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School smarts!

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

The Martin County Health Department has been jam packed with students and their parents waiting in line to get the new immunizations required to start classes this fall. According to personnel of the health department, over 100 shots were administered Monday and Tuesday and due to demand they ran out of the meningococcal vaccines given to prevent meningitis. Also, on Monday, the health department's air conditioning failed adding to the nurses hectic day. Shown above Sydney Blankenbaker receives one of her required shots from Registered Nurse Jill Jones.

Perfect Fit in Loogootee to close its doors December 31

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
Martin County Journal Publisher

Perfect Fit Industries recently announced that they will be closing their Loogootee plant this year.

According to Tim Kinder, Executive Director of the Martin County Alliance for Economic Growth, 65 employees will be let go on October 8 with another 30 leaving on December 31. This is a total of 95 employees who will be leaving the plant.

Kinder said that every effort is being made to bring in resources including Workforce Development, to help the displaced workers. "This is our number one priority," he said.

Kinder said that the number two priority is to find another possible company to take the place of Perfect Fit and bring more jobs back to Loogootee.

According to Perfect Fit HR Director Dexter Royal, Perfect Fit Industries was purchased by another company on June 18 of this year. He said that since that time a lot of thought has been put into the decision to close the Loogootee operation. Royal said he is unable to disclose the name of the company who made the purchase but they will be absorbing the Loogootee manufacturing with their home base in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Started in 1932, Perfect Fit Industries, ('PERFECT FIT' continued on page 2)

Kelly (Albertson) Baker hired as public health coordinator

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Public Health Officer Dr. Larry Sutton discussed the public health coordinator position being vacated by Julia Allbright at the Martin County Commissioners' meeting Tuesday night, August 11. Dr. Sutton said that he, along with Monty Wolf interviewed four applicants from Martin County and selected Kelly Baker, the daughter of Mike and Laura Albertson and recommended her to the commissioners. According to Dr. Sutton, she will be working a few days a week.

The commissioners approved his recommendation and hired Baker. Commissioner John Winger was not present at the meeting.

Highway Superintendent Jim Williams reported that one of the mowers has a broken front spindle and parts should arrive today. He said that one of the other mowers has a bent side frame which has to be rebuilt. Williams also reported that he will possibly be getting 4,000 gallons of the soybean-based oil being used for dust control. He said that the Rutherford area will be the next ('NURSE' continued on page 2)

City council passes \$10 surcharge despite adverse opinions from customers

BY COURTNEY HUGHETT
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Despite negative feedback from residents in the public hearing, the Loogootee City Council decided at their meeting Monday night, August 9, to approve adding a \$10 surcharge to all sewer customers outside of city limits. The surcharge notion stems from the state board of accounts questioning the city on why customers in Bellgrade and Scenic Hill have been paying the extra money for several years but other customers outside city limits have not. It was then decided to make it uniform and charge everyone outside of city limits the extra \$10.

"As far as who gave us the authority to do this, the state board of accounts has mandated us to do this."

-Loogootee Mayor Don Bowling on reason for surcharge

During the public hearing, water customer Forrest Burton told Mayor Don Bowling that he feels that this decision is taxation without representation. "We live in the country and we don't have a representative here to stand up for us," he said. He went on to say that he doesn't understand how the city could tax some people and not others. "Why don't you distribute it evenly among all of us," he said. Mayor Bowling explained that the people in the city of Loogootee own the sewer system and that the city is following state code and has the right to set the sewer rates. "On all the people, not part," said Burton. "We have the right to set the sewer rates period," said Mayor Bowling. "As far as who gave us the authority to do this, the state board of ac-

counts has mandated us to do this," he added. "We didn't come up with this on our own."

Another audience member, Georgette Sutton, said she is already paying more for sewer outside of city limits than what is paid inside city limits. She said that when her parents were mandated to hook on to the sewer system 45 years ago she assumes there was some kind of agreement made at that time. She asked Mayor Bowling if he knew what that agreement was. "I have no idea," said Mayor Bowling. "Well then how can you tell me I have to pay a surcharge 45 years later for a service I've been getting for 45 years?" she asked.

Mayor Bowling said that the ordinance was amended to include the surcharge. Sutton said that if this is the case then she can make an amendment to the easement on her property for the sewer system and charge the city for having a water line on her property. "I have no idea if you can do that or not," said Mayor Bowling.

Mayor Bowling also stated that the surcharge would be indefinite and not until the original loans for the sewer system were paid for as was discussed at last month's meeting. He added that the rates could raise again in the future if financial conditions required it.

Another audience member, Joe Zins, who arrived in the meeting late, asked why the surcharge was being added to those outside ('SURCHARGE' continued on page 2)



Bye-bye summer

-Photo by Courtney Hughett

Loogootee fifth grader Jordan Kaiser, relishes in one of the last few free days he has left this summer while at a pool party for players of his Loogootee Little League division last Friday night, August 6. School for Jordan and his peers starts Monday. The city pool closes for the season on August 15.

SURCHARGE

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of city limits. He also said that Daviess County residents should not have been allowed to bring in their sewage. Zins, who lives in Scenic Hill, was told by members of the council that his rate will not increase because he is already paying the surcharge.

Georgette Sutton then asked if residents at West Boggs would be paying the surcharge as well. Mayor Bowling said that it hasn't been addressed specifically but he thinks they will. Sutton also addressed the issue of sewage smell in her neighborhood. She said that the odor is present three or four days a week. Mayor Bowling said, "Quite frankly no one has come up with a solution yet."

Sutton then asked again for a copy of the agreement that her parents made when they hooked up to the sewers 45 years ago. "If there is an agreement for that you should have a copy of it and we will look and see if we have a copy," said Mayor Bowling.

Forrest Burton then made a final comment stating that he feels the council should go back and find agreements, meeting minutes, and other documents and study them prior to coming forward with a surcharge.

With council member Sue Brewer was absent but the surcharge was approved 4-0 by the other council members. The surcharge will net an additional \$2,000 per month for the water department and will begin immediately.

In other business, the council also approved an additional appropriation of \$67,600 to pay the rest of the 20 percent match on the grant to pay for the sidewalks.

The council also approved bid from See Smart for \$24,924.50 for lighting materials for the annex building. The bid is for the lights only and not installation. No bids were received for installation. Mayor Bowling said more research needs to be done to see if city employees can do the installation. The grant the city received paid \$2,500 for the installation and \$32,500 for materials.

The council discussed at length possibly purchasing a new vac truck to clean the

sewer lines. The city's current truck is a 1990 with 43,000 miles. Utilities Manager Bo Wilson said that he found another truck through Brown Equipment which will be a trade from another town purchasing a new model. He explained that it will be selling for \$69,500 and \$10,000 was offered for the trade in. He said that Brown Equipment asked that the city verbally commit to purchasing a truck or they would be putting it on the market. This truck is a 1994 with 9,700 miles and is in good condition. It was discussed that the sewer lines have not had a thorough cleaning in over 10 years and that with the current vac truck's condition it is taken out as little as possible. Wilson estimated the cost to contract the cleaning of the whole system would be around \$150,000. Mayor Bowling told the council that if the truck was purchased it would deplete the funds left in the budget. He said that the purchase would have to be financed. It was suggested that Wilson get loan information including payment amounts and interest rates and report back to the council.

The council approved Posh Pets putting in a handicap ramp in front of their building at SW 3rd Street and Mill Street.

Clerk-Treasurer Nancy Jones said that the 2011 budget has been approved by Kim Chatten with the Department of Local Government Finance who said that \$40,000 to \$50,000 will probably be cut. A public hearing will be held on September 13 and the adoption will be October 12.

Mayor Bowling updated the council on work being done on a sink hole on SW 1st Street. Street Superintendent said that, as of Monday, work was not complete and the final cost is estimated at \$2,000.

The mayor also reported that since signs have been posted at the city pool stating the lot is closed after midnight has resulted in improvement to the litter problem.

The mayor informed the council that the new signs posted at the city limits stating that Loogootee is a golf cart community were removed by INDOT. The signage crews interpreted the signs to mean that golf carts could be operated on highways. After conferring with the state, the signage supervisor informed the mayor that the state changed their mind and no longer requires the signs to be posted. The signs will not be put back up.

The first parking spot at JFK and West Main Street has been striped and is no longer being used as a parking spot.

At the end of the meeting Mayor Bowling reported that he received numbers on the reduction in EDIT and COIT monies for Martin County. For 2011 the county will lose \$37,300 in EDIT money and \$150,688 in COIT money; a total 10.5 percent reduction.



Contest winner

Photo by Joshua Hughett

Karen Acker, at left, is presented the Harry Q. Holt book "The History of Martin County Volume II" by Martin County Journal owner Courtney Hughett, at right. Karen referred the most people to sign up for a subscription or to become a facebook friend. Congratulations Karen!

NURSE

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on the list next week for application and the 4,000 gallons will roughly cover a mile and a half and costs \$2.80 a gallon for a total of \$12,200 which includes the spraying.

Williams also reported that Brooks Bridge weight limit has been dropped to 10 ton from 12 ton per a letter he received from bridge inspector Leo Rumschlag.

The commissioners appointed Bill Shaw to the Alcoholic Beverage Board as a replacement for the late Gene Shaw. Bill is Gene's brother.

Auditor Nancy Steiner reported to commissioners that a resident reported that the concrete in the drive-thru area outside of the courthouse was cracking and disintegrating. He also said that water was standing on the roof of the drive-thru area. Commissioner Paul George asked Jim Williams to take a look at it.

Emergency Management Directory Monty Wolf reported that there was a small water leak at the fire station in the room where the washer and dryer are located. He said it was fixed under warranty and a stainless steel plate was added to the wall. Wolfe also requested permission to have rock delivered at the fire station parking lot. He said that since concrete is not going to be an option for a while he needs to fill in some spots

to make it easier for the exiting of the trucks. Commissioner George told Wolfe to get with Jim Williams.

At the end of the meeting Commissioner Gregory said that he phoned Loogootee and Shoals High Schools and learned that 91 students from the 2009 graduating classes, or 84 percent are moving on to higher education this fall. He said that it was nice to see that the students go on to bigger and better things and that some of them come back to Martin County.

PERFECT FIT

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Inc. designs, manufactures, and markets short run textile products for the home. Its products include warming products, featherbeds, mattress pads, decorative bedding, blankets, throws, bed pillows, decorative pillows, and custom drapery.

The company currently has other locations in Monroe, Richfield, Georgia, and Florida. Perfect Fit Industries was formerly known as PRF Corp. and changed its name to Perfect Fit Industries, Inc. in 1981.

The Perfect Fit building and manufacturing has been a part of the Loogootee community since the 1950s. According to Royal ownership has changed 11 times over the past 60 years.

Oops . . .

In last week's issue of the *Martin County Journal* the medals received by Keith Allbright were listed backwards in the outline. From left to right they were Vietnam 1961, Cuban Missile Crisis 1962, Bay of Pigs 1963, and Good Conduct Medal with one bronze star.

Also, due to incorrect information submitted to *The Journal* the location of the awards banquet for the LHS Baseball team was incorrectly listed. It was held at the home of Eric and Susan Ackerman.

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Obituaries

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

CECIL M. PENNINGTON

Cecil M. Pennington died at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at Good Samaritan Society Northwood Retirement Community in Jasper. A resident of Shoals, he was 69.

He was born March 21, 1941, in Martin County; the son of Walter O. and Thelma V. (Potts) Pennington. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He retired following 34 years of service as a forklift operator in shipping for United States Gypsum. He was a member of Shoals American Legion Post 61, Lakeview Golf Course, and a member of the Professional Golfers Association.

Surviving relatives include one sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Lee Sipes of Shoals; one brother and sister-in-law, Mark and Brenda Pennington of Shoals; six nieces, Nina Anderson of French Lick, Mary Kidwell of Loogootee, Tracie Stuckey of Loogootee, Michelle Thompson of Loogootee, Shonna Greenwell of Shoals and Deidre Pennington of Shoals; one nephew, Scott Pennington of Loogootee; several great-nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Arnold "Duck" Pennington and Anthony Lee Pennington in infancy.

A funeral service was held Saturday, August 7, at Queen-Lee Funeral Home. Burial was in Poplar Grove Cemetery in Martin County, with military graveside rites conducted by Shoals American Legion Post 61. Condolences may be made to the family at www.queenlee.com.

MARILYN J. WADE

Marilyn J. Wade went home to be with her Lord at 5:27 a.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at Jasper Memorial Hospital. A resident of Washington, she was 71.



She was born August 9, 1938, in Daviess County; the daughter of Oscar and Gladys (Edwards) Cornelius. She was a 1956 Epsom High School graduate and a homemaker. She was an active member of Bethany Christian Church.

She taught the Busy Bee's Sunday school class for over 20 years.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Thomas M. Wade, whom she married November 22, 1959; sons and daughters-in-

law, Daniel T. and DeAnne Wade of Mitchell, David R. and Gala Wade and Jason C. Wade, all of Washington; grandchildren, Jennifer R. Wade of Vincennes, Jordan D. Wade of Washington, Wyatt M. Wade and Madisyn G. Wade, both of Loogootee, Joseph Armstrong and Grace Armstrong, both of Mitchell; great-grandchildren, Brayden M. Carie of Vincennes and Bryant T. Wade of Washington; a sister, Shirley Moody of Odon; and brothers, Morris Cornelius of Odon and Norman Cornelius of Plainville.

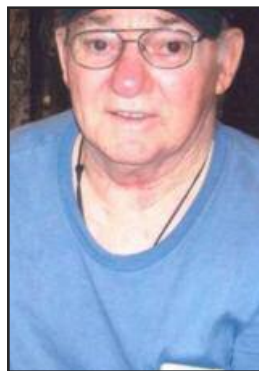
She is preceded in death by a sister, Modene Fyffe, and brothers, Ray and Lloyd Cornelius.

A funeral service was held Saturday, August 7, at Bethany Christian Church, with Bros. Matt Merold, Tom Watson, and Don Smoot officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Bethany Christian Church Cemetery Fund. Arrangements are being made through Gill Chapel. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.gillsince1872.com.

CHARLES BEATY

Charles C. Beaty passed away at 10:46 p.m., Sunday, August 8, 2010 at Mitchell Manor Nursing Center, Mitchell, Indiana. A resident of Shoals, he was 73.



He was born in West Baden Springs on January 20, 1937; the son of Coy and Lizzie (Ball) Beaty.

He attended the Loogootee Revival Center Church and had previously been employed as a truck driver for several

companies, but had retired from Swift Trucking Company. He was a mechanic at heart as he loved working on vehicles.

He is survived by his two sons, Randall Curtis Beaty of Las Vegas, Nevada and Curtis John Beaty of Watseka, Illinois, one daughter, Catrina Mae Akers of Villa Grove, Illinois, two brothers, Shirley Beaty of Mitchell and Junior Ray Beaty of Bloomington, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Freddie Beaty and three sisters, Betty Chatman, Janet Wellman, and Linda Allen.

Arrangements are being handled by T.L.

Pinnick Mortuary, 785 South Bears Bend Road, French Lick where the family will receive friends, Wednesday, August 11 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and then again on Thursday, August 12 from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m..

The funeral service will be held Thursday, August 12 at 10 a.m. at T.L. Pinnick Mortuary with Rev. Terry L. Pinnick officiating. Interment will be in the South Liberty Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.tlpinnickmortuary.com

JIM ELLIS

James "Jim" W. Ellis passed away Friday, August 5, 2010, at Daviess Community Hospital. A resident of Odon, he was 72.

He was born December 11, 1937, in Linton; the son of Roy W. and Cleo (Lambright) Ellis. Jim married Judy L. Bowlin in December of 1981. He served in the Indiana National Guard during the Korean War. He owned and operated Odon Milling Co./Magic Feeds, where it had been a family business for over 80 years. Jim was a 50-year member of the Linton Masonic Lodge 560 F and AM; Scottish Rite Valley of Evansville; Greene County Shrine and Shriners of North America; life member of the Linton BPO Elks 866 and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Indiana University.

Surviving relatives include one son, Todd (Latte) Ellis of Colorado Spring, Colorado; three daughters, Dania (Gasper) Dominici of Denver, Colorado, Deanna (Chuck) Frye



of Loogootee and Dorinda (Brian) Smith of Fishers; stepson, Kent (Mikki) Parisien of Odon; 21 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Jean Ellis of Bloomington.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Judy who passed in April 2009 and a son Troy Ellis who passed in August 2009.

A funeral services was held at the Anderson-Poindexter Memory Chapel in Linton on Wednesday, August 11, with Richard Crabtree officiating. Interment took place at the Burris Chapel Cemetery in Linton.

The family has requested memorial contributions to be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 3229 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229-3095.

Online condolences may be sent to www.andersonpoindexter.com.

Hot weather increasing risk of West Nile virus activity

State health officials are urging Hoosiers to again take steps to protect themselves from mosquito borne diseases, including West Nile. The hot weather this summer has increased the risks of West Nile as evidenced by the rising rate of mosquito activity in the state.

July was the first signs of West Nile virus in the state as four counties had mosquitoes test positive for West Nile virus. In less than a month, the number of counties with mosquitoes that have tested positive for West Nile has more than tripled with 14 counties now confirmed.

"Based on past experience, the recent hot weather is a big factor for the increase in positive mosquitoes," said Jennifer House, DVM, director, Zoonotic & Environmental Epidemiology at the Indiana State Department of Health. "Because of this, there is an increased risk for human cases."

The following counties in Indiana recently reported mosquito groups that tested positive for West Nile virus: Adams, Allen, Clinton, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Hendricks, Howard, Kosciusko, Lake, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, and Wabash. In 2009, West Nile virus was found in mosquitoes in 24 Indiana counties.

"West Nile virus is commonly found throughout the state each summer, so we expect to see an increase in activity in more counties as the season progresses," said Dr. House. "The good news is there are simple, effective steps Hoosiers can take to protect themselves from being bitten by a mosquito."

Dr. House recommends people take the following protective steps:

-Avoid being outdoors during prime mos-

quito biting times, dusk to dawn, when possible;

-Apply insect repellent containing DEET, picaradin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus to clothes and exposed skin;

-Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out of the home; and

-When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and pants when outside.

West Nile Virus usually causes a mild form of illness, which can include fever, headache, body aches, swollen lymph glands, or a rash. However, a small number of individuals can develop a more severe form of the disease with encephalitis or meningitis and other neurological syndromes, including flaccid muscle paralysis. Some individuals may die from the infection. Health officials say that although individuals over age 50 are at greatest risk for serious illness and even death from West Nile virus, people of all ages have been infected with the virus and have had severe disease. Since 2002, when Indiana had its first human case of West Nile virus, more than 20 Hoosiers have died from the illness.

West Nile virus is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes that have first bitten an infected bird. A person bitten by an infected mosquito may show symptoms three to 15 days after the bite.

"Besides West Nile, mosquitoes can spread several different disease causing viruses, including St. Louis Encephalitis, La Crosse Encephalitis and Eastern Equine Encephalitis," said Dr. House. "Mosquito transmitted diseases commonly occur in August and September so Hoosiers should take the proper precautions to prevent being bitten."

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Public RECORDS

MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

Tuesday, August 3

8:30 a.m. - A male caller advised of an abandoned vehicle in front of his business.

12:39 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

4:06 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

4:09 p.m. - Received a report of smoke near the railroad tracks in Shoals.

4:39 p.m. - Received a complaint of a stranded vehicle in a driveway on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

5:13 p.m. - Received a request for assistance for a subject who fell in Loogootee.

6:42 p.m.-Several juveniles were issued warnings for swimming at the boat ramp in Shoals.

9:10 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

10:07 p.m. - Received a residential burglar alarm on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

10:26 p.m. - A female caller reported a baby calf lying by the roadway on Chicken Farm Road.

Wednesday, August 4

12:51 a.m. - Received a report of a vehicle, connected to a tow truck, which may be a traffic hazard, in the area of Buffalo Bottoms.

7:45 a.m. - Received a report of a drunk or sleepy driver on U.S. 150.

1:09 p.m.-Received a request for an ambulance at the Alfordsville turnoff. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:53 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

3:10 p.m. - Received a request for assistance in removing a subject from private property.

5:25 p.m. - Received a call about a dog that has died and has numerous puppies.

5:30 p.m. - Received a call about a blown semi tire in the roadway on U.S. 50, east of National Gypsum

5:36 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Cale Road. The subject was transported by Air Evac.

6:51 p.m. - Received a report of an accident at the intersection of U.S.50 and U.S. 231. Loogootee Police Department was contacted.

10:30 p.m. - Received a report of a man walking along U.S. 50 in the Buffalo Bottoms area.

Thursday, August 5

12:25 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. No transport was necessary.

1:18 a.m. - Received a report of an attempted theft.

1:31 a.m. - Received a commercial burglar alarm in Shoals.

12:00 p.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a subject from Vincennes Good Samaritan Hospital.

2:35 p.m. - A male subject arrived on station and requested an officer accompany him to his ex-wife's residence to obtain his personal belongings.

3:17 p.m. - Received a report of a stranded motorist on U.S. 50 in the Buffalo Bottoms area.

4:03 p.m. - A male caller advised of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 50, eastbound from Loogootee.

5:04 p.m. - Received a report of a child playing near the highway.

9:44 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver in the parking lot at Bo Mac's in Shoals.

10:03 p.m. - A female caller in Loogootee advised of a male subject and children walk-

ing through his yard.

11:48 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver entering Loogootee on U.S. 50.

Friday, August 6

12:46 a.m. - A deputy assisted a subject in Loogootee with a vehicle problem.

2:08 a.m. - A deputy investigated a noise in Loogootee.

10:25 a.m. - A female caller requested to speak to an officer about an animal issue.

12:50 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:45 p.m. - A female caller advised of threats made against her and her property.

4:07 p.m. - A male caller reported a recent breaking and entering at his residence.

6:21 p.m. - A male caller reported that his daughter had been bitten by a dog at the Martin State Forest.

8:34 p.m. - A male caller reported someone pulling political signs out of his yard.

11:44 p.m. - A deputy assisted a Loogootee officer with a disturbance on North Line Street.

11:49 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Progress School Road. A transport was not necessary.

Saturday, August 7

12:15 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 231, southbound from Greene County.

2:52 a.m. - The deputy issued three minor consuming tickets.

3:16 a.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 231, north of Loogootee.

9:27 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:29 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance at Martin County Healthcare Center in Loogootee. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

1:47 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident.

9:09 p.m. - Received a report of a possible drunk driver on U.S. 231, southbound from Greene County.

11:24 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

11:40 p.m. - Received a complaint of loud music on the west edge of Loogootee.

11:46 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Sunday, August 8

12:14 a.m. - Received a report of a broken down car that is a traffic hazard on U.S. 50, west of Shoals.

2:55 a.m. - Received a report of a domestic in Shoals.

4:00 a.m. - Received a request for a welfare check on a man asleep in a vehicle in Shoals.

6:45 a.m. - A male caller reported a battery occurred in Loogootee.

6:50 a.m. - Received a request to be on the lookout for a stolen van from Bedford.

11:34 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on S.R. 450. Subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

12:21 p.m. - Loogootee Police Department advised that the stolen vehicle from Lawrence County had been recovered.

2:02 p.m. - A male caller reported a stolen chainsaw.

5:23 p.m. - Received a report of a property damage accident in Loogootee.

6:02 p.m. - A female caller requested assistance with her son.

6:24 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on U.S. 231, south of Loogootee.

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6:51 p.m. - A male caller reported his phone stolen.

7:00 p.m. - Another male caller advised that he had actually bought a phone off of a man and he accused him of stealing the phone.

9:16 p.m. - Received a report of a personal injury accident on Simmons Creek Road. One subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

Monday, August 9

4:42 a.m. - A male caller reported hearing shots behind his residence.

6:53 a.m. - Received a request for an am-

bulance at Loogootee Nursing Center. The patient was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on U.S. 50, southbound from Greene County.

11:18 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance on Hickory Ridge Road. No transport was necessary.

2:08 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver in Odon. The call was transferred to Daviess County Sheriff's Department.

2:10 p.m. - Received a report of littering from a moving vehicle near the State Highway Garage on U.S. 50.

Drivers reminded to be cautious as children soon return to school

About 756,000 children are expected to ride Hoosier school buses this school year. As students return to school from summer vacation, the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) are reminding drivers to take extra precautions to avoid incidents involving school children.

"Whenever possible, parents or guardians should wait for the school bus with young children," says IDHS Chief of Staff Mike Garvey. "Many children board school buses in the pre-dawn hours and it can be difficult for drivers to see them in the dark. Adequate supervision at bus stops is important to help keep children safe." Garvey is an EMS professional with 33 years of experience. IDHS provides training and credentialing to all EMS personnel throughout the state, and certifies training institutions and all emergency medical transports.

An average of 26 children in the U.S. are killed every year while getting on or off a school bus, or while waiting at the bus stop. Last year in Indiana, three children were killed in school transportation related incidents.

"By following all safety rules and obeying traffic laws, Hoosier motorists can help ensure all Indiana children have a safe school year," says INDOT Commissioner Michael B. Cline.

Important safety tips for drivers
-Back out carefully: Watch for children walking to the bus stop when backing out of

a driveway.

-Slow down: Watch for children walking in the street and playing or congregating near bus stops. Some children may be waiting at bus stops in the early morning hours. This will make them more difficult to see, and extra caution should be taken.

-Be alert: Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

-Obey the laws: Yellow flashing lights on a bus mean motorists should slow down and prepare to stop. Red flashing lights mean motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn and the bus starts moving again. Unless there is a median, oncoming traffic must also stop.

Safety for kids when riding the bus
-Get to the bus stop at least five minutes early.

-When the bus approaches, have children stand at least three giant steps away from the curb.

-If a bus stop is located on a busy road or intersection, an adult should be present to supervise children waiting for the bus.

-Make sure children understand to always stay seated while the bus is in motion, and to follow any directions from the bus driver.

-If a child drops something near the bus, instruct them to tell the bus driver, rather than trying to pick it up themselves.

For more tips on back to school and road safety, visit www.indot.in.gov.

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MARTIN CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

Come meet me at the Loogootee City Park on Saturday, August 14 for the Republican Party's All-American Picnic at 6 p.m.

-Paid for by Committee to Elect Lynne Ellis for Martin Circuit Court Judge, 10137 Sherfick School Rd., Shoals, IN 47581

Loogootee Police activity log

Wednesday, July 28

7:21 a.m. - A caller reported a small grass fire on US 231 South. Fire personnel were unable to locate.

12:31 p.m. - A caller on Queen Street reported her carbon monoxide detector going off. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

Thursday, July 29

4:40 p.m. - Male caller reported phone harassment. Sgt. Hennette spoke with the caller.

Saturday, July 31

12:10 p.m. - A male came on station about a fraud. Captain Akles filed a case report.

3:05 p.m. - A female caller advised of a civil dispute involving her ex-husband and her kids. Captain Akles spoke with her.

5:46 p.m. - First responders were requested at South Kentucky Avenue for a medical problem.

Sunday, August 1

2:06 a.m. - A caller reported a vehicle in his driveway on Mt. Calvary Road. Martin County Sheriff's Department was advised.

6:17 a.m. - A caller reported loud music on SW 2nd Street. Captain Akles responded.

3:54 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a possible vehicle fire at the Whitfield Church. Loogootee Fire was dispatched.

9:24 p.m. - A caller reported a bright green Ford truck driving recklessly on Dewey Street. Sgt. Hennette was unable to locate.

Monday, August 2

9:17 a.m. - White River Co-op reported a drive-off and the vehicle was traveling west. Officer Branham responded.

9:51 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless vehicle north bound on Hwy 231. The vehicle was located by the sheriff's department.

10:33 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a domestic dispute on Fairview Street. Officer Branham responded.

Tuesday, August 3

12:59 p.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a domestic dispute on Walnut Street. Sgt. Hennette responded.

4:07 p.m. - First responders were requested on Park Street for an elderly female with bodily pain.

Wednesday, August 4

10:09 a.m. - Sgt. Hennette tagged two vehicles in Nobles Court that are deemed abandoned.

1:53 p.m. - First responders were requested on Vine Street for a female complaining of leg and back pain.

Thursday, August 5

7:53 a.m. - Captain Akles checked on a

residential alarm on NW 1st Street.

8:47 a.m. - A female caller reported a semi had struck a stop sign on SW 2nd Street. INDOT was notified.

10:15 p.m. - A caller reported an intoxicated male on SW 2nd Street. Officer Nolan responded.

Friday, August 6

6:59 a.m. - A caller reported damage to her son's vehicle, mailbox, and other items on Park Street. Captain Akles responded.

8:45 a.m. - A caller reported a vehicle in the ditch on SW 2nd Street. Captain Akles and G&M Auto responded.

3:06 p.m. - A caller reported a lot of smoke at the city lot across from Red Door. Captain Akles was advised.

7:01 p.m. - A caller reported a disturbance on SW 2nd Street. Sgt. Hennette responded.

7:54 p.m. - Sgt. Hennette responded to a civil dispute at Shaded Estates.

8:04 p.m. - A caller reported three dogs running loose near Clark Street. Sgt. Hennette responded.

Saturday, August 7

12:16 a.m. - Martin County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless driver on 231.

3:18 a.m. - Daviess County Sheriff's Department reported a possible intoxicated driver traveling towards Loogootee. Sgt. Hennette stopped and checked the driver who checked ok.

9:20 a.m. - A female caller reported a violation of a protective order. Officer Todd spoke with the suspect and will complete a case report.

9:36 a.m. - First responders were requested on NE 3rd Street for lifting assistance.

2:47 p.m. - A caller reported a disturbance in Shaded Estates. Officer Todd responded.

7:09 p.m. - A male caller reported a pit bull loose near SW 2nd Street. Sgt. Norris spoke with the owner.

9:10 p.m. - A caller reported loud music in Shaded Estates. Sgt. Norris responded and was unable to hear any music.

9:41 p.m. - Several calls were reported in regard to loud music on Dewey Street. Sgt. Norris responded.

11:53 p.m. - First responders were requested on SE 1st Street for a subject with heart problems.

Sunday, August 8

1:10 a.m. - Sgt. Norris checked on a business alarm on West Washington Street.

2:20 a.m. - A caller reported a domestic dispute at Shaded Estates. Sgt. Norris advised the parties were separated for the night.

12:21 p.m. - Captain Akles advised he had located a stolen van, which was reported stolen by the Bedford Police Department.

2:03 p.m. - Daviess County Sheriff's Department reported a reckless driver east bound on Hwy 50. Captain Akles was advised.

Real estate transfers

Stewart Blake and Charles Lyon, of Martin County, Indiana to **Scott J. Kern and Tori L. Kern**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 4 North, Range 5 West, Perry Township, Martin County, Indiana, and containing 2.00 acres, more or less.

W&C Squared Construction, LLC, of Martin County, Indiana to **Bruce W. Smith**, of Martin County, Indiana, a tract of land in the City of Loogootee, Indiana, a part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, commonly known as 910 North Line Street, Loogootee, Indiana.

Perry D. Graber and Frances D. Graber, of Martin County, Indiana to **Perry D. Graber and Frances D. Graber and Matthew P. Graber and Ida Rose Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana, all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 25 acres, more or less.

Martin County Court news

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

CRIMINAL COURT

New Charges Filed

July 28

Michael A. Harding, pointing a firearm, a Class D Felony.

CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

July 27

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

July 29

Dawn L. Baker, battery resulting in bodily injury, a Class A Misdemeanor, dismissed.

Ryan T. Souerdike, public intoxication, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed.

CIVIL COURT JUDGMENTS

August 3

Richard L. Arvin to American Acceptance Co, LLC in the amount of \$1,317.45.

Gina M. Bryson to American Acceptance Co., LLC in the amount of \$1,219.56.

Roy L. Dobbs to Cach LLC of Colorado in the amount of \$9,392.35.

Sally Edwards to American Express Centurion Bank in the amount of \$2,196.38.

John T. Ellis to Midland Funding, LLC in the amount of \$816.12.

Diane Fields to Midland Funding in the amount of \$1,096.81.

Benny Floyd to Midland Funding in the amount of \$1,585.19.

John E. Gore to Capital One Bank in the amount of \$1,469.51.

Melvin D. Graber to Capital One Bank in the amount of \$7,182.48.

Hillary N. Grogan to Ford Motor Credit Company in the amount of \$10,595.56.

Bernard E. Holt to Asset Acceptance, LLC in the amount of \$2,212.79.

Michael Lamar to Midland Funding in the amount of \$1,517.97.

Theresa A. Miller to American Acceptance Company, LLC in the amount of \$3,699.78.

Janice E. Norell to Midland Funding in the amount of \$6,156.60.

James R. Pritchard to Capital One Bank in the amount of \$2,862.98.

Maria L. Query to Arrow Financial Services, LLC in the amount of \$1,866.88.

Beth Venard to HSBC Bank Nevada in the amount of \$2,468.09.

SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

August 3

Greg and Anya Roberts to Rosemary

Stanley in the amount of \$3,000.

Anthony Tolbert to Hoosier Accounts Service in the amount of \$626.66.

TRAFFIC TICKETS PAID

July 28 - August 4

Brian Boyd, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Michael Boyer, Vincennes, speeding 55 in a 40, \$124.

Dylan Day, Loogootee, ATV on public roadway; operating an off-road vehicle without registration, \$124.

Michael Dearing, Huntingburg, no glasses or contacts, \$119.

Sherry Gibson, Shoals, false or fictitious registration, \$119.

Heath Gogel, Ferdinand, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Mary Haas, Huntingburg, speeding 39 in a 25, \$119.

Melanie Hogrefe, Shoals, failure of front seat occupant to use seatbelt, \$25.

Jesse Jones, Washington, speeding 74 in a 55, \$124.

Shirley Jones, Shoals, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Mark Lampert, Huntingburg, repair and maintenance parts and accessories, \$119.

Alan Lange, Holland, violation of 11-hour rule regulation, \$119.

Christina Maxey, Linton, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Michael Mitchell, Bedford, speeding 63 in a 50, \$119.

Jennifer Norman, Shoals, no operator's license in possession, \$119.

Andrew Otreo, Mansfield, Ohio, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Ethan Raincolt, Salem, repair and maintenance parts and accessories, \$119.

Guy Reece, Clay City, repair and maintenance parts and accessories, \$119.

Toby Reeves, Wallis, Utah, failure to register, \$123.

Benjamin Slaubaugh, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Shaun Swant, Greenwood, speeding 69 in a 55; false or fictitious registration, \$124.

Jeremy Thomas, Plainfield, speeding 70 in a 55, \$119.

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

Roger Wilson, Bloomfield, expired plates, \$119.

Joey Wood, Spencer, repair and maintenance and accessories, \$119.

Scott Woods, Loogootee, seatbelt violation, \$25.

Martin County accident reports

Wednesday, July 28

1:23 p.m. - Tiffany R. Linville, of Shoals, stopped for a traffic light on Broadway Street. At his time, her vehicle was struck in the rear by a 2003 Chevy operated by Kayla N. Dant, of Loogootee. No injuries were reported. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

Thursday, July 29

2:00 p.m. - Charles I. Frasure, of Crayson, Kentucky, was operating a 2000 Ford and turning around in the Blake Hi-Y Car Wash parking lot. He struck a concrete island causing damage. Frasure gave an employee a proof of insurance card. Frasure was later cited for driving while suspended and operating with no insurance. Chief Rayhill was the investigating officer.

Wednesday, August 4

6:51 p.m. - Cristen Mann, of Loogootee, was operating a 1999 Pontiac and entering the intersection on the green light. According to a witnesses, Harold L. Green, who was operating a 2001 Cadillac proceeded into the intersection on a red light and struck the Mann vehicle. No injuries were reported. Sgt. Norris was the investigating officer.

Indiana State Police Launches Facebook page and Twitter

The Indiana State Police has joined the ranks of public and government organizations utilizing social networking services to provide information to the media and public.

Today the Indiana State Police Department announced the official launch of their Facebook and Twitter social network sites:

The Facebook site is: Indiana State Police Public-Information-Office

The Twitter site is: <https://twitter.com/Indstatepolice>

The Facebook page will have a variety of information to include recent news releases, videos, pictures and other information about programs and services offered by the Indiana State Police. Facebook users can choose to become a "fan" of the Indiana State Police and receive updates as they're posted.

The Indiana State Police Twitter site will offer followers' up-to-the minute information about selected traffic events or criminal investigations that could affect safety. Example Twitter posts could include crime alerts, suspect descriptions, road closings, Amber and Silver alerts, dangerous weather conditions and traffic crashes are just a few

of the anticipated uses.

The use of social networking by the Indiana State Police gives all interested businesses and citizens another avenue to get real-time public safety information in addition regular news sources of TV, print and radio.

Indiana State Police Superintendent Paul Whitesell, Ph.D. said "We, as a public service agency, are keenly aware of the public's desire to be informed about their surroundings, especially when it pertains to public safety. Use of social networking is one more way the Indiana State Police can reach out to the public we serve."

Jail bookings

Thursday, August 5

9:07 p.m. - Joshua Phillips, 30, of Loogootee was arrested and charged with Driving While Suspended with a Prior Conviction, and Dustin Campbell, 19, of Shoals, and Phillip Fellers, 19, of Loogootee, were both arrested and charged with Minor Consumption. Deputy Greene was the arresting officer.



Parkview quilt show

-Photos provided

On the afternoon of July 23, Parkview Village hosted a quilt show. There were a total of 50 quilts on display. Many of the quilts were brought in by the residents and their families and several were brought in by the public. The afternoon was filled with beautiful colors and patterns, appliquéd, cross-stitched and pieced quilts. All the residents and families enjoyed seeing all the patterns and hearing the history and background of some of the quilts. The quilt show was followed by refreshments of fresh fruit cups and drink, and a lot of fellowship and visiting. In the photo above, Judy Parsons submitted a quilt with her mother, Bertha Schreiner that had been stitched by four generations. In the photo below, visitors to the quilt show take a look at the crafts.



Chamber holds July meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce met Thursday, July 8, at the Martin County Learning Center. Present for the meeting were representatives from the following businesses: Highland House B&B, Saltbox Lodge, Old National Bank - Loogootee, Old National Bank - Shoals, American Tree Experts and Overlook Rentals, Martin County Learning Center, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, The Cartridge Depot, Martin County Community Foundation, Martin County Alliance, Generations and AngelWorx, and M.C. Special-Tees.

Leading the meeting was Vice President Susan Arthur. Arthur announced the resignation of the current president, Jennifer Wilson. Wilson submitted an email to chamber officers on Tuesday, July 6, stating her decision to resign effective Wednesday, July 7.

Arthur explained that she would be willing to lead monthly meetings until the end of the calendar year but did not intend to fill the position of president. She preferred that the chamber nominate and elect someone to fill the empty position for the remainder of the calendar year and possibly through the following year as well.

Discussion began as to how to proceed with or without the election of a new officer. Joy Gibson recommended establishing a nominating committee to contact chamber members who may be interested in filling the position of chamber president. Steve Gonzales and Jim Stoughton volunteered to initiate such committee. Jim Henry recommended that each person present take on the responsibility of bringing an inactive member with them to the next meeting which would aid in introducing "new blood" to current and upcoming projects/events.

SummerFest Golf Scramble: Martin County Alliance Director Tim Kinder, presented the final results of the Loogootee SummerFest Golf Scramble which was co-sponsored by MCCC and the Alliance. There were 44 players, 9 holes sponsored, a putting contest, 36 mulligans sold, and 4 sponsors with signs. Funds collected were \$1460.00, minus expenses which were \$1041.00. Each sponsoring entity donated an additional \$50 back to the SummerFest in addition to the \$75 event fee. The final tally was a profit of \$419.00 which was split between MCCC and the Alliance.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Stoughton submitted a financial report. Nothing out of the ordinary was to report. Susan Arthur motioned to approve the report, Steve Gonzales seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Board members: There are two more positions open on the board. Steve Gonzales suggested that Tim Kinder fill one of the positions. Jason Jones recommended opening up nominations to all members, again. A

mass email, with the by-laws attached, will be sent to all members asking for two more nominations. The nominees will be contacted before the next meeting at which time a vote will take place. Marie Hawkins asked if having the director of the Alliance on the chamber board may be a conflict of interest or open the door for the Alliance to "over come" the chamber. Tim Kinder stated that he assures such a thing would never happen and that the two entities are complimentary to each other.

Future meeting options: Steve Gonzales suggested that the chamber go back to meeting during the lunch hour at a local restaurant which provides public exposure and demonstrates support for local businesses/restaurants. He added that if special meetings need to be called, the learning center would be available for such occasions.

Jim Stoughton seconded the motion. All were in favor except TJ McAtee, who opposed, stating that he prefers meeting at the learning center. It was decided that the August meeting would be during the lunch hour at Pizza Junction in Loogootee. A mass email will be sent to all chamber members detailing the new meeting schedule.

Committees: Susan Arthur asked those present to assist in one way or another on a committee. Chairmen would be responsible for putting together a committee to assist with their specific project. Karen Mattingly volunteered to be the committee chairman for the Business Expo. Jim Stoughton volunteered to be the committee chairman for the Reality Store. There is still a need for chairmen to head up Networking Events and planning the Annual Dinner. Jim Stoughton recommended sending a questionnaire to members for feedback and recommendations on projects, events and fundraisers. The questionnaire could be added to the July newsletter. Tim Kinder suggested looking into an online survey, specifically "Survey Monkey". Jason Jones suggested starting "Chamber Bucks", like gift certificates, to be used by residents for chamber members' services.

Additional comments: Jane Henry announced that the AngelWorx Newsletter had been distributed. Jim Henry, chairman of the USDA Revolving Loan committee, reported that there is one application in progress which would ultimately bring business into the community. Steve Gonzales reported that the learning center is in dire and immediate need of funding. The doors will be closed if the \$20,000 shortfall is not met by August. The center is currently serving the needs of 290 students.

With no further comments, Steve Gonzales motioned to adjourn the meeting; Jim Henry seconded the motion and all were in favor.



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Martin County **OUTDOORS**



NATURE'S WONDERS

By Mike Axsom

You might be a redneck if...

West Boggs Park is launching three new initiatives rolled into one on the weekend of August 13-15.

Anyone within driving, walking, swimming, staggering, or waddling distance might want to check it out.

The event is being billed as the First Annual Hillbilly Weekend. This is the latest addition to a series of themed weekends the park programs for fun and games that also include a range of patriotic, nature, wildlife, seasonal, and wacky themes. Christmas in July is another example. But this new venture is different in a number of ways.

The First Annual Hillbilly Weekend is the first project developed as a cooperative effort between park programs' staff and the all new VIP group of Volunteer in Parks. We have great hope that not only will the event itself be a smash hit, but that the VIP organization will also see this first effort succeed in attracting new volunteers who will in turn bring their own ideas and interests to the overall park operation.

Another way this theme weekend is different is that it is being designed to include a wide range of activities that are not only going to be fun to participate in, but that will also provide some great spectator opportunities too.

Here is a partial list of activities that promise to be a real hoot to just watch other people do.

There will be a BOMH set up in the central part of the park. To the uneducated in the ways of the redneck, that is a Big Ol' Mud Hole. This BOMH will be used for a number of activities that I suspect you'll never see any place else in your lifetime. Have you ever seen a bunch of folks form teams and try to capture a greased watermelon in a three-foot deep mud hole? Then that same BOMH will be the site of a belly flop contest where the volume of the applause will be part of the judging. That is followed by a good old mud wrestling event with children and adult divisions.

On Friday evening there is a wet, no wait, that's a FROZEN t-shirt contest. Teams will compete to thaw out a t-shirt frozen in a wad and get it on one of their team members. You may have played horseshoes, but I'll bet you never used toilet seats for the shoes. That is included along with a hillbilly

fashion show, hog calling contest, golf cart drag racing in a mud bog, and something called surf and turf, which is a form of skiing with water skis on land, pulled by a golf cart. These types of things go on all day and into the night each day, with music and dance in the evening. Through it all there are also events going on for the kids, with crafts, contests and games galore.

Ok, I think now you get the idea that this is all a crazy, zany, and absolutely fun way to spend a weekend.

One of the good things too is that there is no extra charge for any of this silliness. The park gate fee is still the same \$5 per car load as always and there are no charges to either watch or participate in any of the activities. Camping rates are also the same as always and while we hope to fill the campground, there are still sites open if you want to bring the family and join the fun all weekend.

Now, back the business end of this. As a first effort of the VIP group, we wanted to showcase what can be done with people in our community working together. This is a recreation programming venture for the VIPs but that is not the only area of volunteering that is available in the VIP plan. We are also interested in talking to people from the community that might be able to teach a class on almost any subject, like to work with people in a customer service role, have some specific interest in any of the sciences that are included in park management, like forestry, wildlife, water quality, etc. Perhaps you have an idea for a better way to build a trail, provide interpretive signs, or want to help develop a nature center. We can use that interest and so can the overall park community. From one-day projects to major events, to long-term programs, if you have expertise and time, we need you to come and talk to us about being a VIP. Essentially, if you have ever been to this or any other park and said, "I wish they would do..." the VIP program now offers you a way to come in and see if whatever that is can be done.

One of our longer-term goals for the VIP program is to have the ability to go outside the park and do community projects in other parks or park-like settings in our area.

If the VIP program sounds like something you might benefit from, call us at 812-295-3421 and ask to be put in contact with our Programs Director.

DNR plans five deer-rule open house meetings

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has scheduled five open house meetings to share information about proposed changes to deer hunting regulations.

A rules package put forth by the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife received preliminary approval from the Natural Resources Commission in July. The rules package is open to public comment and will be the subject of official public hearings sometime in early 2011.

"We think it's important in the meantime to inform deer hunters and the public about the reasons behind the proposals," said Mark Reiter, director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. "With the feedback we've received so far, it's clear there is some misunderstanding about the goals of our management strategy and how the various pieces fit into our plan."

Dates, times and locations for the open houses are:

— August 16, 2-6 p.m. at Pike Township Public Library, 6525 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis

— August 18, 2-7 p.m. at Kankakee Fish and Wildlife Area, 4320 W. Toto Road, North Judson

— August 18, 2-7 p.m. at Jennings County Public Library, 2375 N. SR 3, North Vernon

— August 19, 2-7 p.m. at DNR Northeast Region Office, 1353 S. Governors Dr., Columbia City

— August 19, 2-7 p.m. at Sugar Ridge Fish & Wildlife Area, 2310 E SR 364, Winslow

Division of Fish and Wildlife biologists will be present to provide information in an informal discussion format. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions to learn more about the proposed changes.

Attendees also will be able to submit written comments, which will be delivered to the DNR Division of Hearings and the NRC.

The proposed changes include reconfiguring the traditional 16-day firearms and muzzleloader seasons to nine days each while adding new antlerless-only "seasons" - two days in October in designated counties, and eight days in late December statewide.

Another change would extend urban deer zone hunting through January 31. Under current rules, the urban zone season ends the first Sunday in January. Other changes would allow hunters age 64 and older to use crossbows in the early archery season, allow hunters of any age to use crossbows in the firearms, muzzleloader and urban deer zone seasons, and create a new nonresident youth deer license.

Report: Indiana crop conditions hold steady despite weather

BY JENNIFER STEWART
Purdue University News Service

Despite the unpredictable Indiana weather this spring and summer, the adage "rain makes grain" seems to be ringing true throughout the state as crop conditions remain good.

After heavy rains, flooding, extremely hot temperatures, and some delayed planting and replanting, there was some fear that crop conditions might deteriorate as the season progressed.

That doesn't seem to be the case. According to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service's August 1 "Indiana Crop and Weather Report," 63 percent of corn and 64 percent of soybeans fell in the range of good to excellent, compared with 66 percent for both corn and soybeans for last year.

"We had a hot July, but timely rains that also brought some lower nighttime temperatures along with adequate soil moisture

provided some stress relief," said Greg Preston, USDA-NASS Indiana Field Office director. "There has been just enough rain that even though crops were slightly stressed, it prevented permanent damage."

According to the report, 96 percent of the corn crop had silked, compared with 73 percent last year and 87 percent for the five-year average. Thirty-eight percent of the corn was in dough stage, compared with 8 percent last year and a 22 percent five-year average. Four percent reached dent, compared with zero for both last year and the five-year average.

"Farmers set a record corn planting pace this year," Preston said. "They worked hard to get the crop out in the fields early to avoid a repeat of last year's record slow planting pace, and conditions were such that the crop developed quickly. Soybeans got a little bit behind during planting due to wet field conditions, but the weather seems to have pushed them along as well."

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Teen's catch opens state record category

Lindsey Fleshood has liked fishing for as long as she can remember, especially when she gets to go with her father, Mike.

"We're really close," the 13-year-old Wabash girl said. "Fishing, that's something we get to do together."

She doesn't recall exactly when their fishing expeditions began. "I had to be very, very little when it first started," she said. "Ever since I was old enough to go fishing, it's been a hobby of mine."

As a result of her hobby, Lindsey has become a regular contributor to the DNR Fish of the Year awards program. She got started in 2007 with a gar, followed with a grass carp in 2008, and then turned in the biggest common carp, goldeye, and gar in 2009.

"I usually don't try to send them in, but every once in a while when I think something is good enough, I will," she said. "It's not exactly a goal."

She took the fish-catching recognition a step further this summer after catching a shortnose gar July 17 on the Wabash River. Noticing that the DNR didn't have a state record listing for shortnose gar, she submitted the 24 1/4-inch, 1.58-pound fish on a state record fish entry form.

"We have three types of gar in Indiana – longnose, shortnose and spotted," said Bill James, chief fisheries biologist for the DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife. "We've always just kept gar in a single category for state record recognition."

Lindsey Fleshood's catch prompted

James to separate the listings and create a new category.

"I was really excited," Lindsey said. "I thought it was cool."

The shortnose gar is the smallest member of the gar family, but Lindsey's catch was even small by shortnose gar standards.

The world record for shortnose gar according to the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was caught in 2001 by Kay Lyn Butterfield on Kentucky Lake in Tennessee.

Ken Schultz's Fishing Encyclopedia describes shortnose gar as "the most tolerant of all gar" because it is "capable of withstanding murky and brackish water with the help of its specialized air bladder. The bladder allows the gar to gulp in supplementary air and release gases."

It has a long, cylindrical body with diamond-shaped scales and no spots on its head like the spotted gar. It does have spots on its fins, and it has a single row of teeth in the upper jaw (longnose gar have two rows).

Lindsey Fleshood said she knew right away that she'd caught a gar but didn't know it was a shortnose until reeling it in. Despite the fact it launched a new state record category, she still doesn't rank it as her most memorable catch.

"That was probably when I caught a 24-inch catfish, a channel cat," she said. "That always will be a memory to me. It's just a day that's kind of stuck in my mind as one of my greater fishing achievements."

Conservation Hall honorees announced

Seven individuals and one couple selected from nearly 90 nominations will form the 2010 class of the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame.

The members are Glenn A. Black, Garrett Eppley, Irene Herlocker-Meyer, William Temple Hornaday, Alton A. Lindsey, Dick Mercier, Herb and Charlotte Read, and Jim Ridenour.

"These people have dedicated their lives to the conservation of our natural and cultural resources and we are honored to recognize their accomplishments," said Bourke Patton, executive director of the Natural Resources Foundation.

The 2010 inductees will be celebrated at the Conservation Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony on September 17 at The Garrison at Fort Harrison State Park. Tickets are \$75 and available by calling (317) 234-5447 or ordering online at www.IndianaNRF.org.

Inductees include:

–Glenn A. Black, Indiana's first professional archaeologist, who identified thousands of Native American archaeological sites in Indiana and extensively studied

Angel Mounds.

–Garrett Eppley, who served as chair of the Indiana University Department of Recreation, where he helped develop Bradford Woods and influenced recreation and outdoor education.

–Irene Herlocker-Meyer, who worked for a decade to protect Indiana's last remaining grassland, Hoosier Prairie Nature Preserve. She also was a founding member of the Save the Dunes Council and a life trustee of the Indiana Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.

–William Temple Hornaday, who revolutionized how museums display mounted wildlife and is credited with saving the American bison and Alaskan fur seal from extinction. His prolific writings contributed to the conservation teachings of the Boy Scouts of America.

–Alton A. Lindsey, who was the professor of Forest Ecology at Purdue University from 1947–1973, helping found the Ross Biological Preserve. Lindsey is credited with helping found Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Pine Hills and Big Walnut nature preserves.

–Dick Mercier who founded the Indiana Sportsmen's Roundtable, which actively lobbies and supports hunters' rights and hunter education programs.

–Herb and Charlotte Read, who began their involvement with the Save the Dunes Council in 1952 and continues to influence conservation through service on the Indiana Heritage Trust Project Committee and on local land trusts.

–Jim Ridenour, who was director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources from 1981-1989, and director of the National Park Service from 1989-1993. He also is credited with helping Jamaica create a national park system.

Created in 2009, the Indiana Conservation Hall of Fame recognizes individuals, living or deceased, who have made extraordinary contributions to the conservation and preservation of Indiana's natural and cultural heritage. Individuals must have a strong tie to Indiana and have impacted a wide range of natural or cultural resources and their use. Each nominee is judged by his or her own merit, in the historical setting of the time in which they lived.



"Forest and Sea" Summer Day Camp

-Photo provided

KidStuff Preschool, a developmental preschool through Four Rivers Resource Services, completed their "Forest and Sea" themed Summer Day Camp. There were lots of fun activities at the school as well as many field trips to local parks and the pool. Summer Day Camp scholarships were made possible by very generous donations from local groups, Knights of Columbus, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary and VFW Post 9395 Ladies Auxiliary. KidStuff Preschool, located in Loogootee, is operated by experienced, licensed teachers and offers half-day classes two to four days per week. Openings are still available for this upcoming year, to find out more information call 295-4494.

Calendar of Events

Democrat Golf Scramble

The Martin County Democratic Party will hold a Golf Scramble Saturday, August 21, at Eagle View Golf Course, at Crane. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, closest to the pin and longest drive.

Pre-registration fee is \$45 per person and \$50 on the day of the event. There will be four-person teams. Fees includes green fees, cart rental, and dinner.

Dinner will be served by the candidates on the Democrat ballot this fall. There will also be a putting contest and chances for 50/50 drawing.

To register call Bobbi Sue Nonte at 812-296-1351. Come out meet the candidates, play, and enjoy the day!

Republican "All-American Picnic"

An All-American Picnic will be hosted by the Martin County Republicans at the Loogootee City Park on Saturday evening, August 14, at 6 p.m. The theme for the evening will be "Baseball, Hotdogs, and Apple Pie", and everyone is invited to attend.

They will be serving grilled hotdogs and hamburgers, baked beans, and chips. For dessert, there will be cherry and apple cobblers with ice cream and plenty of homemade lemonade, iced tea, and water to drink. Entertainment for the evening will be live music in the park from "That One Band". Baseball will be played but in a most unusual way. State and local candidates running for office this fall will be present.

This is the perfect opportunity for voters to meet, ask questions, and talk to the candidates. Those attending are asked to bring

lawn chairs.

Tourism Committee meeting

The Martin County Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee will meet Thursday, August 22, at 7 p.m. in the learning center.

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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A word from Pastor Ernie

What you sow is what you reap!

The universe is full of laws. They are absolute laws; nothing can change them. The same goes with moral laws. Man has come to realize that there are consequences in actions and they are the same for everyone, every time, and every place. They are absolute. One of those absolute laws is stated in Galatians chapter 6:7-10. It says: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary." This is not a passage that needs a lot of defending. It is a general principle that applies to everyone.

You can't deceive God. He will not be mocked. You can try and you might even say that God will understand. God may understand but that doesn't change the law. If you stand and beat your head against a stone wall, God may understand but you still will get a headache. There are consequences to your behavior.

How can we be deceived? You deceive yourself into thinking that you can do as

you please with no consequences. We call it rationalize. We can try to rationalize our action and say we are ok or that we are better than that or even say as a Christian, "I'm under grace God will forgive me." Yes, He will but there are still consequences to your behavior. You go to a bible study or church service and say that it was a good word, but nothing changes in your behavior. You are deceiving yourself. Knowledge has to be followed with action. We can also be deceived by false teachers teaching things that the Bible doesn't really say, or being led by great life stories but nothing that is from the Bible. That is why we need to read the Bible and study it so we will not be led astray. We also can be deceived by the devil and his demons. He likes to tell us it's ok to live the way we want and nothing bad will happen to us. Remember, the devil is a liar and doesn't want you to remember the law of sowing and reaping. You can do what you please, but you're going to pay the consequences. You cannot mock God.

The greatest thing about the good news of Jesus Christ is that if you place your faith and trust in Him, you will not reap what you sow. Let me explain! The fantastic truth is that we are sinners and we deserve to be

punished for our sins. The Bible says, "If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." Jesus Christ came and died on the cross to take the punishment for our sins so we won't have to. That is what grace is. He reaped what we should. Because of His death on the cross we will have eternal life and heaven. We will not reap what we sowed in sin. Does that mean we have no consequences for our actions? Absolutely not. In this life the day to day living still has the consequences now and God does discipline those that belong to Him. SO, in practicality, the law still applies but in future reality it will not if you have Jesus as your savior. Now that is the good news of the message of Jesus Christ and His death, burial, and resurrection.

This coming Sunday we will have our church service at Boggs, everyone is welcome. Afterward there will be a lunch and fun in the park. Come and hear what it really means to be a Christian. The kids are looking forward to it because we will be

tubing afterward.

If you want to understand more about making sure you will be going to Heaven call Pastor Ernie at 812-709-0258.

Loogootee Revival Center holding special services

The Loogootee Revival Center Church, located on Wood Street, will be hosting special services on Thursday and Friday, August 19 and 20, at 7 p.m. nightly. Guest speaker will be Dr. Michael P. Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs is the founding pastor of Church on the Rock in New Albany, Indiana, and has been in ministry for over 35 years. He currently serves as a board member of Dr. Ed Dufresne's "Fresh Oil Fellowship". A pastor to several pastors and missionaries, Dr. Jacobs has ministered on more than 75 mission trips and travels extensively throughout the United States ministering the Word of God. Physical healings, deliverance, and a tangible anointing are evident in his meetings.

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Loogootee wins Bloomfield Summer Bash *-Photo provided*

Loogootee recently traveled to Bloomfield for the last tourney of the year and came away victorious. The 10-team, double-elimination tourney was an action packed week of offensive production and slam-the-door-shut defense for the home town boys. Loogootee finished 4-0 defeating Prairie Creek (Terre Haute) 6-4, Shakamak 15-5, Eastern Greene 14-3, and again defeated Eastern in the championship 13-3 winning three of the four games via the mercy rule. Pictured in the front row, from left to right, are bat boy Dax Bailey, Alex Frye, Waylon Matthews, Hayden Bell, Brandon Wilz, Nolan Walker, and Trevor Resler. In the back row, from left to right, are Coach Roger Bailey, Will Nonte, Ryan Vaupel, Matt Mathias, Conner Wittmer, Gage Harder, Jesse Horney, Casey Miller, and Coach Ed Harder.



End of season pool party *-Photo by Courtney Hughett*

Members of the Loogootee Little League gathered at the Loogootee City Pool last Friday night, August 6, to celebrate another great season of baseball. Shown in the front row, from left to right, are Christopher Jones, Ethan Cannon, Dylan Jones, Zach Taylor, Adam Greene, Carson Rayhill, Corbin Henninger, and Cam Callison. In the middle row, from left to right, are Jordan Kaiser, Leighton Seals, Justin Heliums, Jaylon Pierson, Luke Callison, and Brandon Eckerle. In the very back is Alex Hughett.

VUJC to offer dental assistant training

Beginning with the Fall 2010 semester, the Vincennes University Jasper Campus will offer a non-credit Dental Assistant Training Program with Dental Radiographer Certification. This course will prepare students for entry-level positions dental assisting, one of the fastest growing health-care careers.

Fall semester classes begin September 27 and will be held in Bedford on Mondays and Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. local time. The class will end on February 10 and the course fee is \$1,989, including textbooks. Spring semester classes will be held in Jasper.

Course work will familiarize students with all areas of entry-level dental assisting and provide training in the professional skills required to function as an assistant in the dental practice. This course also includes the new state-approved Limited Dental Radiographer program which offers students the opportunity to become licensed by the Indiana State Department of Health.

The course will include clinical and administrative training that provides an introduction to the dental office, legal aspects of dentistry and dental assisting, state dental practices policies and guidelines, introduction to oral anatomy, dental procedures,

dental equipment, operation, and maintenance; tooth structure-primary and permanent teeth, oral cavity and related structures, proper patient positioning, dental hand pieces, and dental burns, dental anesthesia, maintaining sterility and asepsis, and observations in local dental offices.

Upon successful completion of the program, students will earn a non-credit Certificate of Completion and be eligible to sit for the national exam for limited dental radiography.

Interested students should attend an orientation meeting on September 1, at 6 p.m., at the Bedford Work One Office, 918 16th Street.

More information is available by contacting Jim McFaul at the VU Jasper Campus, 812-481-5909 or jmcfaul@vinu.edu.

School board meetings

Shoals School Board

The Shoals School Board will meet tomorrow night, Thursday, August 12, at 5:30 p.m.

Loogootee School Board

The Loogootee School Board will meet Tuesday, August 17, at 7 p.m.



-Photo by Courtney Hughett
Carson Rayhill, son of Kelly and Heather Rayhill makes some moves as he jumps off the diving board at the pool last Friday night.



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Leighton Seals, son of Scott Seals and Lori Mattingly, sits at the end of one of the water slides watching the action in the pool.

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Indiana, other states respond in legal challenge to health care law

On August 6, Indiana was one of 20 states who filed a response to the federal government's motion to dismiss their lawsuit challenging the new health care law. Indiana Attorney General Greg Zoeller, who joined the legal challenge on behalf of the State of Indiana, emphasized the importance of the challenge.

"The unprecedented claim that the federal government has the right to require individuals to purchase a private health insurance product is a question that ultimately ought to be decided by the United States Supreme Court. We in the multi-state group challenging the new law want our case heard on the merits; so we vigorously oppose the Department of Justice's motion to dismiss our lawsuit at the trial court level," Zoeller said.

Filed by the State of Florida and joined by Indiana and 18 additional states, the lawsuit challenges the constitutionality of the new federal health care restructuring law.

By mandating individuals to buy a commercial health insurance product or face a financial penalty, the new law exceeds Congress' power under the U.S. Constitution, the lawsuit alleges.

Additionally, the states allege that by expanding federal power and commandeering state resources, the new law erodes state government's sovereign ability to enact its own laws and regulate insurance.

"As I travel around Indiana, I hear many people asking fundamental questions about the proper role of government in our lives. I'm asked about the constitutional limits of federal government authority and whether any authority remains left for the states or the people. Hoosiers tell me the individual mandate to purchase an insurance product violates their 'God-given right to be left alone.' Unlike entitlement programs such as Social Security where they are automatically enrolled and taxed, this individual mandate requirement seems to be a bridge too far," Zoeller added.

The lawsuit in which 20 states, the National Federation of Independent Business and two private individuals are plaintiffs is pending in U.S. District Court for the

Northern District of Florida in Pensacola. The Department of Justice filed its motion to dismiss the case in June, claiming the individual mandate is authorized by Congress' power to regulate commerce among states or to tax citizens for the general welfare.

Indiana and the other plaintiffs filed their response last Friday, rebutting each of the DOJ's legal arguments and asking Judge Roger Vinson to deny the motion to dismiss. A hearing on the motion is scheduled for the week of September 14.

In a separate case, the State of Virginia raised similar arguments against the constitutionality of the individual mandate, and last week a federal court denied the Department of Justice's request to dismiss that case.

"The Virginia court found that this claim of federal authority to force citizens into the private marketplace is unprecedented," Zoeller said.

In January, Zoeller's office prepared a 55-page report and analysis on the federal health care legislation at the request of U.S. Senator Richard Lugar - a document which discussed some of the legal arguments raised in the multistate lawsuit filed six weeks later.

"The new federal law is a wake-up call to Indiana and the other states that we must zealously defend our state sovereignty from federal encroachment," Zoeller said. "My office has spent no additional Hoosier tax dollars to participate in this important case."

The original complaint was filed March 23 by Florida, South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Alabama, Louisiana, Michigan, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Washington, Idaho, and South Dakota. In May, those states were joined by Indiana, North Dakota, Mississippi, Arizona, Nevada, Georgia, Alaska, the National Federation of Independent Business, and two individuals, Mary Brown and Kaj Ahlburg.

Those named as defendants in their official capacities are U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, and U.S. Labor Secretary Hilda Solis.

The Messmer Report

By District 63 State Representative
Mark Messmer



A Classroom, Virtually

What if your student could attend school online, from home, and for free?

There are still opening's at Indiana's second virtual charter school in Indiana: Indiana Connections Academy.

The academy's purpose, according to a news article, is to serve "a wide range of [Indiana] students, from those who are ahead or behind academically, to those who simply need a different school environment."

A virtual charter school may or may not be connected to what has been termed a "bricks and mortar" school, but the virtual school itself uses a combination of the internet and phone conversations with teachers to bring education right to students in their homes.

Field trips, gatherings with other local virtual students and phone conversations combine with online learning at these virtual schools to provide students with a comprehensive education.

At Hoosier Academies, younger students are not expected to spend more than one fifth of their educational time on the computer.

The idea of being educated online for grades K-12 may seem foreign, but could prove very helpful to students who, for some reason, are kept at home because of health issues, or who are able to move through material more quickly.

State Superintendent of Public Schools Dr. Tony Bennett has said, "We need competitive partners who are willing to break the molds of traditional education as they provide more learning opportunities for our children. Innovation, improved quality, and lower costs of doing business are the usual results of competition in the economic sphere, and evidence suggests education would improve in much the same way."

I agree with him wholeheartedly.

Indiana's workforce needs are changing, which means that Hoosier students' needs

are changing. If we don't adapt to meet those needs, we do our students a disservice.

Innovative charter schools like these are still new, and we will be watching them closely in the coming years to see how effective they are. If they prove helpful, they may be a good tool and viable alternative to traditional school settings.

For more information about Indiana Connections Academy, visit www.connection-sacademy.com.

And speaking of alternative school settings, consider planning some fun math projects with your kids over the rest of the summer.

Some researchers have found that "children's IQ's drop or stagnate over the summer months when they are on vacation (particularly for kids whose parents don't inflict books or summer programs on them)."

Consider these fun ideas for fighting summer "brain drain". (Some are taken from ABC's Good Morning America):

-Join a fantasy sports league! Drafting and following your team "requires researching averages, problem solving, using statistics and crunching numbers."

-Going on vacation? It's a perfect time to talk about fuel prices and mileage. Even better, teach your kids to calculate the travel time left in your trip, and you'll never again have to hear "Are we there yet?"

-Include the kids on household tasks that require math, like cooking, which requires lots of fractions, measurements and chemistry, too.

-What better way to learn money management than at the State Fair or on a trip to Holiday World? Give your kids a little cash and talk about ways to carefully budget every last penny to cover the things they'd like to buy.

Now, don't worry, there's still plenty of summer left to enjoy prior to starting school!

Don't become a victim of extreme heat

With temperatures expected to be high again this week, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) reminds Hoosiers how to avoid heat-related illness, recognize the symptoms, and respond appropriately if someone does become ill.

Heat is the number one weather-related killer in the United States. According to the National Weather Service, heat causes more fatalities per year than floods, lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes.

"More than 150 Americans die every year from exposure to extremely high temperatures," says IDHS Chief of Staff Mike Garvey. "There are several simple steps individuals can take to stay safe on hot days. Most heat related illness occurs when individuals have been overexposed to heat or have overexerted themselves." Garvey is an EMS professional with 33 years of experience. IDHS provides training and credentialing to all EMS personnel throughout the state, and certifies training institutions and all emergency medical transports.

How hot is extremely hot?

When temperatures reach 90 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, overexposure to the heat can be hazardous. Humid conditions, frequently experienced in Indiana, can add to the discomfort and danger of high temperatures.

What causes heat-related illness?

Under normal conditions, the body's internal thermostat produces perspiration that evaporates and cools the body. In extreme heat and high humidity, evaporation is

slowed and the body must work extra hard to maintain a normal temperature. Heat-related illness occurs when high temperatures overwhelm the body's ability to regulate internal temperatures.

The elderly and very young are most susceptible to serious heat related illnesses. Check in regularly with elderly family members who may not have air conditioning.

You can reduce your risk for heat related illnesses by following these tips:

-Keep yourself hydrated and nourished. Drink fluids regularly, regardless of your activity level. Avoid sugary, caffeinated and alcoholic beverages as they will dehydrate you faster. Eat smaller meals and more frequently. Although heat may lessen your appetite, your body needs proper nutrition to function.

-Take time to cool off. If possible, stay indoors in an air-conditioned building. If your home does not have air conditioning, spend time at a movie theatre, shopping mall, public library, or other air-conditioned public facility. Even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler when you go back into the heat. Check locally to see if there are any heat-relief shelters in your area.

-Never leave animals, children, or elderly individuals inside a vehicle! Even if you are just leaving the vehicle for a minute and have all the windows rolled down, it is extremely dangerous to leave anyone, or an animal, inside a vehicle during summer temperatures.

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The quilts in the photo above were for sale at the 2009 Daviess County Relief Sale to be held this year on August 21.

Daviess Co. Relief Sale celebrates 30th sale, three generations of leadership

In July 1981, the first Daviess County Relief Sale was held to raise funds to send to missions helping hurting and hungry people around the world. On August 21, the 30th Daviess County Relief Sale will try to do the same under the third generation of leadership.

The Daviess County Relief Sale was one of the first benefit auctions to be held in the county. Since its beginning, the Daviess County Relief Sale has raised and sent nearly \$1 million around the world. Currently, 90 percent of the donations raised are given to Christian Aid Ministries, Mennonite Central Committee, and Christian Ministries Charities. These charities are involved in numerous efforts to help feed, support, and minister to hungry people worldwide. Ten percent of the money raised stays to help local needs.

"There is a lot of need in the world," said Darrin Graber, this year's president of the sale committee. "From Haiti to Africa to Russia to right here in Daviess County, people are hurting and searching for answers. Although our funds won't be able to solve all the problems of the world, it's our prayer that it will help a few. That's why our motto for the past three decades has been 1 John 3:17 'If anyone sees his brother in need and fails to help . . . what evidence is there of God's love...?' It's our duty as Christians to show God's love and that is why we put so much effort into this sale."

There have been many changes since the first sale in July of 1981. One major change is the location of the sale. In the beginning, the sale was held yearly in July at K&K Industries. Food and used farm implement items were sold outside, and new furniture, crafts and quilts were auctioned in the truss building. Now the sale is held in the air-conditioned building of the Simon J. Graber Complex, located just off of CR 900E in Daviess County, on the third Saturday in August.

As any event ages, so does its leadership. Over the past couple of years, the Relief Sale Committee has changed, and it is now being led by the second and now third generation. Darrin Graber, of Loogootee, attended the first sale as a four-year-old with his parents and grandparents. His grandparents, the late Dan and Lydia Stoll formerly of Montgomery, and Ezra Graber, of Loogootee, and the late Ida Graber, fried donuts, made quilts, baked breads, and crafted furniture in the early years.

"We always tried to attend the Relief Sale if possible," said Graber. "I didn't understand what it was all about until I got older and saw the poverty in third world countries first hand."

Graber is challenging others in his generation to get involved in the 30th annual sale.

"It's too important of a cause to let it die, but for the Relief Sale to continue, my generation is going to have to step up."

One way younger men can get involved is by participating in the first ever Daviess County Relief Sale Men's Softball Tourney on the complex diamonds. The tourney will begin Friday, August 20, and continue on Saturday, August 21. Many teams have entered, but more can sign up. Teams can enter by calling Graber at 295-6326 or Travis Yoder at 636-8472.

Also, new this year, will be a flea market section inside the complex building. The flea market opens Saturday morning.

Although some things have changed over the past 30 years, others have remained the same and have become a Relief Sale tradition. One of those traditions is the selling of hand-stitched quilts.

Mennonite and Amish church members work endless hours piecing and hand-stitching quilts for the sale. In 2009, the sale had a selection of 39 quilts, comforters, baby quilts, afghans, and throws. These items brought in more than \$10,300. Last year's highest selling quilt sold for \$1,000. The pattern was titled "Stars Around the Galaxy." This year's quilt sale will begin at 1 p.m.

Other items, which have become a tradition on the auction block, include a bedroom suite and a grandfather clock. This year's suite will be a queen-size set and include five pieces. Over the years, the grandfather clock has been purchased by local banks and businesses and has brought in more than \$120,000 in proceeds to the sale. Individuals are welcomed to bid on the clock as well.

The furniture auction begins at 10:30 a.m. and will follow the crafts, toys, farm, and household goods, which will be sold at 9 a.m.

Throughout the day, food will be available. A variety of baked goods will be offered on a table for a donation. These baked goods include homemade noodles, breads, cookies, pies, and cakes.

Beginning at 6 a.m., scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage, doughnuts, coffee, and juice will be served for breakfast. Lunch will immediately follow.

Two traditional lunch items, which had been dropped in recent years, are being brought back for the 30th sale. They are fish sandwiches and lemonade shake-ups. A variety of other sandwiches, French fries, potato salad and ice cream will be available, as well.

The Daviess County Relief Sale Committee is inviting the community to attend this special event and help them feed others around the world while spreading the gospel.



My Point of VIEW

By Courtney Hughett
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Kids are funny aren't they? Through the years my boys have said and done things that have had me rolling on the floor with laughter and calling my sisters to share in the humor.

Once, when Wyatt was just two years old, he and I were in the front room of our house in Brown County. Pushed up against the large picture window we had a sofa and Wyatt was standing on it looking outside. I was standing behind him when I saw Josh's dad, Jack, coming up the yard. Wyatt turned and looked at me and said "There comes Jack Hughett - that old son of a b _____. Yes, he said "that" word. I just stood there in shock trying to figure out where in the world my two year old would have heard a phrase like that about his grandpa. Naturally, I started laughing and then Wyatt started laughing and kept repeating it. I seriously doubt he even knew what he was saying.

Another time, one of our cats had a litter of kittens. Sadly, one was born dead. Josh in an attempt to hide this information from the boys since they were only five and three years old, came and whispered to me that he was going to go out and bury it. Then, while he was walking across the yard with a shovel, Wyatt saw him and took off outside to see what was up. Wyatt came back in and was telling me how Daddy had dug a hole for the kitten and the hole wasn't big enough so Daddy had to push the kitten down in it with his foot. Alex was standing nearby and I told Wyatt not to talk about this in front of him like that. Alex began to cry. Afraid of this, I went to Alex and picked him up ready to explain death. Alex, through his tears said, "I wanted to watch daddy shove that kitten in the hole." Although incredibly morbid, I couldn't help but crack up. That is not what I was expecting to come out of his mouth.

Wyatt had a tendency when he was very little to call every woman with gray hair grandma. Every time we were in the grocery store and I saw an older woman I would take off in the other direction. Wyatt would very loudly say "Hi Grandma" any way and I would bury my head in embarrassment. Wyatt was one of those 'say what's on my mind' children. He would provide random information to strangers. I was talking to the woman at the checkout counter one time in Walmart when Wyatt just blurted out "My mom has a mattress in her office." The woman just paused and looked at me. Another time he told my aunt that his head was covered in fleas. I spent a majority of that child's toddler years explaining myself. He never met a stranger. He was and is a funny kid - great sense of humor.

Alex, my youngest, is shy. When he says something cute - mispronounces a word, etc. Josh and I have to go in the other room to laugh. Alex hates when people laugh at him. As I have said before my boys are like night and day.

So many times I have wished that I would have kept better records of my boys' younger days. Things fade so fast in my mind that I could just kick myself now. Hundreds of times over the last 12 years I have told stories of funny things my kids

have done or said and as I sit here and write this column now, few are coming back to me. I kept thinking of things my siblings did instead that have haunted them through their life. Just to embarrass them here are a few:

Once, while driving past the old Loogootee library my little sister, Shayna, who was probably six or seven years old said, "Hey look that house is on sale." Seeing the real estate sign in the yard we realized she meant to say "for sale". I don't know why we thought that was so funny but we still tease her about it. Another time when Shayna was around eight years old we had just finished eating at Dairy Queen and naturally, with five children, we all wanted the front seat and constantly fought about it. Shayna, thinking she was really clever, snuck out ahead of the rest of us. When we all arrived at the car we saw that she was not there. In the parking lot was a similar model vehicle to what my mother drove and out came Shayna like a bolt of lightning crying her eyes out. Sure, it was clever she just got clever with the wrong car.

Shayna also wanted glasses really bad after my other sister, Lisa, got hers. After bugging my mother forever she finally got her wish and was taken to the eye doctor. When the eye doctor told her to read the chart, Shayna, in a very labored voice said, "What chart?" with her eyes all squinted.

My sister Lisa, at around 14 years old had really long, beautiful hair. At the dollar store she found a Jamaican hair product that promised to add shine and volume. Excited, she purchased it and took it home and applied it. She had disappeared for quite a while and when we found her she was in a total panic bent over the bathtub washing her hair. As it turns out the product would not come out and it added a layer of what looked like grease throughout her entire head of hair. I bet she washed her hair a hundred times with every product in the house including laundry soap and dish soap. She ended up missing two days of school because of it. Later every time I found the "goop" in the trash I would take it out and put it back on her bathroom sink as a joke. A few days later my brother, Bart, came out of the bathroom with the goop in his hair. He had watched what Lisa had gone through but he actually thought it was a great product. He was always a strange one.

My mom let my older sister Tyra call a wheel barrow a wheel barrel until she was around 16 years old. She said she thought it was cute . . . Tyra was furious.

As for me, my dad took us to the Strassenfest one year when I was around 10. I was ahead of dad and the rest of my siblings and was apparently off in the clouds when a man ran past me. For some reason he resembled my dad and I took off running after him yelling "Where are you going?" and grabbing his arm. It wasn't my dad. I turned to see my dad behind me laughing so hard I thought he would bust. I could go on all day but my sisters will punish me. So, if you have a little one at home, take my advice - write it down! You'll thank me.

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