary to be successful in the workforce. School librarians are the only teachers specifically trained to help students learn and apply these skills.

Studies show that students with access to well-funded school libraries with highly qualified, certified, school librarians perform better on tests and have higher scholastic achievement.** Because approximately 44 million elementary, middle, and high school students use a school library each week, spending for school libraries is one of the most important variables related to better student achievement.

Cassandra Barnett, president of the American Association of School Librarians writes, "In an era filled with tweets, YouTube videos and Facebook, how often have you heard from a student that 'It's true, I saw it online,' or 'I found the information via Google?'" She said that it's not enough for students to know how to read: too often students lack the ability to analyze the information found online and are left guessing what web content can be trusted. Certified school librarians provide the crucial link between the library and students, teaching them how to evaluate and use information from both traditional and digital information: skills critical for success in a 21st century economy."

Some school districts are beginning to look for other options. Monroe County Community School Corporation worked to find a way to reinstate the majority of the school librarians whose jobs they eliminated earlier this year. Students at one elementary school in that district wrote and performed a play about the negative impact on their school if they lost their school librarian.

Vicki Bulta, President of the Association

for Indiana Media Educators said, "Indiana students at every school deserve and need access to a school library staffed by a certified school librarian. The role of the school library program is a critical component in the educational development of lifelong learners."

*Below is a list of positions eliminated for 2010-2011 based on self-reporting.

- Anderson Community School Corporation - 4 certified librarians
- Batesville Community School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- Beech Grove City Schools - 1 certified librarian
- Crawfordsville School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- DeKalb Central School Corporation - 2 certified librarians
- Delaware Community School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- East Noble School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- Edinburgh Community School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- Franklin Community School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- Griffith Public Schools - 1 certified librarian
- John Glenn School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- Middlebury Community Schools - 1 certified librarian
- Mill Creek School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- MSD Decatur Township - 3 certified librarians
- MSD Franklin Township - 2 certified librarians
- MSD Lawrence Township - 2 certified librarians
- MSD Perry Township - 7.5 certified librarians
- MSD Warren Township - 6 certified librarians
- Mt. Vernon Community Schools - 2 certified librarians
- Noblesville Schools - 4 certified librarians
- Northwestern School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- Plymouth Community School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- Richmond Community Schools - 4 certified librarians
- South Bend Community School Corporation - 5 certified librarians
- South Harrison Community School Corporation - 1 certified librarian
- South Madison Schools - 4 certified librarians
- Southeast Fountain Schools - 1 certified librarian
- Southern Hancock - 2 certified librarians
- Tippecanoe School Corporation - 19-21 certified librarians
- Tipton Community School Corporation - 1 certified librarian

** "School Library Impact Studies." Library Research Service: Research and Statistics about Libraries. <http://www.lrs.org/impact.php>



-Photo provided

Shown above, from left to right, are ABGA Judge David "Chip" Kemp, ABGA Judge Kay Garret, Blakely Clements (showing AABG NBD Debbie), ABGA Judge Eddie Holland, Bryan Fountain (showing AABG NBD Rebecca), and Stevee Craney.

B & B Show Stock earns Grand Champion at American Boer Goat Association's National Show

During the week of June 7 through 12, B & B Show Stock, owned by Blakely Clements and Bryan Fountain, of Washington, competed at the American Boer Goat Association's National Show in Louisville, Kentucky.

Over the course of five days Bryan, Blakely, and junior showman, Stevee Craney, presented goats in the junior show, percentage doe show, and full-blood doe show. Each of their does ranked in the top of their classes, but the pinnacle of the extremely competitive week was the winning of an overall Grand Champion title.

After competing against over 1,200 high-quality goats from across the country, B & B Show Stock and Stevee Craney earned the title of Overall Grand Champion Full-blood Produce of Dam with their doe, AABG

NBD Rebecca. When the competition was over, winning banners were presented, and photographs were taken. B & B Show Stock and Stevee Craney currently reside in Washington. AABG NBD Rebecca is returning to the show barn with five overall grand champion titles and one reserve grand champion title from shows throughout the state and country during the months of May and June. To find out more about B & B Show Stock, their goats, and Boer Goat industry visit: <http://www.bshowstock.webs.com> or www.abga.org.

Bryan Fountain is the son of Jerry and June Fountain of Bedford. Blakely Clements is the son of Mark and Pam Clements of Kirklintown, Indiana. Stevee Craney is the daughter of Greg and Kim Craney of Washington.



Alumni officers

-Photo provided

The Shoals Alumni officers for the 2010-2011 year were appointed at the banquet Saturday, June 26. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Shirley Harding, Historian/Memorabilia; Norma Baker, Vice President; and Ann Stewart, President. In the back row, from left to right, are Marcella Hardwick, Treasurer and Mary Jane Allbright, Secretary.

Relay for Life summary

BY KIM HOWELL
Relay for Life 2010 Tri-Chair

Martin County's 15th Annual Relay for Life event began on Friday, June 18, with hot, humid weather and bright, sunny skies. The event began at 3 p.m. on Friday when walkers from each team were asked to begin walking on the track.

Opening Ceremonies began at 6 p.m. with our Survivors and Caregivers making a lap around the track together. The survivors and caregivers were cheered on by all participants. Teams were introduced and each team made a lap around the track.

Following Opening Ceremonies, dinner was served to all the survivors, caregivers, participants, and volunteers. We were treated to a birthday party, complete with a giant birthday cake and cupcakes.

Noel Harty arrived Friday evening to conduct the evening auction. Our annual auction was followed by a special appearance from Elvis. Bruce Borders made the trip from Jasonville to perform at Martin County's Relay for Life. Many enjoyed the

entertainment that had been provided.

At dusk names were read to celebrate the many cancer survivors and to honor those that have lost their battle with cancer. This very solemn ceremony is called a Luminaria Ceremony because during the ceremony people light candles in Luminaria bags that have the names of loved ones on the bag.

At the conclusion of the Luminaria Ceremony, we were energized by the Fight Back Ceremony. The Fight Back Ceremony empowers everyone to become involved and take charge of their lives. Participants are encouraged to find ways to become healthy, and to become a cheerleader to others to become healthier.

Indiana's typical rainy and stormy June managed to disrupt the 15th Annual Martin County Relay for Life. One of the responsibilities that accompany your Relay for Life management team is to ensure that every participant is safe. This responsibility is one that we take seriously. During the early morning hours of June 19, Jennifer Wagler, Carrie Arvin, and I had to make a decision that we really didn't want to make. We had been in contact with Orange County where another Relay for Life event was taking place. We had been monitoring the sky and the lightning show all evening, as well as keeping in contact with our local law enforcement to get updates on the approaching storm.

By 3 a.m., it was clear that we were not going to be able to avoid the storm. We had to decide whether to move everyone into the gym, or to call the event and send everyone home. We decided to err on the cautious side and sent all the participants home. We canceled Relay with about an hour to spare before the ugly weather hit us. This buffer of about an hour allowed all participants to clean up their campsite and make it home safely.

The next morning the Relay management team returned to the Loogootee High School track. We found that we had made a good decision when we discovered three of the big tents we use for the event had been blown down by the extreme winds.

In spite of stopping our Relay for Life event early, we still had a very successful event. Many volunteers, survivors, caregivers, team captains, and participants worked diligently to raise money to fight cancer. We are all brought together with a common goal of finding a cure for cancer. We are ready to celebrate more birthdays, and extend people's lives. We are ready to fight back!

This year Martin County's Relay for Life raised more than \$36,000 dollars. Money is still being collected, so the final total may grow. The American Cancer Society's year-end doesn't occur until August, so we have a few more weeks to continue to raise money and get it turned in so it can be counted in 2010's Relay event.

Soon a date will be picked for our Relay for Life wrap-up meetings. I will see that the information is sent to the newspapers. Please continue to watch for Relay information.

It will soon be time to form a team for 2011, so start asking your family, friends, and neighbors to be on your team and please get involved in the fight against cancer.

This was my final year of holding a management position for Martin County's Relay for Life. I have enjoyed meeting many new people and feel honored to have worked with all the dedicated volunteers that we are so fortunate to have in Martin County.

A giant Thank You to my Relay family, your support, energy, and dedication has been incredible.

Meeting change

The Martin County Commissioners will meet Wednesday, July 14, in place of the regular meeting date of Tuesday, July 13, at 6 pm, due to the Martin County Fair Auction. This meeting is open to the public.



Shoals Beta induction

-Photo by Christy Farhar

Shown above are inductees into the Shoals Beta Club. The National Beta Club is an organization recognizing academic achievement, leadership, character and service. In the front row, from left to right, are Jennifer Montgomery, Kayla Butler, Jessica Courtright, Whitney Albright, Katie Payne, and Sasha Maines. In the back row, from left to right, are Emily Richardson, Sabrina Rossi, Enoch Spaulding, Ethan Jones, Amberly Albright, Cole Kimmel, Matthew Bruner, Ramona Simmons, and Audrey Sorrells.

Tickets available for 35th Annual Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet

Have you ever taken time to reminisce about the many days you spent in school with some really good friends you haven't seen for a while? A golden opportunity to do so will present itself on Saturday, July 24, 2010.

The 35th annual Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet will be held at St. John Center and will include feasting, dancing, socializing, and picture-taking. A social hour with cash bar will begin at 5:30 p.m. and a DJ will provide music until midnight.

The catered meal will be served at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a short program and

introduction of LHS and SJHS classes of 1960 and LHS class of 1985.

Tickets (\$20/person) include the dinner and dance, and reservations must be made by July 1 in order to make plans for the event. Only advance reservation tickets will be available at the door.

Please complete the form below to order tickets and return with check payable to the Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee, IN 47553. Please provide your email address with check and your tickets will be waiting for you at the door. Hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events

Loogootee Alumni Banquet

The Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet will be held at St. John Community Center on July 24. Classes of 1960 and 1985 will be honored. Make reservations by July 1, by mailing \$20 to Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee 47553. There will be no tickets available for purchase at the door.

Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets on the third Tuesday of the month at Loogootee Municipal Building, at 7 p.m. To become a member, contact Martin County Humane Society, P. O. Box 537, Shoals, Indiana 47581, call Don at 296-0952.

Recovery support group

The Overcomers Recovery Support Group meets every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the Martin County Community Learning Center.

Youth football meetings

Martin County Youth Football League meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Pizza Junction at 7 p.m. Questions, call Audrey Robinson at 295-4773.

Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours for the district are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit www.martinswcd.com or call at 247-2423.

35th Annual Loogootee Schools Alumni Banquet Tickets

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

I will be attending the 2010 banquet and need _____ tickets.

Class of _____ LHS/SJHS

Please complete the form to order tickets and return with check (\$20/person) payable to the Loogootee Schools Alumni, P.O. Box 78, Loogootee, IN 47553

Baby show to once again be held at this year's fair

The Martin County 4-H Fair Baby Show will be held Sunday, July 11, on the Martin County 4-H Fairgrounds on the east stage. The first show will begin at 6 p.m. and the second show will begin at 7 p.m.

First Show for 0-12 months: 1. Happiest Baby (0-4 mo.); 2. Prettiest Girl (0-4 mo.); 3. Prettiest Boy (0-4 mo.); 4. Prettiest Eyes Girl (0-6 mo.); 5. Prettiest Eyes Boy (0-6 mo.); 6. Best Dressed Girl (0-6 mo.); 7. Best Dressed Boy (0-6 mo.); 8. Happiest Baby (5-8 mo.); 9. Prettiest Girl (5-8 mo.); 10. Prettiest Boy (5-8 mo.); 11. Prettiest Eyes Girl (7-12 mo.); 12. Prettiest Eyes Boy (7-12 mo.); 13. Happiest Baby (9-12 mo.); 14. Best Dressed Girl (7-12 mo.); 15. Best Dressed Boy (7-12 mo.); 16. Prettiest Girl (9-12 mo.); 17. Prettiest Boy (9-12 mo.); 18. Prettiest Multiples (0-12 mo.); 19. Happiest Multiples (0-12 mo.)

Second Show for 13-24 months: 20. Happiest Baby (13-16 mo.); 21. Prettiest Girl (13-16 mo.); 22. Prettiest Boy (13-16 mo.); 23. Prettiest Eyes Girl (13-18 mo.); 24. Prettiest Eyes Boy (13-18 mo.); 25. Best Dressed Girl (13-18 mo.); 26. Best Dressed Boy (13-18 mo.); 27. Happiest Baby (17-20 mo.); 28. Prettiest Girl (17-20 mo.); 29. Prettiest Boy (17-20 mo.); 30. Prettiest Eyes Girl (19-24 mo.); 31. Prettiest Eyes Boy (19-24 mo.); 32. Best Dressed Girl (19-24 mo.); 33. Best Dressed Boy (19-24 mo.); 34. Happiest Baby (21-24 mo.); 35. Prettiest Girl (21-24 mo.); 36. Prettiest Boy (21-24 mo.); 37. Prettiest Multiples (13-24 mo.); 38. Happiest Multiples (13-24 mo.)

To determine age of your child, it will be

as of day of baby show. If your child is three months 25 days old, your baby will be considered three months old. If your child has not yet reached the four-month-old mark, he/she will be considered 3 months.

Rules:

-Entries are open to all children 24 months or younger. There will be an entry fee of \$5 per child (paid on the day of the show). Do NOT send money with registration.

-Each baby MUST be pre-registered by Friday, July 9, by at 4 p.m. No entries will be accepted after this time by phone. If you wish to enter your baby after the deadline has passed, you must sign up at 5:30 p.m. (day of show) at the fairground, on the east stage and pay a late entry fee of \$10 per child. No late entries will be accepted after 6 p.m. This is for both shows.

-Babies entered in the 0-12 mo. category should be at the east stage by 5:45 p.m. The show will be judged and pictures taken immediately following judging.

-Babies entered in the 13-24 month category should be at the by 6:45 p.m. Their show will be judged and pictures taken immediately following judging.

-There will be a limit of two classes for each entrant. Trophies will be awarded to 1st place winners in each class, and certificates will be awarded to 2nd and 3rd place winners.

-A trophy will be awarded to the youngest baby entered in the show.

Send in the entry form, or call the Extension Office at 295-2412 to enter your child.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



ISTEP-ping Up

Two weeks ago, the state of Indiana got some great news.

Education, and making sure education funding dollars end up in the classroom, is one of the first things on everyone's minds right now.

This week, we finally received the results of the Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress-also known as ISTEP-which was taken by 500,000 Hoosier students this spring and the results were nothing less than astounding.

81 percent of schools improved their percentage passing rate on English/language arts scores from last year. Across the state, pass rates went up by 4-6 percentage points in every category. This is incredible news for Indiana.

It means that school reform need not be limited to funding.

It means that our teachers, our families, and our school corporations are capable of great leaps in a single year, and it means that our students are learning more than they ever have before.

At a press conference this week held by State Education Superintendent Tony Bennett, reporters had lots of questions about whether the test had changed since last year.

But Superintendent Bennett says that the 2010 test remained the same in terms of level of difficulty and content covered, "it's apples to apples," he kept saying.

According to a press release from his office, just like the 2009 test, the 2010 version of ISTEP+ included open-ended and multiple-choice questions in English/language arts and Mathematics at each grade level.

The test also included Science, for grades 4 and 6, and Social Studies, for grades 5 and 7.

Though significant gains were made across the state, Superintendent Bennett also specifically recognized the amazing work of two schools right here at home.

Otwell Elementary School, in Pike County, actually achieved 100 percent of students passing the Mathematics portion of the test, and Ireland Elementary School, in Jasper, led the state on the English/language arts portion of the test, with 98 percent of students passing.

My niece goes to Ireland Elementary, and I spoke to the fifth grade classes at both of these two schools this spring.

I was impressed with the depth of knowledge of questions that they asked. I have also talked to, and known, many of the faculty of these two schools, and I can tell you that there is a common denominator between them: there are teachers at both schools who are very committed to the individual excellence of their students.

If you know a teacher or student at one of these schools- please congratulate them the next time you see them! This is an unbelievable achievement, and schools around the state will be looking to them as a model in the coming year.

Other schools around the state also made huge leaps this year:

-At Carrie Gosch Elementary School, in East Chicago, where 97 percent of the students qualifying for free or reduced lunch and 99 percent are from minority populations, almost 32 percent more students passed the ISTEP this year compared to last year.

-Pettit Park School, in Kokomo, where 77 percent of students qualify for free or reduced lunch, passing percentage scores increased by 23 percent.

Clearly, these scores show that high-quality teachers and high expectations are the key to success in Indiana schools.

Contests to be held at the 2010 Fair

Some of the contests to be held at this year's Martin County 4-H Fair are:

Karaoke Contest

A karaoke contest will be held Monday, July 12, at 7 p.m. on the main stage. The first place winner will receive \$25, second place will receive \$10, and third place will get a free meal ticket to a 4-H food booth.

Wii Contests

The fair will once again have Wii video game contests. The first will be for Wii Bowling on Saturday, July 10, at 2 p.m. The Wii Guitar Hero contest will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday and the Wii Mario Kart contest will be held on Sunday, July 11, at 6:30 p.m.

All of the contests will take place in the commercial building and there is a \$5 entry fee. The first place winner will receive \$15, second place will get \$10, and third place will receive a meal ticket to a 4-H food booth.

Hot Dog Eating Contest

A hot dog eating contest will be held Friday, July 9, at 6 p.m., at the goat barn. The contest is sponsored by Buehler's Buy Low. Prizes will be awarded as follows: First place - \$15, second place - \$10, and third place - meal ticket to a 4-H food booth.

Oreo Stacking Contest

An Oreo stacking contest will take place on Sunday, July 11, at 5 p.m., next to the

goat barn. The first place winner will receive \$15, second place will receive \$10, and third place will receive a meal ticket to a 4-H food booth.

Mud Hog Wrestling Contest

A mud hog wrestling contest will take place Sunday, July 11, at 2 p.m., at the grandstand. Registration begins at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$20 per team with a limit of four persons per team. Each member has a one-minute time limit in the ring.

The classes are as follows: Girls 9 to 15 years old, girls 16 and over, boys 9 to 15 years old, boys 16 and over. Participants under 18 years of age must have a parent present to sign a release form at registration. Those wishing to participate are asked to pre-register by picking up a release and entry form at any Martin County 4-H food stand prior to the event.

Prizes to be awarded are: \$100 to first place in each division, \$40 to second place in each division, and a meal ticket to a 4-H food booth to third place in each division.

Admission to watch the mud hog wrestling event is \$5 for anyone five years of age and older.

Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull

A kiddie pedal tractor pull will be held Monday, July 12, at 8:30 p.m., next to the goat barn. Registration is from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fair Baby Show Entry Form

Please fill out this form and mail to: Baby Show, 2666 US Highway 50, Loo-gootee, IN 47553. Money should NOT be sent with this form.

Baby's Name: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Boy or Girl: _____ Baby's Age as of July 11th: _____

Baby's Birth date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

You can choose up to 2 classes to enter your baby: _____

0-12 Month Show or 13-24 Month Show: _____

Pie baking contest entries being accepted

A pie baking contest will be held Thursday, July 8. Judging will begin promptly at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee per contestant and those who wish to participate must be registered by July 8. Contestants must provide two pies and one will be auctioned off.

Any kind of pie is accepted and pies must remain covered until serving. Prizes will be awarded and all proceeds go to Martin County 4-H.

Pie Baking Contest Entry Form

Fill out the form below and mail to Pie Contest, 2666 US Hwy 50, Loo-gootee, IN 47553. Include your entry fee of \$5.

Cook's Name _____

Name of Pie _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Election 2010

Indiana to offer online voter registration starting this week

Julie Fithian, Clerk of Martin County, joins Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita in announcing that beginning July 1 Indiana residents will gain the ability to register to vote online. Online voter registration will become the newest addition to www.indianavoters.com and will allow Indiana residents to submit a voter registration application electronically to the appropriate county voter registration office.

"This is yet another exciting example of how our voting process is becoming simpler and more convenient by incorporating the tools and technologies Hoosiers use every day," said Indiana Secretary of State Todd Rokita, who serves as Indiana's Chief Election Official and whose office has worked to develop the online voter registration application. "Giving our citizens access to an online registration tool also helps local election administrators better serve voters and should cut their costs, all while enhancing accessibility, accuracy and security."

Indiana residents with a valid Indiana driver's license or Indiana state-issued identification card will be able to use this new tool to submit a new voter registration application or to update an existing voter registration record. Historically, voters have most commonly registered by mail using a paper-based application form or have registered in-person at a county voter registration office, the Indiana Election Division or a branch office of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Online Voter Registration is the result of legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly in 2009 with bipartisan support that called for enhancements to the traditional paper-based registration system.

States adopting an online voter registration option have seen a 60 to 70 percent shift away from paper-based registrations over time. A similar shift in Indiana would greatly reduce pressure on county election administrators to facilitate data entry, especially during peak times at the close of the vote registration period.

Applicants will be required to verify their voting eligibility and personal information, which will then be cross-referenced with databases from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. Voters will instantly receive a confirmation of their application that they can print. Once confirmed online, the county's voter registration office will approve or reject registrations subject to the same criteria used for other applicants, such as residency or incarceration following conviction of a crime.

Indiana residents have until midnight on Monday, October 4, 2010 to register in order to participate in the November 2010 General Election.

Online voter registration becomes the latest innovative improvement made to www.indianavoters.com to assist Indiana voters. In addition to registering to vote online, www.indianavoters.com provides Hoosiers with the ability to validate their voter registration status, find their polling place location, look into their provisional ballot status information, find county contact information and determine who is on their ballot for an upcoming election.

For more information on voter eligibility and online voter services, please call the Martin County Clerk's Office at 812-247-3651, the Hoosier Voter Hotline at (866) IN-1-VOTE, or visit www.indianavoters.com.

Election Calendar

Wednesday, June 30, 2010

Deadline, by noon, for the Democratic or Republican Party to fill a vacancy on the general election ballot due to primary election ballot vacancy.

Deadline, by noon, for an independent or minor party candidate to file a petition of nomination with a county voter registration office for verification of petition signatures.

Tuesday, July 6, 2010

Deadline, by noon, for filing a certificate stating that a major party vacancy on the general election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot has been filled.

Deadline, by noon, to file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate at the general election.

Thursday, July 15, 2010

Deadline, by noon, for a candidate nominated at the primary election, a candidate who has filled a vacancy, or a write-in candidate, to voluntarily withdraw.

Deadline, by noon, for the Democratic, Libertarian and Republican Parties to file a certificate of nomination of candidates nominated at the state party conventions

Deadline, by noon, for independent or minor party candidate to file a declaration of candidacy and petition of nomination after verification of petition signatures. (See entry for Wednesday June 30 for deadline to file the petition for verification of signatures)

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

First day to file a petition of nomination and consent for a school board member chosen at the general election.

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

First day the circuit court clerk may receive absentee ballot applications from

most voters for the general election.

Thursday, September 23, 2010

Deadline for the county election board to mail general election absentee ballots to voters who have already filed an application with the county election boards.

Monday, October 4, 2010

First day that a voter may vote an absentee general election ballot before an absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk.

VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

Deadline, at county voter registration office's close of business for a voter to register or to transfer registration in the county voter registration office.

Friday, October 8, 2010

End of pre-election campaign finance reporting period. (except candidates for statewide office)

Friday, October 15, 2010

Deadline, by noon, to file pre-election campaign finance reports. (except candidates for statewide office)

Thursday, October 21, 2010

First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Absentee voter board in the office of circuit court clerk must be open at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, October 25, 2010

Deadline, by midnight (except for confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board), for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered, or faxed absentee ballot applications requesting to vote absentee by mail..

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Absentee voter board in the office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of 4 on this date.

Monday, November 1, 2010

Deadline, by noon, for the circuit court clerk to receive mailed, hand-delivered or faxed absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by an absentee voter board.

Deadline, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk.

Deadline for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, November 2, 2010

GENERAL ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Deadline, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified election recount or contest petition.

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS

Friday, December 31, 2010

End of annual reporting period for 2010 for campaign finance reports.

Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Deadline, by noon, for all candidate committees, legislative caucus committees, and political action committees to file annual campaign finance reports for 2010.

Current list of general election candidate filings

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

U.S. Senator

Brad Ellsworth (Democrat)
Dan Coats (Republican)

State Senator District 48

Lindel O. Hume (Democrat)

US Representative District 8

W. Trent VanHaften (Democrat)
John Cunningham (Libertarian)
Larry D. Buscshon (Republican)

District 62 State Representative

Sandra Blanton (Democrat)
Matt Ubelhor (Republican)

District 63 State Representative

Daniel M. (Dan) Steiner (Democrat)
Mark B. Messmer (Republican)

Martin County Circuit Court Judge

Lynne E. Ellis (Republican)
David Lett (Democrat)

Martin County Prosecutor

C. Michael Steiner (Democrat)

Martin County Clerk

Julie Fithian (Republican)
Bobbi Sue Nonte (Democrat)

Martin County Sheriff

Robert F. (Rob) Street (Democrat)
Kevin R. Boyd (Republican)

Martin County Assessor

Carolyn Sue McGuire (Republican)

County Commissioner District 2

Paul R. George (Democrat)

County Council District 1

Randy Wininger (Democrat)
Phillip Emmons (Republican)

County Council District 2

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

County Council District 3

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

County Council District 4

Lynn Gee (Democrat)

Township Trustees

Perry Township
Noel D. Harty (Democrat)

Rutherford Township

J. Sue Hembree (Democrat)

Mitcheltree Township

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

Lost River Township

Mildred C. Brown (Republican)

Halbert Township

Exzelia Montgomery (Republican)

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

Perry Township
Brandi Hennette (Democrat)
Julie Green (Democrat)

Sandra (Sue) Hunt (Democrat)

Mitcheltree Township

Barbara Bratton (Democrat)

Tammy Gore (Democrat)

Dan J. Butler (Republican)

Kay Belcher (Republican)

Charity D. Tolbert (Republican)

Rutherford Township

Rosamary Street (Democrat)

Lonnie E. Survance (Democrat)

Jason Survance (Democrat)

Lost River Township

Keith Emmons (Republican)

Alice D. Butler (Republican)

Bruce Fithian (Republican)

Halbert Township

Travis Montgomery (Republican)

Kimberly L. Albright (Republican)

Jane Montgomery (Republican)

Stephanie Horton (Republican)

Center Township

Kenneth L. Brett (Republican)

Larry L. Downs (Republican)

Norma J. Baker (Republican)

Charles S. Hamilton (Republican)

July 6th is the deadline to file a Certificate of Candidate Selection to fill a vacancy on the 2010 General Election ballot.

October 4th is the deadline to register to vote in the 2010 General Election.