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Catfish Royalty . . .

Shown in the photo above are the 2011 Catfish Queen competition royalty. Shown from left to right are Little Miss Emma Hurt, Junior Miss Amanda Grafton, Queen Haley Wade, and Pre-Teen Zetta Gore. In the photo on the left Queen Haley Wade has her crown pinned on by 2010 Catfish Queen Nici Land.

-Photos by Jessica Lampert



Community service road crew program needs funds

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

The Martin County Council discussed next year's budget at their meeting Tuesday night, July 5. Council member Lynn Gee asked Auditor Nancy Steiner how it was looking so far to which Steiner replied that it was not good and a lot of cuts were going to be needed. Council member Randy Winger asked Steiner about updates on county insurance. Steiner replied that she is working on submitting a survey to find out more about state-offered health insurance. She said that she does know that state insurance will cost the employee more for premiums – they currently pay \$1 per pay period. She also stated that a lot of claims have been filed this year and she expects an increase in the current insurance since there has not been one in four years.

The council then looked over their own budget and told Steiner to remove the one percent raise for the council members.

Oops . . .

In last week's story of the Martin County Redevelopment Commission, Cary Bledsoe was in attendance representing STIMULUS Engineering, not Cary Albright. I apologize for this error.

Steiner also informed the board that the budget hearing dates would need to be changed because the representative from the Department of Local Government Finance won't be available to help in August. It was decided to combine the September meeting and hold the budget hearings on September 12 and 13 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The regular council meeting will be held first on the 12th. The August meeting will move back to the original date of August 1 at 6 p.m.

The question of comp time in the highway department was brought up. Auditor Steiner said Superintendent Jim Williams was putting in his budget for next year money to pay the comp time. The question of whether it was decided years ago to not allow comp time to roll over was discussed. Council member Winger asked Steiner to look up what the council had decided on the issue in years' past. Over 2,000 hours of comp time has accumulated in the highway department at a rate of time and a half. After more discussion, Council member Winger reiterated that the issue came up in the past and had been cleared up and it wasn't supposed to accumulate like this again. He asked Steiner to check on it and get back to him.

Community Corrections Director Pat
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Loogootee School Board has a new president

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Tim Bradley was voted in as the new president of the Loogootee School Board Tuesday night, July 5. The motion was made by board member Shawn Howell with a second by outgoing president Eric Ackerman and all were in favor. Board member Larry Craney was elected vice president with Howell as secretary.

In other business Superintendent Larry Weitkamp praised the Martin County Redevelopment Commission for approving \$5,000 toward the paving project at the former Elementary East building now housing STIMULUS Engineering. "We certainly appreciate their efforts towards economic development," he said. When asked whether the Loogootee City Council was planning to bring the issue back up at their next meeting, Weitkamp replied that this is what he has been told.

It was discussed whether one of the school board members should be present at that meeting next Monday night. New president Tim Bradley said he would attend.

Cary Bledsoe, in the audience representing STIMULUS, said he would also be at-

tending the meeting.

The board approved Mary Walton to serve as the corporation's treasurer and Anna Marie Hand to serve as the deputy treasurer.

Also approved was Superintendent Weitkamp to serve as the area voting representative of Twin Rivers Career and Technical Education Area Voting and the Daviess-Martin Special Education Cooperative. Mike Tippery will serve as the alternative for both.

The board approved the meetings schedule to remain the same as this past year, the third Tuesday of the month, with changes made as needed to accommodate school events.

At the end of the meeting Tim Bradley thanked Eric Ackerman for his great leadership serving as the board president. "I'm going to take the advice of a wise man who was on this school board and a friend, David Lingenfelter, I want that seat," Ackerman replied pointing to the board seat nearest to the door. "One leg out the door," he added to which the table erupted in laughs.

Ackerman thanked the board for allowing him to serve as president for two years.



-Photo provided

The Martin County 4-H Fair Queen Contest will be held Thursday, July 7, at 7 p.m. in the Loogootee High School Auditorium. There is no admission cost. The contestants, shown above from left to right, are Ashley Bullock, Erin Wittmer, Tia Pennington, Shaelin Adams, Brittany Eckerle, Holly Stacy, and Brittany Hert. Not pictured is Mindy Fields.

4-H Fair starts Friday

The Martin County 4-H Fair will kick off Friday, July 8 and run through Tuesday, July 12. There is free gate admission this year for all days.

On Friday evening the community building, housing 4-H exhibits will open at 5 p.m. From 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. the carnival rides will be open. The demolition derby begins at the grandstand at 7 p.m. General admission is \$10 with pit passes for \$20. Children under five are free. The Poultry Show will also start at 7 p.m. Friday night. Saturday begins with the Swine Show at

9 a.m. and the horse and pony check-in from noon to 3 p.m. The carnival will be open from noon to 10 p.m. The Corn Hole Tournament registration begins at noon with the tournament starting at 1 p.m.

The rabbit show begins at 2 p.m. with the Hot Dog Eating Contest beginning at 4 p.m. Silly Safari will put on two shows with the first one beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the second at 8 p.m. The Tractor Pulls will start at the grandstand at 7 p.m. General admission is \$5, pit passes are \$10, and children under
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COUNCIL

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King came before the council to seek funding for the road crew community corrections program. According to King, the grant that is received from the state only covers felonies and juveniles. Martin County has 59 percent misdemeanors which are not covered under the DOC grant. Her department was told to look into the county's misdemeanor fund. King said that after checking with the auditor's office, the county received \$7,500 last year in the county corrections fund that was used by the sheriff's department for part-time officers, maintenance, and cooks. "We're not here to take money away from the jail," said King adding that she understands the jail needs money to operate as well. She went on to say that the auditor's office said that there is a balance of more than \$30,000 in the fund accumulated.

Community corrections administrative assistant Kathy Collins gave the council information on the program stating that in 2010 there were 2,000 hours put in by those in community service. She explained that the crews cover many areas in Martin

County and provide a lot of free labor and that her department supports the program and wants to see it continue.

King then asked the council for \$15,000 to be appropriated to fund the road crew program. "We have several projects that we do every year," she said. "People depend on us; I would just hate to see that not happen."

Sheriff Rob Street was then asked how taking this money from the fund would affect him. Street replied that as long as he has what he needs, he doesn't care. Council member Lynn Gee stated that the amount of money community corrections needs each year could not be sustained from the fund. King replied that they would be looking into more grants in the future. Collins also stated that the numbers submitted to the Department of Corrections for Martin County do not include the misdemeanor community service hours and her department needs to collaborate with the sheriff's department in the future. She said that the state may provide more funding if they see that the county has a need and that they are servicing 75 more people than what the numbers show that are submitted by the sheriff's department. Sheriff Street noted that his department does not submit any figures to the state so he's not sure where the DOC is getting the numbers. Collins said she would look into where they get their information.

Council member John Stoll arrived late to the meeting and broke in questioning why this topic was being discussed as it was not on the agenda. After being told that it was indeed on the agenda, Stoll said he didn't get to see a copy of it. He then said that he didn't think it was a good idea to be giving out money when the council was trying to cut every penny possible. Collins explained that the money they were requesting was not a part of the general fund and came from the DOC, slated for use with misdemeanor offenders. Stoll then asked why the council needed to approve anything then if the money was not a part of the general fund and came from the state.

Judge Lynne Ellis went over the funding issue again with Stoll and the fact that state statute says that the community corrections can get money from the county's misdemeanor fund. She said they were not aware

that the county was even getting this money and if the road crew was to be kept up, the money would have to be found. It was decided by the council to advertise an additional appropriation for the \$15,000 requested and decide how much to actually give at next month's meeting.

Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder updated the council on on-going and new projects he is working on. He told the council that the commissioners put \$40,000 in their budget for the Alliance and he would appreciate their consideration in keeping that. Council member Gee asked Kinder what would happen to his position if they were unable to keep that amount in the budget. Kinder replied that he could very well be eliminated.

Council member Warren Albright asked Kinder if he was a Martin County resident yet to which Kinder replied that he does have a property in the county as of last November.

Sheriff Street informed the council that he was in talks with the Loogootee Mayor about taking over the dispatch calls for the city. Although the Loogootee Board of Public Works unanimously voted to keep the city's dispatch program, Street said he was approached by the mayor recently and told that the board may reconsider. He said the mayor wanted to know what the sheriff's department would charge to take the city's calls for a six-month trial period, 12 hours a day, seven days a week on the low-activity shifts. Street said he gave him a figure that would allow him to hire a part-time dis-

patcher. He said he would prefer the amount not be released at this time but did provide it to the county council. He wanted to know if the council would allow the sheriff's department to keep that money if the Loogootee Public Works Board approved the change.

"I am totally against it," said council member Gee about the elimination of the program. "As a citizen of Loogootee and somebody that could need help, I am totally against it."

Council member Albright said that he doesn't see how calling the sheriff's department is any different then calling the city police department. "The phone rings here just as quick as it does there and the radio talks just as quick here as it does there also," he said.

Sheriff Street said that from what he understands, the city would install a phone outside of the police department for those who walk up and need an emergency or do not have access to a telephone.

Council member Winger said he was concerned with the fact that the city will have a new mayor at the first of the year. Street replied that this is why the six-month trial was suggested.

The council questioned whether the figure the sheriff came up with would cover his cost. They suggested he refigure just to make sure. Albright also told Street that he should let the city board know that the six months was a trial basis for him as well to see if he could operate on the agreed money if approved.

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FAIR

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five are free.

On Sunday, July 10, the Sheep/Goat Show will begin at 9 a.m. The Carnival will again be held from noon to 10 p.m. The Beef Show will start at 1 p.m. and the Oreo Stacking Contest will begin at 4 p.m. Kiddie Tractor Pull Registration will start at 4 p.m. with the pull beginning at 5 p.m. The Horse and Pony Show will start at 6 p.m.

On Monday, July 11 the Horse and Pony

Show will again be held at 6 p.m. with games for the kids by Farm Bureau also at 6 p.m.

The Baby Show will be held at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. with Caricature Drawings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Public Fashion Revue will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Monday with Cowabunga starting at 9 p.m.

On Tuesday, July 12, the final day, the Supreme Showman will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the livestock auction at 7 p.m.

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 and July 9th, 1 to 3 p.m.
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Pucker up

-Photo by Lori Mattingly

2011 Catfish Queen Haley Wade was faced with the tradition of kissing the catfish. As with each queen every year, Haley faced the challenge with less-than-eager anticipation and quickly sanitized her lips once the deed was done.

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AMOS W. KNEPP

Amos W. Knepp died at 4:55 p.m. Thursday, June 30, 2011 at his home. A resident of Montgomery, he was 77.

He was born February 20, 1934, in Daviess County; the son of William and Mary (Wagler) Knepp. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He is survived by his wife, Fannie Margaret (Graber) Knepp; six sons and daughters-in-law, John Henry and Viola Knepp of Montgomery, William Dale and Esther Knepp of Loogootee, Eli G. and Mary Knepp, Abner G. and Deliah Knepp, Darvin Lee and Barbara Knepp, Darrell Wayne and Elizabeth Knepp, all of Montgomery; eight daughters and sons-in-law, Fannie Marie and Joseph Knepp of Montgomery, Mary Jane and Loren Graber of Washington, Sylvia Mae and Wayne Yoder of Montgomery, Rosanna and Francis Graber Jr. of Odon, Sarah Catherine and Darvin Stoll of Montgomery, Wilma Jean and Floyd Wagler of Plainville, Edith Lorene and Benjamin Yoder of Montgomery, and Amanda Marlene and Kevin Wittmer of Montgomery; five brothers, Abraham, Henry, Ora, Elmer and Johnnie Knepp; four sisters, Mildred Graber, Sylvia Raber, Rosemary Wagler and Wilma Wagler; one sister-in-law, Lovina Knepp; 82 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; one son, Herman Knepp; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Dale (Rosemary) Knepp; one brother, William Knepp; and one sister, Edith Knepp.

The funeral was held Sunday, July 3 at the family residence. Burial was in Stoll Cemetery.

Arrangements were made through Brocksmith-Blake and Wagler Funeral Home in Montgomery. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithblakefuneralhomes.com.

CHRISTOPHER DUNN

Christopher Wayne Dunn died Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at IU Medical Center. A

A Matter of Balance classes to be held

This summer, Generations is offering A Matter of Balance class at Martin County Community Learning Center located on the fairgrounds outside Loogootee. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program that emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

A Matter of Balance is an eight-week class where older adults learn to make changes to reduce fall risks at home and exercise to increase strength and balance. Classes will be held once a week on Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. starting July 21 and ending September 8.

This program is designed to help anyone concerned about falls; anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength; anyone who has fallen in the past; and anyone who has restricted activities because of

**CHRIS DUNN**

resident of Loogootee, he was 44.

He was born April 19, 1967; the son of Robert E. and Marjorie R. (Trueblood) Dunn. A 1985 graduate of North Daviess High School, he was a 911 dispatcher for Dubois County for 10 years; a part-time member of the Martin County Police Department; worked for WRZR radio for several years and was an EMT for 23 years. He married Donna (Taylor) Dunn on February 17, 2007 and she survives. He was a member of Odon United Methodist Church and Daviess County Ham Radio Society.

Other survivors include one daughter, Brooke A. Dunn of Loogootee; and his parents, Robert and Marjorie Dunn of Elnora.

He is preceded in death by one brother, Robert E. Dunn Jr.

The funeral service was held this morning Wednesday, July 6 at 11 a.m. at Odon United Methodist Church, with Rev. Lonnie Goen officiating. Burial was to follow in Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Arrangements were made through Poindexter-Hall and McClure Funeral Home.

DOROTHY HART

Dorothy Ann Hart died Wednesday morning, June 29, 2011 at her home. A resident of Loogootee, she was 74.

She was born January 7, 1937 in Knox County; the daughter of George Lawrence and Ethel Gerkin Hart. She was retired from Perfect Fit in Loogootee and was a member of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Shoals.

She is survived by one sister, Sue Cole of Bellevue, Nebraska; several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by three sisters, Kathleen Zinser, Martha Gaffinet, and Elizabeth "Betty" Johnson; two brothers, Robert and William L. Hert; and a brother

falling concerns.

Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and exercise to increase strength and balance.

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and sister in infancy.

A funeral service will be held Friday, July 8 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals. Fr. Joseph Erbacher will officiate. Burial will follow in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Thursday, July 7 at Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 7:30 p.m.

JANET DENSON

Janet A. Denson died at 2:47 p.m. Saturday, July 2, 2011 at the home of her daughter, Susan Young in Shoals. A resident of Loogootee, she was 75.

She was born November 1, 1935, in Martin County; the daughter of John C. Lents Sr. and Mary Alberta (Ryan) Lents. On May 8, 1954, she married Charles R. Denson and he preceded her in death on May 21, 2006. She attended St. Mary's Catholic Church in Shoals where she sang in the church choir. She was a 1953 graduate of St. John's High School in Loogootee.

Janet was the former Martin County Deputy Assessor for four years. She was a member of the Loogootee VFW Ladies Auxiliary and was a gifted artist and painter. She enjoyed playing golf, the organ and guitar.

She is survived by three daughters, Diane and husband David Welch of Georgetown, Susan Young and partner Mitch Johnson of Shoals and Tracy Denson of Raleigh, N.C.; four sons, Danny and wife Sheila Denson of Avon, Doug and wife Rita Denson of Loogootee, Kevin and wife Cozetta Denson of Atoka, Tennessee, and John and wife Melody Denson of Dothan, Alabama; two sisters, Nancy Smith of Florida and Judy Bains of California; one brother, John C. "Jack" Lents of Loogootee; along with 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Mary Alberta (Ryan) and John Lents Sr.; and her husband, Charles R. Denson.

A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Tuesday, July 5 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. Burial followed in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison.

Brocksmith Funeral Home in Loogootee was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

JEFFERY NIGG

Jeffery Ryan Nigg passed away at 6:43 a.m. Sunday, July 3, 2011 in St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville. A resident of Jasper, he was 33.

He was born on February 26, 1978 in

**JEFF NIGG**

Jasper; the son of Donald and Constance K. Bullock Nigg. He was working at Steinkamp Home Center in Huntingtonburg as a carpet installer.

Jeff was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland and a graduate of Jasper High School where he was a member of the marching band, football team and track team. His hobbies were mushroom hunting, fishing and camping.

He is survived by his parents, Don and Connie Nigg of Jasper; two sons, Ethan James and Silas Ryan Nigg at home; fiancé, Wendi Lindauer of Jasper; one sister, Michele Kay Roelle of Jasper; grandparents, Willis and Annetta Nigg of Jasper and Bernice Bullock of Loogootee; one niece and one nephew

Preceding him in death is his grandfather, James Robert Bullock.

Services for Jeff Nigg will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 7 in St. Mary's Catholic Church with burial to follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Ireland.

Friends may call from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 6 at the Becher & Kluesner North Chapel in Jasper.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church - Family of Jeff Nigg or to a favorite charity.

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Martin County Sheriff's Department log

Tuesday, June 28

1:51 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Odon. The call was transferred to Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

3:22 p.m. - Received a report of stolen property from a gravesite at Spring Hill Cemetery.

4:26 p.m. - Received a report of a broken windshield from a rock off of a dump truck.

4:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:16 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was air-lifted by Air Evac.

7:30 p.m. - Received a report of loud music causing windows in nearby residences to shake at the Shoals boat landing.

8:37 p.m. - Received a call regarding a dog bite.

11:58 p.m. - Received a report of a possible prowler in Shoals.

Wednesday, June 29

12:00 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Arvin Lane. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:58 a.m. - Received an anonymous call regarding underage drinking.

1:46 a.m. - Received a request for assistance from the Indiana State Police on a theft case in Loogootee.

2:00 a.m. - Received a report of water over Hart Road and a tree in the roadway.

4:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:36 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle at the Martin State Forest.

12:07 p.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm on Sherfick School Road.

2:03 p.m. - Received a call regarding possible drug activity.

2:34 p.m. - Received a report of a break in on Butler Bridge Road.

5:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals.

8:13 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a vehicle in Shoals.

10:19 p.m. - Received a call regarding problems with a juvenile daughter.

10:21 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 50, near Hart Road.

Thursday, June 30

12:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Dover Hill Road. No transport was necessary.

1:16 a.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated subject passed out in a vehicle.

5:08 a.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on State Rd. 450.

8:00 a.m. - Received a report of stolen property from a residence.

10:47 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious subject on a bridge on Deep Cut Lake Road.

2:46 p.m. - A female caller advised that she had run her car off in the lake at the Lyons Club in Odon. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

3:05 p.m. - A female caller advised she had been driving on Powell Valley Road and drove into water.

4:15 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver on U.S. 231, northbound from Haysville.

4:51 p.m. - Received a report of a theft from a residence in Shoals.

4:55 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Loogootee Family Medicine. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:18 p.m. - Received a report of illegal dumping.

6:45 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, about two miles south of Loogootee.

7:46 p.m. - Received a report of a bailer on fire on Gibson Road.

9:55 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on State Rd. 550.

10:09 p.m. - Received a report of a deer accident on U.S. 231, near 550S.

11:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Scenic Hill Road. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Friday, July 1

12:55 a.m. - Received a call regarding a domestic disturbance on U.S. 50, east of Loogootee.

2:08 a.m. - Received a report of a car running off the roadway to miss a deer on Jackman Hill Road.

2:41 a.m. - Received a report of possible domestic violence in Loogootee.

3:14 a.m. - Received a report of a possible fire in the basement of a residence on U.S. 150.

8:30 a.m. - Received a call regarding a controlled burn on S.R. 550.

9:45 a.m. - Received a report of animal abuse.

9:50 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a vehicle.

11:54 a.m. - Received a report of an accident in Trinity Springs.

12:17 p.m. - Received a report of an accident at the intersection of U.S. 231 and U.S. 50 in Loogootee.

12:31 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism on Mount Calvary Road.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of vandalism to a fork-lift in Crane Village.

3:45 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with a domestic dispute in the West Boggs Park area.

4:21 p.m. - Received a report of a battery.

4:43 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

5:48 p.m. - Received a report of a minor accident in Shoals.

8:48 p.m. - Received a report of a car on fire near the intersection of U.S. 50 and S.R. 450.

10:39 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

Saturday, July 2

12:15 a.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on U.S. 231 from the Highway 45 junction. Greene County was contacted.

3:25 a.m. - Received a report of a dispute at the Nu-Tap in Shoals.

4:28 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute on S.R. 450.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic dispute in Shoals.

8:20 a.m. - Received a report of an erratic driver on U.S. 50, westbound from Buffalo Bottoms.

12:22 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at West Boggs beach. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:45 p.m. - Received a request for extra patrol for a suspicious subject frequently showing up at a residence.

1:27 p.m. - Received a report of motorcycles blocking a driveway in Shoals.

2:29 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on Highway 58. Daviess County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

8:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Scenic Hill. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at the Shoals Ballpark. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center.

11:40 p.m. - Received a report of a fight at the Nu-Tap in Shoals.

Sunday, July 3

12:03 a.m. - Received a report of a commercial alarm in Shoals.

12:32 a.m. - Received a report of a group of intoxicated subjects on a subject's property in Loogootee.

2:30 a.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated juvenile in Shoals.

4:17 a.m. - Received a report of a house fire on Brett Road.

9:50 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious object in a bottle on the roadway in Shoals.

10:00 a.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle on private property in Shoals.

11:47 a.m. - Received a report of motorcyclists driving dangerously on U.S. 150 in the Singing Hill area.

12:11 p.m. - Received a report of an abandoned vehicle in Shoals.

1:00 p.m. - A female came on station to report a battery.

1:13 p.m. - A female caller advised that her underage granddaughter had left for an appointment on Thursday and had not returned home.

2:14 p.m. - Received a report of an accident on U.S. 50, just east of U.S. Gypsum.

5:57 p.m. - A female called regarding a domestic dispute.

7:24 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50, near the Jug Rock.

7:24 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a handicapped subject walking alongside the roadway near Burns City.

9:11 p.m. - Received a report of a fight and domestic dispute at West Boggs Park.

9:26 p.m. - Received a report of an intoxicated subject on personal property in Loogootee causing a disturbance.

9:27 p.m. - A female requested assistance with keys locked in her vehicle.

9:58 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals.

10:59 p.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle on Williams Road.

Monday, July 4

1:10 a.m. - Received a call from Pike County Sheriff's Department that they had located a runaway from Martin County.

6:35 a.m. - Received a report of a tree across the roadway on Half Moon Road.

10:31 a.m. - Received a call from a man requesting information about protective orders.

11:36 a.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a vehicle on Tommy George Road.

1:20 p.m. - Received a request for assistance with keys locked in a vehicle in Loogootee.

2:02 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:19 p.m. - Received a request from a business in Shoals for an officer to respond for problems with a person on the property.

3:33 p.m. - Received a report of possible drug activity in the Shoals area.

4:44 p.m. - Received a report of erratic drivers on fairgrounds and Dover Hill Road.

5:43 p.m. - Received a report of a possible intoxicated subject weaving into traffic.

6:14 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver eastbound on U.S. 50 from Shoals.

10:20 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a handicapped subject walking on Highway 645.

10:36 p.m. - Received a report of a possible impaired driver northbound on Main Street in Shoals.

Unknown time - Received a call regarding the firework ordinance in Crane Village.

Tuesday, July 5

12:12 a.m. - Received a report of a juvenile that is refusing to return home.

1:46 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle that had run off the road on Ironton Road and was abandoned.

8:57 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in at a business in Shoals.

9:37 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in and theft at a business in Shoals.

9:55 a.m. - A female came on station to report a battery.

Martin County jail bookings

Wednesday, June 29

3:21 p.m. - Michael Sluder, 34, of Mitchell was arrested and charged with failure to appear.

Thursday, June 30

2:28 a.m. - Daniel East, 25, of Loogootee, was arrested and charged with driving while suspended, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, and leaving the scene of an accident.

3:23 a.m. - Bret Fromm, 25, of Shoals was arrested and charged with dealing methamphetamines, and possession of methamphetamines.

Saturday, July 2

9:42 p.m. - Travis Bauernfiend, 30, of Shoals, was arrested and charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, and resisting law enforcement.

Martin County real estate transfers

Brian W. Baker and Justina B. Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Schirmerosa Farms of Indiana, LLC**, of Allen County, Indiana. Tract I: That portion of Sections 28 and 29, Township 4 North, Range 3 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 101.306 acres, more or less. Also, that portion of Section 29, Township 4 North, Range 3 West of the Second Principal Meridian, Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 32.776 acres, more or less. Except 0.282 acres, 1.718 acres, 0.166 acres, 4.836 acres and 15.24 acres in the same section. Tract II: A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, and part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, all in Township 4 North, Range 3 West, situated in Mitcheltree Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 34.26 acres, more or less.

Kathleen A. Sheetz, now Johnson, of Martin County, Indiana to **Jarrod H. Lents and Jennifer L. Lents**, of Martin County, Indiana, a portion of the Southeast Quarter

of the Southeast Quarter of Section 13, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana and containing 0.71 acre.

Donald Ray Holt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Thelma J. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, also described as Lot Number 27.

Linda Holt, of Martin County, Indiana to **James C. Stoughton and Donna R. Stoughton**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: A strip of ground beginning at the Southeast corner of the west half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, and containing one acre, more or less. Tract II: All that part of the west half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West and containing two acres, more or less. Tract III: A part of the east one half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, containing 12 acres, more or less.

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Loogootee Police log

Monday, June 27

9:40 a.m. - Bob Friedman of Bowling Trailer Court reported that sometime during the night someone had gotten into his vehicle and stole a craftsman ratchet and socket set. Chief Rayhill took the information.

10:16 a.m. - Al Martin was on station to report that someone had went into his apartment and took an envelope that had his truck title in it and a \$140 dollars in cash. Chief Rayhill talked with him.

2:17 p.m. - Received a call from the manager of Southwind Manor for a vehicle to be removed. Chief Rayhill went to the area and placed a 72-hour tag on it.

10:03 p.m. - A male called in a traffic complaint on Butcher Boulevard. He advised that two vehicles were drag racing down Butcher Boulevard and turned into the high school parking lot. Sgt. Norris went to the area and talked with one of the drivers.

11:16 p.m. - Received an anonymous call of dogs barking on U.S. 231 near Pamida. Sgt. Norris went to the area and located the dogs, but was unable to locate the owners.

Tuesday, June 28

12:54 p.m. - Caller stated that a vehicle had tried to run over her daughter while she walking. Officer Branham talked with the driver of the vehicle.

1:35 p.m. - Had a transient on station requesting assistance.

2:59 p.m. - Received a call from a female that she had received a text message from her daughter requesting a police officer at the Wiscaver Apartments for a verbal domestic dispute. The couple was separated for the night. Officer Branham was responding officer.

4:55 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested first responders at the American Legion in Loogootee for a male subject having seizures. Loogootee Fire was paged out.

5:45 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested a welfare check on a 911 hang up on N. Oak Street. Capt. Akles went to the location everything was ok.

7:13 p.m. - Received a call of a water leak near the Daviess County Line and Loogootee High School contacted Bo Wilson to check it out.

7:21 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested a landing zone setup at the Southside Fire Station. Loogootee Fire was paged out.

7:47 p.m. - Received a call of an accident near the Redwing Trailer Court. Capt. Akles went to the area there were no injuries.

Wednesday, June 29

1:47 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested an officer to assist a state unit on a theft case. Sgt. Norris went to the area.

11:08 a.m. - Received a call from a female that she had an accident in the Los Bravos parking lot with her horse trailer. Chief Rayhill went to the area and a state report was done.

5:45 p.m. - A male caller requested an officer to check out a trailer that he had just bought. Sgt. Hennette went to the area.

6:17 p.m. - Female called in about loud music at the school softball field. Sgt. Hennette went to the area and didn't find anything.

7:33 p.m. - A male came on station wanting it documented that he was here to pick up his daughter and no one showed up with her.

10:17 p.m. - Received a call of an accident on SR 550 and Hart Road, type of accident was unknown and Loogootee Fire was dispatched to assist.

10:42 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department advised they had received a call from female on North Line Street of harassment. Sgt. Hennette talked with her.

Thursday, June 30

1:17 a.m. - Female called in wanting a welfare check on her son. Sgt. Hennette talked with her.

1:59 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department requested assistance from Loogootee Police officer at the Schilli Trucking in Shoals. Sgt. Hennette went to assist.

2:47 p.m. - Male caller requested a welfare

check on his daughter on North Line Street.

Capt. Akles was given the information. He advised everything was Ok.

4:41 pm. Martin County Sheriff's Department called and advised they had gotten a 911 hang up on North Line Street. Made contact with the resident, she advised that she was home alone and had not made any phone calls.

7:34 p.m. - A male came on station to report a child custody violation.

9:46 p.m. - Male caller requested a welfare check be conducted on an elderly female on Pleasant View Lane.

10:36 p.m. - First responders were requested on State Road 550 for a deceased female.

11:43 p.m. - First responders were requested in Scenic Hill for lifting assistance.

Friday, July 1

2:13 a.m. - DCSD advised of a suspicious vehicle.

2:44 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang up on Cedar Street.

6:21 a.m. - Caller reported a structure fire on NW 1st Street. Loogootee Fire was dispatched and was on the scene for two hours.

10:56 a.m. - Caller advised of a fire restarting on NW 1st St. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

11:23 a.m. - Caller advised her son had left his wallet at the city park and wanted an officer to check it out. Captain Akles arrived and was unable to locate the wallet.

2:36 p.m. - Caller reported her daughter had been bitten by a dog. Captain Akles completed a bite report.

4:37 p.m. - Caller advised he had ran over a stop sign near Larkin Apartments.

5:58 p.m. - Caller advised of a possible intoxicated driver. Officers were unable to locate.

6:00 p.m. - Caller reported his vehicle had been vandalized. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the caller.

10:45 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol on Popular Street.

Saturday, July 2

1:03 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a business alarm on Broadway Street.

8:26 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a 911 hang-up involving possible road rage.

11:00 a.m. - Leonard Seals, of Loogootee, had his 2008 Nissan parked in the CVS parking lot. When he arrived home he observed damage to his vehicle. Captain Akles investigated.

12:26 p.m. - First responders were requested a Boggs Park for a possible drowning.

12:41 p.m. - Caller advised of a reckless driver on US 231.

11:38 p.m. - Caller requested an officer to ask subjects to stop letting off fireworks. Sgt. Norris responded.

Sunday, July 3

12:32 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported intoxicated persons on Cedar Street. Sgt. Norris responded to the area and advised the subjects to return indoors.

1:49 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on North Street.

5:50 a.m. - Caller reported she had trapped a raccoon and requested assistance from an officer. Captain Akles responded.

10:58 a.m. - Caller reported a civil dispute on Lincoln Avenue.

2:33 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from Shaded Estates. Captain Akles spoke with the complainant.

6:37 p.m. - Caller reported high water near the German American Bank.

6:56 p.m. - Caller reported her vehicle broken down on JFK Avenue.

9:28 p.m. - Caller reported an intoxicated person on Park Street. Sgt. Norris responded to the area.

11:02 p.m. - Caller reported fireworks still going off near Shaded Estates. Sgt. Norris responded to the area.

11:35 p.m. - Caller reported receiving harassing text messages.

Martin County Court News

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

CORRECTION: Last week in the Small Claims' Judgments, the case between Jeramey Osbourne and Schlomer Enterprises, Inc. was listed incorrectly. Mr. Osbourne actually won the case and was awarded a judgment of \$2,854.95.

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

June 23

Mike L. Kane, operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor; neglect of a dependent, a Class D Felony.

June 25

Cameron E. Craney, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, a Class A Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

John F. Kidwell, three counts of possession of a controlled substance, Class D Felonies; possession of methamphetamine, a Class D Felony; possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 27

Frederick E. Smeltzer, attempted murder, a Class A Felony; aggravated battery, a Class B Felony.

Derek F. Mattingly, battery resulting in serious bodily injury, a Class C Felony; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

June 1

Michael R. Morrison, convicted of sexual misconduct with a minor, a Class C Felony. Sentenced to serve five years in the Martin County Security Center with remaining time suspended including credit for 710 days previously served which includes all credit time. Defendant received three years of probation.

June 22

Jessica D. Howard, convicted of operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days in the Martin County Security Center with 359 days suspended including credit for three actual days previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

June 24

Benjamin Cole Harner, 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 58 days suspended including credit for one actual day previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

June 27

Prestin J. Hart, convicted of reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 180 days in the Martin County Security Center with 178 days suspended including credit for one actual day previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received 6 months of probation.

Steven Salmon, convicted of theft, a

Class D Felony. Sentenced to serve 18 months in the Martin County Security Center with 12 months suspended including credit for six actual months previously served and day for day good time credit for each day of actual incarceration. Defendant received six months of probation.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

June 22

Jessica D. Howard, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed; reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 24

Benjamin Cole Harner, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

June 27

Steven Salmon, burglary, a Class B Felony, dismissed.

Jordan M. Hert, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 22

Discover Bank vs. Ronald Gilbert, civil collection.

Capital One Bank vs. Alicia D. Fellers, civil collection.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Bryan Schultz, civil collection.

Crane Federal Credit Union vs. Terry L. Wilson, civil collection.

June 23

Sandie P. Jones vs. Merrill D. Brassine, reciprocal support.

June 27

American Acceptance Co., LLC vs. Andrew W. Foster, civil collection.

June 28

Chad M. Grafton vs. Gina R. Grafton, petition for dissolution of marriage.

CIVIL COURT DISMISSED

June 22

Capital One Bank vs. Michael Williams, civil collection, dismissed.

Capital One Bank vs. Larry Padgett, civil collection, dismissed.

Gary and Barbara Milhoan vs. Jon Curry, et al, civil tort, dismissed.

June 23

Capital One Bank vs. Judith Whitman, civil collection, dismissed.

June 24

Capital One Bank vs. Timothy Bradley, civil collection, dismissed.

June 27

Discover Bank vs. Heather Cook civil collection, dismissed.

SMALL CLAIMS DISMISSED

June 21

Propane Direct vs. Tom Johnson, complaint, dismissed.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

June 22 - June 28

Ashten Goldsberry, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

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

Luis Martinez, Jasper, speeding 65 in a 50, \$119.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

June 30

Clinton Joseph Spaulding of Loogootee and Mary Josephine Fenol of Loogootee.

Martin County accident reports

Thursday, June 30

4:46 p.m. - Scott Altop, of Bloomington, was operating a 1995 International and stopped in traffic on West Broadway. At this time the Altop vehicle was struck in the rear by 2007 Mazda operated by Mallory Smith, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

Friday, July 1

12:01 p.m. - Cheryl H. Campbell was operating a Cadillac and was stopped attempting to turn south onto 231. At this time Marvin Scaff, of Indianapolis, was operating a Ford and passed the Campbell and collided with the driver's side mirror of the Campbell vehicle. No injuries were reported. Captain Akles investigated.

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Saturday, July 2

10:04 p.m. - Ronald Rasche, 59, of Jasper, was westbound on U.S. 50, near Dover Hill Road, in a gold 1999 Ford pickup when he struck a deer that ran onto the roadway. The investigating officer was Deputy Steve Hale.

Sunday, July 3

4:50 a.m. - Cara Wyman, 31, of Shoals, was traveling on Buckley Road in a 2006 Kia Sedona when she struck a cow that was standing on the roadway. There was damage to the right front headlamp and passenger side mirror. The investigating officer was Corporal Steve Nolan.

Governor recognizes five-year anniversary of Major Moves

Governor Mitch Daniels last Wednesday marked the fifth anniversary of Major Moves, the initiative that has broken records for investment in highway and infrastructure projects across the state while bringing long-needed improvements to the Indiana Toll Road.

"The lease of the toll road was an extraordinary moment in Indiana history. When I called Major Moves the jobs vote of a generation, I meant it. Indiana is the envy of America today," said Daniels last Wednesday.

Five years ago, the state entered into a \$3.8 billion, 75-year lease with the Indiana Toll Road Concessionaire Company (ITRCC) to operate the road. Since then, more than \$334 million has been invested to improve it and the Indiana Department of Transportation has used more than \$2 billion in lease proceeds on 200 road and bridge projects, with more planned.

"What we see on this fifth anniversary is over a hundred new major roads projects, including those that have been on the drawing board for generations, and over a hundred major road and bridge restoration and preservations projects. All this is being done with no new taxes and no borrowing. On the day we made the transaction, we knew it was a great moment for Indiana, and it looks better each passing year," Daniels added.

Among Toll Road improvements:
 -\$250 million was invested to add a third lane in Lake County to alleviate congestion
 -\$40 million was spent to expand electronic tolling, operational since spring 2008

along the entire 157-mile span of the road -98 percent of more than \$360 million in contracts awarded to date by the ITRCC have been to Indiana companies, far exceeding the "Buy Indiana" goal of 90 percent.

-The governor's Indiana Toll Road Oversight Board (ITROB) meets each quarter to monitor the ITRCC's compliance with the lease and INDOT standards of operation. To date, the operator meets or exceeds all safety and maintenance guidelines.

Among the chief accomplishments of Major Moves to date:

-185 highway miles have been completed, with 413 expected by the end of 2015.

-588 bridges have been rehabilitated or replaced; by the end of 2015, 1,190 bridges will have been rehabbed or replaced.

-As of April 2011, the state has earned over \$755 million in investment income on the lease proceeds.

-By the end of 2012, 65 projects will be completed or substantially under construction and 30 projects will be accelerated, compared to the original 2006 plan.

Among major projects that are well underway or near completion are US 24 Fort to Port in Allen County (open to traffic in fall 2012), I-69 from Evansville to Crane (December 2012), and State Road 25, known as the Hoosier Heartland Highway connecting West Lafayette to Logansport (December 2013).

A state map of all Major Moves projects may be found here: www.in.gov/gov/files/MMmap2011.pdf

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



Studying new issues to better our communities

When the House and Senate are in session at the beginning of every year, we are very busy discussing and deciding upon the issues before us. However, Indiana's General Assembly is a part-time legislature, meaning during the interim we spend much of our time at home in our districts and at our other jobs. But the work and our duties as state representatives are far from over during the interim.

Every year, after the legislative session is complete, the Legislative Council meets to assign topics for study during the interim, as well as establish any new interim committee that is needed to examine a particular issue. Then, each representative is appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on an interim study committee.

I am pleased to announce that I have been appointed as the co-chair to the Interim Study Committee on Economic Development, and as a member to the Military Base Planning Council. Most interim committees begin meeting in July with the work wrapping up toward the end of October.

These interim, or summer study committees, as we usually call them, are a very important part of the legislative process. Even though session is adjourned for 2011, we will be continuing our duties this year by

studying in-depth various topics assigned to our committees. Interim committees with specific expertise will receive public testimony and work out the details of proposed legislation before it is introduced in the 2012 session.

The economic development committee I am co-chairing this summer will be studying a variety of things that affect all Hoosiers including: best practices in state and local economic development policies, how well Indiana's tax laws attract new businesses and investments, the use and effectiveness of tax credits and deductions, and how well our schools support economic development.

The Military Base Planning Council Committee that I have also been assigned to will study how communities can best support expanding military bases in Indiana, how the state can enhance the long term potential of military bases in Indiana, and how some military bases could work with other institutions such as schools or state military offices to improve their economic potential.

The summer study committees give us time to delve deeper into important issues and to study new ways to improve our state and communities. I look forward to the positive impact our work will have. I will report back to you on our progress as we continue to meet throughout the summer.

Changes to unemployment insurance take effect July 1

Hoosiers receiving unemployment insurance will notice changes to eligibility requirements on July 1, 2011. The new rules are part of a law passed by the General Assembly making several changes to unemployment insurance over the next year.

"The new law closes loopholes in eligibility requirements," said Mark W. Everson, Commissioner of the Department of Workforce Development. "This will ensure only those who are truly unemployed are eligible for unemployment insurance benefits."

The following individuals will not be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits beginning July 1:

-People who work on an on-call or as-needed basis when they receive pay or refuse work during any week. These individuals usually work for an employer whenever work is available but there is no set work schedule.

-Workers employed at a business during

a planned short-term shutdown. A planned short-term shutdown is an employer mandated vacation period with or without pay. Employees must be given at least six months advance notice or notified at the time of hire.

-Employees of Head Start programs who are on planned breaks such as summer vacation.

-Individuals who fail or refuse a drug test given by an employer before hiring will be denied benefits. The Department of Workforce Development will process this as a work refusal when notified by an employer.

For more information, employers should view the online handbook at www.in.gov/dwd/files/Employer_Handbook.pdf. Additional information for individuals is available online at www.in.gov/dwd/files/Claimant_Handbook.pdf.

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TODD BAKER and BLAIR DEARWESTER

Todd Baker, Blair Dearwester to exchange vows next weekend

Todd Andrew Baker and Lacy Blair Dearwester would like to announce their engagement and upcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Clay and Helen Dearwester of Loogootee. She is a 2007 graduate of Loogootee High School and earned her associates degree of nursing from Vincennes University. She is currently employed by Monroe Hospital as a Registered Nurse.

The future bridegroom is the son of Van and Lynn Baker of Loogootee. He is a 2007 graduate of Loogootee High School and currently attending Indiana University where he will graduate with a bachelor degree in Secondary Education in May 2012. The wedding ceremony will be July 16, 2011 at St. John Catholic Church in Loogootee. A reception will immediately follow at the St. Martin's Church Hall in Whitfield.

Updated changes to health department shot clinics

The Indiana State Department of Health has postponed changes to the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program until January 1, 2012. This change will allow the Martin County Health Department to vaccinate all children regardless of insurance status until that time. Parents of students entering kindergarten or grade 6 who need shots before school starts can receive their shots at the health department. Immunization clinic hours are every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The first Wednesday of each month the clinic is open until 6 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The health department will continue to provide

tetanus vaccine; Hepatitis A and B vaccine and TB testing to those age 19 and older for a fee. Anyone with questions can call the health department at 247-3303.

Classes and programs at the learning center

Accuplacer Testing for VU - Are you planning on starting classes at Vincennes University or VUJC this fall? If you have not taken the Accuplacer placement test yet, now is a great time to get it done close to home! Call or stop by the learning center to set up an appointment to take the test in Martin County and save yourself the drive. NEW! Resume and Cover Letter Basics - This is a basic course designed to help applicants with their resume and cover letter for the private sector or government contractor positions. The class is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 14 and the cost is \$25. This course is being offered by Darlene Ridgway with Bramble Consulting. Applicants need to pre-register no later than the Friday before the scheduled class date. Contact Kathy at the learning center to pre-register. USAJOBS Workshop (Resume Builder) - The USAJOBS workshop is provided by Bramble Consulting (Darlene Ridgway). USAJOBS is the federal government's official website and provides access to more

than 30,000 job listings world-wide. This is an online resume training session and will provide applicants with information and advice needed to apply for a government position. USAJOBS Resume Builder allows you to create one uniform resume that provides all the information required by most government agencies. The next workshop will be held on July 12 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and cost is \$40. Call the learning center to sign up. Adult Literacy and Education - Do you know someone who could use some help with his or her reading skills? Anyone interested is heartily encouraged to contact SOAR! at 812-709-1618 for further information. For GED-Adult Basic Education, call Vicki Conrad at 812-936-2881. Contact - Kathy Kerr, Coordinator, 812-295-2674 or email kkerr8@ivytech.edu Office Hours - Monday through Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Martin County Community Foundation seeking applications for non-traditional scholarship

The Martin County Community Foundation is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for the Martin County Non-Traditional Scholarship. This scholarship is available to a student who:
 -Is a resident of Martin County
 -Is out of high school at least one year
 -Seeks to further their education at an accredited college, university, vocational, or trade school
 -Is able to demonstrate a need for assistance
 A simple one-page application is available at the MCCF Office located at the west door of the Martin County 4-H Community Building at the Martin County 4-H Grounds, Work One in Martin County, or online at www.cfpartner.org.

Applications are due July 29th. Questions: mccf@rtccom.net or 812-295-1022.

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~2011 Catfish Around the Clock~



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Those honored with awards at the 2011 Catfish Queen Competition are shown above. From left to right are 2011 Queen Haley Wade, Mackenzie Jones, first runner-up; Audra Deckard, second runner-up; Tia Sanders, third runner-up; Katlyn Sanders, evening wear; and Sasha Mains, Miss Congeniality.



-Photo by Beth Cook

Ladies in the Junior Miss competition receiving honors are shown above. From left to right are Little Miss winner Amanda Grafton, Julie Dorsey, first runner-up; Stephanie Craft, Miss Congeniality; and Ashley Phillips, evening wear.



-Photo by Beth Cook

The Catfish Festival Queen Committee recognized Lisa Bauer for her dedication to the pageant. Over the years she has donated her time to the girls; she has encouraged them and wants them to know they are all beautiful. The committee hopes that the spirit of the pageant continues on for years to come. Shown from left to right, are Missy Hawkins, Micky Collins, Lisa Bauer, Amber Cook, Kindra Hovis, and Ashley Hawkins.



-Photo by Beth Cook

Girls honored in the Catfish Little Miss competition are shown above. From left to right are Little Miss Queen Emma Hurt, Summer Fromme, first runner-up; Mya Miller, second runner-up; Cassidy Witt, third runner-up; Macy Wyman, fourth runner-up; Leila Sango, fifth runner-up and Miss Congeniality; and Ashlyn Troutman, best dressed.



-Photo by Lori Mattingly

Cody Roush of White River Outfitters hauls out the huge catfish awaiting the lips of Catfish Queen Haley Wade.



-Photo by Beth Cook

Winners of the Catfish Pre-Teen competition are shown above. From left to right are Pre-Teen Queen Zetta Gore, Alyssa Hernandez, first runner-up; Brooklyn Dobson, second runner-up and best dressed; Olivia Wells, third runner-up; Haylee Davis, fourth runner-up; Madelyn Gaines, fifth runner-up; and Amelia Cooper, Miss Congeniality.



-Photo by Lori Mattingly

Main Street in Shoals and the crowd strolling was interrupted by a train moving through town during Catfish festivities.



-Photo by Lori Mattingly

The Big Catfish Contest sponsored by White River Outfitters drew a crowd. The enormous catfish were placed in a tank out in front of the store for spectators.



My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett Owner, MCJ

I have always been what some would call an over-protective mother. I try not to be but I just can't help it. Although Loogootee has not changed much since I was a kid, something must have changed in the eyes of parents. Kerry (Frye) Sims and I used to walk the city up one side and down the other when we were in grade school. Kerry lived on Butcher Boulevard so we would go up to the school to play basketball, tennis, or bounce a ball off of the wall of the high school. We would walk Main Street – go into Alco Dime Store and get vanilla Coke, visit her Grandpa Clyde in the American Legion, or just go to a friend's house. As far as I can remember we were never harassed or in danger while out and about. Since I lived near Alfordsville in a secluded area, my time at Kerry's house was always exciting.

Today, we live at the very end of Church Street in Loogootee. For years now my boys have wanted to ride their bikes down to Elementary East to play on the playground equipment or shoot hoops. Well, they can't do this now but nonetheless I would never let them do it out of fear. Images would

flash through my mind of car accidents, kidnapping . . . I guess I am just real negative. Recently, Alex (my 11-year-old) had a buddy over and they wanted to go to the pool by themselves. My grandma was visiting and even though I was sick about it, I let Alex go alone to the city pool. After dropping him off with his cell phone in tow and telling him to be on his best behavior, I hesitantly returned home. As soon as I walk into the house I hear the dispatcher on the scanner call the police to the city pool for a fight in progress. My stomach went in knots. Alex was there with three friends and I believe I called all of their cell phones but didn't get an answer. Finally, when I was gathering my things to head back up there, Alex called me back. He said he was not involved and everything with him and his friends was fine. This is the reason though that I don't let my kids out of my sight very often.

I didn't even let my boys spend the night away from me until four years ago when we moved back to Loogootee. My friend Lori Mattingly took a whole gaggle of kids home with her one night for a sleepover and both my boys wanted to go. I was sick about it – she made fun of me. My husband showed up at her house I believe at 8 a.m. the next morning to get them. (Believe it or not, he is worse than me) Since then, my boys have been to many overnight stays and day trips with friends but I still worry sick until they are back in front of me again.

Maybe my fear stems from all the "reckless" things I did as a kid. By 13 years old, I was gone with friends every single night. Up until I met my husband at age 19, I was a pretty crazy teenager. Obviously I made it through without any real damage but there were certainly some close calls.

I don't know what is wrong with me but the older my boys get, the less understanding they become of my phobia. I try not to show my fear and go with the flow but I'm pretty bad at hiding it. I know I will have to completely cut the cord eventually, but I'm using a dull butter knife to do it.

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Calendar of Events

Haysville Sommerfest run/walk

The annual Haysville Sommerfest 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, July 9 at 8 a.m. Registration is \$20 the day of the race, which includes a t-shirt. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Royer at 678-2122.

Shawl Ministry meetings

The non-denominational Woven with Prayers Shawl Ministry will meet on Mondays, July 11 and July 18 at the Loogootee United Methodist Church Prayer Room from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Knitters and crocheters, beginners or experienced, are all welcome. If you have any questions, please call Dianna Overall at 295-2639.

Want to volunteer your time?

The RSVP Volunteer Center is hosting an informational meeting about serving the needs of Martin County through volunteer service. Any community agency or non-profit organization as well as potential volunteers, age 55 and better, are invited to attend. The meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12 at 10 a.m., at the Loogootee United Methodist Church located at 208 W. Main Street.

Youth football starting

Martin County Youth Football practice starts on Tuesday, July 12 from 6-8 p.m. at Lark Ranch. Practices will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday until school starts at which time it will change to Tuesday and Thursday. Opening Day Jamboree will be on August 20; times to be announced. Regular season is August 27 through October 8. Championships games on October 29 and November 5.

Eligible children enrolled in kindergarten thru 12th grade during the 2011-2012 school year. The program is accepting kids from Loogootee schools and surrounding areas for the k-2, 10U, 12U, 14U, and high school teams. If you have not yet signed up, please contact Chuck Robinson at 296-1925. Sign-up fees are \$50. League provides: helmet, shoulder pads, and jerseys. Player provides: black football pants and cleats.

Fish Fry

The Martin County Fire and Rescue will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, July 8 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, July 9 from noon to 8 p.m. during the county 4-H fair. Everyone is invited to come and eat in the air-conditioned fire station at the fairgrounds before and during the fair festivities.

Soccer sign-ups

Martin County Youth Soccer sign-ups will be held Thursday, July 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Loogootee Municipal Building. Any child age 5 by August 1 and no older than 13 by August 1 is eligible. For more information, call 812-295-2989.

Animal Control Commission

The Martin County Animal Control Commission will meet Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m. in the city council meeting room of the Loogootee Municipal Building. The meeting is open to the public.

Tourism meetings

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

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.

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.

Recovery support group

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

Martin County ABATE meetings

The Martin County Chapter of ABATE of Indiana will meet Wednesday, July 20 at 7 p.m. in Loogootee Family Restaurant.

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 295-3149.

Talk to a lawyer – for free

The next scheduled Talk To A Lawyer telephone clinic is Thursday, July 7 from 4:30 p.m. (DST) until 7 p.m. (DST). The first Thursday of every month, volunteer lawyers are available during this time to answer general legal questions and to give general legal advice, free of charge. To contact one of the volunteers during the clinic hours, the telephone number is: (812) 618-4845 or toll free (888) 594-3449. This clinic is open to anyone with a legal question, as long as the question is one involving Indiana law. Talk To A Lawyer clinic is co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation. The clinic has been in operation since 2002 and since its inception, has donated thousands of volunteer hours and answered thousands of legal questions involving Indiana law from people all over Indiana as well as other states.

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New Beginnings Church WEEKLY MESSAGE

BY ERNIE CANELL
Pastor, New Beginnings Church

The freedoms in this country are being challenged more and more. I recently saw a video of a man in Philadelphia arrested because he was preaching the word of God at a festival. There was nothing illegal about it but he was arrested never the less.

2 Timothy 4 says the day has come when people will not endure sound doctrine but want to have their ears tickle. They want preachers that teach in accordance to their own desires and turn away their ears from the truth.

Paul knew this day would come when people don't want to hear the truth. They want to hear what makes them feel good. Preaching the Gospel will only make those living for God feel humble and thankful. Those who do not know Jesus as personal Savior will not feel good because the gospel shows their sin.

If we are going to see the power of God work in our country, in our cities, we must do what Paul told timothy; preach the word! Without God's word planted in people's hearts, the Bible says they are rejecting God. Is. 4:24 says: "Root will become rot, their blossoms blow away and become as dust." People's lives are messed up because they reject God's word.

Some have said I will show them by the way I live. That is great, people do get curious if you are showing great love and are full of joy, but they can't come to faith unless they hear. When the Sadducees and the Pharisees were questioning Jesus, He said is this not the reason you are mistaken, that you do not understand the Scriptures or the power of God? Mark 12:24 (NASB) Romans 1:16 Paul's says 'I'm not ashamed of the gospel for it is the Power of God for salvation.' The gospel has power. The gospel has power to save people from hell.

"God's power is like Himself, self-existent, self-sustained. The mightiest of men cannot add so much as a shadow of increased power to the Omnipotent One. He sits on no but-tressed throne and leans on no assisting arm. His court is not maintained by His courtiers, nor does it borrow its splendor from His crea-tures. He is Himself the great central source and Originator of all power." (C. H. Spurgeon).

Throughout the New Testament, it tells us about the power of the good news of the grace of Jesus Christ and the power of God to change people's lives and give them the strength they need to live a life pleasing to Him. The word of God has the power to break the chain that holds you down. Power of God can heal broken hearts, break addiction to

drug and alcohol, heal relationship, make the impossible possible, can heal your financial situation, and can move mountains in any situation if you are willing to let it.

The great thing about the power of God is that it belongs to those who follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

20: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21: to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen. Eph 3:20-21 (NASB)

For God has not given us a spirit of timid-ity, but of power and love and discipline 2 Tim 1:7 (NASB)

God has given us the power through the Holy Spirit when we come to believe. The power works in us. When we give our hearts and our lives to Jesus Christ we have dynamite...

You have the power to overcome. For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has over-come the world—our faith. 5: Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who be-lieves that Jesus is the Son of God? 1 John 5:4-5 (NASB)

You have the power to live the Christian life- 'now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will

abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13 (NASB)

You have the power over come tempta-tions. No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faith-ful, who will not allow you to be tempted be-yond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. 1 Cor 10:13 (NASB)

The word that has the power is that of Jesus Christ, God became man, came to the earth in the form of human to share the kingdom with the past, present, and future world. He dies on the cross because he loved us so that we would be allowed through faith to get to Heaven. The punishment for our sins has been taken. Jesus took them. We repent of our sins and turn away from living for self and turn toward Jesus. We can be assured of the promises and the power of the eternal relationship with God. Are you living powerless? Now is the time to live in the power of God

Our service now begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. Please come and join us. Vacation Bible School will be a little different this year; we will begin on Friday night July 22 and Saturday will be at Boggs. It will be a great time. If you have any ques-tions about your relationship with God, call 812-709-0258.

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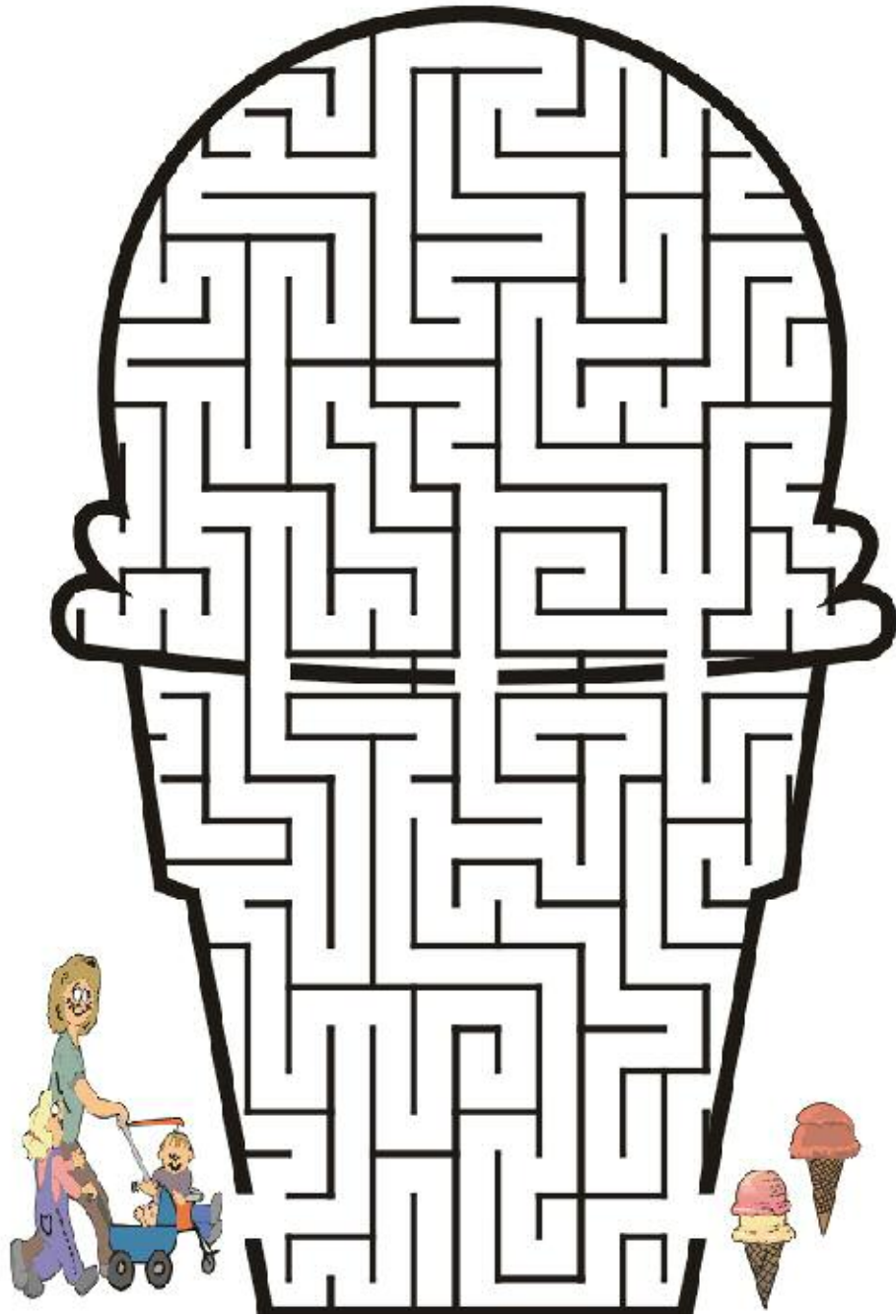
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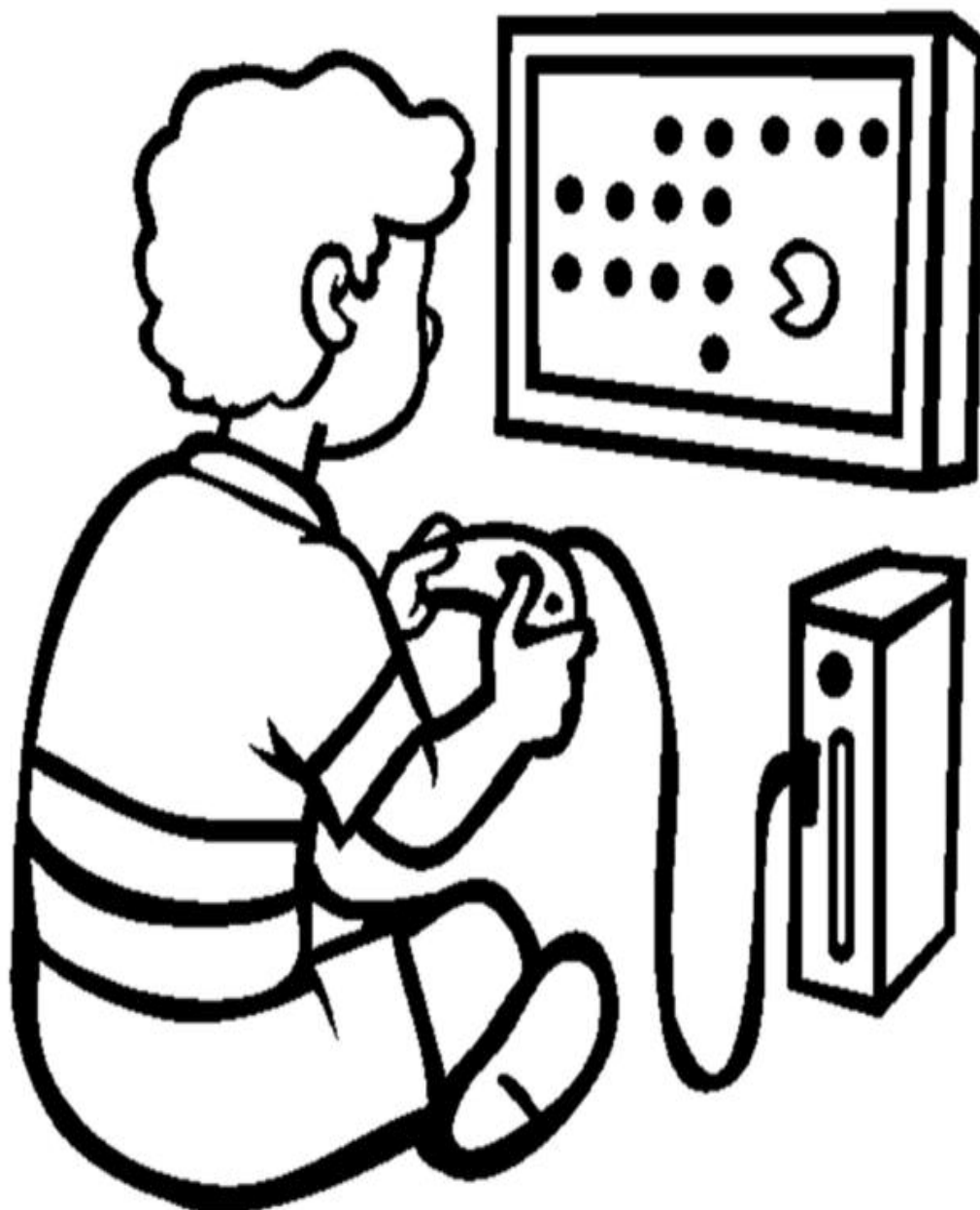
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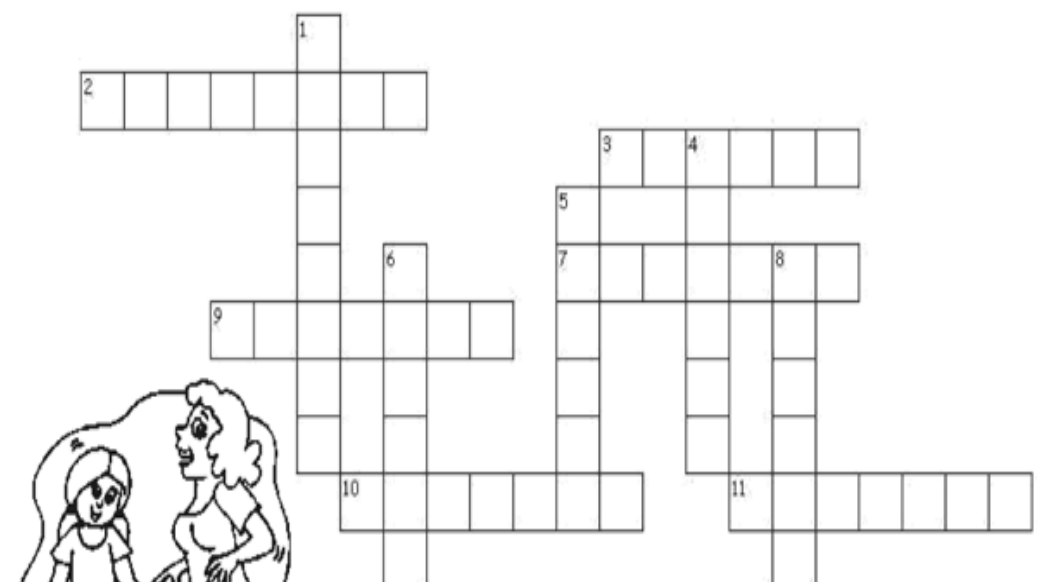
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 - keeps the ball away from the net
 - kick the ball while it's in the air
 - the American name for the game