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Loogootee City Council to add \$10 surcharge to bills of homes outside city limits

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Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling reported on results of a recent audit by the State Board of Accounts at the Loogootee City Council meeting Monday night, July 12. He said the auditor raised questions about the rate structure for the sewer department. The mayor said in approximately 1992, the Loogootee city wastewater system was extended to outside of city limits to service the Bellgrade area. To provide the service to the area a \$10 per month sewer surcharge was added to the resident's bills.

The mayor said that although the surcharge was written into the agreement at the time and has been collected monthly, it has never been written into the rate structure like it should have been. The recommendation of the auditor is that the city

needs to clean up the Wastewater Rate Ordinance so that it clarifies the surcharge.

Mayor Bowling went on to say that to confuse the issue more, the wastewater extension that was built to service the Scenic Hill area was also not included in the rate structure. In addition to Bellgrade and Scenic Hill there are other wastewater service lines which extend outside the city limits that are not being charged a surcharge as they should have been to be fair.

Mayor Bowling recommended that the council discuss and possibly move forward on an ordinance that imposes a \$10 surcharge for all wastewater customers who are serviced outside of the Loogootee city limits. "We need to treat them all the same," Mayor Bowling said.

He added the surcharge would affect approximately 1,000 customers. ('SURCHARGE' continued on page 3)

"We need to treat them all the same."

-Mayor Don Bowling on sewer customers outside of the Loogootee city limits



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

In the photo above, newly elected Loogootee School Board members Shawn Howell, at left, and Larry Craney, middle, read and prepare to sign their oath of office along with re-elected board member Scott Hall, at right. Howell and Craney participated in their first meeting Monday night.

New Loogootee School Board members take oath; East secretary says goodbye

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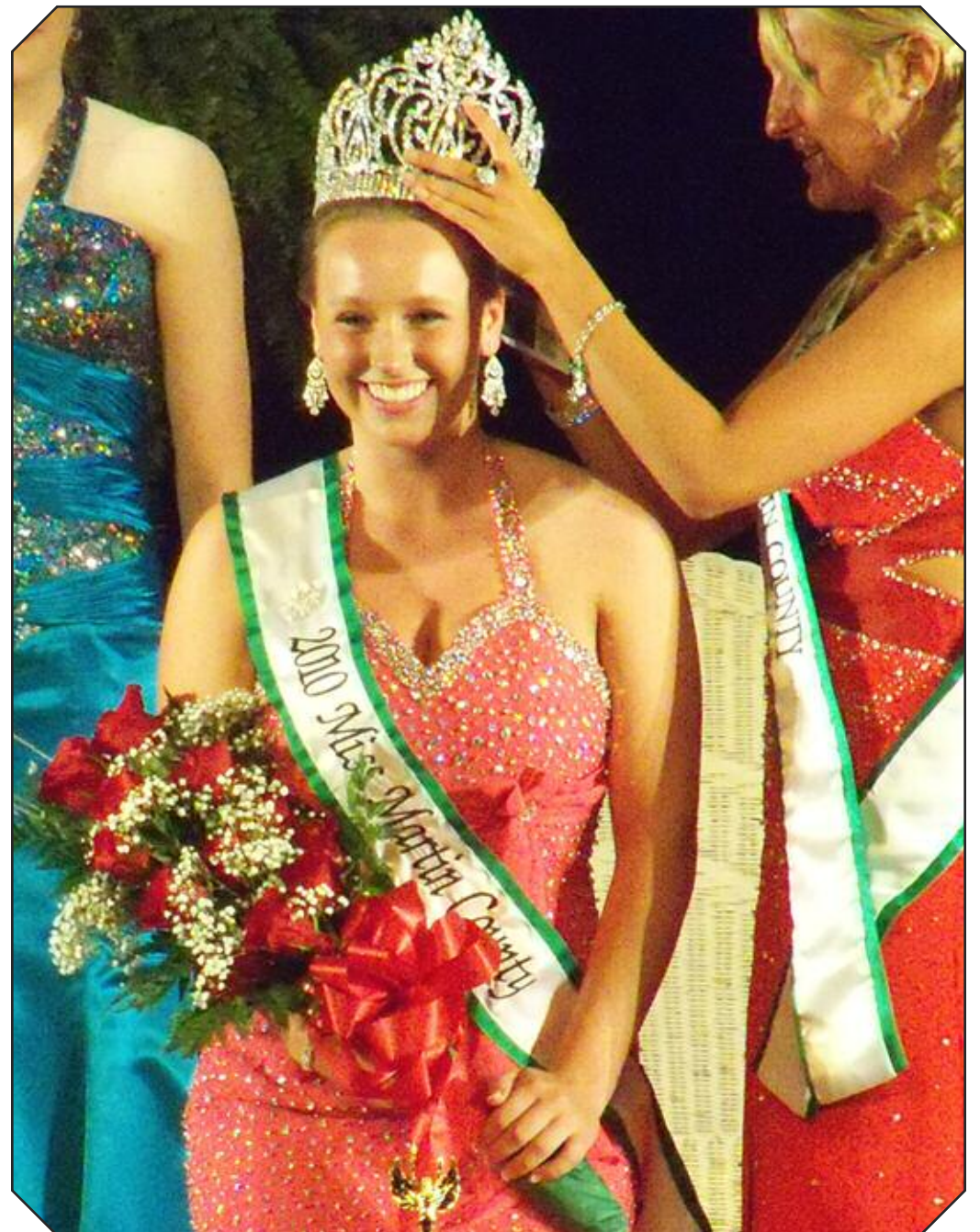
Newly-elected Loogootee School Board Members Shawn Howell and Larry Craney took their oath of office at their first meeting Monday, July 12. Re-elected school board member Scott Hall also took the oath. Being the board's reorganizational meeting for the 2010-11 school year, the following officers were elected: Eric Ackerman, President; Scott Hall, Vice President; and Larry Craney, Secretary. Tim Bradley, who was not present at the meeting and Shawn Howell are members. Mary Walton was reappointed as Corporation Treasurer and Anna Marie Hand was reappointed as Deputy Treasurer.

Their first order of business was to accept the resignation of Elementary East Secretary Nancy Summers who has taken another job.



NANCY SUMMERS

Mr. Weitkamp also announced that Elementary West second grade teacher Amber Smith needs to be off for the entire school year per a doctor's note. Both positions will need to be filled. ('SECRETARY' continued on page 2)



2010 Miss Martin County

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Ashley Hawkins was crowned the 2010 Miss Martin County last Thursday night, July 8. The queen contest was moved to the LHS auditorium after inclement weather threatened the pageant. Above, at right, the 2009 Miss Martin County Lauren Poirier passes on the title. Ashley had said that she always dreamed of serving as Miss Martin County. Congratulations Ashley... dreams do come true!

Shoals School Board prepares for 2010-11 school year at meeting

Story created using meeting minutes provided by Andrea Qualkenbush, Superintendent Secretary.

The Shoals School Board held their re-organizational meeting Thursday, July 8. Bill Shobe recommended the officers stay the same as they are currently seated as follows: Glen Anthony Cundiff, President; Mary Lou Billings, Vice President; C. Denise Garrett, Secretary; A. Christy Farhar, member; and William J. Shobe Jr., member. Shobe's recommendation passed unanimously. Superintendent Dr. Tony Nonte recommended that all board members serve as members of the Board of Finance. This recommendation also passed.

The board agreed to leave the date and time of school board meetings the same as last year. Regular school board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. with executive sessions at 4:30 p.m.

Dr. Nonte notified the board that he received a request from Phillip Emmons that

he be allowed to drive school bus route number 7 for the upcoming school year. Dr. Nonte reminded the board that at the end of the 2007-08 school year, he expressed concern about lack of discipline on the bus and recommended that Mr. Emmons hire a driver for the remaining three years of the contract. It was agreed upon by Mr. Emmons, the superintendent, and the school board for Mr. Emmons to hire a driver for bus route number 7 for the remainder of the current contract. Dr. Nonte stated that after the meeting with Mr. Emmons and his attorney during the executive meeting of the board earlier this evening, and listening to their concerns, his recommendation is to require Mr. Emmons to continue the third year of the prior agreement, requiring Mr. Emmons to hire a driver for the last year of his bus contract for the 2010-11 school year. Board member Shobe stated the following for the record: "Mr. Emmons talked about discipline being a problem, but there is a greater problem, and

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that's safety of the kids. He has demonstrated that he has done things that jeopardize the safety of the kids. I don't think we can take a chance on letting him continue to drive."

The board approved the following substitutes for the 2010-11 school year: Rebecca Bauer (Doane), Alisha Troutman, Norman Beasley, Norma Wade, Pat Burcham, Penny Waggoner, Cynthia Clymer, Shannon Waggoner, Kathy Collins, Erin Craney, Lowell Dawson, Nina Forman, Barb Hager, Joni Harder, Charlene Hatton, James Johnson, Marilyn Jones, Monica Jones, Amy Kavanaugh, Andy Purdue, and Rebecca Schlaegel.

Custodial Subs: Joyce Jones, Charlie Payne, Pat Hernandez, and Alan Abel.

Cafeteria subs: Linda Hawkins, Terri Hovis, and Regina Floyd.

The board approved the following coaches:

Melissa Hawkins, High School Cheerleader Sponsor

Kayla Bauer, 7th Grade Volleyball (1/2)

Trish McKibben 7th Grade Volleyball (1/2)

Jennifer Allbright, 8th Grade Volleyball

Rebecca Harmon, 7th/8th Grade Volleyball Volunteer

Chris Jones, High School Assistant Varsity/JV Cross Country Coach

The board approved the following sponsors for the 2010-11 school year:

Summer Band and Choral Director, Joel Weitkamp; Yearbook, Newspaper and Fall and Spring Play, Ann Schneider; High School Academic Coach, Tina Rue; Senior Beta and Junior High Beta Sponsor, Ken Macy; Jr. Class Sponsors, Jeff Gee, Teri Kerr, and Larry Sherfick; Senior Class Sponsors, Allyson Thompson, Jonathan Holt, and Jim Goldsberry; and Student Council Sponsor, Larry Sherfick.

The board approved the proposed textbook rental fees for the 2010-11 school year. The elementary textbook rental fees were as follows:

Kindergarten, \$113.44; Grade 1, \$145.78; Grade 2, \$146.00; Grade 3, \$119.78; Grade 4, \$110.31; Grade 5, \$110.08; and Grade 6, \$106.01.

The board also approved the junior high and senior high textbook rental fees, which will vary depending on each student's individual schedule.

The principals reported ISTEP+ test scores from testing done in the spring of 2010. (See side bar for scores).

Dr. Nonte notified the board that one bid was received from Prairie Farms Dairy Inc. for milk products for the 2010-11 school year as follows: Gallon 2% White, \$3.1198; 1/2 Pint 2%, \$0.2473; 1/2 Pint 1% , \$0.2403; 1/2 Pint Chocolate 1%, \$0.2454; 1/2 Pint Skim, \$0.2334; 1/2 Pint Straw. 1%, \$0.2454; 1/2 Pint 100% Orange Juice, \$0.2462; 1/2 Pint Homogenized, \$0.2647; 5# Sour Cream, \$7.6000; 1 oz. Sour Cream (100ct.), \$11.1100; 5 # Cottage Cheese, \$7.4500; 6 oz. Yogurts, \$0.4100; 4 oz. 100% Juices, \$0.1581; and 1/2 Pint Skim Chocolate, \$0.2451. The board approved the bid.

The board approved a five-cent increase in the cafeteria milk price for the 2010-11 school year along with a ten-cent increase in lunch prices with the breakfast prices remaining unchanged. The recommended prices are as follows: half pint of milk, \$.40; breakfast-all students, \$1.30 per meal; breakfast-adults, \$1.70 per meal; lunch-preschool through grade three, \$1.85 per meal; lunch-grades four through six, \$1.90 per meal; lunch-grades seven through 12, \$2.00 per meal; and lunch-adults, \$2.75 per meal.

The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Trustees and the Shoals Teachers' Association. The memorandum changes the vendor of the 401(a) and VEBA accounts from MetLife/Security Benefit (Currently referred to as ISTA Financial Services Corporation) to MidAmerica/AUL.

Dr. Nonte told the board that he was recently notified by the owner of Oak Valley Cemetery Care, Thomas Fischer, that he

Shoals spring ISTEP+ results

Grade	English		Math		Science	
	Shoals Score	State Avg.	Shoals Score	State Avg.	Shoals Score	State Avg.
3	86%	79%	98%	75%		
4	68%	77%	78%	75%	78%	75%
5	62%	71%	70%	80%		
6	70%	72%	82%	77%	57%	58%
					Social Studies	
7	75%	72%	74%	73%	55%	64%
8	77%	69%	82%	72%		

would be unable to fulfill the remainder of his mowing contract due to health reasons. Dr. Nonte explained that when quotes were placed in March of 2009, T&T Mowing placed the second lowest quote at \$405 per mowing for the 2010 season. The board approved T&T Mowing to take over the mowing contract.

Dr. Nonte gave the board information concerning teacher classroom assignments and placement information for teaching assistants. For information only, no board approval was required.

Dr. Nonte presented the 2011 School Budget and Advertising Calendar to the board for approval. He noted that the budget must be adopted by the board no later than September 20, 2010, which is earlier than was required in past years. Important dates included in the budget calendar are as follows:

August 12, 2010, Regular Board Meeting – Superintendent will request permission to advertise the 2011 Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the School Bus Replacement Plan

September 9, 2010, Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing on the 2011 Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the School Bus Replacement Plan

September 20, 2010, Special Board Meeting and Adoption of the 2011 Budget, Capital Projects Plan and the School Bus Replacement Plan

The board approved a two percent salary

increase for the administrative positions of Assistant Jr. Sr. High School Principal and Superintendent for the 2010-11 to bring them in line with the pay increases previously approved for all other employees.

The next meeting for the Shoals School Board will be Thursday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m.

SECRETARY

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be replaced and will be posted.

Board member Larry Craney said "Nancy's done us a good job and I've known her a long time and she's done a great job." The other school board members agreed. "Hate to lose her," added board member Eric Ackerman.

The board appointed Superintendent Larry Weitkamp as the Daviess-Martin Special Education Cooperative Voting Representative with Principals Laura Mattingly and John Mullen as alternates. Weitkamp was also appointed as the Twin Rivers Career and Technical Education Area Voting Representative with Mike Tippery serving as the alternate.

The board voted to hold the school board meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. It was discussed that changes may be made to meeting times if they interfere with home basketball games. An exception was made for the July meeting which was moved to July 27, at 7 p.m.

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SURCHARGE

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proximately 60 additional water customers. He noted that water customers across the Daviess County line, outside of city limits, have been paying a \$2 surcharge for fire hydrants so asking for this fee is not unheard of.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said that when she went back and listened to meetings from the early 1990s, when the surcharge was first established, some residents came to the city council meeting asking how long they were going to have to pay. She said that in the meetings she listened to it was never stated how long the surcharge would be in effect. She also noted that the Bellgrade residents were under the impression that the surcharge would be removed when the system was paid for and the Scenic Hill residents assumed their surcharge was indefinite.

She said that the city received a grant in 1991 for the sewer system and Bellgrade had to be included or the grant would not have been awarded. A few years later, in 1993, Scenic Hill was added.

Jones said that the 2001 bond, which has been refinanced since the early 1990s, that Bellgrade residents thought they were supposed to help pay off was indeed paid off in October of 2009. She said another bond was taken out in 2002 for more sewer work but she is unsure if that was work in the Bellgrade area. She said that the city is still paying off one bond for the sewer department.

Council member Rick Norris made the motion to continue with the surcharge in Bellgrade and Scenic Hill and add the surcharge to all sewer customers outside of the city limits and council member Phyllis Parker made the second. All other members were in favor. A public meeting on the issue will be held in August for residents to give their input on the ordinance.

In other business, it was reported that the city received an official contract and notification to proceed on the energy efficiency LED Lighting Grant for the annex building. The city advertised for bids for equipment and installation and received two. The first was for \$24,925.50. The second bid was from was for \$35,445. The prices do not include labor; material only. The grant was around \$36,500 and \$34,000 was for the lamps with only \$2,500 for the installation. The city would have to hire someone else to do the installation. Mayor Bowling suggested that the council take the bids under advisement and the council agreed.

Mayor Bowling also reported that the city did not receive a grant to replace the windows and the other improvements for the annex building. He said of the 62 grants that were awarded, none were for windows or that type of construction which was a

large portion of what the city was asking for. He said that they are going back to the drawing board to make changes to the grant application for the next round of funding.

Loogootee Fire Chief Terry Pielemeier reported on the firefighting equipment that is being purchased from a grant awarded. He said that the coats, helmets, and pants have been ordered and they are expected to arrive in the next five to six weeks. The boots and the alert devices have arrived and Pielemeier said they have been billed for them, \$12,000, and he is requesting a partial grant draw to pay that bill.

Pielemeier reiterated the fact that the grant money was not enough to cover all of the costs associated with the gear and some money would be taken from the cumulative firefighting fund. He said with the five percent match and the other money needed he will probably be spending somewhere around \$7,000 to \$8,000. The five percent match was around \$2,700.

"You've done very well with your grant application and I have to applaud you for that," Mayor Bowling said to Pielemeier.

The board approved the following building permits: Jim Matthews, 607 Park Street, for a commercial building and Michele Norris, 201 Cedar Street, for a garage.

Mayor Bowling reported that the census bureau requested he send a personal letter to all those in the city who have not responded to the census questionnaire. He noted that the census bureau will continue to try to get a full count until the end of the year. He added that he would appreciate those who receive the letter to respond. "There is absolutely no reason to do so; this is very important," he said.

The mayor also updated the council on the Ritz Theatre parking lot. He said the final surface of the lot has been installed and the striping was done immediately by the same company, Hughes Paving. Contractor Jeremy Osborne is in the process of covering the remaining wall. The bottom four feet will be beige and the remaining 15 feet will be white.

A report on Summerfest was the next topic discussed. The festival committee has not held a wrap-up meeting yet but the mayor said that in discussion with the committee, they feel that, again this year, there were improvements over last year.

Mayor Bowling reported that he contacted CSX Railroad by phone about the conditions of the railroad crossings in the city. He received a response letter that the information will be forwarded to the proper department who will do an on-site evaluation of the crossings. He said that CSX pointed out that they have 36,000 crossings and bridges in their 23 state networks and that all repairs and maintenance are com-

pleted on a schedule basis.

The council set a special meeting to work on the 2011 budget. They decided to hold the meeting right after the special Board of Public Works meeting Friday which they estimated to be around 10:30 a.m.

The council approved the annual preventive maintenance contract for the generator at the wastewater treatment plant for \$2,055. The council also approved repairs to a Sutorbilt blower at the wastewater plant which has a gasket leaking. The estimated cost is \$2,980. The replacement cost plus freight is \$4,427.55.

The repairs consist of removal from service, completely dismantling, inspection of all internal parts, all necessary machining, all new bearings, seals, and gaskets; re-assembling, painting, and delivering back

to the plant.

Council member Rick Norris brought up issues with vandalism this summer at the city pool parking lot. He suggested that the city put up signage saying that the lot is closed after midnight which would allow law enforcement to clear anyone out of the parking lot after this time.

He also suggested working with the school to do the same thing in the high school parking lot.

The council voted to put up the signs.

Council member Rich Taylor said he has had complaints about a tractor sitting in the median near Ruler which is a traffic hazard for those pulling out of Ruler and Old National Bank.

Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill said he would look into it.

Obituaries

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

FRANCIS E. HAGERTY

Francis E. Hagerty passed away on Friday July 9, 2010, at the Arbor Grove Village. A resident of Greensburg, he was 89. He was born March 25, 1921, in Daviess County; the son of Herman and Helen (Thompson) Hagerty.

Throughout his youth, Francis was known for his athletic ability. He played baseball and basketball. After graduating from high school he lived in Indianapolis where he worked and continued to play baseball in the Indianapolis city leagues. He was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greensburg. He served in the South Pacific in the Marine Corps during World War II and then also served in the Korean War. He was owner and operator of the Francis Hagerty Construction Company. He was married to Agnes C. Wathen on November 22, 1941, and she survives.

He is also survived by ten children, Larry (Kathy) Hagerty of North Vernon, Bernie (Jane) Hagerty of Greensburg, Dale Hagerty of Letts, Jim (Marietta) Hagerty of Westport, Alice (Bob) Back of Westport, Nancy (Dan) Schroeder of Greensburg, Dennis (Susie) Hagerty of Greensburg, Dorothy (Steve) Scudder of St. Paul, Teresa (Joel) Diedrich of Georgia and John Hagerty of Greensburg; one brother, Rick Hagerty of Loogootee; three sisters, Wilma (Earl) McAtee of Indianapolis, Dorothy (Ed) Spalding of Indianapolis, Connie (Glenn) McAtee of Loogootee; 32 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Lon Hagerty, Robert Hagerty and Bernard Hagerty; two sisters, Betty Lou and Janice Kay.

A funeral services was held Tuesday, July 13, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greensburg, with Msgr. Harold Knueven officiating. Interment was held in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The American Legion Post No. 129 conducted military

graveside services. A public rosary service was held Monday, July 12 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the St. Mary's Catholic Church. Online condolences can be made to the family at www.popfuneralhome.com.

LYNCOLN STRANGE

Lyncoln James Michael Strange, the infant son of Trista Ann Strange, of Loogootee and Christopher Heath Raney, of Bloomington, died at 11:39 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2010, at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville.

He was born July 10, 2010, in Evansville. He is survived by maternal grandparents, Michael R. and Carole (Bullock) Strange of Loogootee; maternal great-grandfather, Delbert Bullock of Loogootee; maternal great-grandparents, Phil and Marilyn (Arnold) Strange of Loogootee; paternal grandmother, Sue Edwards of Bloomfield; paternal great-grandparents, Donnie and Linda Edwards of Bloomfield; one aunt, Kyanna Strange of Loogootee; one uncle, Travis and wife Amy Edwards of Indianapolis; two stepbrothers, Ethen and Clayton Raney of Bloomfield; and two stepsisters, Angel Raney of Bloomfield and Madlynn Thomas of Martinsville.

He is preceded in death by his maternal great-grandmother, Vera (Summers) Bullock, and one uncle, Cody Brower.

Graveside services were held Tuesday July 13, at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Loogootee. Brocksmith Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.brocksmithfuneralhomes.com.

HANNAH BRACE

Hannah Lauren Brace passed away at her residence on July 7, 2010. A resident of Shoals, she was 11. She was born on July 2, 1999 to George A. Sr and Lezlie (Tinkle) Brace. They survive.

Hannah attended Englewood Elementary School in Bedford.

She is also survived by two sisters Jennifer and Joshua Stroud of Jasper, and Haylie Brace of Shoals; four brothers Robert and Tammy Brace and Phillip and Frannie Brace of Washington State, George Jr. and Elizabeth Brace of Fort Hood, Texas, and Hayden Brace of Shoals; maternal grandmother Doris Tinkle of Shoals; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather Daniel Tinkle, and paternal grandparents Ruby and Paul Brace.

Services were held Sunday, July 11, at the Queen-Lee Funeral Home in Shoals. Burial was held in Spring Hill Cemetery.



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Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Tuesday, July 6

1:26 p.m. - Received a call from an alarm company to check on a subject who is not responding to their call. Loogootee Police Department and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject there checked okay.

4:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a female requesting an ambulance on Dover Hill Road for a male having a bad reaction to medication. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:27 p.m. - Received a call from a female subject requesting a welfare check on a possibly suicidal subject in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

5:05 p.m. - Received a complaint of telephone harassment. Corporal Fischer spoke with the caller.

5:51 p.m. - A male caller requested to speak with an officer about neighbors harassing his children.

6:03 p.m. - A female caller advised she had received two threats while she was walking and requested an officer pick her up and investigate the situation. Marshal Eckert responded.

7:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call from a female about an altercation with an intoxicated man in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department was notified.

7:18 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals for a subject with difficulty breathing. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:00 p.m. - A female caller advised of a raccoon on her property that may be sick. Corporal Fischer responded.

Wednesday, July 7

6:16 a.m. - A resident on Beard Road reported his mail had been vandalized. Deputy Nolan responded.

6:59 a.m. - Crane dispatch reported a vehicle parked on private property near the Burns City Gate. Deputy Keller responded and tagged the vehicle to be towed if not moved. A short time later the vehicle was removed from the property.

8:30 a.m. - Received several reports of cows on the roadway on U.S. 50 near Max Warrens Curve. One caller advised he would be trying to put them back behind the fence.

12:17 p.m. - A male caller reported harassment and requested to speak with Major Burkhardt. The caller was advised of when Major Burkhardt would be at work.

12:32 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Cale Road for an elderly female who was sick. The subject was transported to Bedford Regional Medical Center.

12:42 p.m. - A female caller reported possible drug activity. Deputy Keller was advised.

12:49 p.m. - Loogootee Police Department requested an ambulance at McDonalds. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:55 p.m. - Received several calls about a water main break on S.R. 450 south of Dover Hill. East Fork Water was notified.

2:56 p.m. - A caller advised of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 50 in Shoals. Deputy Nolan checked the area.

4:22 p.m. - Received several 911 calls in reference to a personal injury accident involving a motorcycle on S.R. 645 near the Burns City gate. Martin County Ambulance, Air Evac, Deputy Nolan, and Deputy Greene responded. Air Evac transported the subject to Evansville Deaconess Hospital.

5:02 p.m. - A male caller advised of an eleven-year-old female not breathing. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire Department first responders, Deputy Greene and the Martin County Coroner's office responded.

5:55 p.m. - A male caller advised he was involved in a personal injury accident on

West River Road approximately six miles out of Shoals. Deputy Greene and G & M Auto responded.

6:12 p.m. - A male caller advised that he was six or seven miles below Williams Dam and his boat had stalled. He called back later and advised he had made it back to Williams and did not need assistance.

6:34 p.m. - A female caller in Crane Village advised of a neighbor's son harassing her son. She called back a short time later and advised the officer could disregard.

7:41 p.m. - A female caller requested an ambulance for a neighbor. She had not seen the neighbor for days and another could see the subject lying on the floor. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire Department first responders, Deputy Greene, and Loogootee Police Department responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

7:43 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 150. Marshal Eckert and Orange County Sheriff's Department were advised.

8:02 p.m. - A female caller in Shoals reported threats made against her property. Marshal Eckert responded.

10:25 p.m. - Martin County Ambulance responded to a private call at Martin County Healthcare and transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:56 p.m. - A female caller from Crane Village called about someone letting air out of her tires. Major Burkhardt was notified.

10:59 p.m. - A female caller reported that someone had blown up her mailbox. Major Burkhardt was advised.

Thursday, July 8

5:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee for a male with cuts and a possible head injury from a fight. No transport was necessary.

8:14 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Burns City for complications from a surgery.

9:35 a.m. - Chief Deputy Street and Deputy Keller assisted Loogootee Police Department in verbal dispute.

9:45 p.m. - Received a report of a dead horse in front of the 4-H buildings on U.S. 50. The State Highway Department was notified.

10:20 a.m. - Received a report of a juvenile female attempting to get a ride in Loogootee. Chief Deputy Street was advised.

10:28 a.m. - A female called about mailbox vandalism on U.S. 231. Deputy Keller was notified.

11:55 a.m. - An ambulance was requested on U.S. 50 in Shoals in reference to a fall. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee for an unresponsive male. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:02 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on Chicken Farm Road. He also advised he will not be home until tomorrow and will call back then.

1:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare for a fall. Subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:03 p.m. - A male caller stated that his in-law's trailer in Doane Trailer Court had been broken into. Deputy Greene was advised.

5:11 p.m. - Received several calls about a tractor trailer that has lost his load in the westbound lane at Max Warren's Curve. ISP Trooper Sexton and Shoals Fire Department assisted.

5:17 p.m. - Received multiple calls about the stop light not working on U.S. 50 near the Martin-Lawrence County Line at the construction site. Shoals Fire Department was dispatched to assist with traffic.

5:30 p.m. - Received a request for a vehicle check on a watercraft. Major Burkhardt responded.

6:30 p.m. - Received a call from Daviess County requesting an ambulance at Ruler parking lot for a female with abdominal pain. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:54 p.m. - A male caller from Loogootee requested to know if Loogootee had an ordinance about fireworks because there were fireworks being set off in his neighborhood. The caller was advised that fireworks can be set off until 11 p.m.

7:02 p.m. - Received a 911 call from Dairy Master requesting an ambulance for an asthma attack. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

8:19 p.m. - A male caller reported a pick-up driving past his residence trying to start a dispute. Major Burkhardt was advised.

Friday, July 9

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of a tree on the roadway on Mt. Calvary Road. Martin County Highway Department was notified.

11:32 a.m. - Received a report of smoke from a ceiling fan on DH Gate Road. Shoals Fire Department responded.

11:38 a.m. - A female called about large cats on her property. She was given the number to the Indiana Conservation Department.

2:00 p.m. - A male arrived on station to retrieve a gun from evidence.

2:20 p.m. - Deputy Greene was working with the Martin County Humane Society on an investigation.

2:32 p.m. - A female caller reported that she woke up and someone was in her residence. Sheriff Dant and Deputy Keller responded. The residence was checked. The subjects had left in a vehicle.

2:42 p.m. - A male caller reported text harassment. Deputy Greene was advised.

3:13 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle check on a boat and trailer bought out of state. Deputy Keller responded.

3:25 p.m. - Received a call requesting a vehicle check on a car bought out of state. Deputy Keller responded.

8:53 p.m. - An ambulance was requested in Loogootee for blood pressure problems. The subject was transported to Daviess County Hospital.

9:07 p.m. - An ambulance was requested at the American Legion in Shoals for a man who had fallen and hit his head. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Saturday, July 10

12:35 a.m. - Received a report of a possible stranded semi on U.S. 50 near a construction site. Major Burkhardt was advised.

12:49 a.m. - A male caller requested a welfare check on a female that was at his residence and left, walking toward that highway. Major Burkhardt and Deputy Greene checked the area but were unable to locate.

1:58 a.m. - A female caller from Crane Village requested to speak to Major Burkhardt about someone tampering with the locks on her residence. Major Burkhardt spoke with the caller.

10:47 a.m. - A male caller reported a large stray dog near his residence on Brooks Bridge Road. He advised it has been there for three to four days. Deputy Keller was notified.

11:57 a.m. - A female caller advised that the mailbox at St. Martin Church in Whitfield had been blown up by what appeared to be fireworks. The investigating officer is Deputy Keller.

7:01 p.m. - A female caller from Crane Village reported that her son was being harassed by a neighbor's son. Deputy Greene was advised.

9:54 p.m. - A female caller asked for extra patrol in Shoals for possible drug activity.

Deputy Greene was advised.

10:19 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50, near the state highway garage. Deputy Greene and Shoals Fire Department were dispatched for traffic assistance.

11:20 p.m. - An anonymous caller reported fireworks on Tripp Road. Deputy Greene was notified.

11:29 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver near Buffalo Bottoms, traveling eastbound on U.S. 50. Deputy Greene was advised.

Sunday, July 11

12:53 a.m. - Deputy Greene responded to assist ISP Trooper Lents with an unknown problem.

1:40 a.m. - An anonymous caller advised that there had been a domestic dispute on Stevens Street in Shoals. Deputy Greene responded.

2:18 a.m. - RJ's Food Mart in Shoals requested an officer for a disturbance from two juvenile males. ISP Trooper responded.

9:00 a.m. - A female caller reported that she would be conducting a controlled burn of a mobile home in Shoals.

9:15 a.m. - Received a call from a female on S.R. 450 because her horses were injured due to fireworks.

9:21 a.m. - Received a request to assist Crane officers for a report of a vehicle dropping off two males who jumped over a fence near Bramble Road onto Crane property. Deputy Keller was advised.

10:38 a.m. - Received a call advising of a controlled burn in Shoals.

10:56 a.m. - Received a call from RJ's Food Mart for a drive off of \$10 in gas. The driver headed toward Orange County on U.S. 150. Deputy Keller was in Crane, and Orange County Sheriff's Department was notified.

11:35 a.m. - Deputy Keller patrolled Crane Village.

12:44 p.m. - A female caller from Crane Village requested extra patrol because her gas tank had been tampered with overnight.

1:50 p.m. - Loogootee Police Department advised they have a found license plate on station.

1:58 p.m. - Received a call from a female subject in Loogootee who advised of a large yellow lab loose in the neighborhood.

2:14 p.m. - Received a 911 call with no reply from the caller. The subject was called back. She advised she had been having chest pains but the pain has subsided.

2:53 p.m. - A male requested to fill out a runaway case as well as a juvenile pick-up order on his son. Deputy Keller was advised.

7:52 p.m. - A male caller on Progress School Road reported problems with a neighbor's dog.

10:37 p.m. - A female caller reported another female driving by her house with loud music and yelling out the window. Deputy Greene was given the complaint.

11:09 p.m. - Received a 911 call about a truck leaving Loogootee on U.S. 50 with a suspicious load. Deputy Greene and Lawrence County were notified.

11:30 p.m. - A female caller from Loogootee called with information on her vehicle that was taken without her permission. Loogootee Police Department was advised.

Monday July 12

1:59 a.m. - A 911 caller advised of an accident involving a truck and a car on U.S. 150 east of Loogootee. Deputy Greene, Loogootee Police Department, Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Fire first responders checked all major highways near Loogootee and were unable to locate.

2:37 p.m. - A female caller called in with information on a possible case.

(SHERIFF'S LOG continued on page 5)

Loogootee Police activity log

Tuesday, July 6

4:22 p.m. - Caller reported her husband's ex-wife keeps calling her. Caller wanted to speak with an officer. Officer Branham responded.

4:27 p.m. - A welfare check was requested on a male subject. Officer Branham checked several different locations and was unable to locate the subject.

10:07 p.m. - Caller reported several kids in the pool parking lot setting off fireworks. Sergeant Norris responded.

Wednesday, July 7

11:05 a.m. - Caller reported a pit bull unleashed at her front door. The dog was later taken to the city cage.

12:38 a.m. - Caller reported two suspicious males near Buehler's parking lot. Sergeant Norris located two juveniles in the area. Both juveniles were released to their parents.

4:24 p.m. - First responders were requested at the Burns City gate for a vehicle accident with injuries.

4:48 p.m. - Rebecca Jones reported a theft of a window air conditioner. Sergeant Norris responded.

7:46 p.m. - First responders were requested on North Street for an unknown medical problem.

Thursday, July 8

5:08 a.m. - Caller requested an ambulance for a male subject who had been involved in a physical altercation. Martin County Sheriff's Department was notified.

9:27 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on South Kentucky Avenue. Chief Rayhill responded and was assisted by the Martin County Sheriff's Department.

12:17 p.m. - First responders were requested on S Kentucky Avenue for an unresponsive male.

7:03 p.m. - First responders were re-

quested at Dairy Master for a female having an asthma attack.

7:39 p.m. - Caller reported she had received several text messages from a person she does not know. Sergeant Hennette responded.

Friday, July 9

3:15 a.m. - Caller reported a black GMC truck had not been returned to the owner. Sergeant Hennette was advised.

4:42 a.m. - Caller reported a violation of a protective order and wanted to speak with an officer. Sergeant Hennette responded.

11:06 a.m. - Child Protective Services requested an officer in reference to a client not answering the door. Captain Akles assisted.

2:15 p.m. - Caller reported a vehicle that had been borrowed had not been returned. Owner of the vehicle later came on station to report it stolen.

3:13 p.m. - A male came on station to report he had been battered. Captain Akles filed a case report.

6:59 p.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on NE 3rd Street. Sergeant Hennette responded.

Saturday, July 10

1:37 p.m. - Caller reported her neighbor's dog had damaged her property. Captain Akles responded and cited the owner of the dog a leash law citation.

Sunday, July 11

6:51 a.m. - Subject came on station with an Indiana license plate that he had found. The owner was notified.

10:53 a.m. - Caller reported that a vehicle had been stolen the previous night and they had recovered it down the street. Captain Akles spoke with the complainant.

1:10 p.m. - Caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates. Captain Akles responded and did not hear anything.

pole.

10:30 p.m. - ISP Jasper Post requested we do a welfare check the boy that is threatening to run away from his father's residence. Deputy Nolan was advised.

10:58 p.m. - A female caller in Crane Village called with information of possible drug activity. Deputy Nolan was advised.

Tuesday, July 13

12:04 a.m. - A female caller requested an officer on East River Road. There was no house at the address given. The caller called back and gave directions. Deputy Greene and Marshal Eckert responded.

12:24 a.m. - Deputy Nolan responded to a report of a one-vehicle property damage accident in Trinity Springs.

4:56 a.m. - A male came on station stating his wife saw a man in all black clothing running from their residence on U.S. 150. He requested extra patrol.

6:28 a.m. - Received several reports of power outages on S.R. 550 and contacted Duke Energy.

Jail booking

Tuesday, July 6

10:15 p.m. - Jason Baylis, 30, of Shoals, was brought in by ISP Trooper Sexton and charged with Driving while Suspended.

Sunday, July 11

12:08 a.m. - Courtney Hawkins, 21, of Loogootee, was brought in by ISP Trooper Lents. She was arrested on a warrant for Failure to Appear.

Monday, July 12

11:20 p.m. - David S. Lents, 39, of Shoals, was brought in by Deputy Nolan and Marshal Eckert. He was arrested on a Martin County warrant for Dealing in a Schedule II Controlled Substance.

11:38 p.m. - Brittany Lents, was brought in by ISP Evidence Technician Dana Miller. She was arrested by Deputy Greene on a Martin County warrant for Dealing in a Schedule II Controlled Substance.

Tuesday, July 13

2:26 a.m. - Jason Clifton, 22, of Shoals, was brought in by Deputy Greene. and charged with Domestic Battery.

Martin County Court news

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

June 9

Jeremi Lee Jones, possession of marijuana under 30 grams, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Holly G. Norris, driving while suspended, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Benjamin M. Wagler, illegal possession of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June 15

Everett L. Canary, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

Courtney M. Hillier, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; criminal mischief, a Class B Misdemeanor.

June 18

Phillip R. Fellers, illegal consumption of an alcoholic beverage, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Frances E. Beal, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

George E. O'Conner, operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol content of .15 or more, a Class A Misdemeanor.

June 21

Kevin M. Williams, reckless driving, a Class B Misdemeanor.

William E. Winger, operating a vehicle as a habitual traffic violator, a Class D Felony; operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C Misdemeanor.

June 22

Billy W. Winger, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

June 30

Andrew D. White, operating a vehicle without ever being licensed, a Class C Misdemeanor; failure to stop after an accident resulting in damage to an attended vehicle, a Class C Misdemeanor.

July 6

John M. Nolt, false informing, a Class B Misdemeanor; public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

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

CIVIL COURT

New Suits Filed

June 30

Gary L. Arvin vs. Lynette A. Arvin, petition for dissolution of marriage.

Chase Home Finance, LLC vs. Kris Beasley, Auna Beasley, Hoosier Accounts Service, and unknown tenant, mortgage foreclosure.

Douglas Brinks vs. Brenda E. Lilly, reciprocal support.

July 1

Roger Terry vs. Amanda Terry, petition for dissolution of marriage.

July 5

Amy Pilkerton vs. Bobby Pilkerton, reciprocal support.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

June 30 - July 7

Susan Bridges, Oolitic, speeding 68 in a 50, \$124.

Stacy Frye, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Ryan Gerkin, Bedford, unregistered vehicle; expired plates, \$119.

Milburn Hellums, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25; driving while suspended, \$119.

Steven Hobson, French Lick, two seatbelt violations, \$25 each.

Robert Johnson, Lawrenceville, Illinois, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Thilo Mason, Sanborn, speeding 67 in a 55, \$125.

Dennis Mills, Mitchell, license plates; display, \$119.

Kenneth Norris, Greencastle, speeding 67 in a 50, \$124.

Jason Reynolds, Lexington, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Trevor Roll, Mitchell, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Timothy Stillions, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Jennifer Stroud, Jasper, speeding 45 in a 30, \$119.

Michael Sutton, Loogootee, license plates; display, \$119.

John Thompson, Shepardsville, Kentucky, speeding 65 in a 40; alteration by local authority; school, \$124.

Leland Wagler, Odon, seatbelt violation, \$25.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

July 6

Garrett Cole McConnell, of Loogootee and Shelby Renee Smith, of Loogootee.

Ephrum August Hovis, of Shoals and Kindra LaRae Hembree, of Shoals.

Martin County real estate transfers

Cheryl Stemle and Jerry Schnarr, of Martin County, Indiana to **Hembree Properties, Inc.**, of Martin County, Indiana, the west half of Lot Number 24 in Keck's Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Judith M. Ader, of Martin County, Indiana to **Judith M. Ader, as trustee under the Judith M. Ader Trust**. Tract I: Lot Number 92 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract II: Lot Number 73 in the original Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Tract III: A tract of land measuring 33 feet by 132 feet lying contiguous to Lot Number 73 in the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana, which tract was part of that portion of Northeast 2nd Street, lying between Church Street and Main Street in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, that was vacated by the Common Council of the City of Loogootee on August 13, 1990.

J. Cody Roush and Michelle L. Roush and John G. Blendowski and Deborah L. Blendowski, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Clint D. Hoffman and Jill M. Hoffman and Thomas Horsting and Alice A. Horsting**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 3 West, Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, and

containing 0.38 acres, more or less.

Cecil C. Baker, of Martin County, Indiana to **Mark L. Bailey and Kelli Bailey**, of Greene County, Indiana, a portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 3 West in Center Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 0.43 acres, more or less.

Francine Schmitt, of Martin County, Indiana to **Douglas W. Mayfield and Angela J. Mayfield**, of Martin County, Indiana, tract I: a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, and containing 7.24 acres, more or less. Tract II: a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, and containing .10 acre, be the same, more or less. Tract III: a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 5.89 acres, more or less.

Carisa L. Cox, of Martin County, Indiana to **Alan F. Burch**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbers 1 and 2 in Loogootee Land Company's Second Addition to Loogootee, Indiana.

Five key factors related to young drivers killed in crashes

A study released by the National Cooperative Highway Research Program finds that young drivers continue to die at higher rates than any other age group. The report lists five key factors and contributing factors.

Deadliest Time: Among 16-year-old drivers, the risk of a fatal crash is about three times higher after 9 p.m. than during daytime.

Alcohol Factor: Alcohol-involved crashes increase from low rates among 16-year-olds to a peak for drivers aged 20 to 24.

Lack of Supervision: Drivers 18 and older are more likely to live outside the family home. This results in them driving more and having fewer protective constraints on their time and driving.

Risk Factor: While 15- to 20-year-olds represented 8.4 percent of the U.S. population and 6.3 percent of licensed drivers, they accounted for 13.6 percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes.

Passenger Risk: Young drivers especially 16- and 17-year-olds are responsible for a larger number of passenger injuries and fatalities per crash than more experienced drivers. More than half of all fatalities occur when there is no adult in the vehicle.

The number of collisions in Indiana involving young drivers generally decreased from 2005 to 2009, though the percent of collisions involving a young driver increased slightly from 22.6 percent in 2008 to 23.1 percent in 2009. A total of 48,017 young drivers were involved in collisions in Indiana in 2009, 5.7 percent fewer than in 2008. Young driver fatalities decreased 36 percent in 2009 (from 75 to 48) with 1 in every 1,000 young drivers involved in collisions suffering a fatal injury.

Lieutenant Clint Bundy, District Commander of the Indianapolis State Police Post, stated "Know where your young drivers are going, who their passengers are, and when they will be home." He went on to state "Make sure they carry their fully charged cell phones for emergencies and above all make sure they BUCKLE UP. All drivers, especially teen drivers, need to be aware of cell phone restrictions and drivers of all ages should refrain from using cell phones and electronic devices while driving."

More statistics on Indiana drivers may be found at the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute web site at www.in.gov/cji.

Martin County accident reports

Thursday, July 8

12:00 p.m. - William Gillespie, of Ogden, Illinois, was operating a 2006 Toyota and turning left into McDonald's. At this time, Gillespie turned into the path of a 1999 Buick driven Charles D. Gaither, of Washington. A passenger in the Gaither vehicle complained of pain. Captain Akles was the investigating officer.

11:15 p.m. - Major Burkhardt responded to a one-vehicle accident on Swamp Lake Road. Samantha Boyd, 17, of Shoals, was eastbound on Valley Road in a maroon 2000 Ford Explorer. The roadway surface was loose and unstable with rock and mud due to a recent storm. The vehicle was pulled off

the roadway by soft shoulder of the roadway. After leaving the roadway, the vehicle collided with a tree. G & M Auto was contacted to tow the vehicle.

Friday, July 9

7:18 p.m. - A male caller reported a property damage accident on U.S. 150, near the S.R. 550 turnoff. Anthony Richmond, 17, of Shoals, was eastbound on U.S. 150 in a black 1990 Dodge truck. He was rounding a sharp, rain-slick curve and lost control in the curve. The vehicle proceeded left of center, colliding into a ditch and rolling over on its top, resting in a ditch. The investigating officer was Major Burkhardt.

Orange County man arrested on multiple charges

On Friday, July 9, ISP Trooper Shane Staggs conducted a traffic stop on a white 1992 Pontiac Grand Am at Hilltop Grocery on US 150 in Orange County, to investigate the possibility that the driver, Jerry C. Coleman, was Driving While Suspended With a Prior Conviction. Upon confirming that Coleman was indeed driving on a suspended license, he resisted arrest by attempting to get away. Coleman had to be wrestled to the ground and restrained until units from the Paoli Police and Orange County Sheriff's Department arrived on scene to assist.

Coleman was transported to the Orange

County Jail and a search warrant for his vehicle was obtained. During the execution of the search warrant precursors, methamphetamine and other drug related items were located in the vehicle. Charges: Possession of Precursors, Class D Felony; Maintaining a Common Nuisance, Class D Felony; Possession of Methamphetamine, Class D Felony; Possession of Marijuana, Class A Misdemeanor; Possession of Paraphernalia, Class A Misdemeanor; Resisting Law Enforcement, Class A Misdemeanor; and Driving While Suspended Prior, Class A Misdemeanor.

SHOALS RECYCLING INFORMATION
 Due to construction of the new fire station in Shoals, the recycling truck will be parked in the American Legion parking lot next to the new Town Hall
Hours will remain the same:
Tuesday 9 a.m.-noon; Thursday 1-4:30 p.m.; and Saturday 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Truelove United Methodist Church
ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Saturday, July 17 from 4 - 8 p.m.

Sandwich, Drink, Pie/Cake, Ice Cream all for \$5.
 Individual prices: Hamburger or Cheeseburger-\$2, Coney-\$1.25, Hot Dog-\$1, Pie or Cake-\$1, Bowl of Ice Cream (good sized bowl)-\$1.50, Drinks (ice tea, lemonade, soft drink)-\$.75.
 Whole pie-\$4.50, or a gallon of ice cream-\$9

A good time of fellowship out in the shelter house and a good time to catch up with people you don't see everyday. The ice cream and food are delicious and our church looks forward to serving the community in this way.

Board of public works to make decision on suspended employee

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Mark Sutton, a suspended city employee, was present at the Loogootee Board of Public Works meeting Monday night, July 12, to ask why he was asked to resign. Sutton said that he understands being suspended but he thinks it has gone too far. He said that one other city employee is a convicted felon and that the mayor had Loogootee Police Chief Kelly Rayhill cover up an operating a vehicle while intoxicated charge after an accident with a city vehicle.

"I didn't have anybody cover up anything," said Mayor Bowling.

"Yeah, you did," said Sutton.

Sutton said that the city employee was taken for a different drug test so the drugs did not show up positive in the person's system. "I was working that day; I know exactly what happened," said Sutton.

"That's your opinion," said Mayor Bowling.

"That's not my opinion, that's fact," said Sutton.

Mayor Bowling read a statement to address the situation. In the statement, addressed to Mr. Sutton, Mayor Bowling told him that at the June 14, 2010 Board of Public Works meeting Sutton asked what the board intended to do regarding his suspension. He was informed at that meeting that the board had received, on May 28, 2010, information on the charges against Sutton requested from the court on February 8, 2010. Mayor Bowling went on to say that at that meeting Sutton was informed that since the board now had the relevant information they would decide on the next step to re-

solve the issue. The decision on the issue was mailed to Sutton on July 2. Mayor Bowling said that included in that correspondence was an offer to Sutton to resolve the issue and he had seven days to respond. He said that because Sutton did not respond within the seven days he will receive the board's decision in seven days on resolving the matter.

Sutton said that he did respond in person and said he didn't agree with the offer presented to him. Mayor Bowling again told Sutton that he would be informed of the board's decision. "There will be no additional discussion on this matter at this meeting," said Mayor Bowling. The board will meet Friday, July 16, in closed session at 10 a.m. An open meeting will immediately follow.

Prior to the city council meeting the Board of Public Works approved 30 utility adjustments. 21 of the adjustments were related to the filling of swimming pools.

Mayor Bowling informed the board that board member Joe Mattox has been monitoring the parking spot located on the corner of JFK Avenue and West Main Street. The space is so close to the intersection it causes an obstruction when trying to pull out onto JFK Avenue. It was discussed that stripes will be painted on the first spot to keep people from parking. Also mentioned was a sinkhole on SW 2nd Street that needed attention with three others starting around town. A resident in the audience had issues with the stripes painted in front of Martin County Video. The resident explained that some of the stripes are slanted and others are straight which makes it confusing for those wishing to park on the square. The board said they would look into it.

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.



Last week's 'Guess Where This Is' winner: **JANUARY ROUSH**

Humane Society PET OF THE WEEK



The Martin County Humane Society has this nice, little poodle that needs a good home. He is around 4-years-old; if interested in adopting this dog or any other animal from the humane society call Don at 812-296-0952 or visit them online at www.martincountyhumanesociety.org. The humane society is still collecting items for their yard sale that they are having in September, if you have anything you would like to donate call Don and he will come and pick it up.

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Martin County **OUTDOORS**

NATURE'S WONDERS

By Mike Axsom

Before It's Gone, the Series, Part 1

A few weeks ago this column discussed the beneficial health effects of something called nature restoration theory. That subject is something that our parks department takes seriously and what we have and will continue to use in designing programs and activities for visitors. I normally try to have my column give present information about outdoor subjects that give readers options for things to do, places to go, or experiences to seek. However, since I wrote that article on recreation management I have had conversations with some of our public that causes me to believe I should share some more of the broad and deep science that our profession works with these days, and which are part of what our own organization uses to provide the direction we feel is important for our community. To do that though will take more space than is possible in a single column here, so I have opted to do a series over the next few weeks. This will be the first of that series which I am naming "Before It's Gone." The first part of this series will be a very brief explanation of something called Nature Deficit Disorder.

People in my generation of baby boomers often bemoan the interests and ethics of young adults and children of today. The modern world is filled with electronic communications, virtual reality, online social "communities", texting, sexting, and video gaming. Entire subcultures of kids build their self-identities around a genre of music or a favorite cult movie. Who would have ever imagined that teen-aged girls would find vampires even remotely cute? As these things fill the time and the minds of more and more people, we are also seeing increases in a whole plethora of disorders, syndromes, and addictions that seem to suck the very life out of far too many kids before they ever reach adulthood. None of this is new information to anyone reading this, but it may surprise you to know that I blame YOU for the problem. I also blame me and most of my generation.

Over the years we have gradually removed our children from the natural world just exactly at the wrong time for their formative development. We were the first generation where kids didn't really have to work much, beyond a few chores; because of the hard work our parents did in the post World War 2 years to build America into the economic powerhouse it was in our youth. With lots of free time we set out to explore our surroundings and millions of us did that with gusto and determination. We became the generation that was so plugged into nature that we created some of the largest and best-designed systems to develop and manage wildlife areas, parks, resource management agencies, parks, and organization like Ducks Unlimited, The Wild Turkey Federation, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, etc.

While we were all involved in these pursuits, our children were moved into larger homes in ever increasing suburbs, condos, mega-schools, and mega-churches. We lavished all the good things in life on them that our higher than ever earnings allowed. The kids were signed up for soccer, baseball, football, basketball, tennis, piano lessons, and all sorts of highly-structured activities to make sure they had the best of everything that money could buy, to the degree our money was available. In doing so, we deprived them of something that I believe is important to healthy child development as

good nutrition and exercise. Direct, hands-on exposure to nature and the freedom to engage in natural play during the first 10-15 years of life is incredibly important to the proper development of a child's brain and the way he or she approaches problems and solutions.

I remember my childhood vividly, and it was one of wonder, magic, and discovery as my friends and I spent a large amount of time outdoors. My favorite childhood place was Jackson Creek, where several of us boys from the neighborhood would walk every chance we got. When I see it now I know that the creek was little more than a wet weather trickle with a few pools that held crawdads and creek chubs; but in the 1950s and early 1960s it was a wonderful wilderness to a bunch of kids from the poor side of town. We had a secret "fort" that we all worked together to build. We dammed the small stream at times to try to create a swimming hole. We cut grape vines to make swings out over the creek, where we soon learned the water was not deep enough to drop into from that elevation. We skinned our knees, got poison ivy, got stung by bees, and had dirt ground so far under our fingernails that it seemed to belong there. And we learned an unimaginable level of information about how the world works.

Today, our children are protected and largely separated from the natural world. They learn of bees from books, and what they know about creek chubs is likely something on the Discovery Channel.

In the park where I work, we often get kids visiting who seem to have never been outdoors. Even on road trips where we used to enjoy watching the world fly by the car windows, they now have built in DVD players in the family mini-van and can make it through Yellowstone without ever seeing past the glass.

The human brain developed over eons of time to be connected to the environment, not separated from it. The metamorphosis from child to adult includes some specific changes in the brain that requires certain types of mental exercise just as much as the muscles need the physical type.

Exposure to nature and the experiences gained during natural play, affect not only what children think when they grow, but also how they think; the very ability to think. The ability to relate to things outside of themselves, interact with a variety of setting and situations, respond to problems with solutions instead of fear are all dependant on the experiences of the child while the brain is being shaped and organized.

I'm not ready to blame video games for the rise of ADHD, ADD, and other disorders. But that the increase of these problems has a very similar timeline to the separation of our children from the natural world is troubling. So is this. The human species is so successful because of its ability to adapt to changing situations. The loss of natural play during childhood is quite often one of those things that are adjusted for and the brain might find the stimuli it needs for healthy development in other forms. Some research seems to indicate that probably 80% of humans will make those adjustments and develop just fine. But the rest don't. The rest somehow lack the ability to grow and develop in relatively normal patterns without the exposure to nature that our kind so inherently needs.

The next part of this series will discuss how we have outlawed natural play.

Spring turkey harvest best in 40 years

The 2010 harvest was the highest it's been since spring turkey hunting began in 1970, with estimated hunter success rate of approximately 22 percent.

Hunters harvested 13,742 wild turkeys in 88 of the 92 counties, exceeding the previous high of 13,193, set in 2006, by 4 percent.

"Reasons for the increased harvest reflect a combination of general turkey population growth around the state, especially in northern counties, and the continual increase in hunter numbers," said Steve Backs, DNR wildlife biologist.

The majority of the birds were harvested in the early part of the season during the early morning hours.

Juvenile and adult weights were slightly up compared to the mean weights of previous years. The proportion of juvenile turkeys in the harvest was 19 percent, with 54 percent being two-year-olds, and 28 percent being three-year-olds.

Last year, hunters reported seeing fewer jakes than in other years. That trend continued this year.

"We have had five years of below-normal production (i.e., since the high year of 2004) due generally to above normal precipitation during the critical early brood period of late May through June (i.e., Memorial Day through Independence Day)," Backs said.

The top 10 counties were Harrison (607), Switzerland (508), Jefferson (451), Dearborn (426), Warrick (368), Franklin (366), Marshall (363), Steuben (363), Perry (355) and Clark (347). Last year, Switzerland County topped the hunter success list with 530 turkeys, followed by Harrison (511) and Jefferson (447). There were 30 counties with harvests of more than 200 birds this year.

The south-central and southeastern regions supported 49 percent of the harvest, followed by northern Indiana at 23 percent. West-central Indiana has shown a decline since 2008, when extensive flooding likely reduced production success.

"Northern turkey populations are still generally in a growth phase following restoration in the 1990s," Backs said. "Older populations in the south have generally leveled off or stabilized at what is frequently referred to as population-maintenance production levels."

A total of 1,554 birds were taken during the youth-only weekend before the regular season. The 2010 youth harvest made up 11.3 percent of the total harvest and with a 59 percent increase over the 2009 youth season harvest.

See the full report at: http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fwMR_1000_Spring_Wild_Turkey_Harvest.pdf.

Expect increase in mosquito activity across Indiana

BY ERICA SULLIVAN
Purdue University News Service

With heavy rains and flood warnings common this past month, mosquitoes have found a home in the standing waters that remain across Indiana.

Central Indiana normally has four to five inches of rain in June, but this year some areas have experienced twice that amount. Mosquitoes lay eggs in the standing water left from the storms, and soon their young will hatch.

"Within a week or two people are going to see the effects of rainfall in terms of numbers of biting mosquitoes," said Mike Sinsko, an entomologist with the Indiana State Department of Health. "It would not be surprising to see the numbers at least double in certain locations." The number of mosquitoes in different parts of the state will depend on rainfall patterns, Sinsko said.

"As soon as weather patterns settle out, we are going to get plenty of mosquitoes hatching in pools of water," he said.

Ralph Williams, a Purdue University entomology professor, offered advice about how

to avoid mosquito bites.

"Mosquito activity is most active in early morning and at dusk," he said. "When people are out and about, they should wear light-colored clothing."

Williams also suggests keeping grass and weeds cut low and removing standing water. He recommends Environmental Protection Agency-registered insect repellent with DEET, the most common active ingredient in insect repellents.

"If you have any concerns about children being exposed to DEET, check the label," Williams said.

The increase in mosquitoes could bring with it concerns about West Nile virus.

"So far this year we have not seen mosquitoes test positive, but this may change," Sinsko said. "This is about the time of year when transmissions do occur."

The Indiana State Department of Health annually monitors West Nile virus throughout Indiana by trapping mosquitoes and testing them for the virus.

To learn more about mosquitoes, visit the Purdue Extension website at <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu>.

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2010 ISDA Photo Contest now underway statewide

Attention all shutterbugs! The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is proud to announce the 2010 Indiana State Department of Agriculture Photo Contest. Contest winners will have their winning photographs framed and featured in the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Photo Gallery exhibit at a venue to be announced in the summer of 2010.

"Agriculture has an important story to tell both in the role it plays in our state's economy and in the contribution it makes to the landscape and culture of rural Indiana," said Joe Kelsay, Indiana Agriculture Director. "These photos are an important tool for putting a face on that story."

The 2010 categories are the following:

-Conservation: landscape, water and wildlife

-Agritourism: destination agriculture, fruits, vegetables, and flower portraits

-Faces of Agriculture: photos including people

-On the Farm: buildings, animals and equipment

All contest submissions will be considered for future ISDA publications, websites and newsletters. Download the 2010 Indiana State Department of Agriculture Photo Contest entry form at www.in.gov/portal/news_events/files/ISDA_PHOTO_CONTEST_FORM2010.pdf.

Contest guidelines:

-The general public, ISDA staff, and partners are all encouraged to submit images for consideration.

-Applicants may submit only 10 entries in digital form only.

-Applicants may only submit each photo once and it should be accompanied by a completed entry form.

-Photos should be submitted in TIFF



(preferred) or JPG format at a resolution of 300 dpi.

-All images and entry forms must be submitted electronically to photocontest@isda.in.gov.

-Entries must be received by August 31, 2010

-ISDA will confirm each entry's appropriate contest category upon receipt.

-Entries may be utilized in upcoming ISDA publications, web pages, newsletters, etc. Winning photos will be framed and featured in the ISDA Photo Gallery at a venue to be announced in the summer of 2010.

-All photographs must be your own original creation. Photos that have been digitally altered which, determined by ISDA, go beyond standard optimization will be disqualified.

July is National Park and Rec Month; enjoy it Hoosier-style

Indiana is celebrating National Park and Recreation Month this month by offering great outdoor places to play for people of all ages and capabilities throughout the state.

Hoosiers are invited to make their way to any state park to camp, hike, swim, fish, picnic, bird watch, and enjoy the outdoors. For a unique state park experience, take a swing at Fort Harrison's golf course, mountain bike at Brown County or Versailles, ride horses at one of our saddle barns, climb ladders on the trails at Turkey Run and Shades, or twist and turn down the water slide at O'Bannon Woods.

Several out-of-the-ordinary events take place throughout July in Indiana's state parks and reservoirs, including "Dog Days" at Brown County and Raccoon State Recreation Area, a sand-sculpture building contest at Indiana Dunes, tomahawk throwing at Monroe Lake, Gus Grissom Day at Spring Mill, Winter in July at Potato Creek, The Vietnam Experience re-enactment at Fort Harrison, panning for gold at Salamonie's summer day camp, and the annual reunion of Civilian Conservation Corps Company 556 at Pokagon.

Get more details of these and many other outdoor activities at www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov. To find out more about healthy ways to enjoy state parks and reservoirs, visit www.dnr.IN.gov/healthy.

Indiana's 24 state parks and nine reservoirs are managed by DNR's Division of State Parks and Reservoirs. The division's mission is to manage and interpret the properties' unique natural, wildlife, and cultural resources using the principles of multiple use and preservation, while sustaining the integrity of these resources for current and future generations. Learn more about Indiana's state parks and reservoirs at www.stateparks.IN.gov.

There are many city and county parks in Indiana where you can find great ways to spend time outside as well. Check with your local government for more information.

Each July since 1985, the United States has celebrated Park and Recreation Month. This year's theme is "Celebrate, Advocate, Recreate!" along with reminding local decision makers and the community of the exciting and vital role that parks and recreation play in the lives of Americans. To see information about the value of parks to communities, visit http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/sp-Parks_and_Recreation_Fact_Sheet_2010.pdf.

Park and Recreation Month is a program of the National Recreation and Park Association. For more information, go to www.nrpa.org/july.

Indiana Pesticide Clean Sweep Project forms being accepted

An Indiana Pesticide Clean Sweep Project designed to collect and dispose of suspended, canceled, banned, unusable, opened, unopened, or just unwanted pesticides (weed killers, insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, miticides, etc.) is being sponsored by the Office of Indiana State Chemist (OISC). This disposal service is free of charge up to 250 pounds per participant. Over 250 pounds there will be a \$2 per pound charge. This is a great opportunity for you to legally dispose of unwanted products at little or no cost.

Dates and locations are: August 3 - Knox County Fairgrounds, Bicknell, August 5 - Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, Lafayette, August 10 - LaPorte County Fairgrounds, LaPorte, and August 12 - Fayette County Fairgrounds, Connersville

To participate, complete a "Pesticide Clean Sweep Planning Form" to the best of your ability. Forms can be downloaded at www.isco.purdue.edu/pesticide/pest_pdf/2010_clean_sweep_form.pdf or picked up at the Loogootee Recycling Center during normal business hours. Mail, fax or email the completed form to Kevin Neal at 765-494-4331 or nealk@purdue.edu no later than Tuesday, July 27, 2010.

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New Beginnings Church Weekly Message

By Shirley Canell –Pastor's wife

The Love Poured Out Romans 5:1-5

By entering through faith into what God has always wanted to do for us, we can get set right with Him, we can be fit for Him; we can have it all together with God because of our Master Jesus. Once you throw open your door to God you will discover at that same moment he has already thrown open his door to you. Haven't you always wanted to find yourself standing in the wide open spaces of God's grace and glory, standing tall and shouting your praises? Christ will arrive right on time to make these things happen. He didn't and he doesn't wait for us to get ready.

Paul has told us that we have been saved by the redemption that we have in Christ, the redemption that had been purchased at tremendous price upon the cross. It delivers us from the guilt of sin so that the sin question has been settled. This means we will not come before God for judgment, which will determine our salvation. It means an eternal home is waiting for those who have trusted Christ. What about the here and now?

Many people today are spending a great deal of money trying to attain the things that are the present benefit of every believer. That doesn't mean all believers are enjoying them. However, God has them on the table for you, and all you have to do is reach over and take them. We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, this peace with or towards God must not be confused with the peace of God. Thousands strive for inward peace, never once resting where God is resting, in the finished work of Christ on Calvary.

The only way we can come into the presence of the living God, is by grace. Without this grace, we would have been thrown into the fiery pits of hell already, for that is what we would deserve for our sinful deeds. Wonderful, Marvelous Grace.

Hope has been secured in the Lord Jesus Christ, He secured it God told of it in His word, promises it to us, secures it by the Power of the Holy Spirit. Hope shines through our tribulations. When we go through these pressures they produce perseverance and proven character and hope.

Hope does not disappoint.

The love of God is the greatest of all the gifts, the attribute of Christians. It is the love of God in us, not the love of God for us that is over flowing in our hearts that we must share with others. Your well of love from God will never run dry. We have the most solid and convincing testimony of God's love to us, by that measure of it, which He has communicated to our hearts. There, it is poured out, filling quickening and invigorating all our powers and faculties. This love is the spring of all our actions; it is the motive of our obedience, the principle through which we love God. We love him because he first loved us, and we love him with a love worthy of himself, because it springs from him, it is his own, and every flame that rises from this pure and vigorous fire must be pleasing in his site.

1 Corinthians 6:19, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are no your own?" Paul called the Corinthian believers babes in Christ, yet the Holy Spirit indwelt them. I'm glad that

when I came to Christ, I got everything God offers in salvation.

Today we need to be conscious of the fact that God loves us. People need to be assured of that in their lives! Only the Spirit of God can make real to us God's love.

Several people were surprised when Ernie walked toward them with a bucket Sunday ready to throw it on them. He was demonstrating; God's love never runs out, once you pour out your love on others, your bucket is refilled instantly. Over and over again you are replenished and refilled and renewed with God's love. Ernie had an awesome message that God had given him to share with us.

Our Vacation Bible School started this week, Saddle Ridge Ranch theme; it's not too late to join us if you know of kids who would like to learn about the love of Christ. Opening is at 6 p.m.

We are so blessed to have a daughter who believes and lives for Jesus Christ and I pray all kids will come to know him as well. If you have any questions call Pastor Ernie at 709-0258.

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Shoals 8U All-Star team wins Campbellsburg tournament



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The 8U Shoals Summer League won the Campbellsburg Tourney this past weekend. Team Members shown in the front row, from left to right, are Aaron Greene, Cole Baker, Chase Heckard, Brooklyn Jones, and Bryce Baker. In the second row, from left to right, are Silas Bauer, Tyler Mesarosh, Dalton Roush, Caleb Baker, Austin Gilbert, and Clayton Harker. In the back row, from left to right, are Coaches Josh Bauer, David Gilbert, Jason Greene, and Tom Harker. Not present but members of team were Coach Mike Fischer and Boomer Heckard and team member Max Fischer.

The Shoals 8U All-Star team started out on Thursday night by defeating Springs Valley All-Stars 13-5. Friday night they defeated the Orleans All-Stars 16-7. Saturday morning they were defeated by the Campbellsburg All-Stars 10-9 to finish out the pool play. The Shoals team was seeded first and played Orleans the first game. They defeated Orleans again 16-2. This put the team in the final game because after pool play it was a single elimination tourney. The final game put them up against the Campbellsburg All-Stars once again and this time, Shoals beat them 7-6 to win the tourney. This is the 2nd year in a row that the 8U All-

Stars won this tourney. Upon their arrival back to Shoals the team was treated to Bo-Mac's pizza.

The Shoals 8U team also placed 2nd in the Springs Valley tourney a few weeks ago. Upcoming tourneys for the team include July 16 and 17 at Shoals and the following weekend at Loogootee. The team would like to thank Old National Bank and Michaels's Car Wash for sponsorship. Also, a thank you goes to Bo-Mac's Drive In, Mike and Amanda Fischer, Roger and Patricia Fischer and Gerald and Ruby Wilcoxon who all donated to assist with tourney fees and uniforms.

Soccer sign-ups

Martin County Youth Soccer sign-ups will be held Saturday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again on Thursday, July 22, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Loogootee Municipal Building.

Soccer is open to any child who will be five years old by August 1, 2010, and not older than 13 by August 1.

The cost is \$25 for one child, \$40 for two children, and \$50 for three children.

For more information call 295-2989 or 617-1993.

Legal opinion: School bus fees unconstitutional

In response to a request from the State Board of Accounts, the Attorney General's office has issued a legal opinion on the matter involving Indiana school corporations charging student bus rider fees. The Attorney General's office provides legal advice to statewide elected officials, state legislators, state agencies, and the 92 county prosecutors. The office does not make or recommend policy; rather it guides state officials in their efforts to understand specific state statutes, policies, and procedures.

A summary of the legal opinion offered to the State Board of Accounts is below.

Opinion summary: The legislature has identified transportation of school children as a part of what would constitute a uniform system of public education in Indiana. The governing body of a school corporation is required to provide transportation under some circumstances and authorized to provide transportation for its students otherwise. The legislature has not provided the governing body of a school corporation with the specific authority to assess, charge, or collect a school bus rider fee from the students of the school corporation.

Calendar of Events

LHS Class of 1990 reunion meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the LHS Class of 1990 reunion will be held on Tuesday, July 20, at 6:30 p.m., at Nikki Waggoner's home. If you would like to help plan the reunion please come to the meeting. If you cannot attend, but would like to help, please contact Nikki at 295-2127 or email wagoner10@verizon.net. The class reunion is set for September 4 at Lark's Farm. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Daviess County Relief Sale

The Daviess County Relief Sale committee met and has announced this year's sale will be August 21 at the Simon J. Graber Complex, just off of CR 900E.

This is the 30th year for the sale, which began in July 1980. To commemorate the 30th anniversary, the committee is planning to bring back some old-time favorites like lemonade shake-ups. New this year will be a men's softball tourney. It will begin August 20 on the complex diamonds.

For information about the sale or the tourney, please call this year's committee chairman, Darrin Graber, at 812-295-6326 or e-mail darrinshannongraber@yahoo.com.

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, IN 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.

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The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative

Mark Messmer



Numbers worth Noting

Up at the Statehouse there have been some press conference wars lately.

As I mentioned last week, one legislator might send out a media advisory to announce that they are sending a letter to a state agency.

The state agency will hold its own press conference to announce that they are responding with a public letter of their own.

Then the legislator responds with, you guessed it, another press conference.

On one hand, it's helpful for the public to glimpse the inner workings of government and the information exchange that takes place between state offices.

On the other, it gets a little silly when the back-and-forth starts feeling like watching a tennis match. So this week, instead of more spin, I'd like to share some numbers with you that I think are worth noting.

One of the points currently being argued between state agencies is Indiana's ranking among other states on various jobs issues.

And frankly, our jobs-friendly rankings are worth noting:

-Indiana has only two percent of the nation's population, but it has created 10 percent of new jobs in the country since the beginning of the year. We are leading the nation in the percentage of private sector

jobs being created.

-We were named the 4th "friendliest" business state by CNBC, the #1 Midwest State for Business by Forbes, and

-We were the Best in the Midwest for Low Taxes last year. Michigan ranked #17, Kentucky #20, Illinois #30 and Ohio #47. (And that was before the property tax caps were passed!)

-The average wage for new jobs committed to Indiana through the Indiana Economic Development Corporation in 2009 was almost 21 dollars an hour, well above the state average of \$18.30.

-Indiana now has the 7th lowest homeowner taxes in America in dollars paid.

There are a number of other state rankings worth looking at too:

-Indiana has been rated best in the nation for customer service at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

-Indiana was ranked second in the nation in new wind capacity in 2009.

-Indiana was named best in the country for improved child protection.

-Indiana is one of only nine states to achieve a Triple A credit rating from the three independent rating agencies, and

-Unlike almost every other state, Indiana has remained solvent without raising taxes- or even trying to.

Blanton's "world tour" continues; lawmaker turns to AG's office for help

District 62 State Representative Sandy Blanton issued the following statement last Tuesday after her personal email account was hacked for the second time in the last few weeks:

"Just a few short days after I wasn't in Malaysia, now I'm not in London, England.

"Even though I got a new email account after hackers sent a bogus message in June asking for people to send money because I was stuck in Malaysia, the new account also has been breached.

"This time, people are being asked to send me money in London because I lost my wallet in a taxi while attending a seminar.

"My husband keeps getting upset that I'm going to all of these exotic locations without telling him, so I have decided to rely upon

a 'travel agent' we can trust.

"I have decided to file a complaint with the Indiana Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

"I also have notified the Indiana State Police about this problem.

"I note that the Attorney General's office just sent out an alert that indicates I am not alone in having this kind of problem with hackers going into my personal email.

"In that light, I would encourage anyone who has faced the same problem to contact the Consumer Protection Division by calling 1-800-382-5516 or going online at www.IndianaConsumer.com.

"For those who have received both of these emails, please disregard them.

"I am not in any kind of trouble anywhere on this globe."

Upcoming government meetings

Redevelopment special meeting

The Martin County Redevelopment Commission will hold a special meeting Wednesday, July 14, at 5 p.m., in the commissioners' room of the courthouse in Shoals. Items on the agenda include budget discussion and other business. The meeting is open to the public.

Commissioners meetings

Regular session

The Martin County Commissioners will meet in regular session tonight Wednesday, July 14, at 6 p.m., in the courthouse in Shoals. The meeting is open to the public.

Executive meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will hold an executive session meeting on Monday, July 19, at 6 p.m., in the commission-

ers' room of the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss personnel classified as confidential by state and federal statutes as authorized by I.C. 5-14-1.5-5.1 (b) (7). The meeting is closed to the public.

Special meeting

The Martin County Commissioners will hold a special meeting Tuesday, August 3, at 6 p.m., at the Martin County Fire Station at the fairgrounds. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Homeland Security procedures. The meeting is open to the public.

Loogootee City Council

The Loogootee City Council will meet in executive session to discuss personnel issues Friday, July 16, at 10 a.m. Following the closed-door meeting will be a budget meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m.

*Enjoyed seeing everyone at the fair
and look forward to talking to you in the coming days before the election!*



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Martin County 4-H FAIR

Fair ends last night with livestock auction



Emily Gillick, at right, is shown with her Grand Champion Heifer. Springs Valley Bank and Trust, the representative shown in the center, was the highest bidder at \$700. Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins is shown on the left.



Katie Sims, at right, stands with her Reserve Grand Champion Heifer. Tom Mudd, in the center, representing White River Co-Op was the highest bidder at \$700. Miss Martin County 2010 Ashley Hawkins is shown on the left.



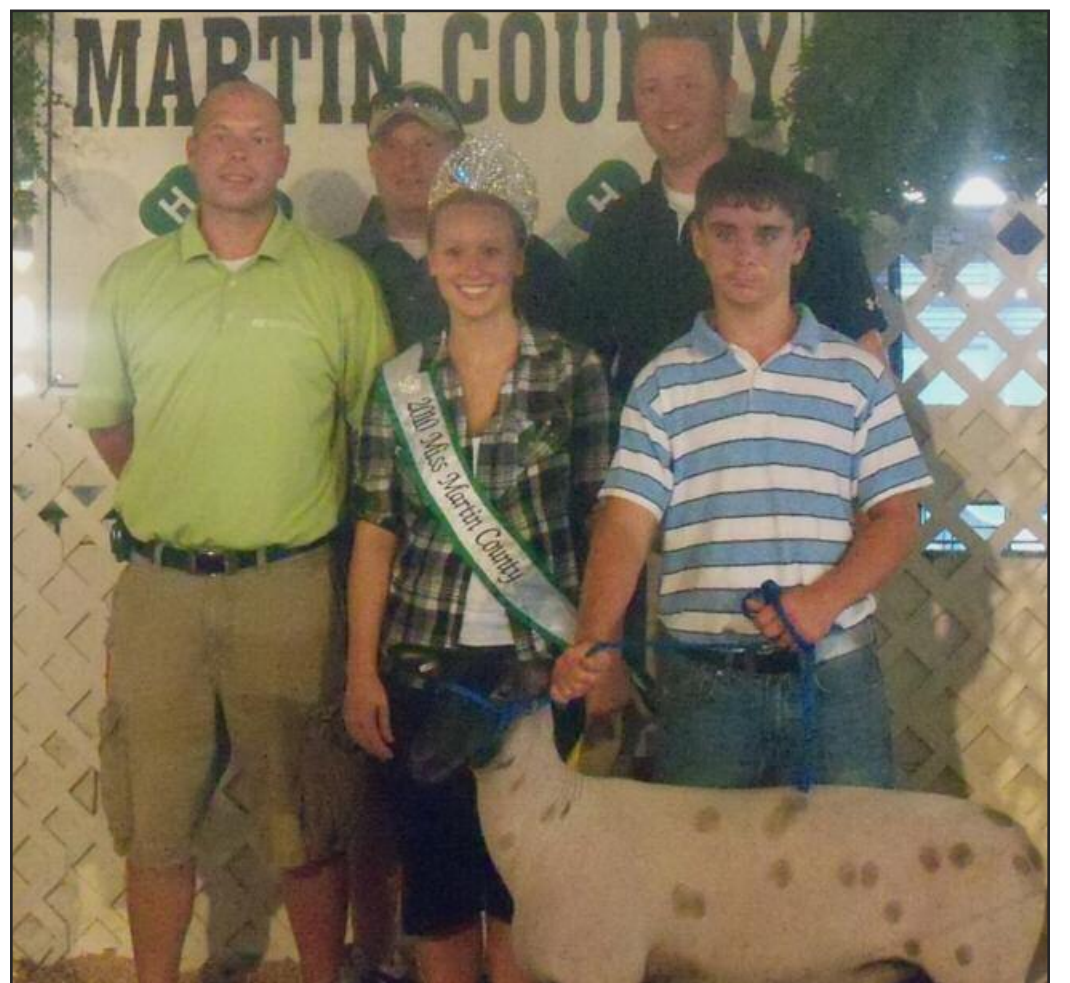
Ben Blackwell, on the right, stands with his Grand Champion Barrow and Gilt which sold to Dr. Kerr, at right, with Jasper Memorial Hospital for \$550. Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins is shown in the center.



Kylie Sims, third from the left, stands behind her Reserve Grand Champion Gilt at the livestock auction. Old National Bank, represented by Susan Arthur and Joy Gibson was the highest bidder at \$450. Ashley Hawkins, Miss Martin County, is shown on the right.



Elle Chestnut, at left, holds her Grand Champion Waterfowl that was won at the auction by Rachel Hart, at right, of Lou Rays Styling Salon for \$350. Ashley Hawkins, 2010 Miss Martin County, is shown in the center.



Taylor George, shown at right, holds the reigns of his Grand Champion Market Lamb that was purchased by Farm Bureau Insurance for \$350. Representing Farm Bureau above, standing behind Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins, are Travis Brett, T.J. McAtee, and Chad Wade.



Taylor George, at right, stands with her Grand Champion Pygmy Goat that was purchased by RTC Communications, represented on the left, for \$350. Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins is shown in the center.



Kylie Raney, shown in the center, stands with her Grand Champion Steer. Ed Mattingly, at right, with Mattingly Feed Store, was the highest bidder at \$725. Ashley Hawkins, Miss Martin County, is shown on the left.



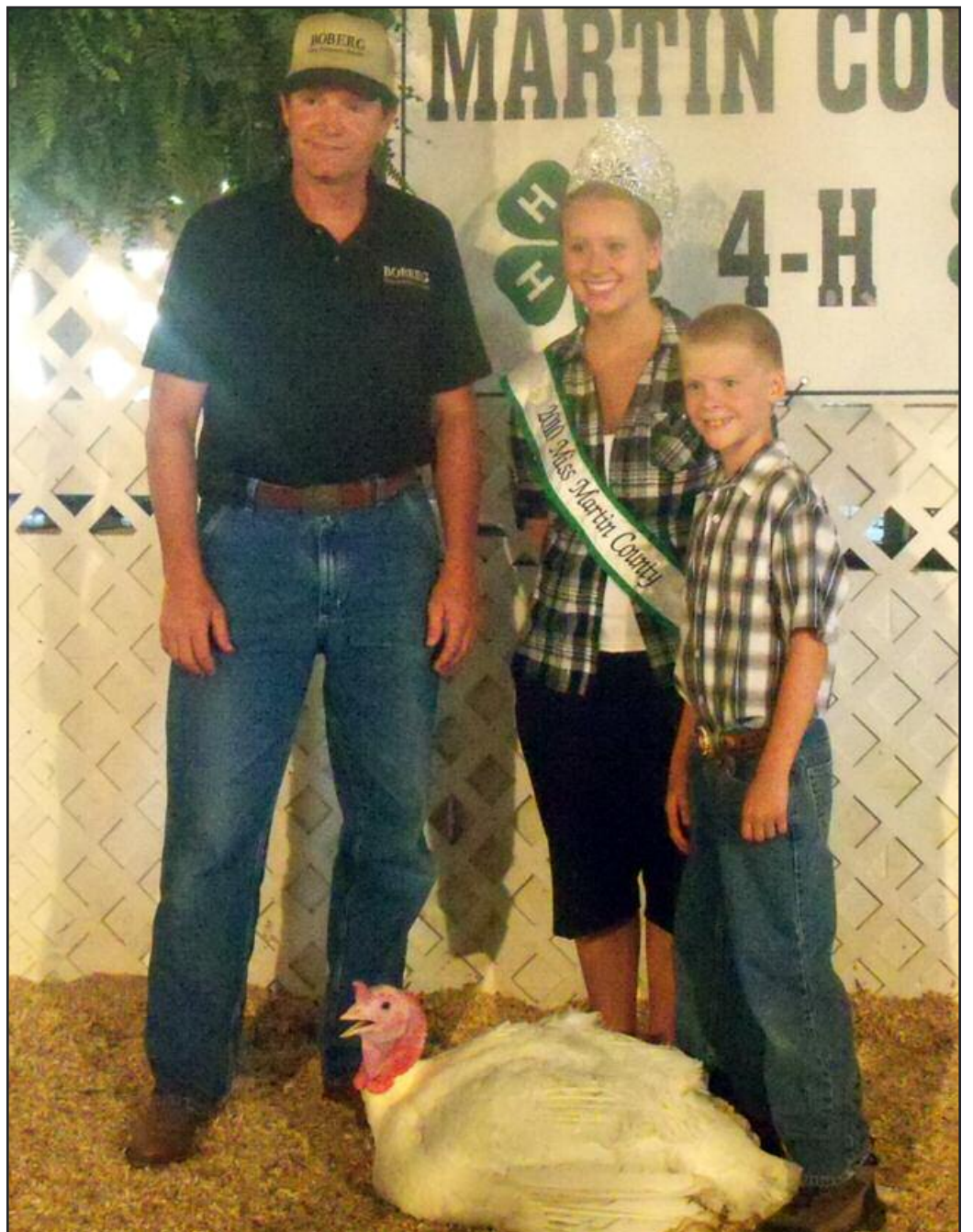
Kayla Abel, center, holds her Grand Champion Rabbit that was won in the auction by Lynne Ellis, at left, with Duncan and Ellis PC for \$300. Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins is shown on the right.



Grant Carrico, in the center, holds his Grand Champion Poultry that was won at the auction by Cindy Lagle, at left, of American National Insurance. Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins stands on the right.



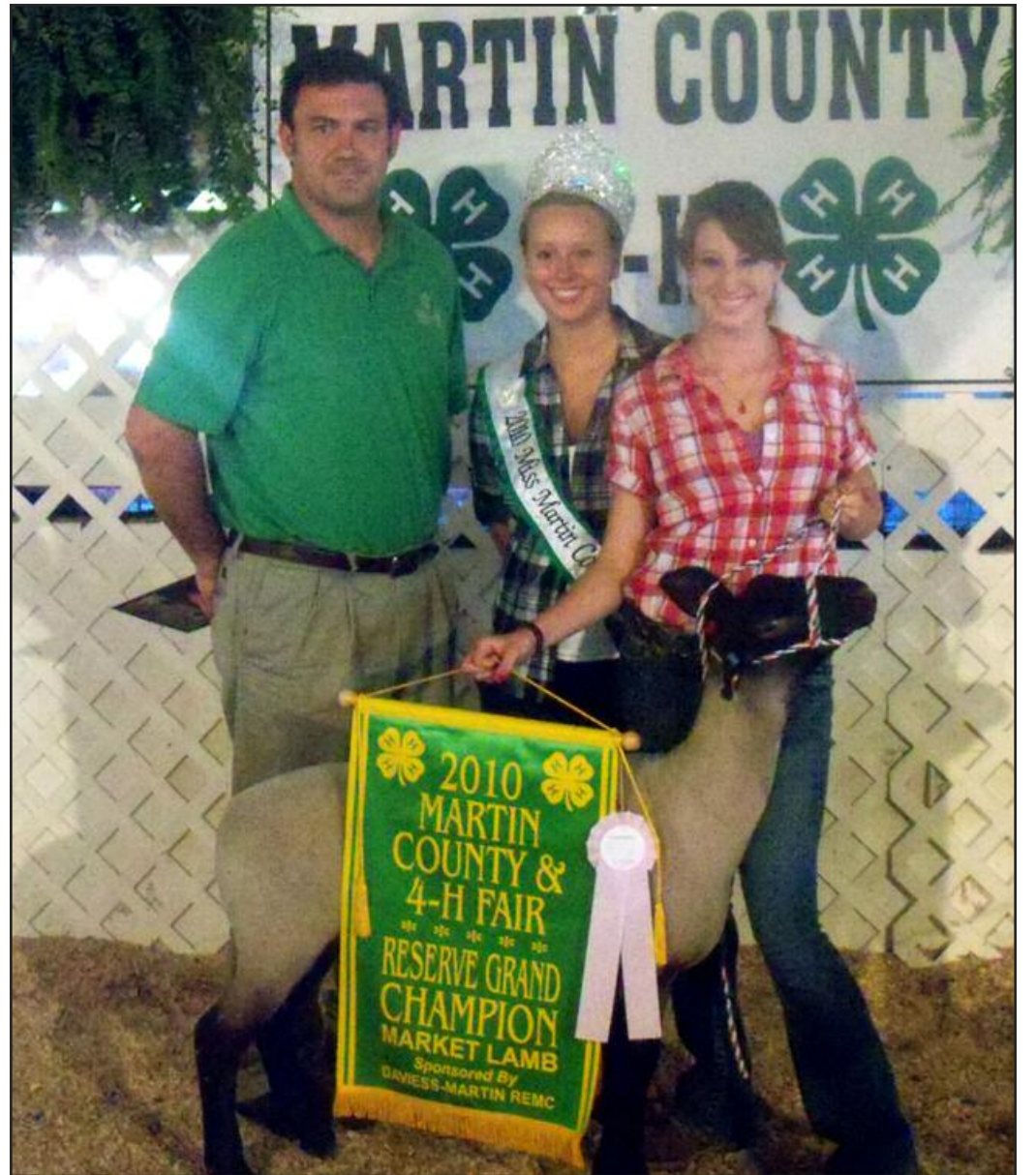
Sarah Richer, in the center, stands with her Grand Champion Wether that was won at the auction by Regal Mills represented on the right for \$375. Ashley Hawkins, Miss Martin County, is shown on the left.



Phillip Troutman, at right, stands with his Grand Champion Turkey that was won by Randy Boberg, at left, with Boberg Co-Op Insurance Services for \$550. Shown in the center is Ashley Hawkins, Miss Martin County.



Jociah Earl, at left, stands with his Reserve Grand Champion Wether that was won in the auction by Arvin Crushed Stone, represented by Mike Arvin, at right. Shown in the center is Ashley Hawkins, Miss Martin County.



Elizabeth Sander, at right, stands with her Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb that was won by Dr. Scott Wallace, at left, with Wallace Veterinary Clinic for \$350. Shown in the center is Ashley Hawkins, Miss Martin County.



Kara Mann, at right, is a 10-year 4-H member. She sold her barrow at the auction for \$375 to Martin County Farm Bureau. Shown on the left is Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins.



Jordan Hert, at left, a 10-year 4-H member, sold his barrow to Dave Lett of Lett and Jones Attorneys for \$350. Shown on the right is Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins.



Members of the Martin County 4-H who were honored with belt buckles for Supreme Showmanship, 10-year members, tenure members and/or clean pen awards are shown above. In the front is Katie Sims. In the back, from left to right, are Kylie Sims, Katlyn Sanders, Elizabeth Sander, Matt Bruner, and Mitch Green.

-All photos by Joshua and Courtney Hughett

Other 4-H animals sold at the livestock auction

MKaden Gregory, heifer, high bidder Loogootie Electric Motor, \$600
 Justin Sanders, steer, high bidder State Rep. Mark Messmer, \$450
 Addison Dant, steer, high bidder Brent Coulter, Edward Jones, \$400
 Matthew Bruner, steer, high bidder Lynne Ellis, Duncan & Ellis PC, \$600
 Tyler Simmons, rabbit, high bidder Paul George, Farm Bureau Incorporated, \$200
 Allyson Arvin, barrow, high bidder Hoosier Suds, \$350
 Audrey Sanders, gilt, high bidder Ed Mattingly, Mattingly Feed, \$300
 Devyn Earl, wether, high bidder Mike Arvin, Arvin Crushed Stone, \$300
 Collin Dant, barrow, high bidder Paul George, Farm Bureau Incorporated, \$200
 Breanna Hollaway, barrow champion rate of gain, high bidder Regal Mills, \$375
 Ruby Chestnut, rabbit, high bidder Mary Smith, Eastview Farms, \$200
 Ryan Hawkins, barrow, high bidder Tom Rudd, White River Co-Op, \$350
 Caleb Dant, steer, high bidder Steve Jones, Jones Oil Company, \$300
 Tyler Williams, barrow, high bidder RTC Communications, \$350
 Ethan Wade, heifer, high bidder Paul George, Farm Bureau Incorporated, \$300
 Justin Clark, heifer, high bidder Steve Jones, Jones Oil Company, \$400
 Kaylea Mulder, barrow, high bidder Rachel Hart, Lou Rays Styling Salon, \$400
 Ben Lindsey, rabbit, high bidder Dr. Scott Wallace, Wallace Veterinary Clinic, \$275
 Cole Gillick, heifer champion simmental, high bidder State Rep. Mark Messmer, \$300
 Mallory Berry, meat goat doe, high bidder Dr. Scott Wallace, Wallace Veterinary Clinic, \$250
 Kiersten Wood, rabbit, high bidder Greenwell Hardware, \$250
 Brandon Ivey, steer champion rate of gain, high bidder Regal Mills, \$375
 Katlyn Sanders, steer, high bidder Ed Mattingly, Mattingly Feed Store, \$325
 Chris Graber, gilt, high bidder German American Bancorp, \$400

Mayson Riley, gilt, high bidder David Lett, Lett and Jones-Attorneys, \$350
 Trenton Arvin, rabbit, high bidder Tom Mudd, White River Co-Op, \$200
 Becca Hollaway, gilt, high bidder RTC Communications, \$250
 Adalyn Arvin, barrow, high bidder Paul George, Farm Bureau Incorporated, \$250
 Jake Blackwell, barrow, high bidder Cutting Edge, \$225
 Brandon Lindsey, gilt, high bidder \$300
 Megan Hawkins, market lamb, high bidder State Rep. Sandy Blanton, \$400
 Travis Craney, heifer, high bidder Paul George, Farm Bureau Incorporated, \$325
 Melanie Hawkins, ewe, high bidder Daviess-Martin REMC, \$325
 Laken Inman, rabbit, high bidder RTC Communications, \$200
 Dylan Dant, rabbit, high bidder Regal Mills and Stone & Stemle, \$200
 Cole Walker, barrow, high bidder Rick Mathies, Midwestern Engineers, \$275
 Emily Wade, barrow, high bidder Paul George, Farm Bureau Incorporated, \$300
 Audra Deckard, rabbit, high bidder Dan Gregory, \$375
 Jordan Berry, meat goat doe, high bidder Dr. Scott Wallace, Wallace Veterinary Clinic, \$250
 Cody Hert, gilt, high bidder \$350
 Sam Bruner, gilt, high bidder Lynne Ellis, Duncan & Ellis PC, \$300
 Wade Burris, gilt, high bidder Hopf Equipment, \$500
 Cassie Hopkins, heifer, high bidder Lynne Ellis, Duncan & Ellis PC, \$500
 Mitch Green, barrow, high bidder Traylor Fertilizer, \$300
 Kenadi Rumble, wether, high bidder German American Bancorp, \$300
 Michael Hawkins, barrow, high bidder Randy Boberg, Boberg Co-Op Insurance Services, \$400
 Jordan Williams, gilt, high bidder All Star Fire Protection, \$350

More photos from the Martin County 4-H Fair



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Contestants for Miss Martin County stood on stage in their evening ware last Thursday night, July 8, awaiting the judges' decisions. From left to right are Lindsey Wininger, Allyson Arvin, Diane McFeaters, Jade Frost, Ashley Hawkins, Alayna Toy, and Katie Sims.



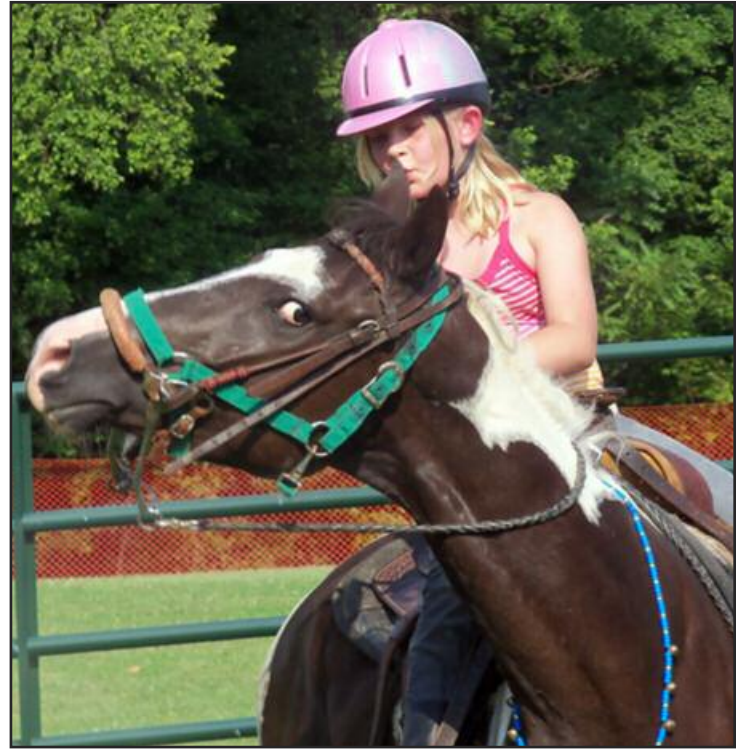
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In the photo at the top left, Miss Martin County 2nd runner-up Jade Frost, daughter of Ed and Terri Frost of Loogootee; first runner-up Lindsey Wininger, daughter of Dave and Lori Wininger of Loogootee; 2010 Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins, daughter of Mark and Melissa Hawkins of Shoals; and Miss Congeniality Allyson Arvin, daughter of Mike and Lisa Arvin of Loogootee. The bottom photos show the ladies during the announcement of their placing. In the middle photo is Amy Kavanaugh who entertained the crowd with several country music numbers. In the photo on the right is Ashley Hawkins, 2010 Miss Martin County while she is getting her crown pinned on by 2009 Miss Martin County Lauren Poirier as she poses with her gift basket and trophy.



-Photos by Courtney Hughett
Paul George, at left, worked the Farm Bureau Inc. building serving up giant tenderloins to hungry fair goers. On the right, fair attendants enjoyed a few games set up by All American Rides and Shows. The game in the photo involved throwing darts to pop balloons to be awarded a stuffed animal.





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Mike Carie won the Martin County 4-H Fair's Hot Dog Eating Contest in the adult division. Mike managed to take down eight and a half hot dogs in only five minutes to be awarded the \$15 grand prize. Mike is shown on the left quickly shoveling in the hot dogs. In the photo on the right, Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins hands Mike his prize.

Mary Dickson takes her turn on a horse in the Martin County 4-H Horse and Pony Club's arena where they offered pony rides throughout the fair.



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Shayna Stuffle, seventh grader at Loogootee, gets her caricature drawing done by Karen Kovich Monday night at the fair.



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In the photo on the left, Alex Hughett, tries to chew down the bun in the Hot Dog Eating Contest - kids division at the fair Thursday night. On the right, Kurt Bratton opens wide at the start of the contest.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Safari Steve with Silly Safari shows off the animals he brought along to the curious little youngsters Thursday night at the fair. Steve put on an hilarious show for the crowd.



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Shown above are the winners of the Hot Dog Eating Contest - youth division. Shown, from left to right are Jade Frost, 2nd runner up Miss Martin County; 2010 Miss Martin County Ashley Hawkins, the second place winner, first place winner Alex Hughett, third place winner Kurt Bratton, 1st runner up for Miss Martin County, Lindsey Wininger, and Miss Congeniality Allyson Arvin.



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Nathaniel Hart, who placed second in the Wii Bowling Contest watches his ball smack the pins on the screen.



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Wyatt Street, who won the Wii Bowling Contest with a score of 193 rears back to throw his "bowling ball."



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Shown above are the winners of the Wii Bowling Contest. Shown in the front is the 1st place winner Wyatt Street. In the back is 2010 Miss Congeniality Allyson Arvin, third place winner Alex Hughett, second place winner Nathaniel Hart, and 2nd runner up for Miss Martin County Jade Frost.

Just for FUN

Hey kids - July is National Parks and Recreation Month!

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BASEBALL
 CROQUET
 FOOTBALL
 HIDE AND SEEK
 JUMP ROPE
 LEAP FROG
 RED ROVER
 SOCCER
 TETHERBALL

CORNHOLE
 DODGE BALL
 FREEZE TAG
 HOPSCOTCH
 KICK BALL
 MOTHER MAY I
 SIMON SAYS
 TAG
 TUG OF WAR

Make a backyard volcano!

By Ann Svensen

Age: Elementary and up

Time: About 15 minutes

Type of Activity: Backyard science

Encourage your children to explore science in their own backyard. Plant a garden, catch butterflies, or better yet, build a live volcano! Sound tricky? You'll be surprised. Mary Ann Kohl, author of the book Science Arts, makes it easy with the following simple instructions.

Materials needed:

Baking pan

Soda bottle (16 or 20 oz.)

Moist soil

1 tablespoon baking soda

1 cup vinegar

Red food coloring

The great outdoors!

Experiment

Step One: Place the baking pan on the grass, and set the soda bottle in the middle of the pan.

Step Two: Mound and shape the moist soil around the bottle to form a mountain.

Bring the soil right up to the top of the bottle's opening, but don't get the soil inside the bottle.

Step Three: Pour one tablespoon of baking soda into the bottle.

Step Four: Color one cup of vinegar with red food coloring.

Step Five: Pour the colored vinegar into the bottle. Stand back and watch red foam spray out of the top and down the mountain like lava from a volcano.

Tips for parents

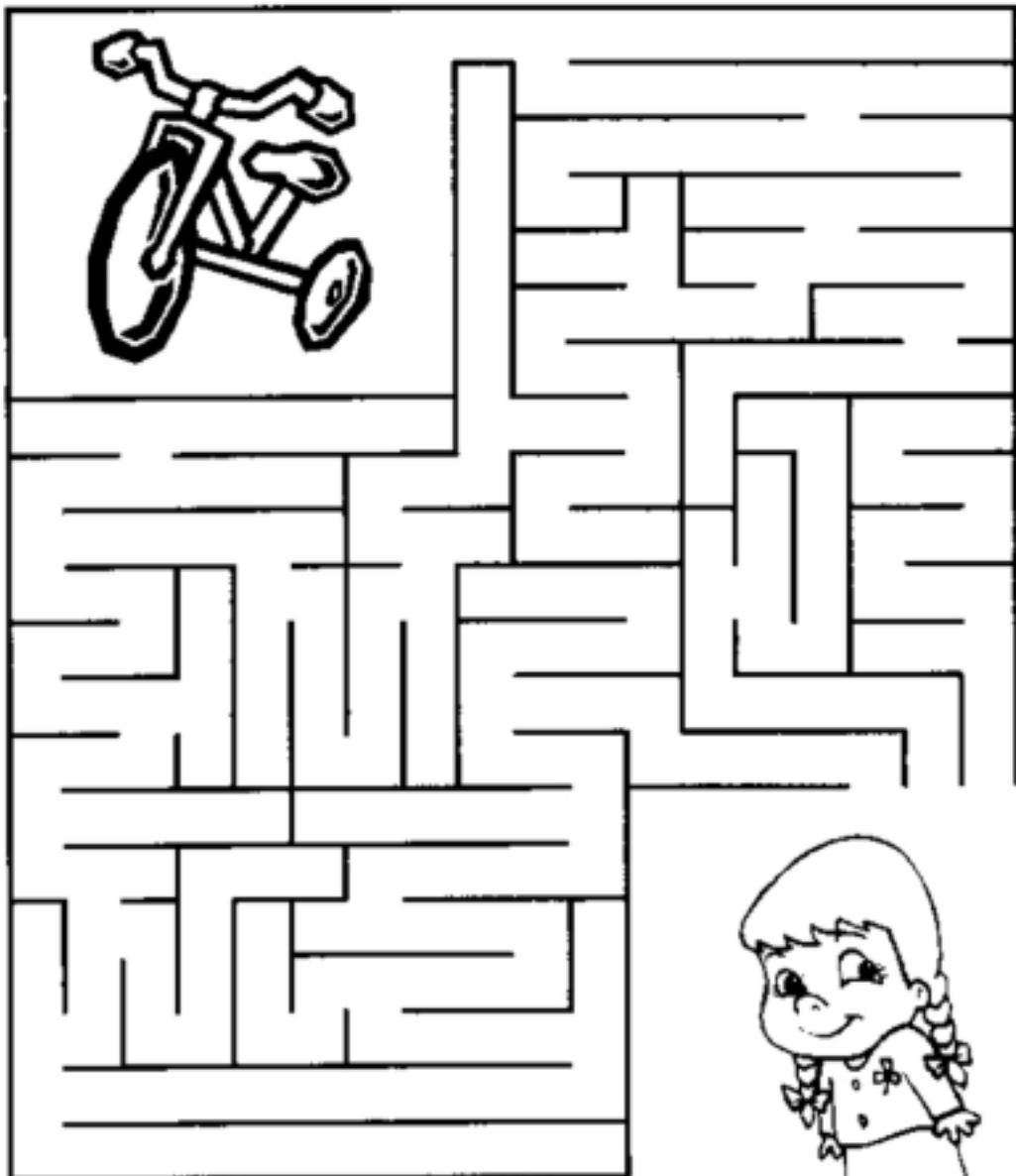
Experimentation is an exciting way to teach your kids about the world around them. But before you get started, Kohl has a few words of advice: "Keep it simple! Begin with materials you have around the house, such as flour, cornstarch, and paints, and, most importantly, let the child do most of the experimenting. You can provide the encouragement." Kohl adds, "Don't worry about not understanding the 'science' that's happening." You and your kids can make your own hypotheses, then look up the answers later online or at the local library.

Unscramble the outdoor activity words

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 kihng _____ rohse dirngi _____
 gfhnsini _____ nnrngui _____
 yacrehr _____ gihnutn _____
 gcmpani _____ pelxoignr _____
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ANSWERS: swimming, hiking, fishing, archery, camping, bird watching, bug collecting, horse riding, running, hunting, exploring, skateboarding

Color the hiker



Show Amy the way to her tricycle.

